It has now been approximately one year since COVID-19 alterations commenced. We are now wiser (hopefully) and well into the spring semester 2021 steaming ahead. Many staff are returning to the workplace to complement the smaller numbers of staff who have remained on site throughout. It is imperative to be especially cognizant of health and safety during his time. I’m proud to say that I have observed no statistically significant difference (P>0.85) by faculty, staff, and students in productivity, accomplishments, nor energy to wade your day to day work. The Arnold School continues to persevere and has served as stellar example of the University’s quality efforts to remain strong and even improve throughout the pandemic. Grants and publications are being done well already nearly $28 mil in funding so far this year, comparable proposal submission (to last year this time), and finally a new record of 653 publications in CY2020, with growing number of these publications in top scientific journals. This attests to the continuing focus and hard work by the Arnold School. I look forward to eventually seeing each of you face-to-face in the hallways over the next several months!

CONGRATS TO...

Roozbeh Behroozmand (COMD) was awarded a $3.6M NIH R01 award to research neural bases of vocal sensorimotor deficits that underlie impaired communication in aphasia.

Julie Smithwick, Myriam Torres, and Louisa Hernandez received $1.1M from the BlueCross Blueshield of South Carolina Foundation to ensure access to coordinated health mom and baby collaborative which will scale successful community health worker (CHW) models that have been effective in improving birth outcomes in South Carolina.

Robin Buz Kloot received $180K from USDA to assist in the development of strategic plans toward regenerative farming for small, new and beginning farmers.

Nancy A. Uriegas, doctoral graduate student in EXSC under the direction of Toni Torres-McGehee received a $1,000 award from Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers’ Association to research exertional heat illness in marching band artists.

Jamie Lead (ENHS) received $50K I-CORPS NSF award to understand the commercial viability of a nanotechnology which has been shown to significantly reduce fungal aflatoxin biosynthesis and excretion, using very low concentrations of manufactured silver nanoparticles (NPs).

ASPH PUBLICATIONS CY 2020 Citations Impact Factor > 10.0

Nature Reviews Cancer - Impact Factor 53
Dietary Patterns and Cancer Risk
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Gastroenterology - Impact Factor 20.9
EMulti-omics Evaluation of Gastrointestinal and Other Clinical Characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19

Am J Respir Crit Care Med - Impact Factor 17.5
Tobacco Smoking Increases the Lung Gene Expression of ACE2, the Receptor of SARS-CoV-2

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FUNDING FY 2020-2021

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ENHS $3,627,260
EPID/BIOS $7,983,110
EXSC $3,627,260
HPER $2,750,421
HSPM $1,226,023
CENTERS $4,737,214
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