



School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

## >> Dean's eNotes



### Welcome to the October edition of eNotes

I am pleased to announce our new Dean, Dr. James O'Donnell, began his position with the school on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Dean O'Donnell has begun the process of 'getting to know' everyone at the school and is looking forward to meeting our alumni, partners, and friends during the course of the academic year. A formal welcome from the Dean follows in this newsletter.

The school began the fall semester by welcoming the Class of 2017 to Kapoor Hall as we welcomed many alumni

October 2013

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Welcome from Dean O'Donnell



I would like to extend my first welcome to you as the 11<sup>th</sup> Dean of the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. During my first month as Dean, it has become even more evident to me the strength and innovativeness of our school. My meetings with faculty, staff, and students have reinforced the crucial role we play in improving and enhancing the delivery of health care to the

communities we serve, the high caliber trans-disciplinary research we engage in, and the progressive educational experience we provide to our students.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the coming months. The insight and support of our alumni, partners, and friends as well as our faculty, staff, and students is something I value greatly. Please know I will be reaching out to many of you as I begin my journey here as Dean to help me further strengthen and lead the school to even greater accomplishments. In the interim if you have thoughts to share, please feel free to e-mail or call.

back to campus to celebrate their reunions, welcome Dean O'Donnell, and bid a fond farewell to Dean Anderson as he retires. Look for Dean O'Donnell to continue to greet you in this welcome section in our future editions of eNotes.

Please stay in touch. Send us updates on your personal and professional accomplishments to [phm-alumni@buffalo.edu](mailto:phm-alumni@buffalo.edu).

*Warm regards,  
Rebecca Brierley  
Assistant Dean,  
Office of External Affairs*

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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James M. O'Donnell, PhD  
Professor and Dean

### [2013 UB Pharmacy Reunion Celebration Weekend, September 26-28](#)

Our 2013 Reunion Celebration was a great success. Hundreds of alumni, friends, faculty and staff attended the multiple days of programming which included the Gerhard Levy Distinguished Lectureship Series, Continuing Education Program on Medical Marijuana, Tours of Kapoor Hall, Gala Dinner at the Lafayette Hotel, and UB Bulls Football and Tailgate Party (Bulls won 41-12 vs. UConn!). Celebration festivities culminated with the recognition events in honor of Dean Anderson beginning his retirement as well as welcoming Dean O'Donnell to Buffalo and the school.

[Read More:](#)

### [2013 Orientation and White Coat Ceremony](#)

On August 22 and 23 the Class of 2017 was welcomed to campus. This was our largest P1 Class to date, 130 students! Students attended presentations on preparing for courses and rotations, residencies and fellowships, financial aid and also had the opportunity to be involved in a Q&A Session with our distinguished alumni panel: **Karen Brim '82, Scott Monte '06, Brian Salvas '11, and Mark Stramaglia '81.** [Read More:](#)

### [2013 HIV Pharmacotherapy Symposium](#)

The Office of Post-Graduate Professional Education presented an HIV Pharmacotherapy Update Symposium on Friday, July 26 in Kapoor Hall. Dr. Gene D. Morse, Associate Director of Translational Pharmacology Core-New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences and Professor of Pharmacy Practice, provided opening remarks. As Director of the PGY2 HIV/AIDS Pharmacotherapy Fellowship and Residency Program, he presented a history of the post-doctoral training programs and the development of the HIV Pharmacotherapy Online Education Center. [Read More:](#)

## ALUMNI NOTES

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### Patricia Kroboth '71 Recipient of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology Bristol Myers Squibb Mentorship in Clinical Pharmacology Award

Patricia Kroboth '71, was awarded the Bristol-Myers Squibb Mentorship in Clinical Pharmacology Award during the 2013 annual meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.

The award is bestowed to those who demonstrate exemplary promotion of clinical pharmacology, with emphasis on training/guidance of junior scientists and/or colleagues. She is the Dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

### Xiaoyu Yan '12 Recipient of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology McKenn Cattell Memorial Award

Xiaoyu Yan '12 was awarded the McKenn Cattell Memorial Award at the 2013 ACCP annual meeting.

This award recognizes an outstanding research paper published in the Journal Clinical Pharmacology during the preceding year and is typically presented to the first author of the paper. Wojciech Krzyzanski, associate professor, pharmaceutical sciences, also contributed to this research paper.

#### In Memoriam:

Joseph Krassenbaum '39

Philip Stamp '53

Michael DiVincenzo '54

G. Frank Wolfisch '61

George Merz '62

## FACULTY/STAFF NOTES

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### Presentations

#### Scott Monte Presents at World Conference: International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

Scott Monte, clinical assistant professor, pharmacy practice, presented: *Monte, S. V., & Caruana, J. A. (2013, August). Revision of Gastric Bypass for Failed Weight Loss by Shortening of the Common Channel Improves Foregut and Hindgut Metabolic*

*Response at the 18th World Conference: International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders, Istanbul, Turkey.*

### Grants

#### Brian Tsuji Co-Investigator on \$2.5M NIH-R01 Grant

Brian Tsuji, assistant professor, pharmacy practice and Timothy Murphy, MD, UB distinguished professor and senior associate dean, clinical and translational research center, primary investigator, received a five year \$2.5M NIH award for their R01 Grant: *Persistent H. influenzae in COPD - virulence, vaccines and antibiotic resistance.*

### Awards and Recognitions

**Javier Blanco**, associate professor, pharmaceutical sciences, research work with the Children's Oncology Group was cited in a [Nature editorial, 27 June 2013, volume 498.](#)

**Karl Fiebelkorn**, associate dean, student affairs and professional relations, was a panel member for the University at Buffalo health care discussion team reviewing the film, *Escape Fire, The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare* at Allen Hall on UB's south campus, 9/7/13. The panel discussion included Western New York health care leaders.

**Marilyn Morris**, professor, pharmaceutical sciences, received the 2013 Faculty of Pharmacy Alumni of Distinction Award from the University of Manitoba.



#### New Hires

**Christopher Daly** – clinical assistant professor, pharmacy practice

**Qing Ma** - assistant professor, pharmacy practice

**Dhaval Shah** – assistant professor, pharmaceutical sciences

**Gauri Rao**, assistant professor, pharmacy practice

**Ying Xu**, research assistant professor, pharmaceutical sciences

#### STUDENT NOTES

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##### [Student Research on Ovarian Cancer Gains National Attention](#)

PharmD students: **Michelle Amsler '14**, **Kristina Chmiel '15**, **Olesya Yaremko '14** and **Clare Carroll '14** (with faculty advisor **Dr. Alice Ceacareanu**) research work on statins reducing ovarian cancer was cited in the e-publication, [The Gupta Guide](#)

Their research was also previously presented at the [2013 American Association for Cancer Research Annual meeting](#).

##### [SPSA Alumni Networking Program](#)

On September 19th, the School of Pharmacy Student Association organized its first alumni networking event of the 2013-14 academic

year. SPSA Officers organized the event downtown at Templeton Landing where 30+ alumni and community pharmacists met with 130+ students to discuss career networking and professional opportunities.

[Read More:](#)

### [UB Students Shine at NCPA National Meeting](#)

UB Pharmacy was well represented at the 2013 National Community Pharmacists Association annual meeting. [Read More:](#)

### [Students Win Best Poster Competition at 2013 ACCP Meeting](#)

Congratulations to **Michael Bear '14, Amy Suen '14, Justin Lenhard '14 and Zack Bulman '15** for their receipt of First Prize for the Best Student Poster at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy annual meeting for their research Novel Double and Triple Antibiotic Combinations at Clinically Relevant Concentrations Against Polymyxin B-Resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

[Read More:](#)

### [APhA-ASP Events](#)

The American Pharmacist Academy of Student Pharmacists hosted these events during the fall semester: [Read More:](#)

### [Lambda Kappa Sigma Wellmess Clinics](#)

**Jovin Panthapattu '16**, LKS Service Chair, organized two recent wellness clinics at Tops Markets. **Jeffrey Scott '02** assisted LKS with these clinics.

### [SPAWNY P1 Liaisons Chosen](#)

The Student Pharmacist Association of Western New York (SPAWNY) Liaison Committee chose **Ali Scrimenti '17 and Corey Wells '17** as the new P1 liaisons to the Pharmacists Association of Western New York (PAWNY). [Read More:](#)

### [AMCP Summer Internship](#)

**Mahsa Salsabili '14** recipient of an Association of Managed Care Pharmacy nine week summer internship in Minnesota where she worked with pharmacy management consultants and pharmacists

in various managed care pharmacies and engaged in leadership training and presentations on health care reform.

#### [PharmD/MBA Students in UB Buffalo Business Magazine](#)

Congratulations to **Brian Bowman '16, Francesca Sosnowksi '16, Peter Fendt '16, and Alain Nguyen '14** for being featured in the [UB Buffalo Business Fall 2013 magazine](#).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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##### [ASHP Mid Year Meeting Alumni and Friends Reception:](#)

Monday, December 9, 2013, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Hyatt Regency Orlando (formerly the Peabody), Celebration Rooms 12-13. RSVPs are appreciated but not required: Julie Kopfer Maranca, Department of Pharmacy Practice: [juliekop@buffalo.edu](mailto:juliekop@buffalo.edu)

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