Pharmacy student Tim Schick is pictured during Dr. Glaucia Teixeira’s Sterile Products Lab.
Alumni and Friends of the School of Pharmacy:

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Wyoming Scripts newsletter. I have heard from many of you who tell me how much you appreciate this publication. The newsletter is the work of Chloe Jones, the school’s data and communications manager. I agree with your comments and greatly appreciate Chloe’s efforts, as well as those who contribute their writings. The school wishes to thank the Wyoming Pharmacy Association and RxPlus Pharmacies for their sponsorship.

The 2009–10 fiscal year has been another busy and exciting year for the School of Pharmacy faculty, staff, and administration. We celebrated the 60th anniversary of the first graduating class, the class of 1950, at the annual Honors and Awards Banquet and Donor Recognition evening in May. There are nine living members of the original class of 25, and three members were in attendance—Bill Hileman, Dick Engels, and Dick Wilder. Ted Hoy had planned to attend, but a sudden and brief trip to the hospital in Cheyenne interfered with his plans. Wendall Gaston, class of 1976, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

This past year has also been challenging for the school. As I reported last year, the school has had to institute a 10 percent budget cut imposed on UW by the governor due to the changing financial condition of the state. We are now well into our year, and the planning by the school’s leadership committee is paying off. We are meeting the required budget cuts and have not had to cut faculty or staff positions. We hope that contributions from our alumni and friends and income from our endowments will greatly assist us in maintaining a school of excellence.

I would like to enumerate some of the highlights of this past year:

- The school graduated 45 students in May 2010.
- All of the graduates who took the NAPLEX examination passed.
- One new faculty was hired: Jessie Burch, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice. The school experienced the loss of two faculty: the retirement of Weeranuj (Mui) Yamreudeewong, professor emeritus of pharmacy practice; and the resignation of Christie (Graham) Nelson, clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice.
- The school was excited to have two faculty and one staff member recognized by the College of Health Sciences: Tonja Woods, Pharm. D., Outstanding Teacher in Geriatrics; Sreejayan Nair, Ph.D., Interprofessional Award; and JoAnn Rule, Outstanding Staff Award.
- Dr. Jun Ren and colleagues received the largest single research grant the university has ever received—a $16.9 million renewal grant over five years of the Wyoming 02
IdEa Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) program.

- Four of the eight students accepted into the new Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. program are in the School of Pharmacy.
- The Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine published 43 papers in national and international medical and pharmaceutical journals and presented at 55 national and international conferences and seminars.
- Other pharmacy faculty were also productive, with 31 papers and 41 presentations. Dr. Carol Kobulnicky was awarded “Top Reviewer of 2009” for the journal Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy.
- In addition to the INBRE grant, total research funding for the school for fiscal year 2008–09 was $4.6 million.
- The Drug Information Center answered 872 requests for professionals and Wyoming citizens. Students and clinical faculty provided direct patient care to nearly 19,000 patients from June 2009 to May 2010.
- The school admitted 51 first-year students into the professional doctor of pharmacy program.
- The O’Day Finance Campaign continues to progress toward the goal of $3 million in endowments, with approximately $2.4 million in endowments received. In addition, foundation gifts and interest for the 2009–10 fiscal year totaled $50,736, while the school awarded scholarships to students in the amount of $68,925. Twenty-eight students attended six national meetings during the year with the help of sponsors and donors.

Pharmacy Weekend, held in September, was well attended and included advisory board meetings, the Otis L. Hoy Memorial Seminar, continuing education (CE) sessions, and the UW vs. Air Force football game. The school has been able to attract nationally recognized keynote speakers for the seminar series. Wendy Duncan-Hewitt, dean of pharmacy and vice president of academic affairs for the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, was the speaker this year. The Annual Honors and Awards Banquet and Donor Recognition evening continues to grow in size and prominence in the school. As a result of the efforts of the staff, this year’s event was outstanding. Dean and Mrs. Vandel entertained the faculty at a Christmas party at their home. In the spring, they entertained the Presidents’ Council (student leaders) during a reception at their home to thank them for their efforts this past year in assisting the school.

The school’s newsletter, Wyoming Scripts, and website (www.uwyo.edu/pharmacy) provide news about the school. The newsletter is distributed to our UW administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends. In July 2009, the school started a monthly electronic newsletter, the News Capsule. The News Capsule provides up-to-date communications with the school and our alumni and features pictures and stories about alumni, as well as information of interest to alumni.

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ARDIS MEIER NAMED 2010 OUTSTANDING ALUMNA

Colonel (Ret.) Ardis J. Meier (B.S.P. ’77) of Lusk, Wyo., is the 2010 UW School of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumna. During her military career, she received numerous meritorious service awards and commendations and rose to the position of the chief pharmacy consultant to the USAF Surgeon General. Col. Meier retired in 2004 following 26 years of service. She is a member of the American Pharmacists Association, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the United States Pharmacopoeia, and the Society of Air Force Pharmacy. She was named a notable alumna by UW’s Alumni Association and is a member of the School of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council.

ALUMNI RECEIVE STATE AWARDS

During the 93rd Annual Wyoming Pharmacy Association/Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacy Convention in Casper June 24–27, five alumni received distinguished state awards.

**Terry Carr: Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year**

When presenting the Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year Award to Terry Carr, Jennifer Nevins said, “The Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year almost wasn’t a pharmacist. While attending UW he chose to take a year off and work construction. It was his first Wyoming winter as a construction worker that helped him make the decision to go back to pharmacy school. He graduated from UW with a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy in 1974. He currently works at Medicap in Gillette. His experience working in retail facilities, nursing homes, and hospitals has also made him a very well-rounded member of the State Board of Pharmacy. The Wyoming Pharmacy Association appreciates that while his role as a board member is to be a patient safety advocate, he brings a pharmacist’s practical approach to pharmacy issues that arise throughout the state.”

**Linda Gore Martin: Bowl of Hygeia Award**

Linda Gore Martin received the Bowl of Hygeia Award for epitomizing the principles of community service for which the award was developed. She was recognized as a selfless and dedicated individual to her family and community and honored for service to the profession of pharmacy. A graduate of Creighton University (Pharm.D. ’98) and UW (M.B.A. ’79 and B.S.P. ’75), Martin is the associate dean of operations and academic affairs and associate professor of social and administrative pharmacy for the UW School of Pharmacy. She is a volunteer at the Laramie Downtown Clinic, which is a clinic for the uninsured and underinsured population of Albany County. Martin was on the Board of Directors for Laramie Reproductive Health from 2001–2009 and is a past board member of Friends of Albany County Family Planning. In addition, she has served as secretary-treasurer for WSHP since 2000.

Top: Colonel (Ret.) Ardis J. Meier is the 2010 Outstanding Alumna.

Middle: Terry Carr (R) receives the 2010 Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year Award from presenter Jennifer Nevins.

Bottom: Linda Gore Martin (L) is presented with the 2010 Bowl of Hygeia Award by Jaime Hornecker.
**Natasha Gallizzi: Innovative Pharmacist of the Year Award**

Natasha Gallizzi (Pharm.D. ’01), received the Innovative Pharmacist of the Year Award. She received the award for her contributions to the medication needs of those less fortunate through her work at the Laramie County Centralized Pharmacy. The Laramie County Centralized Pharmacy supplies medications for needy (uninsured and underinsured) clients. According to nominator Donna Artery, Gallizzi wrote grants, opened dialogue with Cheyenne Regional Hospital officials, and collaborated with Laramie County Community Partnership, United Way, and other health-care clinics in Cheyenne to establish the pharmacy. In addition, she coordinated with other Laramie County help centers and developed a “universal intake form” that allowed prospective patients to fill out one form and be immediately directed to the specific help center for which they would qualify.

**Matthew Stanton: Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award**

Matthew A. Stanton, R.Ph. (Pharm.D. ’01), received the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award. He was selected by a committee of his peers for his outstanding involvement in association activities and community projects. Stanton is a member of WPhA and WSHP, active in Pulmonary Rehab Education, is a HPI Patient Safety Instructor and Hazardous Waste Disposal Instructor, and a member of Wyoming Fly Casters. He works in the Department of Pharmacy at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper and is also a preceptor for the School of Pharmacy.

**Kendall George: Wyoming Health-Systems Pharmacist of the Year**

Kendall (Ken) George, R.Ph. (B.S.P. ’77), received the Pfizer Wyoming Health-System Pharmacist of the Year Award. George was selected based on his dedication to the practice of hospital pharmacy, his devotion to the advancement of patient care through running a progressive hospital pharmacy department, his service to the profession of pharmacy, in general, and hospital pharmacy, in particular, and the respect he has earned from those he supervises and his peers. He joined the Campbell County Memorial Hospital staff as a pharmacist in 1980 and was promoted to his current position as Chief Pharmacist in 1987. He served as the president of WSHP in 2007–2008 and as one of the two Wyoming delegates to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists House of Delegates in 2008.

**Rory Remmel Receives Prestigious Award**

Rory P. Remmel, who earned his bachelor of science degree from the School of Pharmacy in 1977, has received the University of Minnesota (UM) Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education, the highest teaching award granted by UM. Remmel received his doctoral degree from the University of Washington in 1982 and has taught in the Medical Chemistry Department of UM’s College of Pharmacy for 25 years. In addition to being an outstanding teacher, he maintains active research studies on the mechanisms of metabolic interactions of antiepileptic drugs and participates in major collaborative initiatives with scientists at key American universities and medical facilities.
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Alumna Jennifer Boyd (Pharm.D. ’03) is making a difference. Since 2006, Boyd has traveled as a member of medical missionary teams to rural and impoverished areas throughout the world providing medical care for people who have no access to doctors or health care. The teams she works with consist of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, and medical students. Boyd has worked in the Philippines, Cameroon, Zambia, Kenya, Bolivia, Peru, India, Siberia, and the Dominican Republic. Her example and message for students and fellow alumni is that pharmacists have an important role in developing world medicine. She shares her amazing experiences and provides information about the needs of people in impoverished areas on her website: http://www.prescriptionformercy.com. When she is home in Boise, Ida., Boyd is a hospital pharmacist at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

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BRENDA kELLY: PEDS/NICU CLINICAL FACULTY AT WSU

Alumna Brenda Kelly, (Pharm.D. ’05) loves teaching. Kelly, a native of Casper, Wyo., had been encouraged by her father, a chemistry professor and pre-pharmacy adviser at Casper College, to be a pharmacist. In pharmacy school, she decided that clinical faculty—that perfect blend of clinical pharmacy and teaching—would be her dream job. Since childhood, she felt that teaching was a natural fit for her, and she is now a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacotherapy in the College of Pharmacy at Washington State University. She
provides clinical pharmaceutical care services at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital in pediatrics and the neonatal intensive care unit (peds/NICU). Among her impressive list of teaching accomplishments, Kelly developed peds/NICU and neonatal pharmacy elective rotations, precepts for internal medicine and an Amazon jungle rotation, and teaches pediatric and drugs in pregnancy and lactation therapeutics sections.

2010 ANNUAL BANQUET

The School of Pharmacy’s Annual Honors and Awards Banquet and Donor Recognition Evening on May 1 was enjoyed by a record 255 students and family members, alumni, donors, faculty, and staff. The banquet honored award, scholarship winners, and the graduating class of 2010 and celebrated the success of the Dean W. O’Day Finance Campaign. The historic banquet also honored the 60th anniversary of the first graduating class of 1950. A total of 23 alumni attended this year, representing all decades since 1950. The school is grateful to this year’s sponsors: David Athey, Express Pharmacy; Grant Kinn, RxPlus Pharmacies; Gary Thiel, McKesson; and CVS Pharmacies. Master of Ceremonies Wendall Gaston (B.S.P.

’76) entertained the attendees and kept the festivities going with his special sense of humor and anecdotes about the school.

Members of the Class of 1950 attending the banquet were (L to R) William Hileman, Richard Engels, and Richard Wilder.
THE SCHOOL IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE HONOR WALL

As promised at the beginning of the O’Day Finance Campaign in 2007, the school now has an “Honor Wall” acknowledging the continued support of our lifetime donors. The school is able to continue excellence in pharmacy education because of our donors and benefactors. We may be strongly supported by the state of Wyoming and the university for basic operations, but nearly 90 percent of our budget is expended for faculty and staff salaries. Excellence is established through gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations. Gift dollars are used for student support: scholarships for tuition, assistance to attend national meetings, and materials and equipment for student and faculty special projects.

It is with deep appreciation that we announce the completion of the honor wall. The honor wall is located in the main hallway of the school and also features a plaque honoring the outstanding alumni of the school and a plaque honoring the Bowl of Hygeia recipients.

THE GIVING CYCLE

The cycle of giving goes round and round. Alumni are often long-time benefactors. Those who received scholarships while they were in school recognize the need to replace the funds through donations and eventually endowments. The cycle that others have helped you and now you can repay that generosity by helping others is what ensures the ongoing quality of education. Donor support of the school enriches the program by supporting students and creates bonds between alumni and future graduates.

There are many ways to give back in addition to annual giving. Alumni can give back through gift annuities and gifts of stock or property. For more information, contact UW Foundation’s Jane Barghothi (jbarghot@uwyo.edu or (307) 766-1803).

JAMES CERHA AND ARDIS MEIER: THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK

James Cerha and Ardis Meier have given to the school for over 20 years. Ardis, the 2010 Outstanding Alumna, graduated from the school in 1977. She says, “The UW School of Pharmacy allowed me to pursue a very exciting and fulfilling career. I will always be grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded to me due to the education I received at UW. The school continually provides an exceptional pharmacy education. Over the last 30 years, I have encountered numerous UW graduates throughout the United States who have excelled in the field of pharmacy. I believe it is important to ensure that the state of Wyoming has the necessary number of highly educated pharmacists to provide quality care. Also, I feel it is important to always give back and provide others with the same opportunities that were offered to you. The best way I can help the school accomplish these goals is through giving.”

CAROL AND GEORGE DARLINGTON: ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND AMBASSADORS

Saying that the college values its alumni is an understatement: The college is indebted to them for their crucial support of its programs and their representation of dedicated
health care providers. Carol and George Darlington, who graduated from the School of Pharmacy (SOP) in the late 60s, are two such friends and ambassadors.

The Darlingtons have been consistent donors to UW and the SOP for over 22 years because their Wyoming educations have given them the opportunity to achieve the goals they set for themselves. George comments, “Even after all these years, we have ‘warm’ feelings when thinking about the university and the school.” The couple feels that their UW educations are equal to or better than those offered at any school in the country and encourage others to support the school after graduating because “it’s something they’ll feel good about as they make their life’s journey.”

**FUN AND FABULOUS CLASS OF 1977 SCHOLARSHIP**

When the class of 1977 graduated, little did they know they would have the opportunity to get together in later years to relive college days and forge strong friendships. When the class gathered for their twenty-fifth anniversary, they decided to get together every couple of years. In the process, they are also giving back by raising money for a scholarship for UW pharmacy students. They like to get together when there is a home football game. They stay in Centennial and play golf, if the weather is nice, bowl, if the weather isn’t nice, socialize, and have dinner and an auction to raise money for the scholarship. They get together for a tailgate party and sit together at the game.

According to alumna Jennifer Nevins, B.S.P. ’77, “The ‘Fun and Fabulous Class of 1977 Scholarship’ idea started in 2004. We felt that pharmacy had been good to us, and we were at a point in our lives to give back.” They wanted to give a $500 scholarship every two years. So far, they have given four $500 scholarships to incoming P3 students. The group believes in encouraging well-rounded students with extracurricular activities and would like to invite their fellow classmates to get involved by contacting Nevins (jennifer.nevins@bannerhealth.com or call her at (307) 331-0503). The class of 1977 would also like to issue a challenge to other classes to ban together to donate to the SOP, forge new friendships, and have fun in the process.
**PRECEPTORS OF THE YEAR**

The School of Pharmacy is proud to announce that Mary Walker, R.Ph., and Karen Burk, R.Ph., are the recipients of this year’s Preceptor of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the educational development of future pharmacists by demonstrating high standards of professionalism, ethics, and clinical practice.

Mary Walker (B.S.P. ’74) is the executive director of the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy in Cheyenne, Wyo. She is the preceptor for the pharmacy law elective rotation. Students comment that she is an inspiration to them and an outstanding example of an ideal pharmacist who loves her job and enjoys having students with her. They add that she creates a great learning environment and helps students get everything possible out of the rotation. During her rotation, students participate in a wide variety of activities from going on inspections to attending and participating in Board of Pharmacy meetings.

Karen Burk is the clinical pharmacy coordinator at Powell Valley Healthcare in Powell, Wyo. She is preceptor for both introductory and advanced hospital/institutional rotations. Students comment that she is very interested in teaching and takes time out of her schedule to develop additional learning activities for them. They say that she is dedicated to teaching students how to be pharmacists and shows them by example. She is always looking for ways to improve the pharmacy’s practices and to help students learn how to practice pharmacy.

**CLASS OF 2010**

**FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*Pharmaceutical Sciences*
- Bruce Culver

*Pharmacy Practice*
- Jennifer Petrie

**CLASS OF 2010 HONOR CORDS**

Jamie Johnson, Aislinn McBeth, Shelli Woods

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

A record amount of $68,925 in scholarships was awarded this year due to the generous support from donors and friends of the school.

*Albertsons Scholarship*
- Mikala Henzlik, Kara Kent and Michelle Kron

*Dean H. John Baldwin Scholarship*
- Jonathan Beattie, Kurt Matkin, Jessica Williams

*Marilyn Jeanne Baldwin Memorial Scholarship*
- Teshia Sorensen

*Burroughs Wellcome Deans Scholarship*
- Kelsey Gilmour, Crystal Huntrods, Trent Jebens, William Malik, Tim Schick

*Earl T. and Charlotte I. Carrico Pharmacy Scholarship*
- Derek Barsness, Bernadine Bunt, Adrianna Lindgren, Leena Myran, Thanh-Nga Nguyen, Kara Springer, Jennifer Steiner, Christi Swaby, Angela Wilde, Jonathan Will

*CVS Scholarship*
- Mohammad Elhomsy, Neal Hurst, Jordan Proctor, Benjamin Scott, Stephanie Stieb

*Dr. Kenneth R. and Nancy D. Henderson Scholarship*
- Madison Aaberg, Alan Bartolucci, Brien Thompson

*Edward A. Julian Memorial Scholarship*
- Matthew Mondrala

*Jyoti Kapil Memorial Scholarship*
- Pamela Darrow

*B.T. & M. McManus Pharmacy Scholarship*
- Roberta Shepperson

*Charlotte Myers Scholarship*
- Patricia Taylor

*Pharmacists Mutual Scholarship*
- Stacey Veltman

*Dr. Shannon Potmesil Memorial Scholarship*
- Matthew Weingart

*Dr. Lindsey Reinhart Memorial Pharmacy Scholarship*
- Sara Lookabill, Alex McCurtain

*Rho Chi Honorary Scholarship*
- Stephanie Cohn

*RxPlus Pharmacies Scholarship*
- Joseph Poling, Morganne Smyth, Jared Underdahl, Ron Yoxey

*School of Pharmacy General Scholarship*
- James Fox, Lindsay Hueckstaedt, Jackie Maris

*Paul Stock Scholarship*
- Bonnie Walno

*John and Joyce Vandel Pharmacy Scholarship*
- Jacob Barnes, Mary Engelhardt, Lacey Hill, Erin Nemec, Sarah Pence, Mikal Rutten
**Chuck Vaughn Memorial Scholarship**
McKay Robinson

**Walgreens Scholarship**
Thuy Vi Hoang Cao

**Wal-Mart Scholarship**
Jared Underdahl

**Linda Wells Memorial Scholarship**
Joseph Poling, Morganne Smyth

**Wyoming Pharmacy Association Scholarship**
Jenna Gradisher, Kellie Nevin, Cody Plaisted, Jennifer Wolfe

**AWARDS**
The School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the 2010 award recipients.

**Eli Lilly Achievement Award**
Talee Hanley

**Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communications**
Aislinn McBeth

**McKesson Drug Award**
Ashley Colyer

**Merck Award in Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry**
David Bruch and Jesse Robinson

**Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award**
Jamie Johnson

**Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Graduation Award**
Erambo Ayokosok

**School of Pharmacy Honor Award**
William Malik

**Teva Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award**
Ashley Luck

**United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award**
Daniel Plaisted

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**
American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists presented the Service Achievement award to Ashley Colyer, Senior Recognition Certificate to Rebecca Long, and the Professionalism award to Stephanie Buck-Crolla.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Member of the Year award was presented to Kelsey Gilmour.

National Community Pharmacists Association presented the Member of the Year award to Mark Harmon; honor cords to Elizabeth Higdon, Lanae Salveson, and Kendra VanGrinsven; and Faculty Appreciation awards to Kem Krueger, Beverly Sullivan, and Tonya Woods.

Phi Delta Chi presented the Brother of the Year award to Lanae Salveson, New Brother of the Year award to Kara Springer; honor cords to Raven Callas, Rebecca Long, Kara Riskowski, Jessie Ritter, Lanae Salveson, and Kendra VanGrinsven; Faculty Appreciation award to Janelle Krueger; and Staff Appreciation awards to Maria Bennett and JoAnn Rule.

Phi Lambda Sigma presented the Member of the Year award to William Malik; honor cords to David Bruch, Stephanie Buck-Crolla, Raven Callas, David Dixon, Kara Riskowski, Jessie Ritter, Lanae Salveson, and Jamie Wilkey; Faculty Leadership award to Linda Martin; and Alumna of the Year award to Whitney Buckley.

Rho Chi presented honor cords to Erambo Ayokosok, Michelle Carbaugh, David Dixon, Talee Hanley, Jamie Johnson, Ashley Luck, Aislinn McBeth, Garrett Foulou, and Shelli Woods. P1 Achievement Certificates were presented to John Barnes, Bernadine Bunt, Maggie Grooms, Lacey Hill, Sage McCann, Matthew Mondrada, Erin Nenec, Jordan Proctor, Benjamin Scott, and Kara Springer.

Ashley Colyer, McKesson Drug award recipient, is congratulated by Dean Vandel, Gary Thiel from McKesson, and Kem Krueger.
Presentations and workshops during Pharmacy Weekend Sept. 24–25 focused on the quality of education for UW School of Pharmacy students. Continuing education programs during the weekend were of special interest to preceptors, who are an integral part of the education process and are interested in improving the quality of pharmacy education. The programs were also of interest to employers who hire or may hire UW pharmacy graduates, as well as pharmacy alumni.

Wendy Duncan, Ph.D., dean of pharmacy and vice president of academic affairs for the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, discussed how to better educate student pharmacists to advance the profession in Wyoming. She was the keynote speaker for the annual Otis L Hoy Memorial seminar. Duncan’s presentation was titled “Educating Student Pharmacists to Build and Advance a Sustainable Profession.”

The seminar, which qualified for Continuing Pharmacy Education credit through the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), launched two additional continuing education programs. Duncan led a three-hour workshop focusing on assessment and development of the pharmacy curriculum to sustain the profession. The second was a two-hour workshop led by Kem Krueger, Pharm.D., Ph.D., and Linda Martin, Pharm.D., M.B.A., B.C.P.S., both associate professors with the UW School of Pharmacy, regarding the development of professionalism among student pharmacists. All programs were presented by the UW School of Pharmacy and Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Duncan obtained a Ph.D. in pharmaceutics in 1988 from the University of Toronto and joined the Toronto faculty in 1989. While there, she spearheaded the development of a new admissions assessment process that has been published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education. She was also a member of the faculty’s planning team for an outcomes-based curriculum. Duncan then continued her work in student outcomes assessment and quality improvement of postsecondary education at positions with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy, Crux Consulting, and Auburn University. She became dean of pharmacy at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2006.
NEW BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
PH.D. PROGRAM

The School of Pharmacy (SOP) is proud to announce the beginning of a new Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences (BMS) at the University of Wyoming. The director of the BMS Program is Don Roth, Ph.D., professor of molecular biology, associate director of the School of Energy Resources, and director of the K12 Science Posse. With faculty mentors from the College of Agriculture and College of Engineering also participating, this is the first interdisciplinary doctoral program mainly based in the College of Health Sciences. The BMS program is designed to address important workforce demands for doctoral-level biomedical research expertise. Four of the eight candidates entering the program this fall are in the SOP:

- Jodi Schilz—advisers Suzanne Clark, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmacology, and Kem P. Krueger, Pharm.D., Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacoconomics and health outcomes research.
- Yinan Hua—adviser Sreejayan Nair, Ph.D., director of the Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine, and associate professor of pharmacology.
- Xihui (Alex) Xu and Zhi Xia—adviser Jun Ren, M.D., Ph.D., FAHA, associate dean for research for the College of Health Sciences, professor of pharmacology, and director of the Wyoming INBRE Program.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS JOIN MEDICAL OUTREACH TO HONDURAS

This November, for the first time, the School of Pharmacy will send faculty and students as part of a medical brigade from UW to rural southwestern Honduras. Beverly Sullivan, Pharm.D., professor of pharmacy practice and associate dean of student affairs, and P3 students Jessica Hopper and Joseph Poling will be part of the team consisting of UW faculty, students, and residents from pharmacy, nursing, psychology, engineering, and medicine. They will travel to Concepcion and Agua Salada, Honduras, to set up temporary clinics. The team will face many challenges, including language barriers, illiteracy, space constraints, and poor living conditions and water quality. It is anticipated that in five days, the brigade will see approximately 700 patients, 70 percent of whom will be children. Medications and clinic supplies are financed through donations. If you are interested in donating to this or future brigades, please contact Beverly Sullivan or Dean Vandel at (307) 766-6120.
JENNIFER PETRIE PUBLISHED IN AJHP

An article by Jennifer Petrie, Pharm.D., clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, titled, “Clinical Pharmacy Services Provided to Asthma Patients in a School-based Clinic” was published in the February issue of American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, (Am J Health Syst Pharm 2010 67: 185-189). The article discussed the positive impact clinical pharmacy services have on the outcomes of children with asthma.

FACULTY TO PRESENT POSTER AT ASHP MIDYEAR MEETING

A research poster by Professor Emeritus of Pharmacy Practice Weeranuj Yamreudeewong, Pharm.D., BCPS, CACP; Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry Kurt Dolence, Ph.D.; and Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics Glauca Teixeira, Ph.D., has been accepted for national presentation. The poster, titled “Stability of Clopidogrel in Three Extemporaneously Compounded Oral Liquid Preparations,” will be presented at the Forty-Fifth American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting, Dec. 5–9, in Anaheim, Calif.

SREEJAYAN NAIR INVITED TO GIVE PRESENTATION AT IFT ANNUAL MEETING

Sreejayan Nair, Ph.D., director of the Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine (C-CRAM) and associate professor pharmacology, presented an invited talk at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists, July 17–20, in Chicago, Ill. Nair’s presentation was in the session on “Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals in the Prevention of Cancer Inflammation and Diverse Degenerative Disease.” His talk was titled “New Generation Chromium Complexes in Treating Insulin Resistance—Mechanisms and Future Perspectives.”

FACULTY AND STUDENTS PRESENT POSTERS AT AACP

Michelle L. Hilaire, Pharm.D., CDE, BCPS, clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice; Kem P. Krueger, Pharm.D., Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacoconomics and health outcomes research; and Tonja M. Woods, Pharm.D., clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, presented a poster titled, “Logistics and Legalities: Applying Law Class to a Clinical Rotation” at the AACP Annual Meeting in Seattle, Wash. on July 12. The poster evaluated the effectiveness of student-led learning activities designed to improve providers’ knowledge and compliance with state and federal policies related to prescribing controlled substances.

Recent Pharm.D. graduates Jamie Johnson and Colton Eisele were co-authors of another poster presented at AACP. The project was initiated during a research rotation in their P4 year. The poster, titled “Developing a Survey Instrument for Evaluating Healthcare Issues in Energy and Mining Sectors,” was co-authored by an interdisciplinary group of UW faculty: Suzanne Clark, Kem P. Krueger, and Carol J. Hermansen-Kobulnicky from the School of

Left: Sreejayan Nair, associate professor of pharmacology, was invited to give a presentation at the Institute of Food Technologies Annual Meeting in Chicago in July.

Right: Michelle Hilaire and Kem Krueger are pictured with the poster they presented at the AACP meeting in Seattle in July. Co-author Tonja Woods is not pictured.
ABSTRACT PRESENTED AT ACCP MEETING

An abstract titled “Doctor of Pharmacy Student-Implemented Warfarin Clinic Database in a Community Health Center” by Amanda Thompson (Pharm.D. ’10) and Tracy Mahvan, Pharm.D., associate professor of clinical practice, was invited for presentation at the ACCP 2010 Spring Practice and Research Forum (April 23–27) in Charlotte, N.C. The study concluded that a warfarin clinic database accessible by multiple providers through electronic medical records and the internet is an accurate way to monitor patients and reduce errors.

P2 JENNIFER STEINER CO-AUTHORS POSTER PRESENTED AT WPhA

During the 93rd Annual WPhA/WSHP Convention June 24–27 in Casper, Jennifer Steiner (class of 2013), in conjunction with Bryon Hopper, SNS Coordinator, and Donna Artery, pharmacist consultant, both with the Wyoming Department of Health, and Kem Krueger, associate professor, and Suzanne Clark assistant professor, both with the UW School of Pharmacy, presented a poster titled “Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Bio-disaster Response Plan for Volunteer Pharmacists and UW School of Pharmacy Students.” The poster described the School of Pharmacy’s student participation in the event of a biological disaster.

Ph.D. DISSERTATIONS

Machender Reddy Kandadi, M.Pharm., Ph.D.

Machender Reddy Kandadi, visiting Ph.D. student from Manipal University in India, successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation during the summer. Kandadi joined the Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine (C-CRAM) at the UW School of Pharmacy February 2007. Kandadi’s project was designed to synthesize and evaluate novel synthetic molecules in various animal models of type II diabetes. After completing his Ph.D. program, Kandadi now works in C-CRAM as a post-doctoral fellow. His research focus is anthrax-toxin-induced cardiovascular complications and molecular mechanisms in cardiac hypertrophy.

Yingmei (Megan) Zhang, M.D., Ph.D.

Megan Zhang, an exchange Ph.D. student from the Fourth Military Medical University in Xi’an, China, successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation during the summer. She joined C-CRAM fall 2009 and is a cardiologist-physician scientist focusing on cardiology care in diabetics. Zhang’s project was designed to explore the possible mechanism of no-reflow phenomenon in diabetic patients, which may be helpful for finding a therapy or preventive target. She works in C-CRAM as an INBRE (IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence program) junior fellow researching a number of pertinent health issues.
HILAIRE AND PETRIE RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Michelle Hilaire, Pharm.D., and Jennifer Petrie, Pharm.D., both clinical assistant professors of pharmacy practice, were promoted to clinical associate professors by the Board of Trustees. Hilaire received a doctor of pharmacy degree from Duquesne University and completed residencies at the University of Toledo and the University of Tennessee. Her practice site is the Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency Program in Fort Collins, Colo. Petrie received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy and then completed a residency at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Her practice site is the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colo.

FACULTY AND STAFF RECEIVE CHS AWARDS

During commencement ceremonies, faculty and staff received the following College of Health Sciences awards:

► Sreejayan Nair, Ph.D., director, Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine, and associate professor pharmacology, Interprofessional Award
► Tonja M. Woods, Pharm.D., clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, Outstanding Teacher in Geriatrics Award
► JoAnn Rule, office assistant, senior, Student Services, Outstanding Staff Award

NWPEC PRESENTATION

Janelle Krueger, M.S., R.Ph., clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice and director of the UW School of Pharmacy Experiential Education Program, and Cara Harshberger, Pharm.D., BCOP, coordinator of experiential education, participated in a presentation titled “Applying Business Models to Experiential Education” by the Northwest Pharmacy Experiential Consortium (NWPEC) during the AACP Annual Meeting July 12 in Seattle, Wash.

NWPEC includes experiential faculty from Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, and Wyoming and represents seven schools of pharmacy. NWPEC’s mission is to promote outstanding pharmacy experiential education for students and preceptors by cultivating relationships among colleges and schools in the northwest region.

PRESCRIPTION COUNSELING STUDY

What prescription information do patients want from pharmacists? To address this and other questions, data from 600 patients in six western states were examined by faculty members Janelle Krueger and Carol Kobulnicky. Pharmacy students conducted brief structured interviews during their Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences. “Students heard first-hand from patients, and valuable information for the profession was identified,” says Krueger. Results show patients most want to know about side effects, basic “how to” instructions, and drug

Left: Janelle Krueger (L) and Carol Kobulnicky co-authored a prescription counseling study which was published in JPhA and presented at the AACH Research and Teaching Forum in October.
Right: Tonja Woods (center), shown here with Dan Plaisted and Stevie Buck-Crolla (class of 2010) during an ambulatory care rotation at Laramie Valley Medical, received the 2010 CHS Outstanding Teacher in Geriatrics Award.
interactions. “Remarkably, nearly half wanted information when picking up a refill, and the type of information varied by the patient’s education level,” notes Kobulnicky. Many states do not require refill counseling, but study findings support revisiting practice law. The study was presented during a podium presentation at the American Academy on Communication and Healthcare Research and Teaching Forum in Scottsdale, Ariz. in October and published in the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.

KOBULNICKY NAMED TOP REVIEWER BY RSAP

Associate Professor Carol J. H. Kobulnicky, Ph.D., achieved the distinction of “Top Reviewer of 2009” for Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy (RSAP). Only 20 of the reviewers for this journal were recognized in this way on the basis of quality, quantity and timeliness of their reviews. RSAP is a quarterly journal that publishes original scientific reports and reviews in the social and administrative pharmaceutical sciences.

MARTIN PRESENTS AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Linda Gore Martin, associate professor of social and administrative pharmacy, recently traveled to Lisbon, Portugal, to present at two international meetings. Martin conducted the “Workshop on Research in the Elderly: Identifying and Overcoming the Obstacles” with colleague Nathaniel Rickles from Northeastern University in Boston at the 16th International Social Pharmacy Workshop held August 23–26. Kem Krueger was part of the workshop development team but could not attend the meeting. Martin then gave a podium presentation titled, “Using mind mapping software to create a curricular roadmap,” at the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 70th International Congress of FIP (Federation International Pharmaceutique) held August 28–September 2. Following her trip, she has been asked to participate in the FIP Pharmacy Education Taskforce.

NEW FACULTY PROFILE: JESSIE BURCH

Jessie Burch, Pharm.D., BCPS, joined the UW School of Pharmacy faculty in 2009 as a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice. Burch received her doctor of pharmacy degree from Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz. She then pursued a pharmacy practice residency at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver, Colo., and an ambulatory care/family medicine specialty residency at University of Colorado Denver. Burch’s practice setting is the Rose Family Medicine Residency Program in Denver, Colo. Her clinical and research interest areas include diabetes, anticoagulation, and cardiovascular risk reduction. She is a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Pharmacists Association, and the Colorado Pharmacists Society.
NCPA STUDENTS NAMED
TOP FINALISTS FOR SECOND YEAR

For the second year in a row, UW pharmacy students are among the top finalists in the Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition. The students, Morganne Smyth, Jared Underdahl, Kara Kent, Joseph Poling, Mark Harmon, and Cory Officer (all members of the class of 2012), and their project adviser, Associate Professor Kem Krueger, Pharm.D., Ph.D., each received $300 and were recognized at the NCPA Foundation Awards Ceremony held during NCPA’s 112th Annual Convention and Trade Exposition in Philadelphia, Penn., Oct 23–27. Their winning business plan, titled “Snowy Range Pharmacy and Peak Urgent Care,” described a five-year plan for purchasing a pharmacy in Laramie, Wyo., and adding an urgent care center staffed with nurse practitioners.

ASHP CLINICAL SKILLS
COMPETITION WINNERS

John Darnell and Alan Bartolucci (members of the class of 2011) won the 2010 local American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Clinical Skills Competition. The students will represent the school at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting national competition. For their efforts, they will receive a complimentary registration to the meeting sponsored by ASHP, a $500 reimbursement award from the school, and $150 from WSHP.

KELLIE NEVINS WINS ASP PATIENT
COUNSELING COMPETITION

Kellie Nevins (class of 2011) won the UW chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) 2009–2010 Patient Counseling Competition. Nevins received $500 toward her expenses to attend the national APhA Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., in November, where she will compete in the national Patient Counseling Competition.
CHS HEALTH FAIR
The third annual College of Health Sciences Health Fair, organized and hosted by the UW chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma, was held in October 2009 in the Wyoming Union. The fair was a school- and college-wide event with students and faculty from ASHP, ASP, NCPA, Phi Delta Chi, Rho Chi, and the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, and divisions of Communication Disorders, Dental Hygiene, and Kinesiology & Health Promotion. An estimated 300 students, faculty, and community members took advantage of the free health services and information. The fair was supported by ASUW, the College of Health Sciences, the UW School of Pharmacy, Walgreens, RxPlus Pharmacies, and Broadway Pharmacy.

AMAZON RAINFOREST ROTATION IS LIFE CHANGING
Pharmacy students have opportunities to experience a variety of rotations during their fourth year of school. Elizabeth Higdon (Pharm.D. ’10) from Gillette, Wyo., chose a life-changing rotation in the Amazon rainforest. Higdon traveled to Iquitos, Peru, to participate in a program dedicated to developing medicinal plants of the Amazon as a sustainable industry. The rotation also focused on the culture of the native tribes and included lectures on climate changes. Sixteen students from various universities in the United States participated in the rotation. Following graduation, Higdon accepted a job at Natural Standard in Boston, Mass.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES
► As part of Poison Prevention Week in March, ASHP members Resha Ball, Raven Callas, and Jonathan Beattie gave “Pinky the Elephant” poison prevention presentations to 1,104 kindergarten and first grade students in Rock Springs and Green River, Wyo. and to a preschool class at Western Wyoming Community College.
► Members of NCPA and APhA-ASP conducted a “brown bag” medication review at the Laramie Senior Housing Center March 10 under the supervision of Dr. Beverly Sullivan. The students counseled residents on their medications, monitored for drug interactions and duplications, side effects, and dosage adjustments and regimen alterations.
► During the spring 2010 semester, four pharmacy student organizations teamed up to adopt a bulletin board at the UW Student Health Service and to update it with new topics. ASP created a board on preventing sexually transmitted infections and travel-related illnesses. Members of Rho Chi, Phi Delta Chi, and NCPA made a summer-themed board dealing with exercising in hot weather, skin protection from the sun, and allergy prevention.
► In November, Phi Delta Chi teamed with Engineers Without Borders for a campus-wide chili cook-off to raise money to help build a water pipeline for a village in Kenya, Africa. The chapter also participated in a letter writing campaign to raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and sponsored a Penny War to raise money for the hospital.
► Members of Rho Chi spent a day in the spring helping the Laramie Soup Kitchen organize and inventory food that had been donated. The students also gave a presentation during P1 orientation about how to succeed in pharmacy school and continued to offer tutoring to pharmacy students throughout the year. The Rho Chi chapter participated in a new mentoring program in conjunction with PLS and continued to give an annual scholarship to a P1 who has shown excellence in academic achievement during his/her first year of school.
Wyoming Pharmacy Association Scholarship recipients Cody Ploisted, Kellie Nevins, Jenna Gradisher, and Jennifer Wolfe are pictured with Dean Vandel (L), presenter Melissa Hunter, and Craig Frederick (R) from WPhA.

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► WPhA/WSHP Annual Convention: June 24–25, 2011 in Casper
► Technician Conference: October 1, 2011 in Casper
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