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COVID-19 NEWS

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President Cheng reflects on the past academic year

NAU ranked in the top 100 universities without a medical school for research, NAU athletes brought home individual and team trophies, students won national awards and our faculty and staff were recognized for their accomplishments in research, mentoring and education. President Cheng highlights a number of accomplishments, including recognizing the Class of 2020.

[Watch the full video online.](#)



Recreating famous masterpieces: Creativity and the power of art during isolation

The idea started with the Amsterdam Rijksmuseum and the Between Art and Quarantine Instagram account: Recreate famous works of art using only household items. Inspired by the idea, comparative cultural studies faculty Alexandra Carpino and Rebekah Pratt-Sturges challenged students in their art classes.

Students recreated works of art they covered in their courses. Carpino and Pratt-Sturges saw this as a unique way to engage students and study artwork from a new perspective. Students chose their recreation and were limited to using items in their home or residence hall rooms to substitute and position objects for a photograph that resulted in a mirror image of the original.

[Read the full article and see the collection of student recreations online.](#)



NAU scientists develop interactive disease models to predict spread of COVID-19

In March, the National Science Foundation put out an urgent call, encouraging scientists to use the Rapid Response Research funding mechanism to support coronavirus-related research. Joe Mihaljevic, a mathematical epidemiologist and assistant professor in SICCS, received a \$200,000 one-year grant to develop a disease modeling portal in collaboration with computer scientist and SICCS professor Eck Doerry and evolutionary biologist and SICCS assistant professor Crystal Hepp, an assistant director of NAU's Pathogen and Microbiome Institute.

Together, they are working to create computer modeling systems to predict outcomes of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus across four northern Arizona counties. [Read more online.](#)

[NAU-TV to host Coconino County's COVID-19 virtual town hall at 6:30 p.m. today](#)

[Concerned you may have COVID? Find out details about Arizona's testing blitz](#)

[NAU-TV interviews women's head basketball coach Loree Payne](#)

