



Welcome to *The News Capsule*! We are proud to share news about the UW School of Pharmacy alumni, students, faculty, staff, and our program.

April-June 2015 Edition



Congratulations to the class of 2015!



Dean Martin named ASHP fellow

School of Pharmacy Dean Linda Gore Martin has been named an ASHP fellow for 2015. The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists honored 35 pharmacists as fellows in 2015 for successfully demonstrating sustained commitment or contributions to excellence in practice for at least 10 years while contributing to the total body of knowledge in their field. The ASHP fellows for 2015 were honored on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, during the ASHP Summer Meeting in Denver.

Brown honored at WPhA Convention



In their June meeting, the Wyoming Pharmacy Association and Cardinal Health presented the Cardinal Health Generation Rx award to Antoinette Brown, Assistant Lecturer and Coordinator of Experiential Education in the School of Pharmacy. Brown was recognized for her work to prevent prescription drug abuse. Brown is currently chair of the Wyoming Rx Abuse Stakeholders, and has worked to develop a Pain Management Toolkit. Read more here.

Upcoming Events

August 19-20

[Wyoming Immunization Conference](#)
Parkway Plaza Hotel & Convention
Center in Casper

August 26

UW New Faculty Orientation
Wyoming Union

August 31

First day of classes 2015-16 academic
year

September 12

School of Pharmacy Advisory Council
Location TBA

September 29

[Prescription Drug Abuse Conference](#)
UW Conference Center

October 10-17

UW Homecoming
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Ren Receives Wyoming INBRE Grant



Jun Ren, Professor of Pharmacology and Associate Dean of Research for the College of Health Sciences, received the Wyoming IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence grant. INBRE funding is intended to expand and strengthen the research capabilities of biomedical faculty and provide access to biomedical resources for promising undergraduate students throughout the eligible states.

Pharmacy Student Athletes Recognized for Academic Excellence



Taylor Gardner
Track & Field



Nicole Hlavachek
Swim Team



Laurel Ramer
Cowgirls Soccer

Three Pharmacy student-athletes were recently recognized for achieving 4.0 GPAs. Taylor Gardner, PharmD candidate 2016, Nicole Hlavachek, PharmD candidate 2017, and incoming Pharmacy student

Laurel Ramer were recognized for their Spring semester GPAs. UW Athletics Director Tom Burman congratulated all the student-athletes with high GPAs, noting that "student-athletes have many demands put on their time, and it takes a great deal of discipline to not only manage those demands but to excel academically in addition to athletically."

School of Pharmacy Staff Honored at Staff Recognition Day



Maria Bennett



Dorie Gallegos

UW Staff Recognition Day for 2015 was held on April 28, and two members of the School of Pharmacy staff were honored. Dorie Gallegos, Staff Assistant, was recognized for 20 years of service, and Maria Bennett, Manager of Student Services, was recognized for 15 years of service to the University.

UW School of Pharmacy Sponsors Prescription Drug Abuse Conference



The Wyoming Rx Abuse Stakeholders group (RAS) is organizing two prescription drug abuse awareness conferences in September 2015. Presentations will be held in Cheyenne and Laramie. There will be presentations and information for middle and high school students, their parents and teachers, principals, coaches, and athletic directors, as well as college students, college faculty, staff and athletic personnel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Laramie conference is sponsored by the RAS, Wyoming Department of Health, and the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy. It will be held at the UW Conference Center at the Hilton Garden Inn starting at 6 pm on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. [Click here](#) for more information.

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2015 Pharmacy Frolic Results



The 15th annual Pharmacy Frolic 5K Pharmacy Frolic brought great weather and a good turnout. Proceeds from the event go to Interfaith Good Samaritan, which helps individuals with medical expenses. The 2015 Frolic results can be viewed [here](#).

Pharmacy Faculty Receive CHS Teaching, Research, and Service Awards



Lauren Biehle



Michelle Hilaire



Jaime Hornecker



Sree Nair

The College of Health Sciences recognized outstanding faculty and staff members in April, and several Pharmacy faculty members received awards.

[Lauren Biehle](#), Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received the Innovative Teacher Award. The many innovative educational activities that Biehle utilizes to engage students in course material was noted in her award presentation.

[Michelle Hilaire](#), Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received the Outstanding Teacher Award. Hilaire's ability to work with students in a friendly environment while also challenging them was noted in her award presentation.

[Jaime Hornecker](#), Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received

the Outstanding Service Award. Hornecker's many service activities in the UW Family Practice Residency Program as well as her active involvement with the Wyoming Pharmacy Association were among the reasons she was nominated for the award.

[Sree Nair](#), Professor of Pharmacology, received the Outstanding Researcher Award. Nair was recognized for his numerous publications and research presentations as well as his work with the Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine.

Wyoming Department of Health Offers Immunization Conference

The first Wyoming Immunization Conference is scheduled for August 19-20, 2015 in Casper. Immunization providers and staff will have the opportunity to receive education and collaborate with subject matter experts and other immunization providers. Continuing Education credits will be available.

Yang Receives CHS Outstanding Staff Award



Xiaohui (Jeffrey) Yang, Laboratory Assistant Senior in the School of Pharmacy, won the College of Health Sciences Outstanding Staff Award for staff with over 5 years of service. Yang manages the research labs for various researchers within the School of Pharmacy. He oversees animal care and works hard to maintain a clean and well-managed environment as well as allocating space and resources for the research teams.

Alumni Resources



Alumni, did you know that the staff at the UW Center for Advising and Career Services are available to assist you in your job search? Whether you are a recent graduate or an experienced candidate, you can still contact Career Services for resume, cover letter and interview assistance.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/cacs/alumni-resources/>

Alumni News

Do you have any news to share with us? We'd love to feature your news in *The News Capsule*. Send your news to rstevens@uwyo.edu.

Pharmacy Faculty and Students Participate in CHS Research Day

The UW College of Health Sciences Research Day was held on April 17, 2015. Although the event ended early due to a heavy spring snow storm, numerous students and faculty members from the School of Pharmacy took part in the activities. In addition, the 2015 Travel and Research Awards were presented by CHS Dean Joe Steiner. Read more [here](#).

Interprofessional Education News



[Reshmi Singh](#), Assistant Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy, is the recipient of the UW College of Health Sciences 2015 Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Award. Singh is a dedicated team member of the CHS Interprofessional Educational effort and has been a key player in the design, implementation, and evaluation of an embedded

Interprofessional Education assignment across four professions in the College.

Alumni News

Nicholls Named Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year



The Wyoming Pharmacy Association presented Joel Nicholls, PharmD 2002, with the Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year award. This award recognizes a pharmacist that goes above and beyond to promote the profession of pharmacy and to serve the citizens of Wyoming. Nicholls has dedicated his entire career to helping the underserved population. He was nominated for providing personalized care above and beyond expectations.

Photo: Dr. Lanae Fox presents Dr. Joel Nicholls with the Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year award

Sanchez receives ASHP Award



Deborah Sanchez, PharmD 2000, along with her colleague Sarah White, received an American Society of Health-System Innovative Best Practices Award. The award recognized their project "Implementation and Successes of an Inpatient Medication Therapy Management Program." The award honors practitioners who create and implement innovative approaches to improve the delivery of patient care.

Jay Receives Leadership Awards



Mollie Jay, PharmD 2008, received the National Community Pharmacists Association Leadership award and the McKesson Leadership award at the recent Wyoming Pharmacy Association Annual Convention. Jay was also sworn in as President of the Association.

Jay has been very dedicated to her profession, serving on the board of directors for the Wyoming Pharmacy Association, as well as the Board of Pharmacy E-Prescribing Task Force.

Photo: McKesson representative Kirk Saltzgaber presents Dr. Mollie Jay with the McKesson Leadership award

Pickering Leads Team in MS Walk



Kate Pickering, PharmD 2004, was recently featured in a [Wyoming Tribune Eagle article](#) on the annual MS Walk fundraiser. Pickering and her team, [Miss Kate & The Tingle Toes](#), walk to raise money as well as awareness of Multiple sclerosis. She was diagnosed with MS in 2007, has been involved with the MS Walk since 2008, and is one of the top fund raisers. Pickering says of MS, "You can live with it. There are always people out there to help."

Hultgren Named Distinguished Young Pharmacist



Steven Hultgren, PharmD 2008, received the Distinguished Young Pharmacist award at the 98th Annual Wyoming Pharmacy Association Convention. The award was created to encourage newer pharmacists to become involved in association activities and civic projects. Hultgren is the Director of Pharmacy at Powell Valley Healthcare where he has developed, launched and managed the 340B program. He has implemented the program in 3 different pharmacies. He is also active in the community, serving as a Boy Scout leader. *Photo: Executive Director of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association, Kara Beech presents Dr. Steven Hultgren with the Distinguished Young Pharmacist award*

Harrop Receives Bowl of Hygeia Award



The Wyoming Pharmacy Association presented Randy Harrop, R.Ph., with the Bowl of Hygeia award at the Annual WPhA Convention. Harrop was nominated for his community service in several capacities. He has been a coach and umpire for youth sports and an active member of the Converse County School District #1 board of trustees. He has also been a member of the Converse County Airport Board, Converse County Recreation Board, the Douglas Rotary Club, and the Douglas Chamber of Commerce. Harrop and his wife owned and operated R-D Pharmacy & Books in Douglas for 20 years.

Faculty Service

ASHP Committees

Dean [Linda Gore Martin](#) has been appointed Vice Chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Advisory Group on Clinical Leadership.

[Michelle Hilaire](#), Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, and [Jaime Hornecker](#), Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, have been appointed to the ASHP Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners Educational Steering Committee.

Journal of Family Practice

[Tracy Mahvan](#), Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, has been appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Family Practice.