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New School of Pharmacy Dean Announced

Kem Krueger has been appointed as the new Dean of the School of Pharmacy. His appointment was the result of a comprehensive national search, and coincides with the 70th Anniversary of the UW School of Pharmacy (UWSOP). Krueger obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1993 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at the VA Medical Center- Kansas City. He earned a PhD from the University of Arizona with an emphasis in pharmacoconomics in 1999. He and his wife Janelle were on faculty at the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy for seven years prior to joining the UWSOP in 2005. He has served in various Associate Dean positions at the UWSOP over the past five years.



During his 17 years in academia he has received numerous teaching and research awards and has obtained over \$2,000,000 in research funding. He has been elected to offices in multiple national and state pharmacy organizations and has served on numerous state and national advisory boards. In his Associate Dean roles he has been involved in the development and implementation of an online Master of Science in Health Services Administration, facilitation of a new strategic planning process, the creation of a new UWSOP assessment program, and establishing the Wyoming Practice-Based Research Network. Krueger will begin as dean on July 1, 2016.

Upcoming Events

April 23rd 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

[Badminton Tournament](#)

Half Acre Gym

April 24th 2:00 pm

[Pharmacy Phrolic 5K Run/Walk](#)

Optimist Park, Laramie

April 28th 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm

College of Health Science

Faculty/Staff Meeting and Awards

Reception

HS Surge Area

May 6th 6:00 pm

Honors & Awards Banquet

Hilton Garden Inn

May 9-13

P4 Reflective Week

Wyoming Union

May 14th 8:30 am

[Commencement](#)

Arena Auditorium

May 20th

School of Pharmacy Strategic
Planning Retreat

Location TBA

Pharmacy Students take the lead at Relay for Life

School of Pharmacy students raised a total of \$5,495 as part of the University of Wyoming's Relay for Life event for 2016. The students began with a fundraising competition between the P1, P2, and P3 classes, and for the Relay for Life event all the classes joined together to walk as a team and cheer each other on through the night. The combined Pharmacy team won Top Overall Team for fundraising and Best Use of Theme. Ross Davidson, P3 team captain said "I was impressed with the generous support from faculty, staff, students and friends. It was a great way to honor loved ones who are fighting or who have fought cancer. The inter-class competition was motivating, but what really mattered was the combined effort from the School of Pharmacy. It was my first time participating and it definitely won't be my last." To view more images of the Relay team, [find us on Facebook](#).

L.S. Skaggs Research Laboratory Dedicated



School of Pharmacy faculty, students, and staff were joined by Dean Joe Steiner and UW President Dick McGinity for the dedication of the newly remodeled L.S. Skaggs Research Laboratory on March 3rd. The lab houses the research of Assistant Professor Jared Bushman and his team of student and postdoctoral research assistants. Bushman's team

is working to develop a new technique for peripheral nerve regeneration that would have a significant impact for patients who experience peripheral nerve injury or disease.

Funding for the remodel and other research support was provided by the ALSAM Foundation. The lab is named in honor of founder L.S. "Sam" Skaggs, a successful entrepreneur who changed the landscape for grocery and drug stores in American, and a philanthropist with a special interest in supporting research aimed at alleviating human suffering.

Frantz Participates in 2016 NACDS RxIMPACT Day



Justine Frantz, PharmD candidate 2019, was selected to participate in the 2016 NACDS RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill on March 16th and 17th. Pharmacy students spent the first day learning about how to provide effective advocacy. During the second day of the event, participants met with legislators. Frantz met with Senator John Barrasso and Representative Cynthia Lummis (pictured), and one item they discussed was H.R. 592, the Pharmacist Provider Status Bill. Frantz

shared "As a student the legislation means a lot to me because I'm looking forward to my career and how the pharmacy field will continue to evolve." To read more about Frantz's experience, [click here](#).

Krueger Publishes article in American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education

[Janelle Krueger](#), Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, published an article entitled "[Student-Valued Measurable Teaching Behaviors of Award-Winning Pharmacy Preceptors](#)" in AJPE. Krueger and her co-authors analyzed student feedback to identify the most effective behaviors of excellent preceptors.



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Governor Matt Mead Visits Baskilab



Governor Matt Mead joined School of Pharmacy faculty and students to tour the Molecular Signaling Laboratory in the UW School of Pharmacy on Tuesday, March 29th. Also known as Baskilab, the Molecular Signaling Laboratory houses the research of Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics Baskaran Thyagarajan and his team.

The research team presented Governor Mead with an overview of their research projects and a tour of the facilities and equipment involved. They also discussed their grant funding opportunities and the potential economic and healthcare implications for Wyoming.

Members of the Baskilab team that met with Governor Mead include Baskaran Thyagarajan, Padma Baskaran, Vivek Krishnan, Yair Limon, Laurel Markret, and Kara Nazminia. Read more [here](#).

IPE News



The College of Health Sciences 3rd Annual Interprofessional Education Retreat took place on January 21st. School of Pharmacy faculty members [Janelle Krueger](#) and [Carol Kobulnicky](#) were among the presenters. Participants also had a chance to develop future IPE collaborations and learn about IPE resources and tools.

Ren and Nair Chair Symposium at ASPET Meeting



Jun Ren



Sree Nair

[Jun Ren](#), Professor of Pharmacology and Wyoming INBRE Program Director, and [Sree Nair](#), Professor of Pharmacology and Associate Dean of Research, organized and chaired a symposium on “Novel Targets for Treatment of Cardiometabolic Diseases” at the recently concluded, [American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics \(ASPET\) Annual Meeting](#) at the 2016 Experimental Biology Meeting, April 6, 2016. The symposium was aimed at highlighting the emerging molecular pathways which may serve as novel treatment targets for cardiometabolic diseases. Read more [here](#).



Snyder Elected as Phi Delta Chi Regional Correspondent



Snyder (left) with Tiffany Johnson, Grand Vice President for Collegiate Affairs

Lindsey Snyder, PharmD candidate 2017, was elected to serve as a Regional Correspondent at the Phi Delta Chi Regional Conference in March. Regional Correspondents serve as liaisons between their local Chapters, the National Office, and the Grand Officers. They facilitate the flow of information and provide motivation and encouragement at the chapter level. At the Mountain Regional Conference Snyder progressed through a rigorous application, interview, and election process to be selected as regional correspondent. Her term begins in May.

New Online M.S. in Health Services Administration begins Fall 2016

The School of Pharmacy is offering a new online M.S. degree beginning in the 2016 fall semester. A total of nine different curriculum tracks will be offered, and three of these will be available beginning this fall. Students beginning in [Fall 2016](#), [Spring 2017](#), or [Summer 2017](#) can specialize in Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Compliance, Health Economics and Outcomes, or Biopharmaceutical Product Representation. To find out more about the curriculum or to apply, [click here](#).

Krueger Elected to National Office in Pharmacy Leadership Society



[Kem Krueger](#), Associate Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Assessment, was elected President of [Phi Lambda Sigma](#), the Pharmacy Leadership Society, on March 5, 2016 during the 41st Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD. Phi Lambda Sigma was established in 1965 to develop leadership qualities among pharmacy students and pharmacists and to recognize leaders in the profession. Read more [here](#).

Students Participate in ACCP Research Challenge



Hutchinson, Schneider, and Milano

Second year PharmD students participated in the new ACCP Clinical Research Challenge. Students formed two teams of three members for the local Journal Club Competition. The winners of the local competition were Carson Hutchinson, Victoria Milano and Sydney Schneider, while the runners up were Nandini Rajashanmugam, Haley Schmelzer and Erin Yarborough. Hutchinson,

Milano and Schneider moved on to represent the School of Pharmacy in Round 1 of the national competition. Find out more about the competition [here](#).

Alumni Resources



Alumni, did you know that the staff at the UW Center for Advising and Career Services are available to assist you in your job search? Whether you are a recent graduate or an experienced candidate, you can still contact Career Services for resume, cover letter and interview assistance.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/cacs/alumni-resources/>

Alumni News

Do you have any news to share with us? We'd love to feature your news in *The News Capsule*.

APhA-ASP Participates in Pharmacy Legislative Day



Linzi Barton, PharmD candidate 2017, provides services at Pharmacy Legislative Day

Eleven students and two faculty from the School of Pharmacy traveled to Cheyenne to take part in the 1st Annual Pharmacy Legislative Day at the Jonah Financial Center on February 26th. Pharmacy students provided information on topics such as medication safety, tobacco cessation, flu vaccination, and diabetes, and took blood pressure readings for interested participants. The purpose of Pharmacy Legislative Day is to raise awareness of the pharmacy profession and engage in legislative advocacy. Read more [here](#).

Alumni News



Anna Sweat (Beardsley), class of 2010, is now a Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist. She is the first and only pharmacist in Wyoming to hold the certification. Critical Care Pharmacists work as members of interprofessional teams to ensure the safe and effective use of medications in critically ill patients. To be eligible, a pharmacist must have practice experience in critical care pharmacy activities or a combination of practice experience with completion of a residency and achieve a passing score on the Critical Care Pharmacy exam.

Faculty Service

[Allison Mann](#), Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, is serving as reviewer for the AACP's 2016-18 Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program Series.

School of Pharmacy faculty serve as mentors to pre-pharmacy students who are participating in the Aspire program. The program provides students with opportunities for personal and professional growth in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and professionalism. [Michelle Hilaire](#), [Lanae Fox](#), [Carol Kobulnicky](#), and [Jaime Hornecker](#) are currently serving as mentors in the program.

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