Welcome to the May edition of eNotes

Welcome to our May eNotes. It is hard for me to believe that we are at the end of my first academic year as Dean. The meetings, conversations and interactions I have had continue to reinforce the school’s significant accomplishments and leadership in both science and clinical practice. It is truly my pleasure to help lead and direct these achievements allowing our students, faculty and staff the opportunity to explore the many ways we can continue to positively...

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SCHOOL NEWS

Commencement

On Saturday, May 17th, the school had the great please to confer over 140 degrees to our BS, MS, PharmD and PhD graduates. Dr. Patricia Chase, Dean, West Virginia School of Pharmacy was the commencement guest speaker and is the president-elect for the American Association for Colleges of Pharmacy.

Commencement Video

We wish all our graduates the best of luck! Please keep us updated as to your personal and professional accomplishments as well as updates on address and email by visiting our alumni tell us about yourself contact page.

10th Annual Awards Ceremony

The school was proud to recognize alumni, faculty, staff, and students with honors and awards at our Annual Awards Ceremony, April 10th at UB’s Center for Tomorrow. With over 120 guests looking on, our award winners were honored for their contributions to the school, the profession of pharmacy, as well as for the pursuit of scholarly achievements.

Willis G. Gregory Memorial Alumni Award

Joseph Voelkl ’59

Orville C. Baxter Memorial Professional Practice Alumni Award
influence health care.

In this edition of eNotes you will read about many successes in research and other scholarly pursuits as well as end of the year celebrations and commencement activities. I invite you to please stay in touch. Send updates on your personal and professional accomplishments to phtm-alumni@buffalo.edu.

Warm regards,
James M. O’Donnell, PhD
Professor and Dean

SOCIAL MEDIA

Mark Sinnett ’83 and ’87
Daniel H. Murray Memorial Professional Development Award

Elizabeth Lakota ’15
Outstanding Teacher Awards

Nicole Albanese, Karl Fiebelkorn ’78 and Gina Prescott
SoPPS Staff Member of the Year

Kelly Tooley
United State Public Health Service Corps Excellence in Pharmacy Practice Award

Kristen Fodero ’14
APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition Award

Rebecca Campbell ’15
APhA-ASP Chapter Service Award

Brian Baur ’14
MEDISCA Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition

Nicholas Filk ’14, Colleen Gardon ’15, Sophia Minn ’15 and Christina Wang ’15
NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition Award

Justin Bader ’15, Lindsey Feuz ’14, Nicholas Hopwood ’14 and Charles Hinton ’15
Roger Mantsavinos Award

Sohee Chang ’14
UB Pharmacy Alumni Award

Dana Munn ’14

The school’s student leaders, Gregory Society members, preceptors, and Dean’s Ambassadors were also recognized. The school congratulates all our award recipients and special recognition attendees!
Residency Project Presentation Day

On April 24th, the UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences held its 10th annual Resident Project Presentation Day. This year, 44 postgraduate year one (PGY-1) and postgraduate year two (PGY-2) pharmacy practice residents presented their research to residency program directors, residency preceptors, faculty and fellow residents from across Western and Central New York. Participating programs included the University at Buffalo residency programs, Kaleida Health, Buffalo VA Medical Center, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, University of Rochester Medical Center, Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse VA Medical Center, and St. Joseph’s Hospital Heath Center of Syracuse. This marks the second year that the program has taken place at our new home, Kapoor Hall.

Update on Postgraduate Residency Training

This year, approximately 28% of our graduating class pursued postgraduate training in the form of postgraduate year one (PGY-1) residency training or fellowship training. On March 21st, ASHP Residency Match results were released. Of the students who entered the match and ranked programs, 73% successfully matched with a residency training program. Our students have consistently performed above the national match rate (64% in 2014) for three out of the last four years. Students will be completing residencies or fellowships at the following programs:

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Reunion Celebration Weekend 9/12/14 - 9/13/14

The school and the alumni association are very pleased to announce the following reunion programs and events:

Friday, 9/12/14
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Kapoor Hall
Key Note Speaker: Susan Fagan, PharmD ’84: Assistant Dean and Director, Center for Pharmacy and Experimental Therapeutics, Medical College of Georgia, Georgia Regents University
Presentation Title: Angiogenesis as a target for recovery after stroke.
Dr. Fagan’s Profile
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Kapoor Hall

**Key Note Reception**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: UB North Campus Stampede Square

**UB Bulls Tailgate Party with UB Pharmacy**

8:00 PM: UB North Campus, UB Stadium

**UB Bulls vs Baylor Bears Football Game**

Saturday, 9/13/14

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Kapoor Hall

**Continuing Education Program: Over the Counter Medications.** Presented by: Erin Slazak, assistant professor, pharmacy practice.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Kapoor Hall

**Tours of Kapoor Hall**

History of Pharmacy in Buffalo Workshop: Presented by: Cindy Konovitz, assistant dean for informatics and apothecary director

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Templeton Landing Restaurant, Buffalo

**All Alumni Cocktail Party; Milestone Class Dinners and private class events following**

We will be recognizing the following milestone classes at reunion, but **ALL ALUMNI from any graduation year are invited to participate in any and all events: Classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 2004.** Many of our milestone classes have already begun plans for private dinners and other social function. Want to make sure your milestone class has the opportunity for a private class function??? Please contact the Office of External Affairs for information: phm-alumni@buffalo.edu.

Pricing and other information for all events will be available in the next few weeks. Please see our website in July for more information or contact the Office of External Affairs: phm-alumni@buffalo.edu or 716-645-3340.

**11th Annual Student Scholarship Scramble Golf Tournament**

Please join us on Monday, 6/9/14 for our 11th Annual Student Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Lockport Town and Country Club. Cost is $155.00 and includes all golf fees, lunch, cocktails and
dinner. Dinner only is $40.00. Please register by May 30th. Questions: Office of External Affairs: phtm-alumni@buffalo.edu or 716-645-3340.

ALUMNI NOTES

Alumni Volunteer with Pre-Pharmacy and P1 students
Much thanks to the following alumni who assisted the admissions office this spring with meetings and panel discussions with pre-pharmacy and P1 students: Kari Mergenhagen ‘07, Donald Pritchard ’53, Paul Scavone ’59, Lucille LoTempio ’84 & ’87, Karen Mlodozeniec ’91, Scott Monte ‘06, Kari Wilkens ’05, and Amy Wojciechowski ‘12.

Karen Brim’s Son Recruited by the Buffalo Bills
Congratulations to Karen Brim ‘82 and her son, Derek Brim (UB Engineering Class of 2014) for being offered a free agency contract by the Buffalo Bills.

Roseanne Maria Maia Santos ’05 Member of 2nd International Summit on Clinical Pharmacy
Roseanne Maria Maia Santos ’05 was invited to be member of the 2nd International Summit on Clinical Pharmacy and will be offering a workshop during the summit entitled: International Forum on Coffee and its Health Effects: Pre-clinical studies ‘in vivo’ and ‘in vitro’, clinical and epidemiological evidences. The intent of the workshop is to inform and discuss the latest discoveries on the research of coffee and its effects on human health.

In Memoriam
Raymond Prutz ’54
Patricia Lieveld ‘84

FACULTY/STAFF NOTES
**Gene Morse Featured in ACTG Clinical Trials Network**

The ACTG Clinical Trials Network recently did a profile article on Gene Morse, professor, pharmacy practice and director of the AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG) Network's Clinical Pharmacology Core on his work in moving ACTG pharmacology forward nationally and internationally with a focus on his NIH Fogarty International Center AIDS International Training and Research Program with the University of Zimbabwe.

**Mark Wrobel Discusses Effective Management of Stroke Patients MedPage Today**

Mark Wrobel, clinical assistant professor pharmacy practice and director of advisement, was featured in the online health news service, MedPage Today, regarding pharmacists' positive intervention in management of blood pressure and cholesterol levels in patients recovering from minor strokes.

**Alice Ceacareanu Receives $530,000 Award from NYS Health Workforce Retraining Initiative**

Congratulations to Alice Ceacareanu, assistant professor, pharmacy practice on her receipt of a $530,000 award from the New York State Health Workforce Retraining Initiative. This award will help establish a certificate program for all community pharmacists practicing within, or laid off, from the New York City region to provide them with the necessary cancer knowledge to partner in cancer patient care during and after forecasted oncologist shortages. This certificate program will focus on the nuances of pharmaceutical care in cancer patients and allow community pharmacists to develop the skills needed to ensure drug safety and best treatment outcomes in their cancer patients.

**Edward Bednarczyk Buffalo News Opinion Piece on the Need for Research for Medical Marijuana**

Read Ed Bednarczyk, chair, department of pharmacy practice, Buffalo News opinion piece on the need for further research regarding the broader legalization of medical marijuana.

**Sawyer and Hempel Receive Rho Chi Awards**
Congratulations to Josh Sawyer, assistant professor, pharmacy practice for receiving the 2014 Rho Chi Excellence in Teaching Award and to Caroline Hempel, assistant professor, pharmacy practice for receiving the 2014 Rho Chi Outstanding Alumni Award.

**Cindy Konovitz Receives Grant to Assist with Preservation of Apothecary**

Congratulations to Cindy Konovitz, assistant dean, informatics and apothecary director, for receiving a $3500 grant from the Heritage Preservation to assist in the preservation of apothecary artifacts. A professional conservator will be provided to the school to assess our collections and make recommendations for improvement.

**Sarah Passafiume and Peter Brody Receive AACP Walmart Scholars Program Awards**

Congratulations to Sarah Passafiume, PGY1 resident and Peter Brody, assistant professor and director of experiential education, for receipt of a $1000 travel scholarship from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Walmart Scholars Program. This scholarship will allow them to attend the 2014 AACP Annual Meeting with the goal of strengthening trainee skills and commitment to a career in academic pharmacy.

**Robin DeFrancesco Named Chair of SQA Bioanalytic Specialty Section**

Congratulations to Robin DeFrancesco, program manager, clinical pharmacology quality assurance, for her appointment as Chair of the Society for Quality Assurance Bioanalytic Quality Section. SQA is a professional membership organization dedicated to promoting and advancing the principles and knowledge of quality assurance essential to human, animal and environmental health.

**New Hires**

Jeffrey Lombardo, research assistant professor

**STUDENT NOTES**

SoPPS Students Highlight UB Center of Excellence Awards
Congratulations to the following students for various recognitions at UB’s 2014 Celebration of Academic Excellence.

**Kayla Maxwell**, PharmD-PhD program: SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Student Excellence.

**Xiaochen Zhao**, PHC PhD program: Sigma Xi Graduate Research Poster: *Cellular pharmacodynamic model of Rituximab and Doxorubicin in non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma*. Only three UB students are chosen to present posters.

**Sara DiTursi**, PharmD P2 student: Sigma Xi Poster Competition: *Poly(lactic-co-glycolic) Acid-Chitosan Lamivudine/Nevirapine-Loaded Nanoparticle Formulations for Sustained Release Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV*.

**Robert Dingman**, PHC BS program: UB Undergraduate Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity.

**Celebration of the Clinical Research Program 2014**

Congratulations to the following P4 students for participating in the two day Clinical Research Program 2014 Presentations. Program faculty members: Dr. Alan Forrest, Dr. Brian Tsuji, Dr. Guari Rao and Dr. Qing Ma oversaw this program recognizing the following research students and their research projects:

**Recognized research students**

**Rho Chi Inducts New Members**

The Rho Chi Society encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The Society further encourages high standards of conduct and character and fosters fellowship among its members. The students below represent the P2 class members in the top 20% of their class and were inducted in the Rho Chi during their spring dinner.

**Rho Chi new inductees**

**LKS News**

**Lambda Kappa Sigma hosts “Spring into Health” Fair**

LKS hosted its second annual “Spring into Health” Fair at the Weinberg Campus, a local senior retirement community. The fair was coordinated by LKS Service Chair, Jovin Panthapattu ’16 and the 2014 Health Fair Committee: Maggie Huynh ’17, Tommy Ko ’16,
Judy Lam ’15, Kent Lee ’17, Andrew Liang ’17, Ha-Uyen (Cecilia) Pham ’17, Alfred Yeung ’16 and Yip-Kee Zou ’15. APhA-ASP SNPhA and SSHP also assisted with this event and helped LKS confirm preceptors, students as well as finalized event plans. The fair promoted patient education with over 10 informational booths on elder care health topics. The fair hosted 60 visitors and over 150 documented patient-pharmacy student/pharmacist interactions.

Lambda Kappa Sigma supports the American Cancer Society

LKS participated in UB’s Annual Relay for Life and raised more than $500.00 to support the American Cancer Society. LKS members Kevin Szeto ’17 and Joanne Tang ’16 coordinated activities during the event to support this year’s superheroes theme which brought in additional fundraising support.

Lambda Kappa Sigma receives 2014 UB Community Impact Award

The LKS Service Committee was the recipient of the 2014 Student Organization Community Impact Award. LKS was honored at the annual UB Pillars of Leadership Ceremony for community outreach events during the 2013-2014 academic year and was selected to receive this prestigious award by the University at Buffalo’s Center for Student Leadership & Community Engagement.

LKS Individual Accomplishments

Jovin Panthapattu ’16, received the 2014 Ruth Davies Flaherty Service Award from the school’s Lambda Kappa Sigma chapter. Recipients are chosen by chapter members for their outstanding chapter service and loyalty. Panthapattu served as LKS’ Service Chair during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Sohee Chang ’14, received 2014 Ethel J. Heath Scholarship Key. The award is given in recognition of outstanding scholarship to a graduating LKS member who has attained a cumulative scholastic rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

ASCP Hold ‘Senior’ Prom

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) Student Chapter held their 2nd Annual Prom for Senior Citizens on May 7th
at Bassett Park Manor. Over 25 students assisted with the prom and over 40 seniors, and their family members, attended. The event was enjoyed by all and ASCP would like to thank the School of Pharmacy Student Association (SPSA) for providing funding for this program.

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Recognizes Exceptional BS Seniors

Congratulations to these outstanding pharmaceutical sciences graduating BS students:

**Van Anh Nguyen**, *The Outstanding Graduating Senior Award In Pharmaceutical Sciences Award*. Presented to the most outstanding BS graduate based on overall performance, including GPA and leadership.

**Robert Dingman**, *The Robert H. Gumtow Undergraduate Research Award In Pharmaceutical Sciences*. Presented to a graduating BS student who has performed the most outstanding research.

Erik Hefti ‘14 Publishes Scientific Manuscript

Congratulations to Erik Hefti ‘14 for having his scientific manuscript *Analysis of mtDNA, miR-155 and BACH1 expression in hearts from donors with- and without- Down syndrome*, accepted for publication by the journal, *Mitochondrial DNA*. Authors are: E. Hefti A., Quiñones-Lombrana, A. Redzematovic, J. Hui, and J. Blanco. Javier Blanco, associate professor, pharmaceutical sciences.

Jennifer Murray ‘15 Receives Funding to Attend Cardinal Health Student Leadership Conference

Congratulations to Jennifer Murray ‘15 who was chosen to attend the 15th Annual Cardinal Health Student Leadership Conference. This all-expense-paid conference joins the top pharmacy students in the country for a special two-day program to better prepare them for assuming future leadership roles in health-systems pharmacy.

Long Nguyen ‘14 Has a Bittersweet Graduation
P4 graduate, Long Nguyen, had been saving for years to buy his parents a car which he was going to present to them after graduation. Unfortunately, the car he purchased for his parents was involved in a ‘hit and run’ accident while he was at his commencement ceremony on May 17th. Fortunately, the hit and run driver has surrendered and repairs are being made.

News Article
Video

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

PK/PD Modeling and Pharmacometrics Buffalo Workshops: June 5-14, 2014 Niagara Falls Convention Center. Registration and Information


Buffalo Pharmaceutics Symposium: July 31- August 2, 2014 Registration Program Overview


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