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

**Baskilab Team Presents at the Biophysical Society Annual Meeting**

School of Pharmacy Assistant Professor Baskaran “Baski” Thyagarajan, along with students Vivek Krishnan and Kevin Fettel, presented on dietary capsaicin and obesity at the 2015 Biophysical Society Annual Meeting. The Baskilab team has plans to develop a dietary supplement to help prevent obesity in humans. Read more here.

*Photo front row: “Baski” Thyagarajan, Justine Frantz, Padma Baskaran, Wyatt Fabrizio
Back row: Govind Sah, Yair Limon, Vivek Krishnan*

**Linn and Hornbecker have Featured Article in American Family Physician**

Becky Linn, Clinical Assistant Professor, and Jaime Hornbecker, Clinical Associate Professor, from the School of Pharmacy along with Zachary Flake, Loveland CO physician, had the March 2015 featured article, Practical Selection of Antiemetics in the Ambulatory Setting, in American Family Physician. Read more here.

**Eleanor Noble**

The School of Pharmacy was saddened to hear of the passing of Eleanor Noble, instructor in the School from 1960-1986 this past January. She was 91 years old.
Upcoming Events

April 17th 8:30 am- 3:00 pm
Grand Rounds and Hoy Seminar
Wyoming Union

April 17-18
School of Pharmacy Advisory Council
UW Union and Hilton Garden Inn

April 20th 5:00 pm
1st Annual School of Pharmacy Trivia Night
Email molexy@uwyo.edu for more information

May 9th 5:30 pm
Honors & Awards Banquet
Hilton Garden Inn

May 16 8:30 am
Commencement
Arena Auditorium

Vigil, Mahvan, and Hilaire Publish Article on Cholesterol Management
Ashley Vigil, PharmD candidate 2015, Tracy Mahvan, Associate Professor, and Michelle Hilaire, Clinical Associate Professor from the School of Pharmacy along with Steven Mlodinow, Longmont CO physician, had their article Cholesterol Management in Geriatric Patients: New Guidelines published in the February 2015 issue of Consultant Pharmacist. Read more here.

Ashley Francis Presents Poster on Poison Prevention
Ashley Francis, PharmD candidate 2016, represented the Wyoming Chapter of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy at the December 2014 Clinical Midyear Meeting Student Showcase. She presented a poster on the Chapter’s Poison Prevention Project starring Pinky the Elephant, a large pink elephant mascot.

Pinneo and Falk Compete in the 2014 Clinical Skills Competition
Matthew Pinneo, PharmD candidate 2015, and Andrea Falk, PharmD candidate 2015, competed in the 2014 Clinical Skills Competition hosted by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The Wyoming team was among 127 participating teams. 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.

Kobulnicky to Serve as Director of Interprofessional Education
Carol Kobulnicky, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Administration, will serve as the College of Health Sciences Director of Interprofessional Education (IPE). IPE occurs when students from two or more disciplines are learning with, from, and about each other with the purpose of cultivating collaborative practice. This new position was established to mobilize IPE faculty teams and to coordinate IPE efforts at UW.

Taylor Co-Authors Article in Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine

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Moore and Mentock Present Poster


Michelle Hillaire Presents at Midyear Clinical Meeting

Michelle Hillaire, Clinical Associate Professor, participated in two presentations at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA. The first was a collaborative presentation between the AACP Pharmacy Practice Section and the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists & Scientists entitled Looking into the Hour Glass: Impact and Role of Teaching Certificates Programs on Preceptor Development. Other presenters were Joel Marrs, Timothy Ulbrich, Rachel Kruer and Michael Herald. The presentation discussed the structure and focus of teaching certificate programs for trainees and preceptors and focused on optimal program requirements to enhance the experience.

The second presentation was entitled Balancing Teaching, Service and Scholarship: Tips from a Clinician-Educator, which outlined the potential benefits, opportunities and challenges associated with a career in academia. The speakers were Patricia Chase, current AACP President, Michael Burton, former department chair at Oklahoma and Michelle Hillaire.

Meghan Kolf Represents UW in National Patient Counseling Competition

Meghan Kolf, PharmD candidate 2016, placed in the top ten participants in the 2015 American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists National Patient Counseling Competition. The goal of the Competition is to encourage student pharmacists in their efforts toward becoming better patient educators. Congratulations to Meghan!

Ashley Vigil Presents Research Poster at Midyear Clinical Meeting

Ashley Vigil, PharmD candidate 2015, presented a research poster on Evaluation and Comparison of Provider and Nurse Knowledge Related to Childhood Immunizations at the December 2014 Midyear Clinical Meeting Student Showcase in Anaheim, CA. The project measured the current knowledge of providers and nurses regarding childhood immunizations. The results will be used to design interprofessional training on immunizations as well as ways to appropriately address the topic during patient visits.
Staubach and Singh Receive Mountain West CTR-IN Mini-Grant

Congratulations to Larry Staubach, Assistant Professor, Social and Administrative Pharmacy, and Reshmi Singh, Assistant Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy. They were awarded a Mountain West CTR-IN mini-grant for their project entitled Spicy Food Choice, Medication Use and Nutrition Counseling in A Rural State.

Kobulnicky and Singh Present Group Poster at American Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting

Carol Kobulnicky, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Administration, and Reshmi Singh, Assistant Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy, presented a poster entitled Student Confidence in Interprofessional Competencies Improved by a Team-Based Patient Case Assignment at the 2015 American Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting. The study's aim was to improve student confidence in targeted interprofessional education (IPE) core competencies. The study found that a two-week IPE case-based assignment embedded across existing discipline-based courses in pharmacy, nursing, speech language pathology, and social work improved student confidence levels for interprofessional practice. Their co-authors were Mary Anne Purtzer, PhD (Nursing), Catherine L. Ross, MS (Communication Disorders), and Lindsey Overstreet, MSW.