

# First Bioscience High alum graduating from UA College of Medicine

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Fourth-year medical student Victor Arce was part of the first class of 43 students to graduate in 2010 from Bioscience High School, a Phoenix Union High School District school in downtown Phoenix with a primary focus in science and mathematics.

Arce, who originally intended to be an engineer, never thought he'd be setting the path as the first student from Bioscience High to graduate from the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, just three blocks away.

"At the time, I had no idea I wanted to pursue medicine, and I never would have imagined that I would be completing my medical education just a few blocks south of my high school," he said. "I feel grateful for all the efforts the city of Phoenix and the UA has put towards the Biomedical Campus here in downtown Phoenix."

Arce will join 81 other medical students May 7 when he graduates from the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. Ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. from the campus at Fifth and Van Buren streets, and students and faculty in full regalia will be led by the Phoenix Pipe Band to Symphony Hall. The commencement program begins at 3:30 p.m.

Phoenix Union Bioscience High School provides students with a science education through collaboration with academic and scientific communities.

"Bioscience High School congratulates Victor for his perseverance and determination to give back to his community through medicine," Principal of Bioscience High School Holly Batsell, Ed.D,



Fourth-year medical student at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix Victor Arce announces his residency match to his family, friends and classmates. Arce will spend the next three years of residency in internal medicine at the University of Colorado. SUN CZAR BELOUS, UA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – PHOENIX.

said. "He started with inspiration from Bioscience and developed that inspiration into a promising career opportunity through the University of Arizona in Phoenix. We wish him the best and hope that more Bioscience graduates will follow in his footsteps."

The high school is part of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, a 30-acre urban medical and bioscience campus with plans for more than 6 million square feet of biomedical-related research, academic and clinical facilities. Since its inception, the City of Phoenix has invested roughly \$82.5 million into its development.

Teresa Joseph is program coordinator, University Relations, UA College of Medicine-Phoenix.

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