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**Zach Peña Joins UAMS Institutional Advancement
as Executive Director of Development**

LITTLE ROCK — Zach Peña has joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Office of Institutional Advancement as an executive director of development, effective June 3.

Peña has more than a decade of experience in development at Texas Tech University and has supported college and system development teams in fundraising and advancement services. At UAMS he will lead the newly created institutional initiatives major gift team, which works to secure major gifts that support UAMS' highest priorities.

"We are excited to have someone with Zach's strong fundraising background, passion for our work and love of our region joining us," said Angela Wimmer, M.Ed., vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement. "He brings significant fundraising experience to the position, is an effective and innovative leader, and a great addition to the UAMS team."

"Zach excels at building a culture of collaboration and success, and we are delighted to have him lead our institutional initiatives team," said Brigitte Grant, MBA, senior associate vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement. "We are excited to have him both as a front-line fundraiser and as an emerging leader in our field." Early in his career at Texas Tech, Peña spearheaded fundraising for the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts. While serving as director of annual giving, he launched the first leadership annual giving program as well as the award-winning Texas Tech University Student Loyalty Council, the university's student philanthropy group. Following time as a development professional for the Rawls College of Business, he returned to Texas Tech to grow the Chancellor's Council, the university giving society, and developed an innovative training program for development professionals.

Peña holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Texas Tech and has presented at various development conferences across the country.

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