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Student News

**Lyndie Gore** and **Brandon Tritle** (both PharmD candidates, 2017) represented the University of Wyoming School in the national Clinical Skills Competition at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December. A total of 131 teams competed. The Competition provides pharmacy students the opportunity to enhance their skills in collaborative practice with physicians in providing direct patient care.



While at the Midyear Meeting Gore and Tritle also engaged in networking activities and attended wide range of programming including the keynote address by Peyton Manning, and numerous presentations.

Gore says "The highlight of this event, for me, was the residency showcase. The showcase provided me the forum where I could talk to interesting residency programs and ask them the questions I had and to help narrow down my decision for the upcoming year. Admittedly, I think I might have arrived home with more questions than I went to Midyear with, but I learned a lot about what I am looking for in my future career."

School of Pharmacy students participated in the American Pharmacists Association's local patient counseling competition on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The



*Trierweiler*

competition is coordinated by the local APhA-ASP chapter and organized by **Haley Schmeltzer** and **Erin Yarborough** (both PharmD candidates, 2018). **Danielle Trierweiler** (PharmD candidate, 2018) was the winner of the local competition, and she will go on to represent the School of Pharmacy at the national competition in San Francisco at the APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition on March 24-27<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the APhA-ASP National Patient Counseling Competition is to encourage student pharmacists in their efforts toward becoming better patient educators.

## Upcoming Events

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
University offices closed

**January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm**

Reception hosted by UWSOP and  
Wyoming Pharmacy Association  
WWCC, Room 1309  
Rock Springs

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Spring Semester Begins

**March 13-17**

Spring Break



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**Justine Frantz** (PharmD candidate, 2019) had the opportunity to attend the American



Pharmacist Association's Institutes for Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies over the summer of 2016 at the University of Utah. The Institute is intended to increase awareness of the health and social problems of alcoholism and other drug dependencies and to provide resources to pharmacists and student pharmacists. At the conference, Frantz attended sessions on topics ranging from prescription drug abuse to medical marijuana. Frantz notes that the conference "really helped to change the way I viewed addiction, giving a face to a very serious disease. This conference was incredibly important to my future career in pharmacy."

Student travel to professional events such as the ASHP Midyear Meeting, the APhA Annual Meeting, and the Institutes for Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies are funded with the assistance of the [Student Development Fund](#).

## Faculty News

**Carol Kobulnicky**, Associate Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy, has the following recent publications:

Purtzer MA, Hermansen-Kobulnicky CJ. Optimizing the Benefits of Cancer Patient Tracking and Journaling. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 2016, 43(6), E218-E225 DOI: 10.1188/16.ONF.E218-E225.

Lourdes P, Hermansen-Kobulnicky CJ. Interpersonal Communication for Patient Care, *Social and Behavioral Aspects of Pharmacy Practice*, N.M. Rickles, A.I. Wertheimer, J.C. Schommer, Eds. Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, Dubuque, IA, 2016, 225-59.

**Lauren Biehle** Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, gave a roundtable



presentation entitled: "Increasing interprofessional student engagement through innovative games: why should we play to learn?" at the Pharmacy [SNOW](#) (Strategies for New Opportunities Worldwide) Symposium at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Colorado in December. The purpose of the Symposium is to "bring pharmacy practitioners and educators together to share knowledge and best practices for the advancement of pharmacy education and practice worldwide."

**Tonja Woods**, Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, had an article published in *The American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* entitled "Academic Freedom Should be Redefined: Point and Counterpoint". The article was the result of a project she conducted with her AACP Academic Leadership Fellows Program cohort.

**Thanh-Nga Nguyen**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, and **Leena Myran**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, have received mini grants for faculty development in interprofessional care and aging from the [Wyoming Center on Aging](#).



**Michelle Hilaire** was appointed to the Colorado Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee for a two year term (2017-2019). The committee performs clinical reviews of drug classes and makes recommendations which help the Department develop and manage the Colorado Medicaid Preferred Drug List.