Welcome to the News Capsule, the School of Pharmacy quarterly electronic newsletter!

We hope that the News Capsule helps you keep up-to-date with news about the school, alumni, students, faculty and friends. Please share with friends and colleagues and ask them to subscribe! We want to hear from you! We would enjoy sharing your news and updates. Contact us at cmjones@uwyo.edu.

- Announcements: CHS Homecoming Tailgate. Alumni and friends are invited to the College of Health Sciences Homecoming Tailgate on October 13th from 3-5 p.m. Please RSVP by October 1st to Mercury@uwyo.edu or (307) 766-6556. CHS Homecoming Tailgate. Alumni and friends are invited to the College of Health Sciences Homecoming Tailgate on October 13th from 3-5 p.m. Please RSVP by October 1st to Mercury@uwyo.edu or (307) 766-6556.

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Kenneth Witzeling Named 2012 Outstanding Alumnus
Kenneth F. Witzeling (B.S.P. '51), from Powell, Wyoming, is the 2012 UW School of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus. He is past president of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association and the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy and is a member of the School of Pharmacy Advisory Committee. Witzeling will be recognized during the College of Health Sciences alumni reception during Homecoming in October.

**UW School of Pharmacy Welcomes Class of 2016**

The University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy welcomed members of the class of 2016 into the professional pharmacy program in August during the "white coat ceremony" where they were congratulated by Dean John Vandel with family and friends in attendance.

**Jennifer Steiner Selected as 2012 Paul Ambrose Scholar**

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. She was one of 46 scholars chosen, of which 9 were Pharm.D. students. Steiner is the first Ambrose Scholar from the University of Wyoming.

**Clinical Skills Competition Winners Announced**

Pam Darrow and Kara Springer won the ASHP Clinical Skills Competition in September and will represent the UW SOP at the 2012 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 1, 2012.

**Tonja Woods Receives 2012 Bowl of Hygeia for Wyoming**

Tonja Woods, Pharm.D., R.Ph., was recognized as the 2012 Bowl of Hygeia Recipient for Wyoming during the Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA) and the Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacists (WSHP) Annual Convention in Sheridan June 21-24.

**Dean Winsch Named Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year**

Dean Winsch, Pharm.D., R.Ph., was recognized as the 2012 Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year during the Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA) and the Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacists (WSHP) Annual Convention in Sheridan in June.

**Kirsi Ludwig Recognized as the Wyoming Health-System Pharmacist of the Year**

Kirsi Ludwig was named the 2012 Wyoming Health-System Pharmacist of the Year during the Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA) and the Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacists (WSHP) Annual Convention in Sheridan in June.

**Jill Van Cleave Selected as the Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year**

During the Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA) and the Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacists (WSHP) Annual Convention in Sheridan June 21-24, Jill Van Cleave, Pharm.D., R.Ph., was recognized as the 2012 Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year.

**WPhA and WSHP Recognize Dean Vandel**

Dean John Vandel was recognized by WPhA and WSHP during the annual
convention in June for his dedication and service to the profession of pharmacy.

Alumnus Jay Truitt Presents Research Seminar

Alumnus Jay Truitt, Pharm. D. ('08), delivered a seminar on his research project and M.D.-Ph.D. education to a group of Pharm.D. and BMS. Ph.D. students and SOP faculty in September.

Alumni News September 2012

The SOP is starting a new feature where we will include news updates from alumni. We want to hear from you! Let us know of happenings in your life and we will share them with other alumni and friends of the school. Read about alumni who have graciously agreed to share their news in this inaugural issue.

UW School of Pharmacy Alumni Featured in UWyo Magazine

Alumni Ken Witzeling, Ted Hoy, Erambo Ayokosok, P1 Chaundra Sewell (star of the UW Women’s Basketball team) and Associate Dean Linda Martin are featured in the "Prescribing Success” article in the current issue of UWyo Magazine.

Medication Disposal Day

The UW student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association hosted a Medication Disposal Day at Express Pharmacy in Laramie, Wyoming, on April 28th. Over 54 community members brought medications in for disposal. A total of over 700 prescriptions were brought to the event, equaling about 70 pounds. During the event, students marked out patient information on prescription vials and logged each medication by checking expiration dates and quantities.

UW School of Pharmacy Welcomes New Faculty

The School of Pharmacy is pleased to welcome the following new faculty Janna Crumpton, Lauren Biehle, Angela Thompson, Jeremy Vandiver, Travis Brown, David Bruch, and Lawrence Staubach.

Lawrence Staubach Selected for NACDS Faculty Scholars Program

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation recently selected Lawrence Staubach, an assistant professor in the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy, for its inaugural Faculty Scholars Program class.

Baskaran Thyagarajan is Invited Speaker at Symposiums

Baskaran Thyagarajan, M.Pharm., Ph.D., presented an invited talk on "Capsaicin: A Novel Antidote against Botulinum Neurotoxin A" during the 17th World Congress of the International Society on Toxinology & Venom Week 2012, 4th International Scientific Symposium on All Things Venomous in Hawaii in July. Dr. Thyagarajan was also invited to present his talk on Botulinum Neuro Toxin, Tool & Therapy: "Take A Shot To Shoot A Frown," at the 6th Annual Dartmouth Botulinum Research Symposium at the Botulinum Research Center at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Massachusetts in August.

Purtzer and Kobulnicky Receive UW Grant-in-Aid to Study Cancer Patient Self-Monitoring

Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing Assistant Professor Mary Anne Purtzer,
Ph.D., RN, and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Administration Carol J. Hermansen-Kobulnicky, Ph.D., R.Ph., were awarded a $7500 UW Faculty Grant-in-Aid titled, "Integrating Cancer Patient Self-Monitoring into Practice: Are We Ready?" Together with Cara A. Harshberger, Pharm.D., BCOP, the research team will conduct the study at the Cancer Center of the Rockies, which is part of University of Colorado Health (formerly Poudre Valley Health System).

**Purtzer and Kobulnicky Manuscript Examining Self-Monitoring for Rural Cancer Patients Accepted for Publication**

A manuscript by Mary Anne Purtzer, Ph.D., RN, and Carol J. Hermansen-Kobulnicky, Ph.D., R.Ph., titled, "Being a Part of Treatment": The Meaning of Self-Monitoring for Rural Cancer Patients, has been accepted for publication and is currently "in press" in Cancer Nursing: An International Journal for Cancer Care.

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