NCPA members Forrest Floyd, Melissa Mehle, Andrew Ssekajja, and Lauren O’Dell log each medication by checking expiration dates and quantities during the Medication Disposal Day in April.
FROM THE DESK OF DEAN VANDEL

STATE OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Alumni and Friends of the School of Pharmacy:

Welcome to the seventh edition of Wyoming Scripts. The School of Pharmacy (SOP) appreciates the sponsorship by RxPlus Pharmacies and the Wyoming Pharmacy Association.

The 2011–12 academic year has again been very busy and productive for the SOP faculty, staff, and administration. In addition to what I will list below, we finished the renovation of the building last fall and have completed the construction of the new laboratory on the fifth floor. The new laboratory was funded by the INBRE grant and by the UW Office of Research and Economic Development.

Highlights from the SOP for 2011–2012 are as follows:

► Fifty-one Doctor of Pharmacy students graduated on May 5, 2012.
► First-time candidates (2011 graduates) had a 100 percent pass rate on the MPJE and 98 percent on the NAPLEX.
► Fifteen of the 2012 graduates (28 percent of the class) were accepted into postgraduate year-one residencies.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

► The participants in the Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine (CCRAM) published 54 papers and made 48 presentations.
► SOP faculty outside of the CCRAM group published 22 papers and made 24 presentations.

► Dr. Jun Ren and colleagues completed the third year of the $16.9 million INBRE grant.
► Jodi Schilz, BMS Ph.D. student, and her advisor Dr. Suzanne Clark and others, were awarded $100,000 over two years by the In-Situ Recovery of Uranium Research Program to investigate the use of nanoparticles to extract contaminants.
► The total grant and contract funding for the school for fiscal year 2010–11 (not including the INBRE award) was $761,398.
► Suzanne Clark received the CHS Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Award for her collaborative efforts in the research and scholarship arena.

SERVICE

► Direct patient care was provided by pharmacy faculty and students for at least 14,830 patients from May 2011 through April 2012.
► The school certified 73 pharmacy students and practitioners to provide immunizations.
► Michelle Hilaire received the CHS Meritorious Service Award for going above and beyond in the areas of academic and professional service.
► The Drug Information Center answered 582 questions in fiscal year 2011–12.
The Drug Utilization Review program sent 3,271 education letters for potential medication therapy problems or changes for optimal use to prescribers for Medicaid enrollees.

Forty “Know the Facts, Know Your Meds” were presented to 405 older adults in 16 counties.

STUDENTS

Greg Miller (class of 2015) was awarded the Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete Award.

Lisa Ohnstad (class of 2015/executive MBA candidate) is a recipient of the prestigious Tillman Military Scholar Award.

Pam Darrow (class of 2013) is a 2012 AACP Walmart Scholar, the second awardee in two years.

Jennifer Steiner (class of 2014) 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.

ALUMNI

Kenneth Witzeling (B.S. Pharmacy ’51) is the 2012 School of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus.

Tonja Woods (Pharm.D. ’02) received the 2012 Pfizer Bowl of Hygeia Award for Wyoming, which is the highest national pharmacy award for service.

Stephen Adams (B.S. Pharmacy ’80) was inducted as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists for 2012.

DONATIONS

$45,690.00 in scholarships were given at the Annual Honors and Awards Banquet.

$44,367.60 in small and unrestricted donations were received during fiscal year 2011-2012.

The Allan E. Weber Family Memorial Scholarship and Edward F. Reynolds annuity residual were established.

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education conducted a comprehensive site visit on October 9–11, 2012 for purposes of continued accreditation. The decision of the council will not be known until late January 2013. We believe at this time the result will be positive.

This year, the Otis L. Hoy Memorial Fund supported two seminars: “When Prescriptions Kill” in conjunction with the Board of Pharmacy in September and Tom Menighan, executive vice president of the American Pharmacists Association, was the seminar speaker in late October during the annual SOP Advisory Council meeting.

Many of you have already been informed that I will be stepping down as the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and retiring at the end of December 2012. It has been wonderful to have been associated with the faculty, staff, administration, and students since 2003, first as the interim dean for one year and then as the dean. It has been a career that I had never anticipated or expected, but it has been an exciting, challenging, and rewarding experience. I thank the many university, college, and school administration, faculty, and staff who have helped this community pharmacist serve as your dean. It was a steep learning curve and without your support it would not have been possible.

I am highly pleased that Associate Dean Linda Martin has accepted the offer to become dean of the school in January 2013. Dr. Martin has a great depth of knowledge and experience with the school, college and university. She is well qualified to lead our school forward as we continue to be a school of excellence in teaching, research, and service.

John W. Vandel
KENNETH WITZELING NAMED 2012 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Kenneth F. Witzeling (B.S.P. ’51), from Powell, Wyoming, is the 2012 UW School of Pharmacy (SOP) Outstanding Alumnus. Witzeling is the president of the Powell Mercantile Board of Directors and a member of the SOP Advisory Committee. He is past president of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association and the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy, and is a former member of the Campus Advisory Board and the Pharmacy Development Committee. While at UW, Witzeling was a member of Phi Delta Chi-Alpha Nu Chapter, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Gamma Sigma Epsilon.

He and his spouse, Elizabeth (Betty), have two children: David (B.S. Zoology Physiology ’79, B.S. Microbiology ’80) and Todd (B.S.P. ’80).

“I have known Ken for many years during his years of service in the Wyoming Pharmacy Association and on the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy,” says John Vandel, SOP dean. “Ken was a caring pharmacist and owner of Skyline Drug in Powell. He has also been a community supporter in many ways. He was a leader in forming a corporation which founded a community clothing store owned by the citizens of Powell. Ken’s selection by the faculty for this honor was an outstanding choice.”

STEPHEN ADAMS NAMED ASHP FELLOW

Stephen Adams, Pharm.D. (B.S.P. ’80), is the first UW pharmacy graduate designated a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Adams, assistant chief of inpatient pharmacy at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is one of 30 pharmacists nationwide honored as 2012 ASHP Fellows. He was recognized for the excellence he has achieved in pharmacy practice during the ASHP Summer Meeting & Exhibition in Baltimore, Maryland on June 12.

“Our alumni, faculty, staff, and students are extremely proud of the exceptional success Dr. Adams has experienced in his pharmacy career,” says Dean Vandel. “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.”

Adams has held a variety of practice and leadership positions during his 30 years of experience and has contributed to pharmacy education as a teacher, preceptor, role model, and mentor. He has been a member and advisor of numerous national and international health organizations, written many refereed journal articles, was editor of *Infusion* and *TSHP Journal*, received numerous citations for his...
meritorious service to the USPHS and the U.S. Army, and is frequently an invited speaker to national and international conferences. Adams also helped incorporate pharmacists and pharmacy services as a critical part of any response. He led the pharmacy response team after the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks and served as the pharmacy liaison officer for St. Bernard Parish following Hurricane Katrina. Adams was awarded the National Disaster Medical System Outstanding Volunteer for 2002.

**ALUMNI RECEIVE AWARDS**

During the Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPhA) and the Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacy (WSHP) Annual Convention in Casper in June, alumni received the following awards.

**Tonja Woods: Bowl of Hygeia**

The Bowl of Hygeia Award was presented to Tonja Woods (Pharm.D. ’02) for her outstanding record of community service. The prestigious award, sponsored by the APhA Foundation and NASPA, is given to an individual who has devoted their time, talent, and resources to better their community and the profession of pharmacy. Through grants received, Woods has spent summers traveling around the state of Wyoming conducting workshops to teach geriatric patients about diabetes, Medicare Part D, and cardiovascular disease. She also served on the steering committee for the development of the Wyoming Geriatric Education Center (WyGEC) and has served in several roles for the center where she is currently the pharmacy coordinator.

**Dean Winsch: Pharmacist of the Year**

Dean Winsch, Pharm.D., received the Wyoming Pharmacist of the Year Award for his advocacy for the profession of pharmacy. Winsch graduated from UW in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and later received a Doctor of Pharmacy from Creighton University. He has practiced at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center for 33 years. An anti-coagulation clinic that Winsch began in a collaborative practice will soon celebrate ten years of helping patients in Wyoming. He is a past president of WSHP, WPhA, and the Laramie County Pharmaceutical Association. Winsch is a well-respected pharmacist, leader, mentor, teacher, and practitioner.

**Kirsi Ludwig: Health-System Pharmacist of the Year**

The WSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award was presented to Kirsi Ludwig (Pharm.D. ’00). Ludwig is the Pharmacy Manager at Sheridan Memorial Hospital and current
president of WPhA. She is very passionate about pharmacy and has ensured her pharmacy has been 100% USP 797 compliant since 2010. Ludwig has also championed the use of smart pump technology with plans to implement complete infusion management in February 2013. Sheridan Memorial will be one of the few hospitals in the nation with this capability. She is a wonderful example of how pharmacists can change patient care with dedication, drive, and leadership.

**Jill Van Cleave: Distinguished Young Pharmacist**

Jill Van Cleave (Pharm.D. ’06) received the Pharmacists Mutual Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award. The award is given for individual excellence and outstanding contributions to association activities and civic projects. Van Cleave is currently the Pharmacist-in-Charge at Osco and volunteers at the free Downtown Clinic in Laramie. She is an immunizing pharmacist and runs multiple flu clinics to ensure her patients get the best care. Van Cleave is also a preceptor and hosts many students throughout the year. She was selected by a committee of her peers for exceeding the qualities required for the award.

**DEAN VANDEL RECOGNIZED BY WPhA AND WSHP**

Dean John Vandel was recognized by WPhA and WSHP for his dedication and service to the profession of pharmacy during the annual convention in June. According to the associations’ press release, “Dean Vandel has been an exemplary member of the pharmacist community for over 50 years. His memberships, activities, and professional speaking engagements are numerous and varied. He has been a pharmacist, a business owner, and most recently the dean of the UW School of Pharmacy. Dean Vandel has received many other awards in pharmacy including the A. H. Robbins Bowl of Hygeia in 1982, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Distinguished Service Award in 1992, Wyoming Pharmacists Association Pharmacist of the Year in 1993, American Pharmacist Association Daniel B. Smith Award, Distinguished Pharmacy Practitioner award in 1995, and the American College of Apothecaries Dean of the Year for 2007–08. Dean Vandel will be greatly missed at the University of Wyoming. His colleagues appreciate his commitment to the promotion of the profession of pharmacy. WPhA and WSHP would like to thank the Dean and wish him well in retirement and future pursuits.”
Alumnus Jay Truitt (Pharm. D. ’08), who is currently an M.D./Ph.D. candidate at the University of Texas Medical Branch (Galveston) and University of Texas (Austin) Department of Neuroscience, 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. Dr. Truitt is using gene and microRNA modulation to study the role of mediators of inflammation in alcohol addiction. He also took questions from students about the ways his UW education helped him in medical and graduate school. The students and faculty found this forum interesting and useful, and hope to see future seminars given by recent graduates. CCRAM and INBRE sponsored the seminar.

Class of 2012 Commencement and Future Plans

The following members of the School of Pharmacy class of 2012 received their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees during the UW College of Health Sciences commencement ceremonies: Patrick Baldwin, Bret Barnes, Stephanie Bassett, Tate Berger, Bree Bertz, Amy Borcher, James Cordonier, Michael Crookston, Calvin Culver, Shawn Dalton, Angela Denke, Kara Ferguson, Judson Gilbert, Travis Graham, Daniel Hagerman, Mark Harmon, Mikala Henzlik, Myles Holt, Jessica Hopper, Joshua Jons, Christine Keldsen, Kara Kent, Betsy Kidd, Vanessa Knapp, Steve Landon, Sean LeBaron, Sara Lookabill, Alex McCurtain, Leena Myran, Thanh-Nga Nguyen, Cory Officer, Mary Palmquist, Sarah Pence, Joseph Poling, Amy Puckett, Jackson Quick, William Rowden, Sarah Ruppert, Mikal Rutten, Jenna Sloan, Morganne Smyth, Amanda Steel, Susan Taylor, Nathan Temme, Jared Underdahl, Aaron Van Den Berg, Jennifer Wade, Jeremy Wagner, Matthew Weingart, Angela Wilde, and Jonathan Will.

At the time of graduation, many graduates shared their future plans which include residencies, hospital, retail, community pharmacy, and spending time with family:


**Stephanie Bassett**: I plan to begin working at Walgreens in the Loveland-Greeley area starting in June.

**Bret Barnes**: PGY1 Resident, Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington. Continue my career as an Ambulatory Care pharmacist upon completion of my residency.

**Bree Bertz**: Spending time with my husband and Isabella as well as preparing for the arrival of our new baby girl who is to arrive this summer.

**Amy Borcher**: Pharmacy Manager, Box Butte General Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska.

**James Cordonier**: I plan to return to Wyoming and seek a clinical position.


Angela Denke: Staff Pharmacist, Kmart, Riverton, Wyoming. I may also work part-time at the Riverton Memorial Hospital.

Kara Ferguson: PGY1 Pharmacy Resident, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas. Upon completing a PGY1, I plan to pursue a PGY2 in infectious disease.

Judson Gilbert: Pharmacy Manager, Safeway 469 Cole Center, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Daniel Hagerman: Plan on working in a local pharmacy.

Mark Harmon: Resident, Walgreens and Midwestern University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Myles Holt: Live and work in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Jessica Hopper: PGY1 Ambulatory Care Resident, Veterans Affairs, Pocatello Idaho.

Joshua Jons: My future plans are to obtain a pharmacist position at a hospital in Texas.

Christine Keldsen: Pharmacist, Walmart, Linton, Indiana.

Kara Kent: Pharmacy Resident, New Ulm Medical Center, New Ulm, Minnesota (ambulatory care focus).


Sara Lookabill: PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Resident, Detroit Receiving Hospital, part of Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan.

Leena Myran: PGY1 Resident, Billings Clinic, Billings, Montana.

Thanh-Nga Nguyen: PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident, Oklahoma City VA Medical Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mary Palmquist: PGY1 Pharmacy Resident, VA Medical Center, Portland, Oregon.

Sarah Pence: Moving with my husband to Vernal, Utah and having a baby in August.

Joseph Poling: Staff Pharmacist, Good Day Pharmacy–Northern Colorado.

Jackson Quick: I would like to work as a pharmacist in Cheyenne or Northern Colorado.

William Rowden: I plan on working in a retail pharmacy in a rural community.

Sarah Ruppert: Live and work in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mikal Rutten: PGY-1 Critical Care Pharmacy Practice Resident, Regions Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jenna Sloan: PGYI Pharmacy Resident, University of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency Program, Casper, Wyoming (focus in ambulatory care).

Morganne Smyth: PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Resident, St. Luke’s Medical Center, Boise, Idaho.
Amanda Steel: Staff Pharmacist, Maniilaq Health Center/Indian Health Services, Kotzebue, Alaska.

Susan Taylor: Pharmacist, Memorial Hospital at Converse County, Douglas, Wyoming.

Jared Underdahl: PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident, Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Aaron Van Den Berg: Floater Pharmacist, Lewis Family Drug, Rock Valley, Iowa. I will be working as a full time float pharmacist for Lewis Family Drug covering their 7 stores in Northwest Iowa, until the pharmacist in my hometown retires, at which time I will assume the role as pharmacist in charge.

Jeremy Wagner: Floater Pharmacist, Walgreens, Gillette, Wyoming. I plan to move close to the family ranch and work.

Jonathan Will: Clinical Pharmacist, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

ALUMNI NEWS

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. Submit your news to cmjones@uwyo.edu. The following alumni have graciously agreed to share their news in this inaugural issue:

- **Shanna K. O’Connor**, Pharm.D. ('09), BCPS, finished two years of residency, followed by a year as visiting faculty at UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, and is now a tenure-track assistant professor and Kelley-Ross Faculty Fellow at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy.

- **Amanda Thompson** (Pharm.D. '10) is a clinical pharmacist in the ambulatory care setting currently focusing on anticoagulation, diabetes, dyslipidemia, and hypertension management at the Charles George Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, at the Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. She went to the London Olympics to watch her brother compete in the international skeet competition. Thompson has enjoyed exploring areas in the south and experiencing SEC football. However, her heart still resides in the Midwest and she is looking forward to one day returning. She is also still a diehard fan of Nebraska and Wyoming football.

- **James H. Cordonier**, Pharm.D. ('12), R.Ph., ANP, is an Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist and compounding specialist.

- **Kendra Procacci**, Pharm.D. ('04), BCPS, AE-C, CPP, is an associate professor at the University of Montana School of Pharmacy. Her clinical site is Grant Creek Family Medicine. Procacci’s most rewarding part of her job is being the director for Camp Huff N Puff, Montana’s asthma camp. It is a week-long camp for kids with asthma. This summer was her ninth year as director. She takes pharmacy residents and students as counselors and asthma education teachers.

- **Chris Humberson** (B.S.P. ’82) has been hired as the new executive director for the Washington State Board of Pharmacy. He brings 30 years of retail pharmacy, pharmaceutical sales and marketing, and project management experiences and skills to the board. His most recent position was as a pharmacy manager.

- **Susie Jing Shaw** (B.S.P. ’81), formerly Susie Jing Lew, lives in York, Maine, and is a staff pharmacist for CVS Pharmacy. She has worked for CVS since October 1982 and works out of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Shaw has been married to David Q. Shaw for 27 years and they have three children ages 23, 25, and 27 (no grandchildren as of yet).

UW SCHOOL OF PHARMACY FEATURED IN UWyo MAGAZINE

Alumni Ken Witzeling (B.S.P. ’51), Ted Hoy (B.S.P. ’50), Erambo Ayokosok (Pharm.D. ’10), P1 Chaundra Sewell (star of the UW Women’s Basketball team) and Associate Dean Linda Martin (B.S.P. ’75), Pharm.D., M.B.A., BCPS, were featured in the “Prescribing Success” article in the fall issue of UWyo Magazine.
ANNUAL HONORS AND AWARDS BANQUET
AND DONOR RECOGNITION EVENING

In addition to honoring the class of 2012, the school awarded scholarships and honored outstanding students, faculty and preceptors during the annual banquet in April.

2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Alumni Garrett Needham and David Sy were honored as the 2012 Preceptors of the Year for their significant contributions to the education of UW School of Pharmacy students. Garrett Needham (B.S.P. ’93), with Albertsons/Osco in Cheyenne, Wyoming, teaches an Advanced Community Elective for P4 students and an Introductory Community rotation for P2 students. David Sy (Pharm.D. ’05), with Emissary Pharmacy in Casper, Wyoming, teaches a P4 Geriatric Elective. He also serves on the school’s stakeholder panel which provided assistance during preparation for the accreditation visit.

The class of 2012 Faculty of the Year Awards went to Kurt Dolence for Pharmaceutical Sciences and Mary Onysko for Pharmacy Practice.

The following outstanding students were honored:

School of Pharmacy Honor Cords
Mary Palmquist, Jenna Sloan, and Morganne Smyth

School of Pharmacy Honor Award
Stephanie Cohn

Lilly Achievement Award
Jessica Hopper

McKesson Drug Award
Shannon Thomas

Merck Award in Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry
Mikal Rutten

Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award
Leena Myran

Left: Garrett Needham (center) is congratulated by Experiential Education Director Janelle Krueger and Dean John Vandel for receiving the Preceptor of the Year Award. Right: David Sy (center) is presented with the Preceptor of the Year Award by Dean John Vandel and Experiential Education Director Janelle Krueger.
Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database
Graduation Award
Mary Palmquist

Natural Standard Research Collaboration Award
Sara Lookabill

Teva Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student Award
Morganne Smyth

United States Public Health Service: Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award
Patrick Baldwin

2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

The SOP is pleased to announce that $45,690 in scholarships were awarded this year thanks to the generosity and support of donors and friends of the school.

Albertsons/Save On Scholarship
Emily Griesbach, Kali Autrey, and Jolie Phou

Burroughs Wellcome Deans Scholarship
Stephanie Cohn and Benjamin Scott

Dean H. John Baldwin Scholarship
Pam Darrow

Marilyn Jeanne Baldwin Memorial Scholarship
Juanita Bonner

Earl T. and Charlotte I. Carrico Pharmacy Scholarship
Lacey Hill, Randee Gelatic, Kara Springer, Shelley Wei, Jenna Allais, Laurel Peden, and Adrianna Lindgren

Dr. Kenneth R. and Nancy D. Henderson Scholarship
Jordan Proctor and Opal Anderson

B.T. & M. McManus Pharmacy Scholarship
Jennifer Steiner

Charlotte Myers Scholarship
Stephanie Kosinski, Matt Mondrala, Bernadine Bunt, and Cole Rearden

Dr. Shannon Potmesil Memorial Scholarship
Lindsey Briggs

Dr. Lindsey Reinhart Memorial Pharmacy Scholarship
Allen Webb

RxPlus Pharmacies Scholarship
Kendra Whalen, Melissa Mehle, Pam Darrow, Quincy Shaw, Tracey Le, Shannon Thomas, Jason Cory, and Thien Pham

School of Pharmacy General Scholarship
Cristina Arenas Sokova

Paul Stock Scholarship
Stephanie Hurley and Jennifer O’Day

John and Joyce Vandel Pharmacy Scholarship
Kim Seratt, Jennifer Hendricks, Melissa Jones, and Han Li

Walgreens Scholarship
Monique Eboumbou

Wal-Mart Scholarship
Jason Cory

Kmart Scholarship
Maggie Grooms

The Robert M. Meeboer Memorial Scholarship
Shannon Thomas
Linda Wells Memorial Fund
Megan Saunders and Rebecca Pullos

NACDS Scholarship
Michelle Kron

Jyoti Kapil Memorial Scholarship
Roberta Shepperson

Wyoming Pharmacy Association Scholarship
Erin Nemec

2012 STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS

Academy of Student Pharmacists
• ASP Service Award: Megan Saunders
• ASP P4 Award: Patrick Baldwin

American Society of Health-System Pharmacy
• ASHP Member of the Year and Current President’s Award: Kara Springer
• Past President Award: Jessica Hopper

National Community Pharmacy Association
• NCPA Faculty Appreciation Award: Melissa Hunter
• Member of the Year: Quincy Shaw

Rho Chi
• Scholarship: Lindsey Briggs

Phi Delta Chi
• Brother of the Year: Amy Borcher
• New Brother of the Year: Brandon Anderson
• Faculty Appreciation Award: Tonja Woods and Janelle Krueger
• Staff Appreciation Award: Bobbie Cesko

Phi Lambda Sigma
• Alpha Nu Chapter Faculty Leadership Award: Michelle Hilaire
• Alpha Nu Chapter Member of the Year: Pam Darrow

Joyce Vandel (L), Carol Kobulnicky (2nd from L) and Dean Vandel (R) congratulate (center, L to R) Melissa Jones, Jennifer Hendricks, Kimberly Seratt, and Han Li, for receiving John and Joyce Vandel Pharmacy Scholarships.
RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

STUDY Examines Self-Monitoring for Rural Cancer Patients

Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing Assistant Professor Mary Anne Purtszer, Ph.D., RN, and Associate Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy Carol J. Hermansen-Kobulnicky, Ph.D., R.Ph., were awarded a $7,500 UW Faculty Grant-in-Aid titled, “Integrating Cancer Patient Self-Monitoring into Practice: Are We Ready?” Together with Cara A. Harshberger, Pharm.D., BCOP, who has joined the research team, the study is being conducted at the Cancer Center of the Rockies, which is part of University of Colorado Health (formerly Poudre Valley Health System). The aim is to investigate oncology clinician perspectives about, experience with, and envisioned feasibility of incorporating cancer patient self-monitoring data into self-management support models. The first publication by Purtszer and Hermansen-Kobulnicky, titled, “Being a Part of Treatment”: The Meaning of Self-Monitoring for Rural Cancer Patients, has been published in Cancer Nursing.

Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome Book Published


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 O’ahu, Hawaii, July 8–13, 2012. Thyagarajan’s presentation demonstrated the potential of capsaicin to be developed as a novel agent to prevent and to treat BoNT/A intoxication. This discovery significantly advances the current knowledge of BoNT/A antagonists and forms the basis of a novel therapeutic approach.

Dr. Thyagarajan was also an invited speaker at the 6th Annual Dartmouth Botulinum Research Symposium at the Botulinum Research Center at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Massachusetts, August 16–17, 2012. This symposium provided a unique platform to get researchers from academia, industry, government labs, and policy makers together in a more informal setting for fostering relevant discussions and collaborations. Thyagarajan presented his talk on Botulinum Neurotoxin, Tool & Therapy: “Take A Shot To Shoot A Frown.” His talk focused on 1) therapeutic effects of botulinum neurotoxin against pain and 2) characterization of a Deactivated Recombinant Botulinum Neurotoxin A (DRBoNT/A; Non toxic BoNT/A) at the mouse neuromuscular junction.

2012 CHS Grand Rounds Research Day

Students and faculty had the opportunity to present posters outlining the results of their ongoing, cooperative research during the 2012 CHS Grand Rounds Research Day in April. The topic this year was Type II Diabetes.

- Alex Xu presented “Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor Activates Autophagy to Attenuate Pressure Overload-Induced Cardiac Hypertrophy in Mice,” Xihui Xu (Ph.D. student) and Jun Ren (CCRAM, School of Pharmacy, University of Wyoming).
- Kara Springer and Pam Darrow presented “Review of Medications Utilized During a One-Week Experience in Honduras,” Kara Springer (Pharm. D. student), Pam Darrow (Pharm. D. student) and Kem Krueger, (School of Pharmacy, University of Wyoming).

Alex Xu is congratulated by CHS Dean Joseph Steiner (L) and CHS Associate Dean for Research Jun Ren (R) for tying for third place.
Jennifer Steiner presented “Integrating Wyoming Pharmacy Students and Faculty into State and County Repackaging and Dispensing Operations,” 1Jennifer Steiner (Pharm. D. student), 2Beth Young, M.S., 1Sara Lookabill (Pharm. D. student) and 1Suzanne Clark (‘School of Pharmacy, University of Wyoming and 1Public Health Coordinator, Albany County Public Health).

Maolong Dong presented “Akt Overexpression Attenuated Lipopolysaccharide-induced Cardiac Dysfunction by Inhibition of Apoptosis and Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress, partly through Autophagy,” 1,2 Maolong Dong, 1Nan Hu, 1Manchender R. Kandadi, 1Rui Gao, 1Shasha Jiang, and Jun Ren (1CCRAM, School of Pharmacy, University of Wyoming and 2Dept. of Burn and Cutaneous Surgery, Xijing Hospital, the Fourth Military Medical University, Xi’an 710032, P. R. China).

Yinan Hua presented “Cathepsin K Knockout Alleviates Streptozocin-Induced Cardiac Dysfunction,” Yinan Hua (Ph.D student), Jun Ren and Sreejayan Nair (CCRAM, School of Pharmacy, University of Wyoming).

Machender Kandadi presented “AMP-Activated Protein Kinase—ULK1-Mediated Autophagy is Responsible for Acute Alcohol Exposure-Induced Cardiac Contractile Dysfunction,” Machender R. Kandadi and Jun Ren (CCRAM, School of Pharmacy, University of Wyoming).

Benjamin Pacheco presented “Liver Deficiency of Insulin-like Growth Factor-1 Attenuates Aging-induced Hepatocyte Dysfunction: Role of Autophagy,” Benjamin Pacheco (Pharm. D. student), Xihui Xu (Ph.D. student) and Jun Ren (CCRAM, School of Pharmacy, University of Wyoming).

Evgeniy Panzhinskiy presented “A Novel Neuroprotective Curcuminoid Alleviates Glucose Intolerance and Improves Insulin Signaling,” 1Evgeniy Panzhinskiy (MCLS Ph.D. student), 2Paul A. Lapchak, 1Jun Ren, 1Nair Sreejayan (1School of

Top: Kara Springer and Pam Darrow are congratulated by CHS Associate Dean for Research Jun Ren (L) and CHS Dean Joseph Steiner (R) for tying for third place.
Second from top: CHS Dean Joseph Steiner is pictured presenting Jennifer Steiner with the $750 student travel award.
Second from bottom: Yinan Hua is pictured presenting her poster during Grand Rounds.
Bottom: Machender Kandadi explains a point from his research during Grand Rounds.
Pharmacy, University of Wyoming, and 2Department of Neurology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA).

**FACULTY RECEIVE CHS RESEARCH AWARDS**

The following School of Pharmacy faculty research proposals were funded by the college:

- Sreejayan Nair, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology, “A Novel Endogenous Chromium Binding Peptide Improves Insulin Action,” $3,500
- Baskaran Thyagarajan, M.Pharm., Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmaceutics, “TRPV1: A Potential Target Against Epilepsy,” $7,500

**FACULTY RECEIVE CHS MINI-GRANTS**

College of Health Sciences Faculty Development in Aging Mini-Grants, with funds made available through the Ellbogen Fund for Excellence in Geriatrics, were awarded to the following faculty:

- Tonja Woods, Pharm.D., CGP, received $2,600 to support improvements in her geriatric elective and to attend the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting.
- Padmamalini Baskaran, Ph.D., received $1,500 to attend onsite training at the Stanford Geriatric Center faculty development program in Ethnogeriatrics.
NEW DIRECTOR FOR BMS PH.D. PROGRAM

Sreejayan Nair, associate professor of pharmacology, has been appointed the director of the Biomedical Graduate Sciences Program. He replaces Don Roth, who is the deputy director for academics at the School of Energy Resources. Nair also serves as the director of the Center for Cardiovascular Research and Alternative Medicine. Jun Ren, CHS Associate Dean for Research and professor of pharmacology, will serve as the co-director of the program during the transition period.

LAWRENCE STAUBACH SELECTED FOR FACULTY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Lawrence Staubach, assistant professor of social and administrative pharmacy, is one of five recipients selected for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation inaugural Faculty Scholars Program. The program is designed to educate assistant professors from U.S. schools and colleges of pharmacy about designing, implementing, and publishing community-pharmacy-based patient care research. Staubach is a physician-executive and scientist and has worked in diverse industries, including health care delivery, health insurance, pharmaceutical beauty care, and food and beverage.

KURT DOLENCE RECEIVES GOING THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

Kurt Dolence, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, has received the UW Disability Support Services’ “Going the Extra Mile” award for demonstrating qualities of knowledge, sensitivity, service, and helpfulness in assisting students with disabilities at UW.

CLARK AND HILAIRE RECEIVE CHS AWARDS

Suzanne Clark and Michelle Hilaire were honored by the College of Health Sciences for outstanding leadership and service to the college during the CHS awards ceremony in April. Clark, assistant professor of pharmacology, received the CHS Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Award for her work in teaching and research interdisciplinary projects. Hilaire, clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, received the CHS Meritorious Service Award for going above and beyond in the areas of academic and professional service.

SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Lauren Biehle, Pharm.D., BCPS, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice, graduated from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Her practice site is the Rose Family Medicine Residency Program in Denver, Colorado. Biehle teaches in the Therapeutics and Clinical Pharmacokinetics courses. Her clinical and research interests include family medicine, infectious diseases, and medication safety.

Travis Brown, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmaceutical science, obtained his Ph.D. from Washington State University. His research focuses on determining how exposure to drugs of abuse, traumatic events, and painful stimuli ultimately impacts neuroplasticity. Brown teaches Toxicology and has authored or coauthored more than a dozen peer reviewed articles and has received numerous grants.
David Bruch, Pharm.D., graduated from the UW School of Pharmacy. He joined the school as the laboratory coordinator and pharmacy practice lab lecturer after working in community pharmacy for two years. Bruch also assists the Physical Assessment and Patient/Professional Interactions laboratories.

Janna Crumpton, Pharm.D., clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice, graduated from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Her practice site is the Cheyenne Family Medicine Residency Program in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Crumpton teaches in the Therapeutics series of courses.

Lawrence B. Staubach, M.D., M.B.A., assistant professor of social and administrative pharmacy, received his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati and earned an M.B.A. from Xavier University with concentrations in management and marketing. He teaches Organizational/Societal Issues, Pharmacy Administration, and Drug Literature Evaluation.

Angela Thompson, Pharm.D., BCPS, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice, graduated from the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Her practice setting is the UW Family Medicine Residency Program at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she works in ambulatory care. Thompson’s interests include geriatrics, diabetes, women's and men's health, and cardiovascular risk reduction. She teaches in the Therapeutics I and II courses.

Jeremy Vandiver, Pharm.D., BCPS, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice, graduated from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. His primary academic interests include anticoagulation, pain management, and cardiology, but he maintains an active interest in nearly all aspects of inpatient internal medicine. Vandiver teaches in the Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutics IV courses.

Jacqueline Robinson is an office assistant, senior in the Student Services and Data and Communications offices. She was previously with the UW College of Law Dean’s Office. In addition to administrative support, Jacqueline provides assistance with the admissions process and recruitment efforts. She also assists with website maintenance, photo shoots, and publications.
LISA OHNSTAD NAMED TILLMAN MILITARY SCHOLAR

Lisa Ohnstad (class of 2015) has been named a Tillman Military Scholar. She is one of 59 students from 1,280 applicants nationwide selected to receive the prestigious award. Ohnstad, from Weston, Wyoming, is pursuing dual advanced degrees—doctor of pharmacy and an executive MBA—while serving as a Medical Service Corps Officer in the 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Wyoming Air National Guard. The Tillman Military Scholars program supports our nation’s active and veteran servicemembers and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice. Following graduation, Ohnstad plans to become a pharmacist working in rural Wyoming.

PAM DARROW RECEIVES AACP WALMART SCHOLARS AWARD

Pamela Darrow (class of 2013), from Powell, Wyoming, has received a 2012 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Walmart Scholars Award. The award provides $1,000 travel scholarship to 75 student-faculty pairs from across the country. The goal is to strengthen recipients’ research and scholarship skills for careers in academia. Darrow and faculty mentor Michelle L. Hilaire, clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, participated in the AACP Annual Meeting and Teachers Seminar July 13–18 in Kissimmee, Florida.

JENNIFER STEINER NAMED 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. The program exposes health professions students to influential public health professionals and prepares them to be leaders in addressing population health challenges at the national and community level. Steiner is the first Ambrose Scholar from UW.

GREG MILLER NAMED SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Greg Miller (class of 2015), from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is the first UW student-athlete to be named a Mountain West Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The award is the highest honor presented to a student-athlete by the conference and is based on achieving excellence in academics, athletics, and community involvement. Miller was a Wyoming Cowboy in Track and Field for five years. After receiving his doctor of pharmacy, he plans to specialize in nuclear pharmacy.

ASHP CLINICAL SKILLS COMPETITION

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. The competition is an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical scenarios for hospital/health-system pharmacists. It provides pharmacy students the opportunity to enhance their skills in collaborative practice with physicians in providing direct patient care. Local competitions are held each fall on college campuses around the nation.
MEDICATION DISPOSAL DAY

The UW student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association participated in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 28th at Express Pharmacy in Laramie, Wyoming. Students attending were D. Quincy Shaw, Pam Darrow, Melissa Mehle, Shannon Thomas, Lauren O’Dell, Forrest Floyd, Lisa Ohnstad, Jesse Reilly, Tracey Le, Andrew Ssekajja, Jason Cory, and their faculty mentor, UW Drug Information Center Director, Melissa Hunter, Pharm.D.

Approximately 500 prescription and over-the-counter products were brought to the event. Students marked out patient information on prescription vials and logged each medication into a database including the medication name, expiration date, and quantity.

The chapter hopes to continue participating in medication disposal events in the community and plans to work with local pharmacies on National Take Back Days, in addition to local community events, such as the College of Health Sciences Annual Health Fairs. From the amount of medications that were collected, there is an evident need for these events. Keeping these unused medications out of homes and the landfills protects the environment and prevents drug diversion. This event was an educational experience for the students involved.

The UW School of Pharmacy welcomed members of the class of 2016 into its professional pharmacy program in August. First-year professional students attended two days of orientation, followed by the “white coat ceremony” where they were congratulated by Dean John Vandel with family and friends in attendance.
The Mission of the Wyoming Pharmacy Association is to advance the practice and profession of pharmacy through education, understanding, and promotion. Pharmacists and technicians are recognized for their significant contributions to the health care field. They are caring and competent individuals who improve the use of medications, assure the safety of drug therapy, and enhance health-related quality of life.

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- Member forum to discuss pharmacy practice
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- Tripartite Continuing Education Coordinator
- Information about current legislation
- Hot topics
- Publications
- Links to important pharmacy-related sites
- Career center
- Special members-only section
CONTINUING EDUCATION

To ensure the Mission and Vision of the Association, they will now be processing the continuing education credits for the Wyoming Tripartite Committee on Continuing Education.

The pharmacist and/or technician education program must be pre-approved by the Tripartite Committee on Continuing Education. The education must be provided by a qualified individual and contain learning objectives pertinent to the practice and profession of pharmacy in the State of Wyoming.

To have your education program receive Tripartite Continuing Education Credits, please contact the Wyoming Pharmacy Association at director@wpha.net or visit the website at www.wpha.net.

Attend an upcoming WPhA continuing education event:

- Winter CE: January 26, 2013 in Casper at the Hilton
- WPhA/WSHP Annual Convention: June 20–23, 2013 in Laramie
- Technician Conference: October 12, 2013 in Casper at the Hilton
- Winter CE: January 25, 2014 in Gillette at the Settle Inn
- Technician Conference: April 5, 2014 in Cody at the Holiday Inn
- WPhA/WSHP Annual Convention: June 26–29, 2014 in Casper at the Hilton
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