Happening in November

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For many, the month of November conjures images of comfort food and fall festivities, and University events next month will deliver on those expectations. Join UA units throughout November to celebrate Tucson's culinary roots, immerse yourself in other cultures through crafts and books, and see the most eye-catching physics experiments.

November also marks the beginning of the men's basketball season with three home games, and a series of performances will showcase the talents of students in the School of Dance. On Nov. 19, the campus and Tucson communities will come together to remember the late Henry Koffler, the only alumnus to become president of the UA.

For more information about UA happenings, check out the Master Calendar [1].


Celebrate Tucson's local food system with demonstrations and tastings featuring foods native to the Southwest. This free event is presented by The Garden Kitchen, run by UA Cooperative Extension.

Attendees will learn how to make delicious and healthy meals using ingredients native to the Tucson area, like cholla buds, tepary beans, nopales, mesquite flour and prickly pear fruit. Staff from the Pima County Public Library's Seed Library will help you create a sugar skull, and a physical activity station will keep the kids busy.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Garden Kitchen, 2205 S. Fourth Ave. Return two weeks later for the kitchen's knife skills class [3], on Nov. 17, to learn basic cutting styles and ways to keep your knives sharp.

Basketball season begins [4] | Nov. 7, 11 and 14

Arizona men's basketball will kick off its season with three home games in November. The Wildcats open regular season play against Houston Baptist on Nov. 7 [5] at 7 p.m. They'll then take on Cal Poly on Nov. 11 [6] at 3 p.m. before hosting UTEP on Nov. 14 [7] at 6 p.m.

UA employees are eligible for a 15 percent discount on season tickets. Click here [8] for more information.

Worlds of Words Book Fiesta [9] | Nov. 10
Worlds of Words' Book Fiesta for November promises to take attendees on a journey around the world with hands-on activities. Explore global collections featuring crafts from the Caribbean, China, East Africa, France, India, Mexico, South Korea, West Africa and even the Southwest.

The Book Fiesta is presented in partnership with Communities as Resources in Early Childhood Teacher Education, or CREATE, an organization within the College of Education. The event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., qualifies as professional development for teachers.

Performance ? 'Premium Blend' | Nov. 14-18

The School of Dance's annual fall presentation returns with a program featuring the works of two master choreographers, Martha Graham and George Balanchine. The program opens with Balanchine's 1941 ballet "Concerto Barocco," set to Bach's Double Violin Concerto in D Minor. Dancers will also showcase "House of Life," a new work choreographed by School of Dance instructor Christopher Compton and Director Jory Hancock. That will be followed by "Sentinel," a male quartet, before the concert closes with Graham's 1935 "Panorama."

The performance runs seven times between Nov. 14-18 in the Stevie Eller Dance Theatre. Tickets are $35 for adults, $30 for seniors, military members and UA employees, and $15 for students. Click here to buy tickets.

Honoring Henry Koffler | Nov. 19

The UA will honor the life of President Emeritus Henry Koffler, who died in March at the age of 95.

Koffler, the UA's first alumnus to become president, led the University through several important milestones during his presidency from 1982-1991. Those included seeing the UA elected into the Association of American Universities ? adding it to the list of top research universities in the U.S. and Canada ? and leading the Century II Capital Campaign, the University's first major fundraising campaign, which yielded almost $200 million, close to double its goal.

The program and reception will run from 3-5 p.m. in Crowder Hall at the Fred Fox School of Music. It will be livestreamed here. Click here for more information about Koffler's life and the event.

Physics Phun Nite | Nov. 28

The Department of Physics' most popular annual event returns this year, offering some of the most eye-catching demonstrations of physical principles ? but without a lecture or homework.

Past events have involved dancing flames, burning bubbles, seeing the inside of a television tube, singing or dueling sewer pipes, lightsabers, demonstrations of the Van de Graaff generator, and even breaking a cement block on a person's stomach while they lie on a bed of nails.
The demonstrations begin at 7 p.m. in Room 201 of Physics-Atmospheric Sciences, 1118 E. Fourth St.