Even though the spring semester is coming to an end, you won't have to go to a galaxy far, far away to find something to do.

This year, May at the UA offers plenty of events to keep members of the UA community engaged even though the majority of students won't be on campus. They include a day dedicated to exploring the science behind "Star Wars," live music and interactive games, a research bazaar, a professional development conference, and cooking classes.

All these events can be found in the UA Master Calendar [1], which is open to submissions from UA employees and students for University-sponsored events or events happening on campus or in UA facilities. Add your event using the calendar's submission form [2].

'May the Fourth Be With You' ? Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium [3] | May 4

For those who don't know, "Star Wars" Day comes from the pun made from combining the date of May 4 ? or May the fourth ? and "May the force be with you," a phrase that features prominently in "Star Wars" films.

To celebrate the occasion, Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium [4] will hold special activities that will allow attendees to explore the science behind the movies. Those include a special screening of the planetarium show "Life Beyond Earth: The Search for the Undiscovered Worlds," about real planets beyond our solar system that have characteristics similar to fictional planets in the "Star Wars" films.

From 1-4 p.m., attendees will have the chance to build their own glowstick lightsaber or make a spaceship. Anyone who arrives dressed as their favorite "Star Wars" character can enter a drawing to win a family membership to Flandrau.

The center is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission to Flandrau exhibits and planetarium shows is $4.


This three-day conference, intended to resemble a marketplace or bazaar, is open to researchers at all levels to come together to share knowledge and skills.

The event is part of a series of bazaars at universities around the world. The series aims to promote digital literacy through peer-to-peer interaction and engaging communities of researchers. Attendees will improve their digital skills and learn about other tools to make their research better, faster and smarter.

Research Bazaar Tucson is free and begins at 9 a.m. on May 20. It ends at 4 p.m. on May 22.
Attendees are asked to register [6].


The Classified Staff Council [8]’s annual professional development conference returns this year with a full slate of presentations on a variety of topics. The opening presentation will be given by Alain-Philippe Durand, dean of the College of Humanities, while the closing talk will be given by Allison Vaillancourt, vice president of business affairs and human resources.

Attendees can choose three of nine presentations to attend throughout the day, led by experts from the UA and the greater Tucson community. Topics include chest compression-only CPR; understanding unconscious bias; the fundamentals of investing; writing cover letters, CVs and resumes; mindful meditation; and healthy eating.

The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa, 3800 W. Starr Pass Blvd. The cost to attend is $80 when billed through the UA’s internal billing system, or $85 when paying with a credit card. Attendees must register [9].

Also happening this month:

- May 4 | Tucson Palooza [10] | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the UA Mall
- May 9, 25 and 31 | The Garden Kitchen cooking classes on meringues [11], pasta from scratch [12], and salads and summer recipes [13] | All from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- May 10 | Commencement [14] | 7:30 p.m. in Arizona Stadium

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