From Iowa to the World

The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy impacts the world. In turn, the college is shaped by its global connections.
Dear Friends,

One of the aspects of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy that continues to amaze and impress me is the expansiveness of our reach and specialization. As you will read in the following pages, our students, faculty, and alumni participate in a variety of global outreach efforts. Simultaneously, we are working to create and excel in cutting-edge specialties to meet the health care needs of tomorrow’s patients.

For eleven years, the College of Pharmacy has participated in an annual journey to Mexico as part of a course, International Perspectives; Xicotepec. A team of faculty members and students take the lead in deworming over 3,000 children each year by delivering doses of albendazole. Others venture overseas to complete an Advanced Pharmacy Practice Rotation. Clinical Professor and alumnus Ron Herman, ’76 BSPh, ’78 MS, ’92 PhD, has taken students to countries such as Kenya, Nicaragua, Belize, and Ethiopia.

You’ll read about Jeanine Abrons, an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS), whose love of the small Caribbean country of Dominica has led her to improve pharmacy practice for its people.

Two of our most recent alumni – Kawther Ahmed, ’16 PhD, and Ali Al-Jumaili, ’17 PhD – are natives of Iraq who have built a home and grown their family in Iowa City. While the challenges of pursuing such demanding courses of study and raising young children are familiar to many students, Kawther and Ali have done it thousands of miles from their home and family. They are close with their relatives in Iraq, and this year Kawther’s parents were recognized by the University of Iowa’s International Student and Scholar Students as the International Parents of the Year.

The relationships we build around the globe and in our own backyards are cherished by all. Closer to home, I was fortunate enough to spend some time on the road this spring, visiting with practitioners, friends, and alumni in nine different communities across Iowa.

This spring, we also worked to hone in and grow our expertise in a health care specialty that is growing in urgency and demand – palliative care. We were thrilled to be able to roll out a certificate in palliative care within the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum and a PGY2 residency in pain management and palliative care pharmacy.

It fills me with pride to know that the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy students, faculty, and alumni are creating a healthier world!

Professionally yours,

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This year, the second of a husband and wife pair of Iraqi graduate students graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. Since Ali Al-Jumaili and Kawther Ahmed arrived nearly six years ago, they have enriched each academic department, the college, and the university with their talents. They will soon have earned four degrees, combined, against a backdrop of personal tragedy.

Al-Jumaili is in the process of finishing his doctoral study under major advisor William Doucette in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS). His research focuses on medication safety in nursing homes. Ahmed earned both a master’s degree and PhD in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics under major advisor Aliasger Salem.

The couple has supported each other since they met 12 years ago. In spring of 2004, Al-Jumaili—on the faculty of the University of Baghdad—was training fifth-year pharmacy students in a hospital-based experience. (Al-Jumaili also ran and managed his own pharmacy.) Ahmed was among the students. She was about to graduate with her bachelor’s degree in pharmacy, similar to a Doctor of Pharmacy here.

Al-Jumaili asked Ahmed’s father for her hand in marriage, and after the families got to know each other, the couple were engaged and got married a year after.

The pair had two children in Iraq. Since both husband and wife had been in the top three of their pharmacy classes, they received scholarships sponsored by the Iraqi government to study abroad. In 2011, the family of four moved to Iowa City, where they have been living, studying, and working ever since.
At first, it was odd to land “in the middle of nowhere,” said Ahmed, who was coming from a city of around 7 million. “But we got lucky because Iowa City is a very safe, open-minded, welcoming city.”

“People, Midwestern people, are really nice and kind,” said Al-Jumaili.

The duo have become highly skilled in their specialty areas. Both have participated in Three-Minute Thesis Competitions hosted by the UI Graduate College; Al-Jumaili was among 13 finalists this year and Ahmed won last year to great acclaim.

Ahmed graduated from the college last summer and now is working as a postdoctoral scholar in Pathology at the UI Carver College of Medicine. During her time in Salem’s laboratory, she focused on cell surface engineering and developing polymeric particles-based cancer vaccines and cancer immunotherapies.

Al-Jumaili completed his PhD this year in Pharmaceutical Socioeconomics (PSE). He had already earned a second master’s degree in PSE under major advisor Bernard Sorofman. Al-Jumaili has published papers with faculty collaborators in the college and from Iraqi colleges. The PPS department in which Al-Jumaili studies conducts pioneering research to improve pharmacy practice and improve patients’ health. Al-Jumaili has published many “firsts” while working on projects that focus on his native country.
While raising young children, navigating a new culture, and working hard as graduate students, the couple has experienced professional and personal triumphs, including the birth of their third child. Their daughters are now 10 and eight, and their son is two. Yet tragedy has also struck: Between them, they have lost three parents—both of Al-Jumaili’s (2012 and 2016), Ahmed’s father (2016), and a sister of Ahmed’s (2013)—all without being able to return to Iraq for funerals.

Living the American way has taken a toll on the pair. Leaves for birth and deaths are much shorter in the United States and they do not have immediate or extended relatives in the states to help with the children as they did in Iraq. Juggling work and life demands, and the effects of U.S. culture on their children, has been a challenge.

“Our traditions support a hierarchical structure in the family. We were raised not to argue back and say no to our parents,” said Ahmed. “It takes more effort to raise kids when they are growing up in a different culture.”

Family back in Iraq has helped as much as they can remotely. Ahmed nominated her parents for the 2016 International Parents of the Year award through International Student and Scholar Services, and they won. “It was only because of my parents’ continuous support that I stayed here to finish my PhD and be there for my kids,” Ahmed said in the nomination. “This was not easy to do given that they needed support themselves so the work they were doing is indeed exceptional.”

Both Ahmed and Al-Jumaili are grateful for the opportunities they have had at the UI. Ahmed appreciated the rich laboratory resources and collaborations; Al-Jumaili is grateful to be part of a team that is enhancing pharmacy practice and medication safety in Iowa health care settings.

Wherever they roam, they will have each other.

“It is nice to have someone to help you in life. We feel lucky that we have each other,” Ahmed said.

Al-Jumaili added, “Life is very tough, but we try to always support each other.”

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Faculty members and students in the college—at times led by alumni and friends—participate in a variety of global outreach efforts. For student pharmacists, rotations and service learning offer unique opportunities to learn about health in countries outside the United States in a hands-on way, often while helping underserved populations.

OUR STUDENTS ABROAD
All fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy students complete a series of five-week Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs), or rotations. Rotations offer students the experience of working in diverse pharmacy settings. Some students participate in one of seven international rotations offered by the college on a regular basis: Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, two locations in Japan, South Korea and beginning this year, Romania.

A new year of rotations began May 2017, and 18 students were accepted to the core global rotations. Rotation students have the opportunity to compare countries’ systems of health care and pharmacy practice.

In most global arrangements, UI pharmacy students visit foreign countries, but the Japanese rotations are an exception. The university has fostered exchanges where students and faculty from each country visit each other’s colleges annually. This also allows for special enrichment of the relationship. The U.S. and Japanese students can compare notes on differences between health care systems and culture.
The exchanges “challenge our thinking regarding the status quo of pharmacy education and practice, just as it does that of the faculty and students from Japanese schools of pharmacy,” said Jay Currie, ’84 PharmD, ’80 BSPh, chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science and site coordinator for the programs in Japan.

The differences are many, Currie added. Japan has a national, universal system of health insurance. Pharmacists perform all tasks including those usually done by technicians in the U.S. Clinical pharmacists in hospitals counsel patients and help determine if they can administer medications themselves while admitted. They do not give immunizations, but they have ready access to medication histories.

Japanese pharmacists also have a lot of knowledge about native Kampo Medicine, which includes using herbal drugs.

“We made a concoction of Kampo Medicine used to relieve cold systems and it tasted good,” said Jordann Kunkel, ’17 PharmD, who completed a rotation at Kitasato University in Tokyo in 2016. At the UI College of Pharmacy, meanwhile, Japanese students often get their first chance to practice giving injections.

Many of the college’s other rotations happen in countries with medically underserved populations. Students on such rotations are able to provide clinical services. They often feel a sense of major accomplishment after each day.

“The comment I hear most from the students while they are on rotation is how great it is to connect with the Jamaican children and the feeling that they are making a small difference in the lives of the Jamaican children,” said Michelle Swaney, a clinical pharmacist at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the site coordinator for the Jamaica rotation. Swaney noted that she was especially proud of the connection between countries when a recent student pharmacist who went on the trip was, herself, from Jamaica.

The student, Shanique Powell, participated in the rotation to her home country in 2014. “In Jamaica, only 60 people get through pharmacy school a year, and a lot leave for lack of pay,” Powell explained. She enjoyed being able to provide health care and hope. “I feel that every opportunity that you’ve been given is an opportunity to help someone else in need,” she said. “I will remain involved in medical missions as much as I possibly can.”

Swaney said that it was rewarding for her to have Powell participate. “One way that Iowa has influenced the world is for the children of Jamaica to see a fellow Jamaican become a pharmacist. Having Shanique return to her home country as a pharmacist gives hope to the children there that they, too, can strive for a higher education and make a difference in their community,” Swaney said.

The year before, student pharmacist Kelsey Bayliss estimated that they were able to improve the lives of close to 900 children in five days in Jamaica by providing medical care, eye glasses, and medication counseling. Among the more common issues
In 2016–17, two UI College of Pharmacy students were part of an interdisciplinary group—including pre-medicine, nursing, and public health students—who learned about palliative care in India.

The students studied abroad through International Programs India Winterim. They spent three weeks learning a philanthropic model of palliative care delivery under the direction of Dr. M.R. Rajagopal, who has been called India’s “Father of Palliative Care.” Rajagopal is the Chairman of Pallium India, the host organization in Trivandrum, Kerala, India.

The students received instruction from Rajagopal as well as two UI professors who accompanied them: Kashelle Lockman, a clinical assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy and Ann Broderick, a clinical professor in the UI Carver College of Medicine. They also received training from other India-based physicians, social workers, pharmacists, and physiotherapists. Students attended medical rounds in the inpatient unit, outpatient clinics, and home visits. Through these academic sessions and immersion experiences, students learned about cultural and spiritual traditions in Kerala, India.

The student pharmacists also worked on Pallium India projects involving antimicrobial stewardship and management of shortness of breath.

The course highlights the principles and practices of palliative care between the two countries, with U.S. care being more insurance-driven versus India’s philanthropic model. To help students who participated better understand the differences, they were also offered the opportunity to shadow the UI Palliative Care team this spring semester.

The connection between Iowa and Pallium India was forged in 2009, when College of Nursing Professor “Jo” Eland first led a group of UI nursing students to the country. When Eland died in 2016, she left a legacy of quality interdisciplinary education in palliative care through this course.

“In contrast to the United States, access to essential pain relieving medications remains extremely limited in India,” Lockman said. “Dr. Rajagopal has been instrumental in getting access to morphine in the state of Kerala, and it was inspiring to witness the strides he and Pallium India have made in relieving suffering of Keralites living with serious illness through palliative care. I’m thankful our students have this life-changing opportunity to learn from and work with such visionaries in palliative care.”
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OUR GLOBAL FACULTY

Each rotation includes a preceptor, which is usually a faculty member that develops and administers the rotation, and acts as its champion. Faculty members also partner with investigators from universities around the world for research and educational purposes. At a higher level, faculty members also have presented training, lectures, and classes to universities and pharmacists in countries around the world.

“In most cases, we’re trying to elevate the level of clinical education and training,” said Dean Donald Letendre. “We also often encourage colleges of pharmacy in other countries to start think about establishing post-graduate residency training programs.”

The college is an important player in the US-Thai Consortium for Pharmacy Education, a collaboration of the colleges of pharmacy in Thailand and about 15 U.S. colleges of pharmacy. “Although the purpose has been to educate the next generation of faculty in Thailand, it has become a fantastic exchange of energy and ideas,” said Bernard Sorofman, the college’s executive associate dean. “Iowa has faculty who frequently teach at Thai colleges of pharmacy. They return energized.”

Last year, Letendre traveled to Vietnam to be a major speaker at the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) annual Dean’s Forum at Haiphong University of Medicine and Pharmacy. The university’s vice rector, as well as associate professor and dean of the School of Pharmacy, is Nguyen Van Hung, MD, PhD. Hung has been modeling much of the pharmacy students’ clinical training after the UI College of Pharmacy.

In spring of 2011, the college hosted Nguyen as a Fulbright scholar-in-residence. His goal is to upgrade healthcare practices in Vietnam, which has a health care system that relies heavily on pharmacists. Hung’s main host was Professor Barry Carter, ’78 BSPh, PharmD, who has appointments in the UI Colleges of Pharmacy and Medicine. Carter and Bernard Sorofman, along with Mark Graber, MD— professor of family medicine and emergency medicine in the Carver College of Medicine—have made several trips to Haiphong to assist Nguyen with his efforts to change pharmacy education in Vietnam.

“Hung wants Haiphong to be the premiere college of pharmacy in Vietnam,” said Letendre. “We shared more than just our experiences here, we also shared our philosophies and culture.”

At the AASP forum, Letendre shared key messages about innovations in education and science with leaders from pharmacy schools throughout Asia.

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Abrons—an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS)—wears a lot of hats. She is an educator, global health professional, innovator, writer and editor, and entrepreneur. In the College of Pharmacy, she is a point person for global health initiatives and leads an international rotation. She trains students to prevent and screen for chronic diseases, boost health literacy, and conduct clinical research, among other things.

For Abrons, possibilities in life seem endless when you slow down and open your mind to new opportunities.

Before graduating with a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2007, she and her now-husband booked a destination wedding in the Caribbean.

On the trip, the newlyweds ended up on an advanced, six-hour hike through a mountainous tropical rainforest. Abrons didn’t adequately prepare. “It was embarrassing. I pushed too hard at the start of the hike. I ran out of water,” she said. “Also, on the way back to the eco resort, I had motion sickness from the winding Caribbean roads. I ended up dehydrated.”

Back at their home base of Jungle Bay resort, staff climbed the paths and stairs to her cabin, bringing her natural remedies including ginger tea. “I was struck by their generosity of spirit,” Abrons said. “They really took care of me.”

That trip spurred a truly serendipitous situation: Little did Abrons know, she would return to New York married and with the sparks of a long-term relationship with Dominica. She and husband, Ron Abrons—now the Director of Airway Management Training and Research with the University of Iowa Department of Anesthesiology—are both entrenched in this relationship.

Abrons kept ties with the resort owners, Sam and Glenda Raphael, who helped her forge connections with Dominica’s health care providers after she flew back home to Albany, New York. In 2012, Sam Raphael introduced Abrons to a fellow local entrepreneur, pharmacist Orrin Jolly of Jolly’s Pharmacy.

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Jeanine Abrons (Right), Assistant Clinical Professor
Global Experiences
“Sam and I share a belief in the power of social responsibility and reciprocal relationships,” Abrons said. “Since we met, we’ve been finding new ideas to connect Iowa and Dominica and both countries to the world.”

In 2011 and 2012, respectively, Abrons began working with the UI Colleges of Pharmacy and Dentistry. She brought her first University of Iowa pharmacy students to Dominica—and Jungle Bay Resort—in 2011 for what is now an annual five-week professional experience.

The students work with patients, especially in rural health clinics, and educate and learn from Dominican pharmacists, health care providers including physicians and nurses, and traditional bush medicine healers. “We think about how traditional medicine and Western medicine can complement each other,” Abrons said. “We support people’s health beliefs and pair them with the college’s natural medicine databases to help people safely find healing solutions in line with their beliefs.”

Abrons and her team of students and pharmacists collaborate to improve pharmacy practice in the country, mainly through preventative health screenings and continuing education efforts. They provide information on everything from diabetes prevention and treatment, to the Zika virus, to skin and wound care.

Since the island is smaller than Rhode Island, Abrons and the students find themselves able to gain perspectives throughout the health system from patients, health care providers, and even government officials. The work continues to evolve. In 2016, students lent a hand to help displaced residents in the wake of Tropical Storm Erika. This year, some outreach revolved around health training for runners at a 5K race.

“It’s been truly rewarding to see this rotation become a living, breathing program that I hope is helping people,” said Abrons.

She has other innovative programs in store. Currently, Abrons and some students are developing a mobile app that health care providers around the world could download and use when screening patients for chronic conditions.

“It’s not always obvious to others how these things fit into one package, but it is to me,” Abrons said. “My writing, teaching, innovation, and entrepreneurship all relate back to global health and preventable health conditions. I like the idea of one day working with pharmacists in Dominica using a health tool on their smartphone that was developed here.”

Abrons has a Building Global Community certificate from International Programs at the university. She represents the college on the Global Health Steering Committee. Nationally she is the secretary of the AACP Global Pharmacy Education Special Interest Group and a member/liaison to the Global Health Special Interest Group. The group has recently authored papers connecting global pharmacy education to pharmacy educational outcomes.

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JEANINE ABRONS
Gift Announcements

Raymond, ’69 BSPh, and Sally Buser, designated a gift to establish the Pharmacy Innovation Factory Fund, which will support innovative initiatives within the College of Pharmacy.

A gift designated for the College of Pharmacy Building Fund has been received from Melissa Murer and John F. Corrigan. This gift will join others in naming the Cooper Professional Outreach and Development Society (PODS) Commons. The Cooper PODS is named in memory of Zada Cooper, who graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 1897, and continued as a faculty member until retiring in 1942.

Dennis M., ’84 PhD and Jill Marie, ’83 MS, Erb, pledged a gift to the College of Pharmacy Building Fund, which will name a research lab in the south wing.

The college was recently notified of a pledge received from Richard (Rick) and Sonia Gates, both ’95 BSPh. This gift has been designated for the College of Pharmacy Building Fund.

T.J. Johnsrud, ’66 BSPh, his son, Michael, ’91 BSPh, and Michael’s wife, Kimberly, have made a recent gift pledge to the College of Pharmacy. This gift has been designated for the College of Pharmacy Building Fund, and will go towards the naming of the Pharmacy Practice Learning Center Classroom.

Katherine A. ‘KAP’, ’81 BSPh, and David K. Linder designated a gift to the College of Pharmacy Building Fund to name a space in their honor. The Linders are very involved in the University of Iowa, and KAP is a member of the UI Foundation’s Board of Directors. David also earned his degrees from the University of Iowa, including a Masters of Hospital Administration in 1982.

A recent gift was received from Randy, ’87 BSPh, ’97 MS, ’00 PharmD, and Carol Ann McDonough. This gift has been designated for two funds – the Pharmacy Innovation Factory Fund, and the College of Pharmacy Building Fund. The Pharmacy Innovation Factory Fund is a new fund to support innovative initiatives within the College of Pharmacy.

NuCara Management Group, Inc., committed a pledge to the College of Pharmacy Building Fund, which will name a large conference room in the administrative offices area. The founder and president of NuCara Management Group, Inc. is T.J. Johnsrud, ’66 BSPh.

Hazel Hilton Seaba, ’71 MS, emeritus clinical professor, recently updated her gift to the college, originally designated to the general building fund, to go towards the naming of the Cooper Professional Outreach and Development Society (PODS) Commons.

A pledge has been received from Jenelle L., ’87 BSPh, ’89 PharmD, and Jon A. Sobotka, ’91 RADT. This gift has been designated for the College of Pharmacy Building Fund, and will go towards the naming of the Cooper Professional Outreach and Development Society (PODS) Commons.

Thomas J. and Deborah K. Veale, ’91 BSPh, made a gift which has been designated to the College of Pharmacy Building Fund, to establish four scholarships within the College of Pharmacy, and to the TRISTAR Excellence Fund for the Vaughan Institute of Risk Management in the Tippie College of Business.

Susan Winckler, ’92 BSPh, and John Giglio, pledged a gift to the College of Pharmacy Building Fund, which will name a skills room in the Pharmacy Practice Lab and will contribute towards the naming of the Cooper Professional Outreach and Development Society (PODS) Commons.

William Winckler and Shirley Albrecht Winckler, both ’54 BSPh, have made a recent gift to the College of Pharmacy. This gift has been designated to provide additional funding for the Albrecht/Winckler Scholarship.

Bob O.’s Porch

A group of College of Pharmacy alumni and friends have come together to contribute toward the naming of the terrace in the new facility. This terrace will be named, “Bob O.’s Porch,” in honor of Bob Osterhaus, ’52 BSPh. The porch at Bob and Ann Osterhaus’ Maquoketa, Iowa, home has hosted many discussions on pharmacy policy issues related to practice, education, and regulation over the years. “Bob O.’s Porch” has also been a place where the seeds of innovation have been sown for several initiatives that have served to move the pharmacy profession forward in the state.

Thank you to those listed below, who have contributed to this effort:
- Raymond, ’69 BSPh, and Sally Buser
- Steve C., ’76 BSPh, and Jean R. Firman
- Randy, ’87 BSPh, ’97 MS, ’00 PharmD, and Carol Ann McDonough
- James A., ’71 BSPh, and Pamela L. Miller
- John R. and Mary Pat Osterhaus
- Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company, Ed Yorts, president and CEO
- Thomas, ’77 MS, and Cathy Temple
- Molly Osterhaus Whitmore and Robert Whitmore
**Alumni and Outreach Events**

During the month of April and beginning of June, Dean Letendre hit the road for a statewide tour, meeting alumni and visiting pharmacies along the way.

1. Alumni and friends attend the Mason City Regional Reception. Front row (l to r): Ed Maier, ’70 BSPh; Tana Olson; Carol Leucht; Cara Evans, ’11 PharmD; Al Borchardt, ’85 PharmD. Back row (l to r): Tim Becker, ’79 BSPh; Greg Hoyman, ’68 BSPh; Leman Olson; Gus Erickson, ’62 BSPh; Lon Rosenthal, ’80 BSPh; and Dean Letendre.

2. Aaron Stangel, ’03 PharmD and Dean Letendre at Stangel Pharmacy in Onawa, Iowa.

3. Tom Temple, ’77 MS; Bill Drilling, ’85 BSPh; and Dean Letendre at Drilling Pharmacy in Sioux City.

4. Carri Pumphrey, ’02 PharmD, and her husband Steve attend the Ottumwa regional reception.

5. Pamela Wiltfang, ’12 PharmD/MPH and her son Bradley attend the Cedar Rapids regional reception.

6. Alumni and friends gather for a group photo at the Sioux City regional reception. Front row (l to r): Elise Houselog, ’15 PharmD; Kristel Nelson, ’08 PharmD; Amy Van Gorp, ’07 PharmD; Sara Wiedenfeld; Sharon Drilling; Bobbie Rehal. Back row (l to r): Tom Temple, ’77 MS; Joshua Widman; Grant Houselog, ’16 PharmD; Arlen Jasper, ’68 BSPh; Terry Wiedenfeld; Robert Oehrland, ’50 BSPh; Bill Drilling, ’85 BSPh; Robert Rehal, ’55 BSPh; William Winckler, ’54 BSPh; and Dean Letendre.

7. Bob Hughes, ’43 BSPh, and Edna Dooley ’49 BSPh, two of the college’s oldest living alumni, attended the Davenport regional reception.

8. Leslie Noty, ’16 PharmD and Mundi McCarty at a reception in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

9. Dean Letendre and Kathleen Pyper, ’70 BSPh at a reception in Council Bluffs, Iowa.


12. Dean Letendre and Elise Houselog, ’15 PharmD at HyVee in Sioux City, Iowa.

13. Lisa Lambi, ’02 PharmD, shakes hands with Dean Letendre at the Cedar Rapids reception.

14. Tom Temple, ’77 MS; Mark Jobst, ’76 BSPh; Dean Letendre at Montross Pharmacy in Earlham.
Nathan Harold’s path to the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy wasn’t direct, but it did infuse him with a desire to serve humanity.

Before Harold, ’12 PharmD, received the ceremonial white coat that welcomed him into the college and profession, he attended Capernwray Hall Bible School in Carforth, Lancashire, England, and earned a Biblical theology certificate. After some soul searching and encouragement from an old friend, Harold made a career pivot that would provide another avenue for helping people: pharmacy.

“I had never even been to the state before, but have always had a desire to help people. It brings me intrinsic joy to help someone achieve something they otherwise couldn’t. I decided to pursue a career in pharmacy because I knew it would provide many opportunities to meet an immediate and direct need in the lives of many people,” said Harold. “I completed pre-pharmacy work at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, and later Iowa State University. I interviewed at a number of colleges of pharmacy, but the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy stood out as exceptional. The college’s emphasis on developing extraordinary leaders in pharmacy and enhancing patient care made it the ideal place for me to continue my training.”

After receiving his PharmD from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2012, Harold completed a PGY1 post-graduate Pharmacy Practice Residency at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington, the flagship hospital for the Franciscan Health System. There, he worked as a clinical pharmacist in an inpatient hospital setting, and it was his first experience building the foundation of clinical programs to optimize patient health outcomes while managing payer resources.

Harold is currently vice president of clinical services at MedOne Healthcare Systems in Dubuque, Iowa. In that role, he develops and maintains customized prescription drug formularies to help practitioners to identify drugs that offer the greatest overall value. He also creates innovative clinical programs, manages a specialty pharmacy, and oversees a clinical team responsible for conducting prior authorization reviews.

MedOne is a fully transparent, full-service, prescription benefit management company which customizes the prescription benefit component of a health plan for employers, non-profit organizations, trade associations, as well as the uninsured and underinsured. The company operates a full-service mail order pharmacy, specializing in the delivery of specialty medications for disease states such as rheumatoid arthritis, chronic hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis, oncology, and transplant.

Harold lives in Dubuque with his wife and three dogs. His wife, Emily, DVM, is a veterinarian who practices in Davenport.
Leslie Williams’ educational roots are firmly in nursing and business, but her love of learning, desire to make a difference, and strong entrepreneurial spirit have also led her to the world of pharmaceutical development.

After earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Iowa in 1982, she broadened her science education at Virginia Commonwealth University and then earned an MBA from Washington University's Olin Business School in St. Louis. Williams worked in cardiac and surgical intensive care, and became involved in research. Not long after, she was recruited to work for GlaxoSmithKline and then Merck, sparking her passion for delivering technologies to advance medicine.

Now, over 25 years later, Williams is using that passion to revolutionize the diagnosis and pharmaceutical treatment of celiac disease, a genetic, autoimmune-like disease triggered when afflicted individuals eat foods containing gluten. Williams is President and CEO of ImmusanT, Inc., which she founded more than six years ago. By harnessing new discoveries in immunology, the company is developing a treatment designed to protect against gluten exposure while on a gluten-free diet. The hope is that the treatment can ultimately allow those with celiac disease to introduce gluten back into their diets.

Many people with celiac disease do not know they have it. When it remains untreated, it is associated with other health conditions such as osteoporosis, anemia, and liver disease. ImmusanT is also beginning to apply their new discoveries to other autoimmune diseases, such as type 1 diabetes.

“I have a strong sense of the imperative to address human needs and I am passionate about our work and our company’s technology. With family support, a great team, focus, persistence and passion, success will follow,” says Williams.

Williams serves on the Executive Leadership Board of the UI College of Pharmacy, in part, because she appreciates Dean Donald Letendre’s progressive approach, educational initiatives and his out-of-the-box thinking.

Although Williams is not an alumna of the college, she has gained an insider perspective on the field. She has administered medications, researched and developed treatments for patients, and led efforts in large pharmaceutical companies to educate physicians, pharmacists, and nurses on new treatments. She has also educated Congressional leaders on technologies reimbursement needs; has been an investor in biotechnology; and has founded biotechnology companies focused on introducing new treatments where there is significant unmet medical need.

“I am an entrepreneur at heart focused on revolutionary technologies. My perspective is disruptive to the norm,” Williams said. In 2015, Williams received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Iowa. Before entering the pharmaceutical industry, she was a critical care nurse at Duke University, Medical College of Virginia, and the UI.
College of Pharmacy Celebrates 2017 Commencement

The College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College celebrated the class of 2017 during events held May 10-12.

Doctor of Pharmacy candidates and their families gathered for the annual Senior Dinner and Awards Ceremony on May 10. During the event, individual students were recognized with awards for scholarship and leadership.

Commencement for Doctor of Pharmacy students was held May 11, with remarks from Dean Donald Letendre, University of Iowa Vice President for Research and Economic Development Dan Reed, class president Phi Trinh, and commencement speaker Timothy R. Franson, MD, Chief Medical Officer, YourEncore.

On Friday, May 12, the University of Iowa Graduate College’s commencement was held, celebrating Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science graduates, including six from the College of Pharmacy.

Read more about the commencement ceremonies and this year’s graduates at pharmacy.uiowa.edu/news.
In the spring of 2017, the UI College of Pharmacy expanded its offerings in palliative care with two new programs—a certificate in palliative care within the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum and a PGY2 residency in pain management and palliative care pharmacy.

Palliative care is the interdisciplinary specialty focused on improving quality of life for persons with serious illness and their families. A cornerstone of effective palliative care is the provision of expert pain and symptom management which relies heavily on pharmacotherapy based treatments. To date, there has been limited formal training in pharmacy education pertaining to palliative care, creating a shortage of clinically-trained pharmacists with basic knowledge in this specialty.

The newly-created Palliative Care Certificate program aims to address this shortage by preparing students to practice as palliative care generalists upon graduation from the Doctor of Pharmacy program. The certificate program is also a step towards a larger goal of making the UI College of Pharmacy the preeminent hospice and palliative care program in the United States.

Students who complete the 17 credit hour certificate program will possess the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to serve patients living with serious illness across the trajectory of life. The certificate program will expose students to a variety of practice areas in which their preparation may be utilized, including critical care, emergency medicine, geriatrics, oncology, and cardiology. Graduates of the program will also be prepared to pursue advanced post-graduate clinical training in palliative care and hospice, including palliative care residencies and fellowships. The highly-competitive program will accept a maximum of 16 students each year. Students who successfully complete all program requirements and demonstrate achievement of the program’s learning objectives will be awarded a certificate upon graduation from the UI College of Pharmacy.

In addition to the certificate program and residency, two faculty members in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science—James Ray, PharmD, clinical associate professor, and Kashelle Lockman, PharmD, clinical assistant professor—are working to expand the role of the pharmacist in serving patients and their families in this critical health care specialty. Advocacy, education, training, and research—including the newly-established certificate program and the creation of a new PGY2 pharmacy residency in Pain and Palliative Care—all enhance this specialty.

“We know the palliative care certificate will provide a solid foundational knowledge for graduating students to practice as a palliative care ‘generalist’ in any practice setting,” said Ray. “We also recognize the ongoing need to develop more ‘specialist’ training. The UI College of Pharmacy PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care residency is now one of only 16 programs in the country.”
“Increasing the numbers of advanced training programs in the country is another step towards palliative care being recognized as a specialty by the Board of Pharmacy Specialists (BPS). Additionally, this will lead to the pharmacist being recognized as an integral member of the palliative care team by the Joint Commission.”

The PGY2 residency in pain management and palliative care pharmacy seeks to nurture and grow resident pharmacists to become pharmacopalliation experts who provide compassionate clinical care, innovative and effective education, rigorous relevant research, and progressive leadership in the fields of pain management, palliative care, and hospice. The resident pharmacist will be immersed within a diverse interprofessional team (including palliative medicine and anesthesia fellows) throughout the year, primarily at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics (UIHC). In addition, the resident pharmacist will also have opportunities to learn and collaborate with pharmacy residents at UIHC and the UI College of Pharmacy.

Eva Coulson, PharmD, joined the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in July 2017 as the very first PGY2 pharmacy resident in pain management and palliative care. Coulson, who earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy, recently completed a PGY1 residency in acute care at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC).

Upon learning about the creation of this new program last fall, Coulson sought out Ray and Lockman to learn more about the opportunity. Her early experiences in her PGY1 residency and conversations with Ray and Lockman piqued her interest, and she immediately submitted materials officially declaring herself a candidate.

As Coulson said in her letter of application, “Servant leadership is a core foundation in my personal and professional life. Embedded into the pain management and palliative care services, I have observed this core value along with a deep desire to promote learning amongst all health care interprofessionals. My desire to pursue the UI College of Pharmacy pain management and palliative care residency program stems from the alignment of the program’s goals with my own personal desire to provide compassionate clinical care, and education to the blossoming field of pain management, palliative, and hospice care.”

Ray added, “The palliative care certificate and the PGY2 pharmacy residency is the start of several programs that the college anticipates will help to address the shortage of highly-trained pharmacists in the workforce in the areas of hospice and palliative care. Our mission is to train pharmacopalliation experts for our state and beyond.”
On the morning of May 6, 2017, over 150 of the UI College of Pharmacy’s students, faculty, alumni, and friends gathered in downtown Iowa City to attend the second annual Zada Cooper Leadership Symposium. The symposium is an opportunity for the pharmacy community to celebrate and advance their leadership roles in their professions, volunteer organizations, and personal lives. And this year’s attendees were able to hear from two of pharmacy’s top leaders on what makes a good leader—Lisa Gersema, ’84 BSPh, ’86 PharmD, president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and Nancy Alvarez, president of the American Pharmacists Association.

Read more about the symposium at pharmacy.uiowa.edu/leadership-symposium.
Abe Brubaker, ’80 BSpH, was recently awarded the title of Science Fellow from AIT Bioscience in Indianapolis, Indiana. This award recognizes his achievements in developing bioanalytical methods for pharmaceutical companies to support their new drug approval submissions to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Pharmacy Today featured alumnus Ryan Frerichs, ’01 PharmD, and Meyer Pharmacy’s participation in the Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network.

Mitchell Buckley, ’02 PharmD, was the recipient of the 2016 American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Foundation Pharmacy Practice Research Literature Award for his publication “Impact of a Clinical Pharmacist Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis Management Program on Inappropriate Use in Hospitalized Patients.”

Nicole Gattas, ’02 PharmD, contributed to “Ten tips to turn your APhA-APPM nominee into the awardee!” for the American Pharmacists Association.

Carolyn Oxencis, ’05 PharmD, and Mahfoud Assem, a former faculty member in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics (PSET), are among the founding faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Pharmacy School.
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In Memoriam

Larry (Lars) Andersen, ’65 BSPh, passed away on April 12, 2017. After finishing his pharmacy degree, Andersen served in the U.S. Army, and then made his home in Anchorage, Alaska, where he married and raised a family. In 2012, he retired and returned to his hometown of Woodbine, Iowa, to farm.

Tzer-Fen Chen, ’83 PhD, passed away on Jan. 25, 2017 in Falls Church, Virginia. Chen studied at the College of Pharmacy under Professor J. Keith Guillory in what is now the Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics.

Thomas E. Gracia, ’76 BSPh, passed away Aug. 8, 2016 in Napa, California. After completing pharmacy school Gracia worked at Family Drug in Napa for 40 years. He was involved in many state and local pharmacy organizations.

Helen Elizabeth (Suiter) McGuire, ’43 BSPh, passed away on May 7, 2017, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the age of 94. Upon graduation, in the midst of World War II, she joined the U.S. Naval Reserve (Women’s Reserve), and attained the rank of Lieutenant, USNR. Following the war, she met and married the late Cmdr. Walter J. McGuire, Jr. After her husband’s passing, she became a licensed pharmacist, working for more than ten years.

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Traviss Tubbs, ’01 PharmD, and Megan Mormann, ’12 PharmD, welcomed a son, Carter Matthew, in winter 2016.

Elizabeth Dinges, ’05 PharmD, and her husband, Clark, welcomed a son, George, on Dec. 6, 2015. He was 9 pounds.

Anna Rhinehart, ’08 PharmD, welcomed a daughter, Gayle, on Oct. 13, 2016. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and 21 inches long.

Sam and Tessa Huff, both ’11 PharmD, welcomed Jacob Simon on Aug. 13, 2016. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He joins big sister, Evelyn.

Mitchell Buckley, ’02 PharmD, and his wife Kelsey, ’10 PharmD, welcomed Brecken Gage on Oct. 16, 2016. He was 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and 19.5 inches long.


Stuart Pitman, ’09 PharmD, and his wife, Rebecca, welcomed their fourth child on Dec. 20, 2016. Emmie Faye was 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Stephen Wong, ’11 PharmD, and his wife, Lori, welcomed a son, Elias, on July 6, 2016. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and 19.5 inches.

Doug Ellis, ’04 PharmD, and his wife, Danielle Boeding, ’12 PharmD, welcomed a son, Declan Xavier on Nov. 4, 2016. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches in length.

Emily Beckett, ’07 PharmD, and her husband, Brian, welcomed their third child, Elena Christine on Aug. 21, 2016. She was 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and 19.25 inches.

Kyle Beyer, ’10 PharmD, and his wife, Gretchen, welcomed Evelyn Ruth on July 31, 2016. She was 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 21 inches long.

Kelly Youland, ’11 PharmD, and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Hailey Grace on Oct. 22, 2016. She weighed, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long.
Elizabeth Amelon, ’12 PharmD, and her husband, Matt, welcomed a daughter on Nov. 10, 2016. Molly Joyce weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19.25 inches long.

Stephanie Berns, ’13 PharmD, and her husband, Nathan, welcomed a daughter, Annabelle Kenley on Oct. 7, 2016. Annabelle was 7 pounds, 7.6 ounces, and 21 inches long. She joins big sisters, Olivia (4) and Charlotte (2) at home.

Audrey Kostrzewa, ’12 PharmD/MPH, and her husband, Brian, welcomed Everett Brian on Oct. 3, 2016. He was 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and 20 inches long.

Kevin Niehoff, ’14 PharmD, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed daughter Emma on Sept. 21, 2016.

Daniel Blonsky, ’13 PharmD, and his wife, Sarah, welcomed Montgomery Christopher on Oct. 13 2016. He was 3 pounds, 10 ounces, and 15.5 inches long.

Jessica Brown, ’14 PharmD, and her husband, Justin, welcomed their daughter Alaina on Dec. 31, 2016. She was 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and 19 inches long.

Kathryn Rolfes, ’14 PharmD, and her husband, Matt, welcomed a son Jack Erwin, on Dec. 2, 2016. He was 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and 20 inches long.

Katie Finkey, ’15 PharmD, and her husband, Nate, welcomed Emma Grace on Feb. 18, 2017. She was 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19.5 inches in length.

Renu Johnson, ’17 PharmD, welcomed a son, Isaac, on Aug. 13, 2016. He was 7 pounds and 21 inches long.

Current Doctor of Pharmacy student Nicholas Kayser and his wife, Sara, welcomed Zoey Joyce on May 25, 2017. She was 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and 22 inches in length.

Current graduate student Peng Yu and his wife, Min Wang, welcomed Grace on April 12, 2017. She was 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Guohua An, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics, welcomed Fiona Liu on Dec. 22, 2016. She was 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and 19 inches long.
Melissa Murer Corrigan, adjunct assistant professor and member of the Executive Leadership Board, has been chosen by the Corridor Business Journal as a 2017 Woman of Influence.

Doctor of Pharmacy student Adaeeze Emecheta participated in the Duke Program on Global Policy and Governance in Geneva. The program prepares graduate and professional students from around the world to tackle the world’s most pressing policy challenges.

Erika Ernst, associate professor, Brett Heintz, adjunct associate professor, Diana Karkow, ’12 PharmD, who is a former fellow and current clinical pharmacist at UIHC, and Michael Brownlee, ’01 PharmD, associate dean, were part of a team who received an Improving Our Workplace Award for the development and implementation of MicroGuide, an electronic resource that allows healthcare providers at UIHC to access data and guidelines for a variety of infectious disease issues.

Korey Kennelty, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was selected as one of 30 Summer Institute Fellows to participate in the NIH Institute on Randomized Clinical Trials. This program is geared towards researchers and health professionals who have demonstrated research potential and are interested in pursuing a career in clinical research.

Jasmine Mangrum, PharmD student, was selected as a Fulbright Program U.S. Student Award Finalist. Mangrum is the first University of Iowa College of Pharmacy recipient of this prestigious award. She will utilize this award to develop an understanding of tobacco cessation education among student pharmacists in Romania.

Kate Oltrogge Pape, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was recently appointed to the American Burn Association’s Program Committee for a three-year term.

Michael Parisi-Mercado, a Doctor of Pharmacy student, was accepted into the Summer 2017 Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research and Training (MHIRT) program, administered by the Center for International Rural and Environmental Health (CIREH) at the UI College of Public Health.

Mary Ray, assistant dean for Assessment and Curriculum, was recently selected to participate in the 2017-18 UI Departmental Executive Officers (DEO) Leadership Development Program. Ray also completed the year-long Penn State Academic Leadership Academy.

Ethan Sabers, Doctor of Pharmacy student, was the national winner recipient of the National Adult and Influenza (NAIL) Influenza Season Campaign.

Bighley Professor in Pharmaceutical Sciences Aliasger Salem, Research Scientist Sean Geary, UI Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Director George Weiner, Research Scientist Caitlin Lemke, and Yogita Krishnamachari, ’11 PhD, were recently issued a patent for their work on a novel and innovative nanoparticle formulation of chemoimmunotherapies for treatment of cancer, “Biodegradable Particulate Formulations.”

Ashleigh Wallace, PharmD student, was granted a Stanley Award to conduct research in conjunction with her internship this summer in Mysore, India. The Stanley Award for International Research is given annually to outstanding University of Iowa students for the pursuit of learning activities in international studies.
Samuel Williams, Doctor of Pharmacy student, was recently selected to serve on the National Community Pharmacists Association’s National Student Leadership Council. This group represents all student members of the association.

Doctor of Pharmacy students Rochelle Yang, Nicholas Kayser, and Jonathan Lochner competed in the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Pharmacy and Therapeutic Competition finals. This marks the first time a team from the UI College of Pharmacy has advanced to the finals.

Susan Vos, clinical associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was appointed as chair of the AACP Professional Affairs Standing Committee for 2017-2018. The committee’s charge relates to the professional development of preceptors and faculty involving CAPE outcomes, the pharmacists patient care process, and entrustable professional activities.

The NOBCChE (National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers) presented the College of Pharmacy’s Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics and the UI’s Center for Biocatalysis and Biotechnology with a plaque in appreciation of the departments’ commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The College of Pharmacy recently welcomed Ryan Smith, PhD, as an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics. Broadly, Smith’s research experiences are in cognitive and behavioral neuroscience, human genetics, drug addiction, neuropsychiatric disorders, pain, and drug development. He currently works with cross-functional teams of clinicians, scientists, bioinformaticians, and statisticians using genetic information to understand disease and identify new drug targets.

After receiving his bachelor’s in psychology from The Ohio State University, he went on to earn his PhD in neuroscience from OSU; rising through the ranks to research assistant professor before leaving to join Eli Lilly and Company in 2014. At Lilly, he was responsible for genetics and biomarker discovery for patient tailoring for their pain portfolio.

Executive Associate Dean Bernard Sorofman is set to retire on Dec. 1, 2017. Gary Milavetz began transitioning into the role of Executive Associate Dean over the summer, and will fully assume the responsibilities of the position by Sept. 1, 2017. Sorofman will then step down and plans to retire completely by Dec. 1, 2017.

Sorofman first came to the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy as an assistant professor and director of the graduate program in Pharmaceutical Socioeconomics in 1984, after earning his PhD in Social and Administrative Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota.

Sorofman’s leadership role expanded throughout his career – in 1990, he became the head of pharmaceutical socioeconomics, and in 1996 the interim head of the division of clinical and administrative pharmacy. Later, he was promoted to associate dean, chair of the department of pharmacy practice and science, and eventually, in 2009, executive associate dean. Sorofman was also the University Ombudsperson from 1999-2001.

The following collegiate faculty have earned promotions this year:

- Zhendong Jin, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics, to the rank of professor
- Michelle A. Fravel, Pharmacy Practice and Science, to the rank of clinical associate professor
- Linnea Ann Polgreen, Pharmacy Practice and Science, to the rank of associate professor
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- Timothy Becker, ’79 BSPh – 2017 Bowl of Hygeia Award
- Bernard Sorofman, executive Associate dean and professor – Robert G. Gibbs Distinguished Pharmacist Award
- Michael Brownlee, ’01 PharmD, associate dean, Office of the Dean, and associate hospital director and chief pharmacy officer, Hospital Administration – Health-System Pharmacist of the Year Award
- Brett Barker, ’08 PharmD, adjunct assistant professor – Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award
- Ann Broderick, preceptor – Patient Care Partner Award
- Jim Hoehns, ’92 BSPh, ’94 PharmD, assistant division head, Division of Applied Clinical Sciences, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science – elected as Vice-Speaker of the House
- Kim Spading, ’96 BSPh, and Emily Dierickx, ’06 PharmD – Poster Presentation Award for their work, “Superior Patient Outcomes Through an Integrated Specialty Pharmacy Practice Model at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC)”
- Jordan Schultz, ’13 PharmD – Excellence in Innovation Award
- Casey O’Connell, ’18 PharmD candidate – Karbeling Leadership Award
- Craig Logemann, ’88 BSPh, adjunct associate professor – Installed as 138th President

INSTALLED ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2017-2018
- Deanna McDanel, ’01 PharmD, clinical associate professor – Trustee-at-Large
- Thane Kading, ’95 BSPh, adjunct assistant professor – Trustee Region 2
- Carol Anderson, ’01 PharmD – Trustee Region 4
Clockwise, from top left:

Ann Broderick receives the Patient Care Partner Award

Bernard Sorofman was the recipient of the Robert G. Gibbs Distinguished Pharmacist Award

Kate Guiner and Bob Greenwood presented Jordan Schultz with the Excellence in Innovation Award.

The members of the IPA Board of Trustees are sworn in by Chairman Rick Knudson.

Timothy Becker was awarded the 2017 Bowl of Hygeia.

Jim Hoehns was sworn in as Vice-Speaker of the House.

Michael Brownlee was the recipient of the Health-System Pharmacist of the Year Award.
UPCOMING EVENTS

August 19
White Coat Ceremony
Hancher Auditorium, Iowa City, Iowa

September 8
Eggleston-Granberg Golf Tournament
The Legacy Golf Club, Norwalk, Iowa

October 5
Osterhaus Symposium and Alumni Awards
Old Capitol Senate Chambers, Iowa City, Iowa

October 6
Alumni, Family, and Friends Reception
Sheraton Hotel, Iowa City, Iowa

October 7
Homecoming Tailgate and Football Game
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

November 3
Dean’s Appreciation and Recognition Dinner
University Club, Iowa City, Iowa

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