

UPAC Agenda
September 13, 2023
8:45 AM -10:00 AM

Welcome: UPAC Co-Chairs

8:45 am to 9:00 am: **Pre-Health Professions Updates:** Chester White (In-Person)

- Pre-Health is not a major.
 - Students should always meet with their major advisor first.
 - Pre-Health Advisors will always refer students back to their major advisors with questions and concerns about major requirements.
- All Pre-Health students that have indicated their intention to pursue health professions will be assigned a Pre-health Professions advisor by alpha
 - To be completed in about two weeks
- Pre-Health Professions Information Blast
 - Saturday, October 7th, 9:00am - 2pm
 - Targeting first-year students (Sophomores also welcome)
 - Four Panels available
 - Admissions from various professional schools
 - Faculty panel
 - Current students in professional schools
 - Clinical and volunteer opportunities panel
- New Pre-Health Profession Advising website features:
 - Designed to provide all the resources students interested in pre-health professions need to apply to intended schools/programs
 - Research, volunteer, clinical opportunities and more!
 - Students can join pre-health listserv and schedule appointments with assigned advisors
 - Upcoming Events Calendar
 - Choose your Health Profession!
 - Application process and requirements needed for students by profession
 - PDF documents with all information
 - Prepare for your Health Profession!
 - Clubs, Clinical experiences, Graduate school application and exam preparations, Other opportunities
 - Student driven and student focused
 - Many resources!
 - Designed for mobile devices
 - theacenter.arizona.edu/pre-health-professions-advising-home

Follow-up Questions and Answers:

- *How does the database know who is available for connecting? He used the "cardiology" example. Is this a database from HR/UAccess? Or, do employees have to opt in (like the UR database)?*

The **Institutional Knowledge Map (KMap)** (click this link or viewed it at this address: <https://kmap.arizona.edu/>) * **I am not sure who and how this database is managed but it is an amazing resource for students who are looking to conduct/assist with research.** It is an online data

base that collects, analyzes, connects, and visualizes research that is being done on the U of A campuses. Students are able to visit this website and search any field/topic/professor they are interested in and can immediately see current projects being done in this field. Visit this website to explore all the amazing work done on campus. Once you find a project you are interested in, reach out to that faculty member via email to get connected about joining their projects.

- *CALS would love to add Pre-Vet as a tile on the website!*

Thanks for following up with me after the meeting. I look forward to collaborating with you to add Pre-Vet information to our website in the future.

- *How are you capturing students who are pre-health but did not indicate that on their admission?*

Students only need to connect with us. Any pre-health advisor or I can add a student to the Pre-Health Professions student group when a student indicates to us that they want to pursue a health profession.

9:00 am to 9:15 am: **Eller Microsoft Excel Collegiate Challenge:** David Brown & Laura Ulrich (In-Person)

- The challenge is solving logic puzzles, games and various cases using Excel.
 - Compete for prizes
- Goal: Help students be more efficient working in Excel
- Goal: Help students feel more comfortable working with data
- Sequence of monthly challenges to engage students as they compete
 - Students who complete 6/10 challenges will receive a certificate
 - Designed for all students all levels
 - Undergraduates, graduates
 - Videos that walk students through each challenge
 - Not just for students in Eller
 - Top performing students will compete in December
 - mecc.college

9:15 am to 9:30 am: **New Planetary Geosciences Major & Geosciences and Society Major:** Dr. Jessica Kapp

- Collaboration between Geosciences and Planetary Science
 - <https://www.geo.arizona.edu/content/PlanetaryGeoscience>
 - First degree of its kind in the nation
 - Foundational Math and Science requirements
 - Math, Chemistry, Physics
 - Lower division Core courses are Geosciences
 - Upper division Core courses are Planetary Sciences
 - Advanced emphasis and Capstone Research or Field Experience required
 - Great for students interested in academic careers or new careers in private space sector
- BA in Geoscience and Society
 - <https://www.geo.arizona.edu/content/geoscience-and-society>
 - For students interested in Earth but not all the foundational science and math required for BS degrees

- Flexible degree, lots of opportunity for electives, good base in science as well as social science.

9:30 am to 9:40 am: **NACADA Region 10 Conference:** Allison Ewing-Cooper (In-Person)

- Region 10 NACADA Conference will be in Tucson March 20-22, 2024
 - Theme: Blooming in the Desert
- Call for proposals. Deadline **September 27th**
- UA Advisors are encouraged to attend. To support and encourage attendance and participation, Sharon Aiken-wisniewski, Nicole Gonzalez and the ARC have secured funding to pay NACADA memberships for 2024 calendar year for as many advisors as possible.
 - Membership is \$95, Registration fee is \$275
 - Please look for form coming in early October to apply for funding of membership fee

9:40 am to 9:45 am: **Food Safety Certificate:** Dari Salvo (In-person)

- Undergraduate certificate
 - Solid foundation in Food Safety
 - 13 units total. Up to 6 units can double dip with major or minor
- Can be completed online
- Main campus, UA Yuma currently available
- Available Arizona Online Fall 2024

9:45 am to 9:50 am: **Wrap Up Announcements, High Fives, Introductions:** Nicole Gonzalez

- Reminder: Graduation & Beyond Summit
 - Wednesday, September 20th and Thursday, September 21st

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Join us in-person in Marley 230, or link to join via ZOOM:

<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/89432421532>

- Please virtually log in with your first and last name so we can track your attendance :)

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