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

**UW School of Pharmacy Alumna Sharon Durfee Elected BPS Chair for 2014**

University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy alumna Sharon M. Durfee (B.S.P. '76), R.Ph., BCNSP, was elected by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties to serve as the 2014 chair.

**Travis Brown Receives Prestigious 2014 AACP New Investigator Award**

Travis Brown, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmaceutical science, is one of seventeen recipients of the highly competitive American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy New Investigator Award for 2014.

**Witzeling Scholarship Endowment Benefits UW Pharmacy Students**

Alumnus Kenneth Witzeling (BSP '51) and his wife, Elizabeth, from Powell, Wyoming, have donated his extensive coin collection to UW to create the Kenneth and Elizabeth Witzeling Pharmacy Scholarship endowment.
Career Pathway Opportunities by UW Pharmacy Alumnus Joseph Bruno

In this letter to UW School of Pharmacy students, alumnus Joseph E. Bruno, Pharm.D., R.Ph., shares experiences and insights from his amazing 29-year career and how pharmacy career opportunities have opened in many different alternative paths from the traditional retail or hospital avenues.

UW Pharmacy Alumna Lori Allen Shares Career Insights about Compounding Pharmacy

UW pharmacy alumna Lori Allen, R.Ph., (B.S.P. '91) shares career insights about her work in the unique specialty of compounding pharmacy for the benefit of current students and prospective students.

Xihui (Alex) Xu Receives 2013 C-CRAM Outstanding Researcher Award

Xihui (Alex) Xu, M.D., Ph.D., M.S., is the recipient of the 2013 UW Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine outstanding researcher award.

Assessment Committee Spotlight

Committees at the UW School of Pharmacy are a very important part of the administrative structure of the school. The Assessment Committee is in the spotlight this month showing how the committee is positively impacting our program and our students. In December 2013, the Curriculum and Instruction Committee was featured.

Winners of the 2014 ASP Patient Counseling Competition Announced

Winners of the UW chapter of the American Pharmacists Association–Academy of Student Pharmacists 2014 Patient Counseling Competition are: first place, Cassandra Hardester (center), from Bakersfield, California; second, Kali Autrey (left), from Kimball, Nebraska; and third, Brandon Anderson (right), from Andover, Minnesota.

Mary Onysko Published in American Family Physician

University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy faculty Mary Onsyko, Pharm.D., BCPS, and former faculty member Katie Thompson, Pharm.D., BCPS, had an article published in the March issue of American Family Physician titled, "Common Questions About Clostridium difficile Infection."

Upcoming Events:

14th Annual Pharmacy Frolic 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, April 5, 2014
8-11 a.m.
Optimist Park/Greenbelt Trailhead
Laramie, Wyoming
For more information, send email to: nfuller1@uwyo.edu

Annual Honors and Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 3, 2014
Crane Hill Dining Room
UW Campus

2014 College of Health Sciences Commencement

Saturday, May 10, 2014
8:30-11:00 a.m.
Indoor Practice Facility
UW Campus

IMPORTANT: Flat-soled shoes are required for everyone (both students and visitors) for safety and preservation of the indoor turf. Please do not wear shoes with pointed heels.

College of Health Sciences 2014 Spring Commencement Information

UW Commencement Ceremonies and Events
Interprofessional Education Workshop Provides Opportunities for Collaboration

On January 9, 2014, 72 faculty, 2 senior students and the Dean of the College of Health Sciences (CHS) at the University of Wyoming gathered for a very successful one-day Interprofessional Education (IPE) Workshop. Twenty-two faculty from the School of Pharmacy attended the workshop and four SOP faculty serve on the CHS IPE Committee.

Mary Onysko and Jeremy Vandiver Published in Journal of Family Practice

University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy faculty Mary Onysko, Pharm.D., BCPS, and Jeremy Vandiver, Pharm.D., BCPS, had an article published in the January issue of the Journal of Family Practice titled, "Is a novel anticoagulant right for your patient?"

UW Pharmacy P4 Student Omo Oisamoje Presents Poster at ASHP Midyear

Omo Oisamoje, a University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy P4 student from Laramie, Wyoming, gave a poster presentation titled, "Providers' Perception on the Correlation between Vitamin D Levels and Pain," at the ASHP Midyear meeting in December.

UW Pharmacy P4 Student Tracey Le Presents Poster at ASHP Midyear

University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy P4 student Tracey Le, from Anaheim, California, attended the ASHP Midyear meeting in December, where she gave a poster presentation titled, "Assessment of the Knowledge and Awareness of Diet and Other Weight Loss Strategies in Patients Enrolled in an Anticoagulation Clinic."
Andrew Grothen, a University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy P4 student from Merrimack, New Hampshire, gave a poster presentation titled, "Community Use of Metformin in Patients without Diabetes Taking Antipsychotics and Mood Stabilizers," at the ASHP Midyear meeting in December.

Jenna Allais, P4 pharmacy student from Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Drew Mcmillan, ASPIRE-pre-pharmacy student from Cody, Wyoming, collaborated on a poster presentation at the 2013 American Society of Health System Pharmacists Midyear Meeting in December.

The UW Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine (C-CRAM) has released its 2013 newsletter. Read news highlights of publications, manuscripts, meetings and presentations, and other news from C-CRAM.

Cara Harshberger, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice, completed the Dopey Challenge at the Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend in January. She ran a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon, and full Marathon all in four days, for a total of 48.6 miles!

Nathan Holcomb, Charlie Morrison, Karsten Josie, and Brandon Anderson, members of the UW Alpha Mu chapter of Phi Delta Chi, recently gave a medication safety presentation to a Laramie Boy Scout troop as part of a community outreach service project.

The University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy wants to stay connected with our alumni, faculty, staff, researchers, and students, and to recognize and share your
accomplishments.

These accomplishments are shared through news stories and newsletters. The school distributes both a quarterly electronic newsletter, the *News Capsule*, and an annual report and newsletter, *Wyoming Scripts*. Individual news articles are featured on our [News](#) webpage and in our newsletters. We invite you to check out past issues of our newsletters on the [Newsletters](#) webpage.