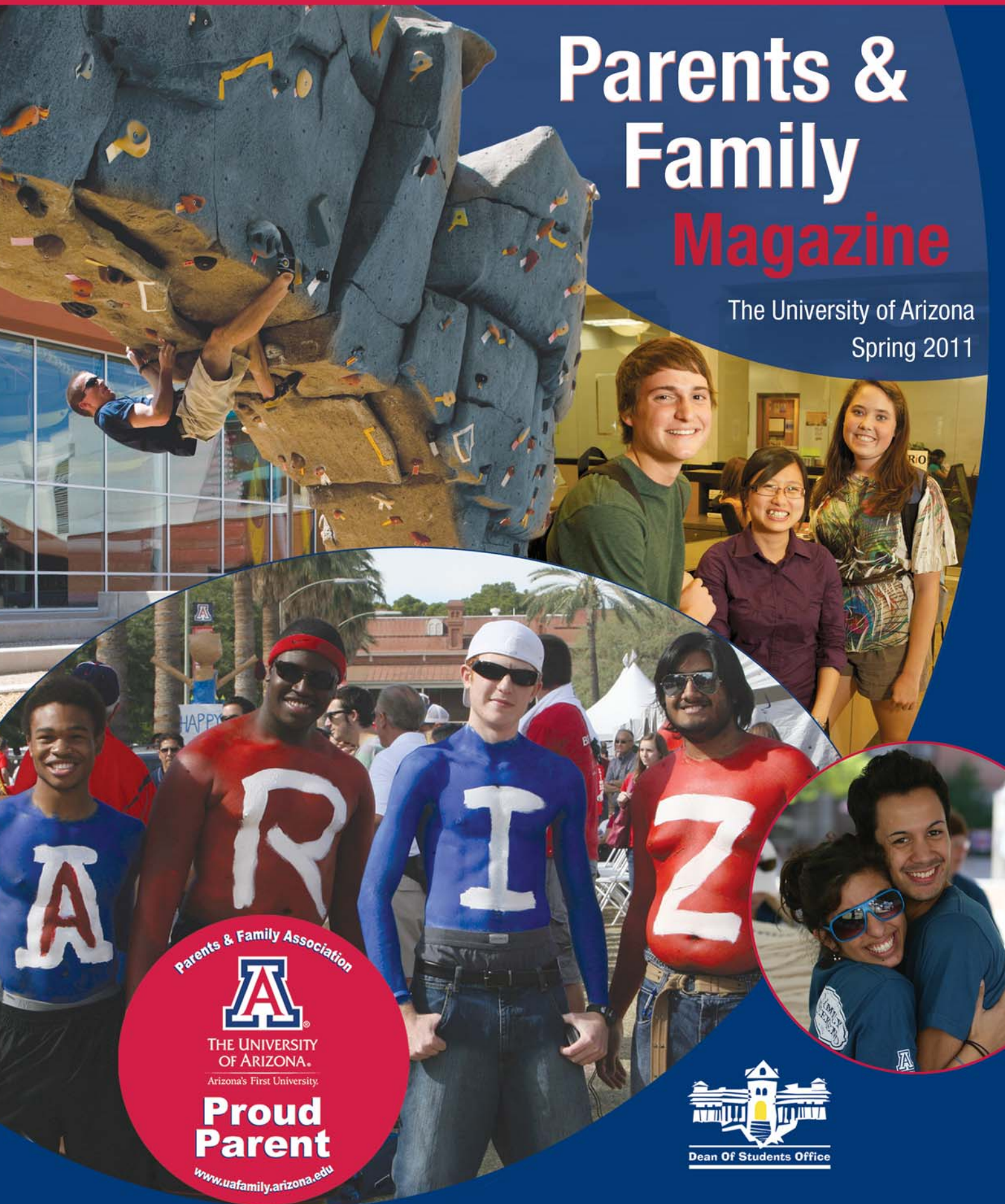


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"Safety is the number one thing parents are concerned about when their child moves away from home," says Ted Mehr. "The concept of Sahara was born out of my concern for my own daughter's safety as she was preparing for college. I wanted her to be in a safe and comfortable living environment no matter where she lived. I simply asked myself, what kind of place would I want my daughter to live in for the times I could not be there to watch over her? Sahara Apartments was my answer to that question."

The concern for safety and security is evident as you approach the entry gate, or when you step into the leasing office. Sahara Apartments steps up with state-of-the art fire safety and security measures that are unmatched by any building in Tucson. The gated property includes an electronic key system with retrievable history of every entry into each apartment and through each gate. The property is equipped with 80 security cameras that monitor all public areas



on a 24/7 basis. There is even a network of infrared beams over the perimeter walls that sound an alarm and calls the owner on his cell phone if the perimeter walls are breached...regardless of the time of day or night. "If someone breaches the security of the building, I want to be the first one to know. If I wanted it for my daughter, I am sure you would want it for yours. It may be considered overly protective, but I would prefer to wake up and investigate in the middle of the night than to find out in the morning that something happened that could have been prevented," admits Ted Mehr.

What else needs to be said about Sahara Apartments? They have a good long list of modern amenities that the students want, such as ALL utilities included in the rent, VERY high-speed Internet, kitchens and private bathrooms in each apartment, FREE shuttle service to and from campus, FREE bicycles for use as long as you are a resident, lower prices than the on-campus residence halls and comparable off campus student apartments, and you might have guessed...Sahara Apartments is the one property with the mini-movie theater. Check out Sahara's Website for all the information about this unique student property at www.SaharaApartments.com or stop in and take a tour. The friendly staff at Sahara Apartments would be happy to show you around.

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Hello Wildcat Parents & Families,

Welcome to our ninth issue of Parents & Family Magazine! You're receiving this magazine because you are one of our valued Parents Plus members or you have made a generous donation to support the goals of the UA Parents & Family Association. I thank you for your support! In addition, parents of new students are also receiving this issue as a complimentary welcome to the Wildcat Family!

The tragic events of the January 8th shooting had an impact on both the UA and the Tucson community, delaying the start of the spring semester by one day. I am very proud of the way both the UA campus and Tucson community have come together to talk about issues such as civility and to offer support and comfort to each other and to the victims and their families.

One can feel the excitement in the air among students as we are getting close to some of our annual traditions like Spring Fling and Commencement. Some of our favorite spring sports are causing quite a stir as well like Wildcat Basketball. Congratulations to the Men's team for their 30-8 season record, finishing in the Elite Eight run of the NCAA tournament. Softball and Baseball are now in full swing. Let's remember to cheer on all our Cats! One of my favorite parts of the year is almost here – New Student Orientation. It is one of the few times that I get to meet and talk to parents face to face. It is always exciting to welcome new Wildcats to our community!

Whether you are a new or returning parent, I want to encourage you to get involved with the Parents & Family Association. We need your talents, skills and passion! In return we will help you be more connected to campus and you will have a voice in an organization which has an important role on campus. You can sign up online at our website to volunteer or feel free to contact me directly. Our website address is: www.uafamily.arizona.edu. Be sure to bookmark it as it is an excellent source of information and support!

I want to express my thanks to all the wonderful parent volunteers who have served the association over the past year – I really appreciate your dedication and support – and so do our students!

As always, don't hesitate to give the Parents & Family Association a call or send us an email if you have a question or concern. Barbara Camp and I are happy to be of assistance. We can be reached at (520) 621-0884 or via email at dos-uafamily@email.arizona.edu

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Spring Update

By **Kathy Adams Riester, M.S. Ed**
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Spring is here and with it comes lots of different activities on campus and within the UA Parents & Family Association. We will have our Spring Committee Meetings on Friday, May 13 from 10:30 – 11:45 here on campus. If you plan to be in Tucson that day, we would love to have you join us - please rsvp at dos-uafamily@email.arizona.edu by May 1, 2011. Here is an update on our PFA Committees.

Committee Updates

▶ **The Public Affairs Committee**, Co-Chaired by Beatrice Perry and Katherine Harmeyer, is working to keep parents informed on the latest state issues surrounding Higher Education. They are educating parents on proposed legislation regarding

carrying concealed weapons on campus outside of buildings and keeping parents updated on state budget cuts to Higher Education. If you are concerned about what our state legislators are doing and want to have your voice heard we can educate you on that process!

▶ **The Recruitment and Retention Committee** Co-Chaired by Josie Perez (In State Recruiting) and Alan and Janet Stein (Out of State Recruiting) have been hard at work helping to recruit new Wildcats. Many of our out of state parents – especially on the East Coast have been assisting our UA Recruiters with the spring college fairs. If you would be interested in helping to recruit for UA either at a college fair or at your local high school please let us know and we will get you signed up!

▶ **The Ad-Hoc Phoenix Summer Send Off Committee**, Tri-Chaired by Charlene Duff, Nancy Ochser and Patti Teter is hard at work planning the 2011 Great Phoenix Summer Send Off which

will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2011. The Send Off will be at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort from 2 pm – 4 pm. The Committee is currently looking for event sponsors and we would love to have some more parents to help in planning this event so please let us know if you are interested in joining the committee!!

▶ **The Campaign Committee** Chaired by Michelle Capin is gearing up to review grants for our annual Grants Process. The Committee is also excited to announce that PFA will be bringing back the Family Weekend Golf Tournament. This year we are partnering with the SALT Program to plan this event. The Tournament will benefit SALT scholarships and the UA Parents & Family Association's grant program. So, save the date for Thursday, September 22!

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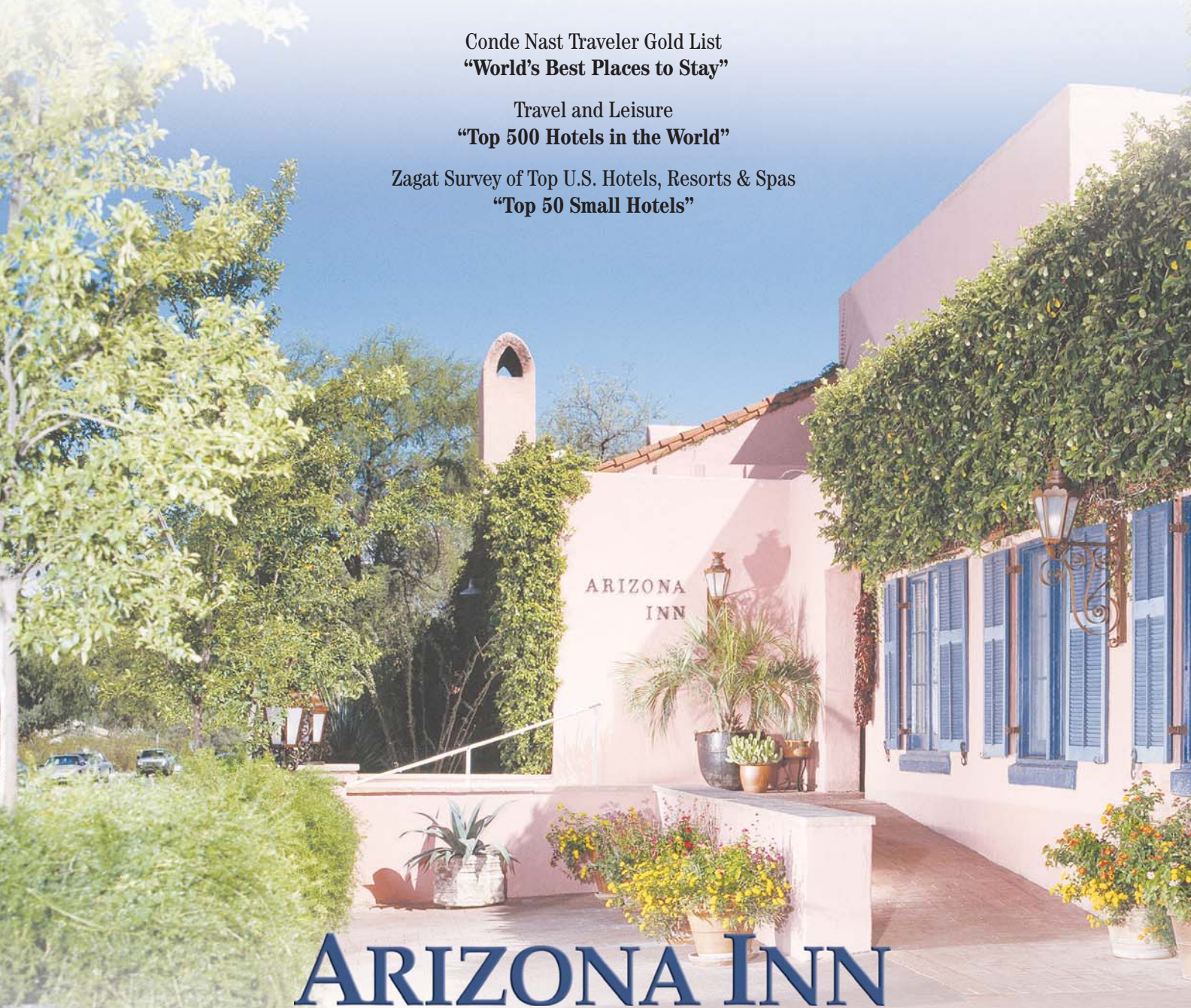


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Two new residence halls focus on community and sustainability

By **Pamela Obando**, Associate Director, Residence Life

More than 1,000 students will be welcomed to two vibrant new residence halls in August 2011. The halls will focus on community building, collaborative learning and sustainable living. Artful design elements and smart sustainability are featured throughout Arbol de la Vida and Likins Hall.

Smart sustainability for 21st century living

Both halls seek top LEED certification for sustainability and will educate students through daily hands-on experiences in sustainable living. Student rooms feature “Smart” thermostats that recognize when the room is unoccupied and reduce energy consumption while multiple “green” outlets in each room shut off power when the room is unoccupied. Large windows open for ventilation and feature dual window shades that allow for filtered light or complete darkness. Roof-mounted solar panels will provide approximately 75% of the hot water at both halls. Community



bathrooms feature low-flow showerheads, faucets and dual-flush toilets. Computer-designed awnings on the south sides of the buildings allow for optimal sunlight in winter and block it in summer. Passive water harvesting, storm water mitigation and drought-tolerant plants are used for landscaping. Finally, close to 80% of the building materials are recycled materials.

Arbol de la Vida, A Global Honors Community

Home to 719 honors students, Arbol de la Vida (Tree of Life) is comprised of five interconnected halls that ascend four to six stories. The bold, urban architecture anchors the southwest corner of campus. Walkways and bridges connect the halls at different levels while on the inside, wide meandering corridors feature student rooms, study rooms and culminate at comfortable gathering places. A spectacular two-story study bridge features etched glass panels while numerous large windows provide natural light throughout the buildings. At the main entrance etched glass panels depict several beautiful flowing trees comprised of poetry. On the southwest corner, a two-story perforated copper screen radiates with an image of a slot canyon.

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Top: Arbol de la Vida has south facing windows which feature awnings designed for optimal sunlight in winter and blockage in summer.

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Left: The southwest corner of Likins Hall on Sixth Street and Highland Avenue.

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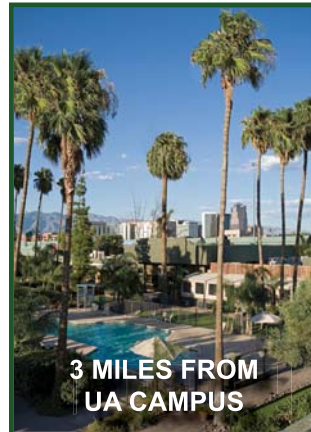
Community living and collaborative learning spaces include several Great Rooms, lounges, exercise rooms, recreation rooms, community kitchen, study rooms, classrooms and courtyards. Each pair of student rooms is set back slightly to create a "porch-like" effect and the feeling of having a close neighbor. "Our residents will enjoy a comfortable yet clearly 21st century environment," says Christopher Anderson, the Community Director for Arbol de la Vida when it opens.

Collaborative learning tools stimulate learning and teamwork. Building Dashboard, a custom-designed interactive website and kiosk, displays the hall's use of energy and water. The visually engaging system encourages students to monitor their utility usage and develop life-long habits regarding sustainability. Media:scape work stations are set up in several study rooms enabling multiple users to access and share digital information while AVTEQ workstations will provide video classes and conferences between residents and global partners on a regular basis. An Honors College Advisor and visiting scholars and artists will also be housed in the hall.

Likins Hall

Named in honor of former UA President Peter Likins, this new hall will be home to 369 students. The four to six-story hall is located across the street from the Campus Recreation Center and Highland Market on the southeast side of campus. Designed around a hacienda-style interior courtyard, Likins Hall is also focused on community and sustainability. The main entrance welcomes students with a backlit fused glass wall resembling a waterfall.

A glass-enclosed Great Room, numerous lounges and informal gathering places encourage students to gather for activities or to socialize. Study rooms interspersed on corridors with student rooms facilitate academic success. The first floor will house the nationally recognized Residence Hall Association (RHA), one of the largest student organizations on campus. Students share double rooms with the same sustainable elements as at Arbol de la Vida plus they will also use Building Dashboard to monitor utility usage regularly.



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By Liz Warren-Pederson

Business students and faculty will welcome a new dean in May – University of Arizona and Eller College alumnus Leonard Jessup was named dean in January following a nationwide search headed by a committee of university leaders, faculty, alumni, and students.

Jessup is currently chair of the Department of Entrepreneurship and Information Systems and director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at Washington State University (WSU). He completed his doctoral studies at the UA in management and organizational behavior and MIS.

“My time at the UA as a student in the late 1980s was transformational for me and changed the trajectory of my life, both professionally and personally, in ways that are profound and still paying off,” Jessup said. “I will forever be indebted to the institution and people who helped shape my life. I am excited about the prospect of coming back and giving back to the place and the people who gave me so much.”

Jessup grew up in the San Francisco Bay area, the son of Italian immigrants on both sides of the family. “My family is a long line of small businessmen and women dating all the way back to our origins in ‘the old country,’” he said. “The conversations and stories around our dinner table constantly revolved around starting or growing busi-

nesses. That entrepreneurial tradition has continued in me, and although I chose a career in higher education, much of my research in information systems has focused on technological innovations and how we deal with them.”

After completing his undergraduate and MBA degrees at California State University Chico, Jessup earned his Ph.D. at the UA. In 2000, he was recruited from a tenured faculty position at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University to

head the Department of MIS at WSU. During more than a decade at WSU, he served in a variety of leadership roles, including dean of the College of Business, vice president of university development, and president of the WSU Foundation.

“I have devoted my professional life to higher education,” he said. “I am passionate about the Eller College and I will be a tireless, passionate advocate for Eller and the UA and for the ways the institution can change people’s lives, just as it did mine.”

Succeeding at Business School



Dr. Leonard Jessup

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students to talk with advisors, meet with faculty in their areas of interest, talk with students majoring in these areas, sit in on meetings of student organizations, and talk with family and friends working in their field of interest. It's never too early to be thinking about an internship. These steps not only help the student to choose a major wisely, but it also starts them off quickly in the very important process of networking and relationship building.

The Dean's Student Checklist for Success

- ▶ **Complete at least one internship** – it will help you land a good job.
- ▶ **Be active in student organizations** in your area of interest so that you can begin to build your network and show that you are passionate about your career choice.
- ▶ **Study abroad if you can**, and if you cannot, then at least get involved in some kind of international project on campus or take an additional semester of a foreign language, so that you can prepare yourself to be a global business leader.
- ▶ **Participate in one of the signature, extracurricular activities at Eller** that help you apply and integrate everything you've learned, such as the Eller Board of Honor and Integrity that organizes the Ethics Case Competition, the Eller Ambassadors, or the McGuire Entrepreneurship Program.

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2011 Summer Sendoffs

By Jill Hall

Vice President for the UA Alumni Association

For more than 10 years, the University of Arizona Alumni Association and the Parents & Family Association have partnered to celebrate the UA's incoming freshman class by hosting summer sendoff celebrations across the country. National alumni chapters and current UA parents host sendoffs to welcome incoming UA students.

The send offs also have the mission of educating students about the transition to college and help to create the feeling that these students are a part of the Wildcat Family, and now, Wildcats for Life! These events also are a chance to educate par-



Incoming UA Freshman from the Orange County area gather for this group photo at last year's summer sendoff.

ents and family members about campus resources including the Parents & Family Association and the Alumni Association.

Hosted by alumni, friends and parents of the UA, summer sendoffs begin in early July with one of the largest sendoffs being

held in Phoenix. Incoming freshmen get the chance to meet other incoming students attending the university from their area and ask current students, staff, and alumni questions about life at the UA. Parents also connect with alumni and staff members for questions and answers. In 2010, more than 20 national alumni chapters and UA parents hosted summer sendoff events. A comprehensive lineup also is scheduled for 2011.

For more information about 2011 summer sendoffs or to find out about what is happening in your area, please visit the UA Alumni Association website at http://alumni.arizona.edu/events/summer_sendoffs or the UA Parents & Family Association website at www.uafamily.arizona.edu.

New Student Orientation

It's for Parents Too!



By Rachel Beech

Director, New Student Services & Student Transitions

Welcome to the Wildcat family! The next few months will be very busy planning with your student their upcoming transition to the University of Arizona, and key to that process is New Student Orientation.

New Student Orientation is the time in which your son or daughter will get their first chance to connect with the UA community as a student. They will meet with their academic advisor, talk with current students, check in with campus resources, and walk away ready for the first day of

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Math Placement for Incoming Students

By **Tina Schuster Moore**
Math Placement Coordinator

Math placement is an important part of student success at UA. The overall purpose of our placement process is to determine, based on a student's background and current demonstrated ability, which Math course may be appropriate. Although placement into a course does not guarantee a passing grade, our experience has shown us that the Math Placement Test may be the clearest indicator of success in our courses.

Important information about the UA Math Placement Test is available through the Online Academic Tour in the Next Steps Center (nextsteps.arizona.edu) and on the Math Placement Website at math.arizona.edu/placement/mpt. Incoming students access the test through the Next Steps Center. Current students test through the UA Testing Office.

All incoming freshman students who plan on taking a UA math course are asked to take the UA Math Placement Test

Students with AP, dual enrollment, or other college level math credits will need to see a math advisor at orientation and bring an unofficial transcript if possible.

How can you help? Here are some important reminders for incoming students:

- ▶ **Read about the test through the website and Online Tour.** There is important information that students wish they would have known about, like what the "I don't know" button means, how to retest, which test to take, etc.
- ▶ **There is no practice test, but students can practice.** We have test topics and course review material available



through the Math Placement Website. Many students tell us that they would have done better if they had a chance to review. They do have a chance to review, but many don't do it and end up having to pay for a retest.

- ▶ **Complete the test at least one week prior** to your orientation or registration date, if possible.

College Math courses are different from high school courses and it is difficult for some students to make the transition. More is expected, more material is covered in less time, students have to seek their own resources for extra help, and most of the learning is done by the student outside of class. It is important for students to think about these differences and create a plan for success in college level courses.



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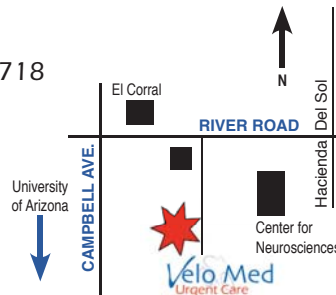
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For those of you interested in being a part of this memorable weekend, we look forward to meeting you on September 23-25th. Please visit our website in the late spring www.union.arizona.edu/familyweekend for important updates about events and registration. Registration will be available online no later than July 1st. Call us at 520-621-2782 with questions about your visit. Things you need to know to prepare for Family Weekend:

- ▶ The dates are **September 23-25, 2011**. If you want to participate in the 2nd Annual PPA Family Weekend Golf Tournament, it will take place on Thursday, Sept. 22 beginning at noon.
- ▶ Registration for Family Weekend activities will be available on our website **www.union.arizona.edu/familyweekend**
- ▶ If you are a Parents Plus Member of the Parents & Family Association, you will log into the PFA website first (**www.uafamily.arizona.edu**) then click on the link to register for Family Weekend to receive a \$5 discount off your registration.
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Orientation...

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class. In short, orientation is the time at which your student outlines their path to becoming a Wildcat for Life.

There are a lot of things to do in order to be ready for your student's New Student Orientation program, and you may be thinking, 'We need to put a list together to make sure we don't miss anything.' The good news is that UA has you and your student covered with the Next Steps Center (nextsteps.arizona.edu). The Next Steps Center is where your student will go to pay their enrollment deposit and register for an orientation program. It will also be updated as your student completes necessary steps in the enrollment process and adds new to-do items as they become available. Make sure your student checks in on their Next Steps Center on a regular basis so they are prepared for their orientation program.

While New Student Orientation is for your student, it's also for you. The UA offers a parent orientation program that provides tips on how you can assist your son or daughter throughout their UA experience, giving you the tools you need to continue to support your student, no matter how close, or far, from home they may be. During the parent orientation experience you will receive a calendar with important dates and campus resources, hear from your student's academic college, learn about support resources, like the Parent & Family Association, and assist your student in completing important university business.

Registration for the New Student Orientation parent program is completed as a part of your student's orientation reservation via the Next Steps Center. If your student has already registered for their orientation program, and you would now like to join them, please fill out the Reservation Change Form – Fall 2011 at orientation.arizona.edu/forms.

Again, welcome to the Wildcat family. The UA has many resources for you, and we hope that you will utilize the parent program of New Student Orientation to start getting connected. If you have any questions with regard to New Student Orientation or The University of Arizona, please contact the Next Steps Center at (520) 621-5293 or at admissions@arizona.edu. We look forward to seeing you this summer at orientation!



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DOS encourages students to take action

'Be A Friend. Do Something.' campaign and website takes on tough topics

By Liz Kelley

Moving away from home, meeting new people and discovering new interests are all exciting aspects of college life. However, in the midst of rigorous course schedules, residence life, extra-curricular activities, and busy social schedules students may fail to recognize how much their closest friends might be struggling.

In January of this year, the Dean of Students Office and SafeCats launched "Be A Friend. Do Something," a website and campaign that puts the onus on students to be the friend who takes action on behalf of those in trouble and see to it that they are aware of the resources available to help them be successful at the University of Arizona.

The website (www.deanofstudents.arizona.edu/beafriend) will be accompanied by an advertising campaign consisting of posters, door tags and fliers to be distributed throughout campus.

"Be A Friend. Do Something." is a one-



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stop shop for no-nonsense advice on topics like alcoholism, depression and suicidal behavior, unhealthy eating habits, hazing, sexual consent and threatening behavior. Most important, it was designed in a way that appeals to the undergraduate student population.

Kendal Washington White, associate dean of students, took notice of this innovative approach.

"The edgy and provocative photos, creative use of language, and realistic scenarios presented by the 'Be A Friend. Do Something.' campaign and website is an effective way to communicate what friendship means when our friends are experiencing a variety of concerning

behaviors," Washington White said. "Be A Friend. Do Something.' empowers students with relevant campus resources to help their friends."

Jason Casares, assistant dean of students and campus safety coordinator, led the team behind the project.

"The goal was simply to create something that was innovative and related to students in their language," he said. "The images are real. The situations are real. The words are real. These are the situations students experience every day. The UA continues to be a safe place and we challenge students to take notice and help their friends."

Though the spring 2011 semester featured a soft launch, next fall will come with a major push of "Be A Friend."

"The students shared information and knowledge gaps in a UA Safety Survey and we responded," Casares said. "We hope to empower students with the ability to respond in appropriate ways."

In the coming months, the Dean of Students Office is also looking to revamp its alcohol and drug information website in a style similar to that of "Be A Friend. Do Something."

"We continue to improve in how we communicate with students about issues related to safety on and off campus," Casares added. "SafeCats will push boundaries and continue to create additional opportunities for students to get good information related to campus safety so every student can make well-informed decisions."

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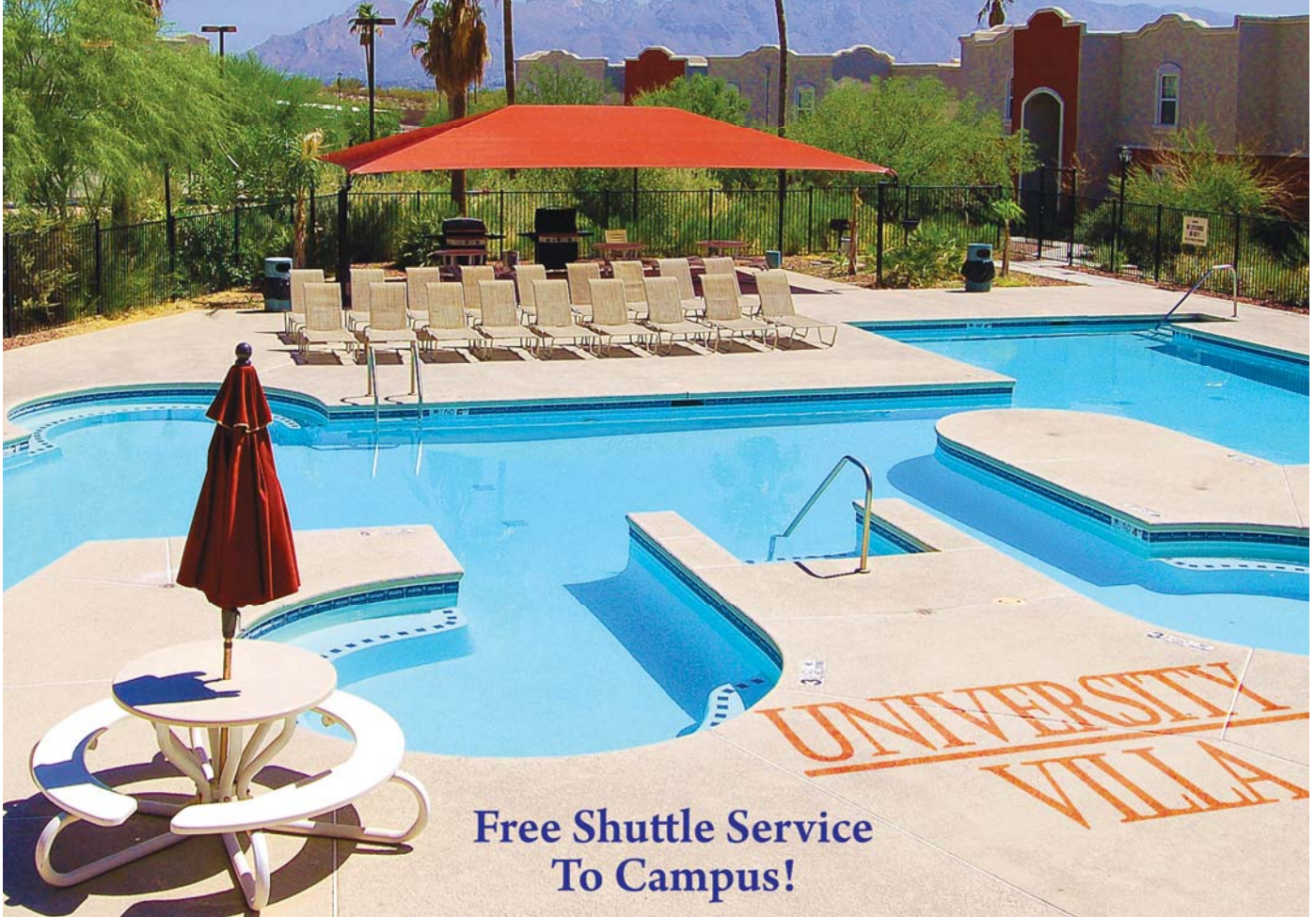


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Roommates: Determine how many roommates you would like and who they will be. It is a great way to offset costs. Be careful of who you choose for roommates as you may not really know a person until you live with them.

Inspect the Condition: When you visit a complex, ask to see the unit you will be renting, not a model. Check areas such as appliances, doors, lights, faucets, storage spaces, and other areas. If you want the apartment only under the conditions that there are repairs, get a written agreement from your landlord that includes dates of completion.

Inspect for Security: Inspect the outside of the complex to check for adequate lighting in parking lots and other areas. Ask about security measures on the property and if any incidents have occurred recently. Also, inspect the unit to make sure all of the windows and doors lock properly and there is a peep hole in the front door.

Deposits: Be prepared to put down a deposit, as most properties require one. It is usually the first month's rent. Most utilities also require a deposit for new services.

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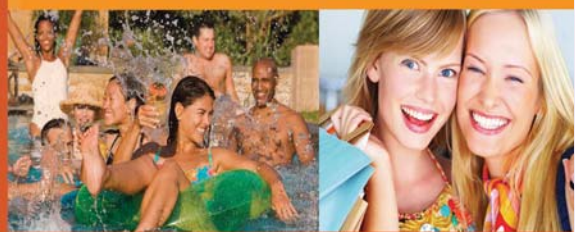
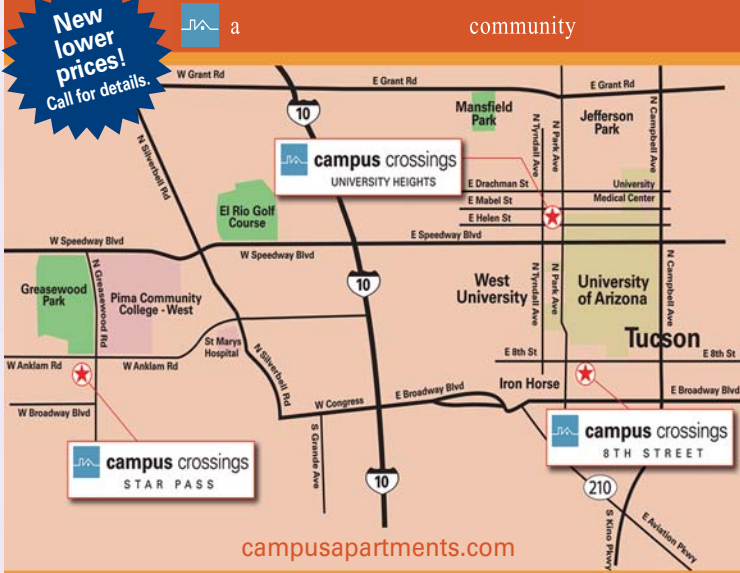
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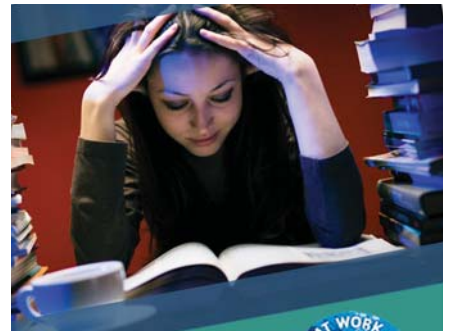
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Student Group Raises Thousands for Brain Tumor Research

By University Communications

A University of Arizona student organization has raised more than \$23,000 to support brain tumor research – and its members are poised to raise thousands more.

The Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research chapter was formed at the UA in 2008. The following year, student members began fundraising efforts that have, to date, resulted in more than \$23,000 for



Lindsey Erlick helped Timms launch the student chapter after a high school friend died as the result of a brain tumor.

(Photos courtesy of UA Eller College of Management)

brain tumor research. The main organization was founded in 2002 after two students in the Paradise Valley School District were diagnosed with brain tumors.

Born from a desire to expand public knowledge about brain tumors, former UA roommates Shannon Timms and Lindsey Erlick in 2008 founded a local chapter of Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research, SSBTR.

The two, both UA Honors College students, shared a desire to aid in improv-

“My freshman year I was not sure what exactly I wanted to do, planning these events has allowed me to take advantage of the resources provided by the University, gain real world experience and make a difference in the community. It has by far been my favorite experience during my four years at the University of Arizona.”

Lindsey Erlick

ing research around cancer treatments. Timms was involved in a Phoenix chapter while in high school. For Erlick, her motivation was spawned after a high school friend died as a result of a brain tumor.

“I didn’t want my involvement to stop,” Timms said, who is studying marketing in the UA’s Eller College of Management. “I was telling Lindsey the things I was involved in and she told me her story.”

Their student organization has since teamed up with the UA Steele Children’s Research Center to host a March 5 fundraiser at the UA Student Recreation Center.

The student organization will provide funding to researchers at the Steele Center, which is part of the Diamond Children’s



Shannon Timms, a UA Honors College student studying marketing, co-founded the local Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research chapter. The

organization raises funds to aid with research at the UA.

Medical Center. The event, “Fashion. Music. Pool. For a Cure” included a fashion show, a raffle, performances by UA School of Dance students and the synchronized swimming team and raised \$2,550 for brain tumor research.

“It’s a huge problem that many people are unaware of,” Erlick said, adding that brain tumors are the second leading cause of solid tumor cancer deaths of individuals aged 20-39.

“Before it happened, I had no knowledge of brain tumors at all. I realized that something needed to be done to both spread awareness and raise funds for research,” Erlick added.

The American Brain Tumor Association reports that while such tumors are

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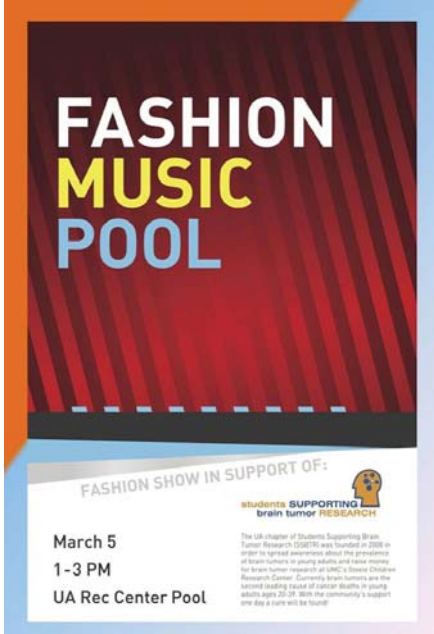
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brain tumor, the association also noted.

The money being raised by Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research has directly benefited research here at the University of Arizona. Emmanuel Katsanis, section chief for pediatric hematology and oncology, and his team at the UA's Steele Center developed a therapeutic cancer vaccine to treat patients. Since its development, a bio-tech company obtained licensing rights and has been conducting clinical trials in Israel.

"Tucson is fortunate to have pediatric cancer specialists right here, so children don't have to leave home to get the very best cancer treatments," Faye K. Ghishan, the Steele Center's director, said in a prepared statement. "We're thrilled that the UA students are showing their support."

Erlick said she and others in the 15-member organization have been motivated by the work of researchers at University Medical Center and the UA Steele Center.

"Shannon and I are both seniors, and we hope the organization continues past graduation," Erlick said. "I also want to encourage people to find something that they are passionate about and follow through with it."

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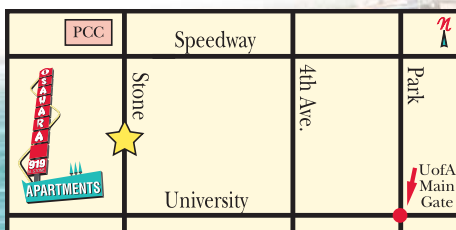
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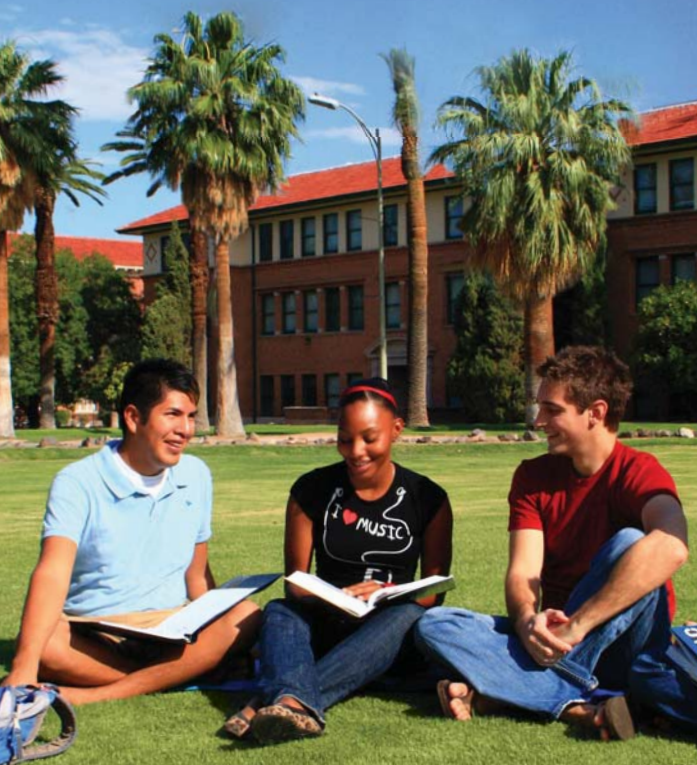


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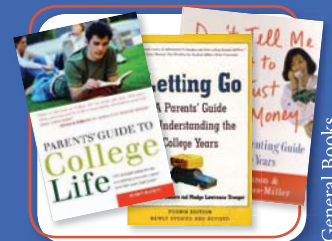
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