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Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating our colleague **Joan Curry** on her **Provost Award for Innovation in Teaching**. A professor of environmental science and Cardon Fellow, Joan has been a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty member since 1995.

Requiring recommendation from her departmental and University Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure reviewers, this award recognizes faculty who have exemplary teaching and instructional effectiveness promotion portfolios.

Joan is specifically recognized for her leadership and initiative in using student-centered teaching to help reform STEM education. I am glad our university is now so definitely recognizing teaching, our first mandated Land-Grant University mission. I'd like to share with you an excerpt from Provost Folks' letter to Joan:

I am incredibly impressed with your dedication and passion as a teacher and mentor.

Your teaching accomplishments and leadership bring distinction to the University of Arizona.

I am honored to work with all our dedicated educators and delighted that Joan's classroom innovation is being recognized in addition to her promotion.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shane C. Burgess'.

Shane C. Burgess