



## The News Capsule

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### Integrated Pharmacist Program

The School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the launch of the Integrated Pharmacist Program (IPP). The project aims to increase the role and visibility of a cohort of community pharmacists working with patients who have a diagnosis of type II diabetes and/or hypertension in order to improve chronic disease self-management.

The IPP seeks to gather information about prescription use behaviors in those with type II diabetes and/or hypertension. In addition, the study will gather key insights about patient behaviors, motivation, Chronic Disease Self-Management Education, and health perceptions. The project is possible through CDC funding made available from the Wyoming Department of Health Chronic Disease Prevention Program, and pharmacies participating in the IPP can be reimbursed for data collection and entry efforts. Any pharmacy in Wyoming is eligible to participate in the program. The training is self-paced and online. All enrolled pharmacists are supported with live feedback sessions where questions can be answered, program updates are given, and additional training is provided.

The Integrated Pharmacist Program is the first formal program offered through the new Wyoming Practice-Based Research Network (Wy-PBRN). The Wy-PBRN is a collaborative network of healthcare entities interested in participating in innovation and research aimed at improving healthcare outcomes throughout Wyoming. For more information, [click here](#).

### UW School of Pharmacy participates in PLS Leadership Academy



**PHI LAMBDA SIGMA**  
PHARMACY LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The University of Wyoming is working with Phi Lambda Sigma, the national pharmacy leadership society, to pilot a leadership development program. During the upcoming academic year, two groups of students and one group of faculty and staff will participate in a Leadership Academy. The groups will begin meeting in August and will continue to meet every two weeks throughout the year for facilitated leadership development.

## Upcoming Events

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm**  
White Coat Ceremony

**August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Faculty Retreat

**August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
First day of classes

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Labor Day

**September 19-22**  
Reflective Week  
Wyoming Union

## Alumni News



The School of Pharmacy was saddened to hear of the loss of **Alan Irwin** on April 1, 2016. Irwin graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 1969 and served in the pharmacy at Poudre Valley Hospital in numerous capacities for over 40 years. He is fondly remembered for his sense of humor and his generosity and willingness to serve as a mentor and role model throughout his career.

**Cassandra Stith** (class of 2015), PGY1 resident at the University of Wyoming



Family Medicine Residency program in Casper Wyoming, presented a podium presentation entitled "Pharmacotherapy Clinic Implementation in a Homeless Clinic" at the Western States Conference in San Diego, CA on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The presentation was the culmination of Dr. Stith's residency project. Dr. Jamie Hornecker is the preceptor and residency director for the program.

**Emily Griesbach** (class of 2013), PGY1 resident at the University of Wyoming



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## Student News



**Vivek Krishnan** gave a presentation of his research entitled "Combining Exercise and Dietary Capsaicin to Counteract Obesity" at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mountain West Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network (CTR-IN) meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. The CTR-IN is supported by the NIH through the National Institute of

General Medical Sciences, and it seeks to accelerate the development of clinical and translational research capacity in participating Mountain West states. The CTR-IN provides mini-grants, supports mini-sabbaticals and visiting scholar programs, and provides infrastructure to early career and established researchers working on health issues relevant to their region.

**Samantha Haller** was accepted into the Wyoming Research Scholars Program. Haller is an undergraduate research assistant working with Guanglong He, Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine.



Nancy McKee



Steven Schoeber

**Nancy McKee**, PharmD candidate 2018, and **Steven Schoeber**, PharmD candidate 2018, have been elected to the Associated Students for UW representing the College of Health Sciences for the 2016-2017 school year.



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## M.S. in Health Services Administration currently enrolling students

The School of Pharmacy's new online M.S. degree begins in the 2016 fall semester. Students beginning in [Fall 2016](#) or [Spring 2017](#) can specialize in Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance, Health Economics and Outcomes, or Biopharmaceutical Product Representation. To find out more about the curriculum or to apply, [click here](#).

## Faculty News



[Travis Brown](#), Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Science, received an NIH R01 grant for his project entitled "Perineuronal nets and cocaine-associated memories." The goal of the study is to determine whether degradation of perineuronal nets (PNNs) within the dorsal medial prefrontal cortex (dmPFC), reduces cocaine seeking behaviors after memory reactivation.

Brown was also appointed to serve as the varsity basketball coach for the Laramie High School Plainsmen.

[Larry Staubach](#), Assistant Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy, and [Baskaran Thyagarajan](#), Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics, were each recognized at the 2016 Military Connected Student Graduation Ceremony by a graduating, currently serving veteran for the positive influence each faculty member had on the students' academic success and experience at UW. Staubach was honored by Lisa Ohnstad, and Thyagarajan was recognized by Kevin Fettel.



[Lauren Biehle](#), Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received the Tammy L. Myers, M.D. Inpatient Teaching Award from her practice site, Rose Family Medicine. The award is presented each year to recognize excellence in teaching in the family medicine inpatient service setting. Biehle is the first non-physician recipient of the award.



[Michelle Hilaire](#) was selected as a member of the 2016-2017 Cohort 13 AACP Academic Leadership Fellows Program. The ALFP works to develop leaders in academic pharmacy and higher education and provide the opportunity for participants to expand relationships with peers and colleagues.

## College of Health Sciences Awards

[Mary Onysko](#), Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received the Outstanding Teacher Award, and [Tonja Woods](#), Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received the Teaching in Geriatrics Award at the College of Health Sciences Awards ceremony in April.

## Faculty Service

[Tonja Woods](#) is the 2016-2017 chair elect for the AACP Women Faculty SIG. [Aimee Lewis](#) is currently serving as the chair of Wyoming Rx Abuse Stakeholders. [Jeremy Vandiver](#) is serving as the Anticoagulation Network Facilitator for the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists.

[Sree Nair](#) has been appointed to the AACP PharmGrad Advisory Committee for the 2016-17 academic year.