Dear Friends,

Vital Signs is the College of Health Sciences Annual Report and I know you enjoy reading about this past year’s wonderful accomplishments of the University of Wyoming College of Health Sciences’ professional, undergraduate and graduate students; outstanding faculty and staff; and dedicated alumni and friends. It has been another great year at the college. The faculty, staff, and students at the College continue to be very active in all the areas that contribute to the high quality healthcare education that has become the expected norm. We are proud of the College’s past and have great expectations for its future. As you can see, this has been another banner year for accomplishments.

We have been experiencing major shortages of healthcare providers in Wyoming and the nation. With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the aging of our current practitioners and the aging of the population, the shortage is expected to grow. The oldest Baby Boomers are now 67 years old and just reaching the age where the demand for healthcare begins to rapidly escalate. The rest of us Boomers will be getting there soon.

Here in Wyoming we are facing these issues and additional issues unique to our state. Wyoming’s population continues to grow and the Affordable Care Act will provide insurance coverage for more Wyoming citizens further exacerbating the shortage. Most of Wyoming is considered a primary care shortage area under one of the designations and Wyoming already ranks 49th out of 51 states (including District of Columbia) in the number of physicians to population ratios. In Wyoming, only a small number of providers will accept Medicare or Medicaid. Additionally, many of the healthcare practitioners in our state are themselves reaching retirement age. I could go on but you get the picture.

So, you may ask what is the UW College of Health Sciences doing in response and my answer would be quite a lot. We have the WWAMI medical education program training 20 new physicians every year and they have incentives to return to practice in Wyoming. The college has two family medicine residency programs to train physicians in this specialty with the intent of their staying in the state. Currently there are over 80 graduates of these programs practicing in Wyoming. The Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing launched the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree this year to prepare nurse practitioners at the highest level of nursing for rural practice. The School of Pharmacy is investigating the role of a “Virtual Pharmacist” in providing comprehensive medication therapy management as part of the patient centered medical home in Wyoming’s unique environment. This is in partnership with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and the Wyoming Integrated Care Network and supported by a Center for Medicare Services Innovation grant. Communication Disorders, Kinesiology and Health Promotion, and Social Work are teaching the next generation of practitioners and investigating issues.

Please visit the College of Health Sciences
http://www.uwyo.edu/hs/
related to healthcare. We are heavily invested in telehealth and through the college’s Center for Rural Health Research and Education (CRHRE) are happy to share our expertise. The College is the home of the Wyoming Geriatric Education Center (WYGEC), and the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) addressing the needs of these special populations. Additionally, we continue to explore other opportunities to address healthcare practitioner shortage professions, quite often in partnership with others in the state and other universities outside Wyoming.

I hope you enjoy reading this report. As a member of the College, you share in these accomplishments. The tradition of excellence continues with our current students and graduates, something of which I hope you too are proud. A big “Thank You” to all those who provided financial support, it continues to make a important difference in the lives of the students and this has become even more important as the state continues to decrease its financial support.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any of the report contents or any concerns regarding the College.

Best wishes,

Joseph F. Steiner, Pharm.D.
Dean and Professor
STUDENT NEWS

EMILY NICOLE BANDEL—
MAYO CLINIC SUMMER INTERN

Emily Nicole Bandel, a nursing student from Laramie, participated in the Mayo Clinic Summer Internship Program. The special program for junior bachelor of science students in nursing was held at the clinic’s medical center in Rochester, Minnesota. The curriculum is highly competitive: Only 100 of 1,200 applicants were selected. Bandel is ideally suited, however. In addition to being a full-time student, she held an active Certified Nursing Assistant certification for five years and regularly worked at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and at the Davis Hospice Center; represented the Student Nurses Association on the School of Nursing Education and Community Relations Committees; and was one of two on-campus teaching assistants for Pathophysiology I (PHCY 4450). During the internship, Bandel worked with a nurse in the Mayo Clinic Surgery Step Down Unit taking care of heart transplant and open heart surgery patients. According to Bandel, “This was an invaluable experience for me. I was able to work one on one with a nurse who tutored me in a surgery center of a major hospital. I am interested in being a pediatric oncologist nurse practitioner, and I was also able to shadow a pediatric oncologist nurse practitioner at the clinic.”

WIND GRADUATE ASSISTANT PRESENTS POSTER

Inga Mileviciute from Vernon Hills, Illinois, WIND (Wyoming Institute for Disabilities) graduate assistant and graduate student in the clinical psychology doctoral program, presented the poster “Psychometric Evaluation of Depression Measures among Adults with Intellectual Disabilities” at the Gatlinburg Conference on Research and Theory in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
Disabilities. In the study, Mileviciute and her colleagues looked at the diagnosis of depression in individuals with intellectual disabilities and compared caregiver evaluations of depression with two self-reported measures of depression. The research revealed that within the group diagnosed with depression, caregivers were less likely to notice somatic symptoms of depression when compared with the self-reports. The researchers concluded that special attention should be paid to items addressing somatic symptoms of depression and that self-report measures are needed because of their sensitivity to symptoms of depression not readily reported by staff.

GREG MILLER—AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETE

In recognition of his excellence in academics, UW track and field, and community involvement, pharmacy student Greg Miller, originally from Winnipeg, Canada, is the first UW student-athlete to be named a Mountain West Male Student-Athlete of the Year. After receiving a degree in exercise science with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.88, Miller finished his first year of pharmacy with a 3.4 GPA. Miller admitted that “It was sometimes difficult having class for most of the day and then having to grind out a hard practice.” He was able to add, however, that “It has been great and a lot of fun to represent Wyoming both in the classroom and on the track.”

LISA OHNSTAD RECEIVES TILLMAN MILITARY AWARD

Air National Guard Lieutenant Lisa Ohnstad, a doctoral pharmacy/executive MBA student, was selected for a prestigious Tillman Military Award. The award was established several years ago to support educational opportunities for service members and military families and covers not only tuition and fees but also expenses such as housing and child care. Ohnstad plans to remain in the service after becoming a pharmacist and to work in rural Wyoming facilitating the transportation of sick and wounded patients. She is an outstanding recipient of the award and promises to fulfill the Tillman expectations of “persevering in education endeavors and continuing to make a positive mark in her career field.”

JENNIFER STEINER—UW’S FIRST AMBROSE SCHOLAR

Pharmacy student Jennifer Steiner (class of 2014) from Billings, Montana was accepted into the 2012 Paul Ambrose Scholars Program of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. This highly competitive national award is given to graduate and professional students in allopathic medicine, dentistry, graduate nursing, physician assistant, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, and physical therapy. The program exposes 46 outstanding health professions students from across the country to influential public health professionals and prepares them to be leaders in addressing national and community health challenges. The program also includes funding for scholars to attend a 4-day leadership symposium. Based on her work at the symposium, Steiner is working with Beth Young of Albany County Public Health and a pharmacy faculty mentor on her project focusing on disaster preparedness for Wyoming’s elderly and individuals with limited mobility.
NEW PROGRAMS

COMING SOON—PHARM.D/MBA

College personnel are excited about a new multidisciplinary graduate program that will provide pharmacy students with a complementary business degree. Graduates of the program will be prepared to start their own businesses or to advance into management positions during their careers. The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/MBA will take five years to complete—four years of pharmacy studies and one year of MBA core courses. Students will spend their first year (fall, spring, and summer semesters) in the MBA program, taking core courses and completing a summer experiential project (30 credits). The next four years will cover the traditional Pharm.D. curriculum and will include the MBA Capstone course in Year 2. (Plaudits are in order for Jennifer Petrie, Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, and Martin Saffer, Associate Dean of the College of Business and Director of the MBA Programs, for their efforts in bringing this program to fruition.)

SCHOOL OF NURSING’S “SPEED MENTORING” EVENT

During the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing’s (FWWSON) first-ever “Speed Mentoring” event on the UW campus, school alumni enjoyed talking about their careers with aspiring nursing students. Two to three students at a time rotated through eight-minute “pods” to hear about each nursing career, with specialties ranging from pediatrics to geriatrics and from long-term care to emergency room medicine. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions. Following the event, one student said, “This was better than a career fair! The information was so much more in depth!” Senior student Darcey Cowardin even took time to email the school, saying, “I thought it was an amazing opportunity to delve into a wealth of knowledge and experience! I also had several ‘ah-ha’ moments about my future career during the sessions. I hope you will continue this event next year as I think it’s an awesome experience!”

Nursing alumna Maxine Chisholm (right) visits with “Speed Mentoring” participants

Erambo Ayokosok (Pharm.D. ’10)
THE WYOMING CERTIFYING OFFICE IS NOW ELECTRONIC

The Wyoming Certifying Office is now electronic. For students applying for any of the three programs—WICHE, WWAMI, and/or WYDENT—the process is entirely online. Applicants establish a portal where all applications and correspondence will originate. The electronic process also accommodates just one application that will work for all three programs, thus easing the burden on those who apply and on the office staff. The application can be found at http://ww.uwyo.edu/hs/wiche-wwami-wydent-program/index.html.

MAJOR NEW FUNDING FOR NURSING STUDENTS

The FWWSON was awarded an Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Grant through the US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). With this two-year program, the school was able to subsidize five of its new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students with $22,000 each per year for two years and will be able to fund five additional students in its second cohort. To be eligible, DNP students must demonstrate their commitment to engage in primary care practice in rural and/or underserved communities upon graduation.
ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

The College of Health Sciences had the pleasure of honoring its alumni of the year on October 12, 2012 during a reception attended by enthusiastic friends and family of the recipients and by college faculty and staff. It is simply impossible to fully express the college’s gratitude to all of its supporters and its pride in their notable achievements.

Robert Rimac, the Division of Communication Disorders’ 2012 Alumnus of the Year, received his master's degree from UW in speech-language pathology (SLP) in 1979 and his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1985. He served on the faculty of Eastern New Mexico University and is currently a speech-language-hearing specialist for the Palm Springs Unified School District, providing assessment and intervention services to children from 3 to 22 years of age. Because of his expertise, Rimac is frequently asked to speak to state and national professional organizations about topics such as Spanish language adaptations of assessment measures, conversational skills of children with language impairments, and school SLP caseload sizes and personnel shortages. Furthermore, his research-based articles have been widely published in national and international professional journals.

Alice Burron, who graduated from UW in 1993 with her master of science degree in physical education with an emphasis in exercise physiology, is the 2012 Outstanding Alumna for the Division of Kinesiology and Health. With her 15 years of experience motivating people to live healthy lifestyles, she is sought after as an expert speaker and essayist. Burron recently published 4 Weeks to Fabulous, a diet and physical fitness guide used by the Healthier Wyoming Program.

Paul Johnson, M.D., is this year's Medical Education Program’s Outstanding Alumnus. After graduating cum laude from Baylor University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1999, he entered the WWAMI Medical Education Program and received his M.D. from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 2003. Johnson then performed his residency in surgery and otolaryngology (ENT, the branch of medicine and
surgery that specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the head and neck). He has returned to his home state, however, and is a currently practicing ENT in Cheyenne and serves as the president of the Laramie County Medical Society. Johnson is a testament to the success of the WWAMI program because of his accomplishments in his practice and his investment in medicine in Wyoming.

Cherie R. Lowell, the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing’s 2012 Alumna of the Year, began her career as a registered nurse (RN) in hospitals in Georgia and in Utah. Only three years after becoming an RN, Lowell was named Director of Surgical Services for Mountain West Medical Center (MWMC) in Toole, Utah. During her seven-year tenure in that position, she completed her master of science in nursing with an emphasis on health care administration. Lowell is currently MWMC’s Director of Clinic Operations. She is acknowledged as an exceptional manager and is responsible for increasing the center’s surgical volume by 20 to 30 percent per year. She is highly respected in her professional roles and appreciated for her personal attributes of compassion and modesty.

Kenneth Witzeling, the 2012 Outstanding Alumnus from the School of Pharmacy (SOP), graduated from UW’s SOP in 1951. Witzeling is honored for his many years of service to the profession of pharmacy, to the community of Powell, Wyoming, and to UW. He had long tenures with the Wyoming Pharmacy Association and with the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy, serving as the board’s president for two terms. Having helped form a community corporation in Powell, he currently serves as a civic role model. He has also helped strengthen his alma mater by serving on the SOP’s Advisory Committee and its Development Committee.

The Division of Social Work chose to honor posthumously the memory and work of Laurel Rae (Carmin) Constantinides with the Alumna of the Year Award. Constantinides was an outstanding social worker who was passionate about her work—helping families adopt children, especially children from abroad. According to one of those parents, “When you [met] her, she [was] like a light in your life…. [She] would make you feel like you could do anything and inspired [me] to be a better person.” After receiving the award honoring his late wife, Alex Constantinides, D.O., announced the initiation of the Never Alone Foundation, established in memory of Laurel and their three daughters, Hannah, Zoé, and Lucy. The foundation will provide support and funding to families who have needs associated with international adoptions, including post-placement services and counseling and financial help for families whose adopted children have significant medical needs.

The Friend of the College Award recognizes institutions or individuals who have contributed significantly to the success of the college. This year’s recipient is Ivinson Memorial Hospital (IMH). IMH has been critical to the success of the college since the early 1950s when nursing began training its students at the facility. Currently, students from all of the college’s divisions receive some of their training at IMH where they learn complex imaging technology, meet with and shadow their preceptors, gain invaluable clinical experience, and practice and hone their laboratory and research techniques. During the reception, Carol Dozier, President and CEO; Sharon Gern, Chief Nursing Officer; Shelley Towler, President of the IMH Board of Trustees; and board members Donna Coffey and Terry Roark represented IMH.

KELSEY MANN COMPLETES DOCTORAL EXTERNSHIP

Kelsey Mann (BS 2008, Speech, Language and Hearing Science) completed her doctoral externship year in the Speech & Hearing Clinic during 2012. She attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for her doctoral degree, AuD, but chose to return to her alma mater for her fourth-year externship. During her “exciting and rich” experience, Mann served clients across the lifespan, from newborns to elders. Some of her clients were over 100 years of age. She plans to practice in a large multi-specialty hospital and clinic in Montana and hopes that “future AuD students can experience the opportunities offered by the UW Speech & Hearing Clinic.” The faculty and staff of Communication Disorders express their appreciation for her dedication, accomplishments, and sunny smile. They also wish her the best in her future career and hope their next audiology extern lives up to the high standards set by Mann.
STEPHEN ADAMS—FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS

Stephen Adams (Bachelor of Science of Pharmacy, 1980) was inducted as one of 20 Fellows of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), a group at the forefront of efforts to improve medication use and enhance patient safety and works on behalf of pharmacists who practice in hospitals and health systems. Adams, who is currently Assistant Chief of Inpatient Pharmacy at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, also served in the US Public Health Service (USPHS) and has been a member and advisor of numerous national and international health organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). After earning his Pharm.D. from Creighton University, Adams completed a post-graduate oncology fellowship at the University of Texas’ M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He has written many refereed journal articles, was editor of Infusion and TSHP (Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists) Journal, and received numerous citations for his meritorious service to the USPHS. Additionally, Adams is a frequently invited speaker to national and international conferences, addressing topics ranging from pharmaceutical regimens for pain management, to treatment of chemical and biological war injuries, to herbal medications in orthopedics. John Vandel, Former Dean of the School of Pharmacy, stated, “Our alumni, faculty, staff, and students are extremely proud of the exceptional success Dr. Adams has experienced in his pharmacy career. The success of alumni such as Dr. Adams inspires our students to become tomorrow’s leaders and change agents of the pharmacy profession. This recognition of Dr. Adams by making him a Fellow of the ASHP is richly deserved.”

MARY BEHRENS RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AND STATE AWARDS

Mary Behrens (Post-Master FNP 1998), board member of the Friends of the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, received the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners’ International Humanitarian Award, as well as the academy’s Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award for Wyoming. Behrens was honored in recognition of her innovations, creativity, dedication, and determination, assets that have bought about an enormous change in the international nursing world.
AROUND THE COLLEGE

Sharing class notes over lunch

Learning by doing

Gathering research data

A faculty/staff research team
Encouraging physical activity in preschoolers

Hands-on clinical experience

Assistive technology demonstration
SREEJAYAN NAIR NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE BIOMEDICAL GRADUATE SCIENCES PROGRAM

Sreejayan “Sree” Nair, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was appointed Director of the Biomedical Graduate Sciences Program (BGSP) that was established as a means to meet the growing demand for health care professionals. Biomedical science is the study of human biological processes and the complex interactions among physiological, genetic, and environmental factors that influence disease and health and spans the spectrum from fundamental discovery to innovation and application. The College of Health Sciences is proud to be the home of the BGSP with its interdisciplinary and interuniversity faculty balancing depth and breadth of content knowledge with enabling skills, including problem solving, entrepreneurship, communication, and leadership.

HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATES—READY FOR THE WORKPLACE

Care expert and member of UW’s Board of Trustees, reviewed the current state of health care and practice, and Sheridan native Donna Diers, Ph.D., received her honorary degree from Provost Myron Allen.

JENNY GARCIA’S “LIBRARIAN’S CORNER”

Jenny Garcia, an associate research librarian in Coe Library, brings innovative research technology and techniques to the attention of college faculty, students, and staff. For example, with the English/Spanish software package Health Literacy Adviser from Health Literacy Innovations, patient education and low-literacy materials can be reviewed for readability level. The program’s software will even highlight words that compromise readability and make recommendations for improvements. Scopus is a database that provides abstract and citation tracker information for about 20,000 titles about subjects such as life, health, physical and social sciences, and humanities. In addition to records from over 18,500 peer-reviewed journals, Scopus also covers 425 trade journals, 325 book series, and 250 conference proceedings.

SIXTH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Divisions within the college and many community health care organizations participated in the sixth annual health fair. A number of activities and services, ranging from blood glucose testing, osteoporosis screening, and rapid HIV testing to mental health screenings and sexual and reproductive health information, were provided. Pharmacy students conducted a prescription drug take back program to safely discard unneeded medications; and nursing students performed blood pressure checks; and

2012 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

During the CHS commencement in May, 300 worthy students received their degrees and joined the challenging and rewarding health care workplace. During the ceremony, Howard Willson, M.D., a health
communication disorder students offered hearing testing. The well-attended, well-organized event showcased many other opportunities too numerous to name; it is therefore no surprise that the yearly event is enthusiastically awaited by growing numbers of folks from campus and local communities.

CHS FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

The faculty and staff awards are an annual highlight for the College of Health Sciences. Holly Miller, Senior Lecturer of Nursing, received this year’s Outstanding Teacher Award in recognition of her superior classroom and clinical teaching. In addition to her full teaching load, Miller coordinates the CSC in the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing (FWWSON), the home of the school’s many skills labs, “Sim Family,” and teaching mannequins. Because of her creative vision, Carrie Deselms, Associate Lecturer of Nursing, was named this year’s Innovative Teacher. She has been the driving force of much interprofessional collaboration. As one student said, “She was, she is, and she will always be my teacher.” Neeley Mahapatra, Assistant Professor of Social Work, received the 2012 New Investigator Award. Her collaborative research partnerships lead to establishing improvements in domestic violence policy to protect all victims of violence. For his never-failing amiability and cooperative spirit, Mark Belcher was named this year’s Outstanding Staff Member. Pamala Larsen, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the FWWSON, received the Teaching in Geriatrics Award in recognition of her outstanding classroom and clinical teaching of geriatric education. Because she goes above and beyond in the areas of academic and professional service from her clinical practice site at Poudre Valley Health System, Michelle Hilaire, Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, received this year’s Meritorious Service Award. Due to her love of research focused on prevention and risky behaviors in disenfranchised populations such as rural women in Wyoming and drug users in Tanzania, Anne Bowen, Professor of Nursing, is this year’s Outstanding Researcher. In recognition of her long history of and interest in interdisciplinary and interprofessional leadership and service, Suzanne Clark, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, received this year’s...
Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Award. Under Clark’s leadership, a group of college researchers focusing on important occupational health issues affecting the state has produced successful grant applications, peer-reviewed presentations at national meetings, and a number of manuscripts. This year’s winner of the Outstanding Career Achievement Award is D. Paul Thomas, Professor of Kinesiology and Health. As a highly respected researcher, Paul is well known locally, nationally, and internationally for his 30+ years of research results in cardiac structure and function.

Type II Diabetes was the topic for the 2012 Grand Rounds/Research Day held in mid-April. The keynote speakers were Robert H. Eckel, Endowed Chair in Atherosclerosis and Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado, Denver; and John L. Ivy, Teresa Lozano Long Endowed Chair and Chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Health at the University of Texas, Austin. With its many and varied presentations of students and faculty research, the event built upon the successful tradition of previous research showcases.

Linda Gore Martin was selected Dean of the School of Pharmacy (SOP) following the retirement of John Vandel. Martin began her career at the UW SOP as a drug information specialist and subsequently served as an assistant professor of social and behavioral pharmacy and associate dean for academic affairs and operations. She has published numerous articles in professional journals and serves on journal and book editorial boards. Furthermore, Martin has received the Pfizer Bowl of Hygeia Community Service Award and been cited by the college for her meritorious service. Martin replaced John Vandel who retired as dean of the SOP in early December. It will be difficult to say “Good-bye” to him after his many years of valuable service to the school, the
COMMUNICATION DISORDERS HOSTS STATE-WIDE MEETING

The Division of Communication Disorders hosted a state-wide meeting of American Sign Language (ASL) instructors. The group discussed topics such as textbooks, course curricula, and national standards. This first get-together was so successful that participants look forward to further collaboration and more unified ASL education across the state.

GENEROUS FUNDING FROM MCMURRY FOUNDATION

A generous donation from the McMurry Foundation to the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, in partnership with Casper’s Wyoming Medical Center (WMC), will increase opportunities for nurses to earn bachelor’s degrees or higher and will extend that opportunity to those with bachelor’s degrees in other fields wishing to earn nursing degrees from UW. When approached with the donation proposal, the McMurry Foundation wasted no time; according to Susie McMurry, “This scholarship will serve to strengthen the effort of UW and WMC through opportunity and through achievement, which will be measured by the pride these future graduates feel and by the pride their families feel in them.” Research showing that patients have better clinical outcomes when their nurses hold higher educational degrees makes Wyoming residents the most obvious beneficiaries of the foundation’s generosity and foresight.

INAUGURAL TAILGATE PARTY

College faculty, staff, and students organized the inaugural College of Health Sciences Alumni and Friends Homecoming Tailgate before the UW/Air Force football game in October. Also knowing that Laramie’s fall weather is anything but predictable, the group wisely scheduled the Corbett Building lobby for the event. Folks of all ages enjoyed refreshments and visiting with old and new friends. Students from the Division of Kinesiology and Health even planned and provided entertainment for the children.
NEW FACULTY

The Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing welcomed five lecturers. Sherrie Rubio-Wallace is currently working toward her Ed.D. in adult teaching and learning at UW. Having worked as a public health nurse, a migrant health nurse, and an intensive care unit nurse, she brings a wide range of professional experience to her teaching responsibilities. Her varied professional experience is also reflected in her research interests, which range from gerontology to pharmacology and from women’s issues to nursing students’ attitudes toward clients with disabilities. Cheri Pettit Bellamy received her master of nursing from UW in 2008. She has served as a surgical nurse and a pediatric triage nurse and has taught in Littleton, Colorado, and Dhahran, Saudia Arabia. Candace Tull is currently pursuing a Ph.D. with an emphasis in facilitating creative thinking in nursing students at Texas State University, San Marcos. As an Air Force nurse, she saw service in community health, hospice care, and military nursing and worked for 17 years in the Department of Veterans Affairs. After receiving her MSN from Vanderbilt University, Deborah L. Nemetz pursued training to become a hospitalist/intensivist for the care of acute, chronic, and critically ill patients. As an assistant lecturer, she will be a clinical instructor in the BRAND program, both online and in Wyoming health care facilities. Esther Gilman-Kehrer
worked as a labor and delivery nurse and a midwife/family nurse practitioner in private practice in Laramie. She completed her doctorate of nursing practice (DNP) at the University of Colorado (CU) in 2012 while fulfilling her duties as an assistant lecturer.

Seven new faculty members joined the School of Pharmacy (SOP). Travis E. Brown received his Ph.D. from Washington State University and then completed his post-doc, studying the development of silent synapses following cocaine self-administration. He has begun his duties as assistant professor of pharmaceutical science. After receiving her Pharm.D. at the University of Georgia, Lauren Biehle has begun her duties as clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice. After receiving his Pharm.D. from UW, David C. Bruch worked in a community pharmacy for two years before joining the SOP as its laboratory coordinator. Janna M. Crumpton completed a pharmacy practice residency at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. She teaches the therapeutic series of courses from her practice site at the Cheyenne Family Medicine Residency Program (CFMRP). Lawrence B. Staubach joined the SOP as an assistant professor of social and administrative pharmacy. He received his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati and his MBA from Xavier University with a concentration in management and marketing. Jeremy W. Vandiver practiced at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colorado, after completing his Pharm.D. residency at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver. He is now pursuing his interests in inpatient internal medicine as a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice with the SOP. Angela M. Thompson received her Pharm.D. from CU and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital. She currently works in ambulatory care at her practice site with the CFMRP.

The Division of Kinesiology and Health welcomed Boyi Dai and Emily Guseman. Dai completed his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He is especially interested in understanding exercise and sports related injuries and providing information for injury prevention and rehabilitation. Guseman completed her Ph.D. at Michigan State University. Her research centers on the development of obesity and metabolic syndrome during childhood and adolescence.
MARY BURMAN—
A “WYOMING TRAILBLAZER”

Mary Burman, Professor and Dean of the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, was one of the women noted as “Wyoming Trailblazers” by the Wyoming Women’s Foundation (WWF). When the WWF asked Wyoming residents to name the women who inspired them professionally or personally, it was not surprising that many named Burman. She has been a dominant force in nursing in Wyoming and the nation for many years and more than fulfills her own requirements that a leader “has got to be passionate and have a vision,” have the ability to communicate effectively, and get involved in the causes he/she espouses. Burman is noted for her ability to “rally the troops in order to accomplish big things.” She notes that “relationships are important” and says that she spends much of her time “making sure I’m talking with the right person, bringing the right people to the table, and even mending bridges if necessary.” Burman has received numerous professional and community accolades and has modeled her life on a person she admires, Lillian Wald, a nurse at the turn of the century who “dedicated her life to making her community a better place.” About Ms. Wald, Burman says, “She hung in there and made changes and that is what you’ve got to do. You have to say, ‘Yep, I’m here for the duration’ and work through challenges to solve a problem.”

TONJA WOODS
AWARDED BOWL OF HYGEIA

Tonja Woods, School of Pharmacy Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, was recognized as the Bowl of Hygeia Recipient for Wyoming by the Wyoming Pharmacy Association. The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol of pharmacy. The prestigious award is made to honor recipients for their outstanding records of community service. Woods’ commitment to geriatric education is evident by her involvement with the Wyoming Geriatric Education Center. With summer grants, she has visited approximately 20 towns and educated between 300 and 400 people about geriatric diabetes and cardiovascular disease and about Medicare Part D.
TERESA UKRAINETZ—ASHA FELLOW

Teresa Ukrainetz, Professor and Director of Communication Disorders, was named Fellow of the Association by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in recognition of her meritorious research, teaching, and service. According to John Ferraro, Chair of the ASHA Committee on Honors, “Fellowship is one of the highest forms of recognition given by ASHA of an individual’s accomplishments and is public declaration of [the honoree’s] outstanding professional achievements.”

LUCY CARTER: A “JAMES C. HURST EACH STUDENT—A PERSON AWARD” RECIPIENT

Lucy Carter, Associate Lecturer of American Sign Language in the Division of Communication Disorders, received a 2012 “James C. Hurst Each Student—A Person” award. Established by UW’s Cowboy Parents, the award recognizes a member of the university’s faculty or staff “who goes above and beyond his or her normal responsibilities to personalize the student experience and who creates a warm and caring environment for students.”
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