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Subject: College Receives New Grants Totaling more than \$6 million

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Colleagues,

I want to share exciting news about the award of three important federal grants to the College. As you know, competition to receive this form of publicly funded support is fierce among higher education institutions across the U.S.

Pima's Northwest Campus has received a grant totaling \$1.25 million over five years to build better pathways for high-achieving, low-income Pima students seeking STEM-related degrees from the University of Arizona. Pima will recruit 94 students, who will receive scholarships during their last year at Pima and first 2.5 years at UA. Importantly, students will receive faculty and peer mentoring, as well as individualized counseling. They will attend financial aid workshops, and classes in STEM transfer and career exploration. Thanks to Emily Halvorson-Otts, Dean of Sciences, and Brian Stewart, Dean of Education and Biomedical Sciences, for their dedication and collaboration in pursuing this grant with the University of Arizona.

Pima's Division of Critical Care has been awarded a Title III grant totaling \$2.5 million over five years from the Department of Education. Pending Governing Board approval, the grant will help students complete our Healthcare meta-major and receive bachelor's degrees through our Concurrent Enrollment Programs. Other activities include inserting intrusive advising/counseling inside the meta-major and Nursing pathways, new pathway development for special degrees, and increasing completion in our Certified Nursing Assistant program. These initiatives will enhance our Center of Excellence in Nursing and Allied Health. Thanks to Carol Williams, Advanced Program Coordinator in our CNA program; Yolanda McCoy-Stokes, Nursing Faculty; and Joe Gaw, Dean of Critical Care, for their leadership.

Pima's Desert Vista Campus has been awarded a Title V Developing HSIs grant totaling \$2.45 million over five years. Pending Board approval of the grant, we will comprehensively redesign our separate programs in Culinary Arts and Hospitality into an industry-standard Hospitality Leadership pathway with degrees, stackable certificates and an online option. In addition, the grant will fund renovation of learning labs, including kitchens, and hotel guest suite/front desk, as well as enhancing internships and including targeted advising. These initiatives will enhance our Center of Excellence in Hospitality Leadership. Thanks to Jewel Mideau, Academic Dean of Hospitality Leadership; and Jim Craig, Dean of Business and Information Technology; for their creativity and hard work.

Pima aggressively seeks grant funding in order to fulfill our mission in a variety of ways, including helping provide meaningful and relevant careers to current and future students. Hundreds of students will benefit directly, and the ripples from these grants will propel all of our students and diverse communities to greater prosperity and economic development.

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