Salem Appointed to
Bighley Professorship
College celebrates third endowed professorship in as many years
Dear Friends,

One of my favorite sayings comes from Helen Keller: “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

At the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, our students, faculty members, staff, and alumni have taken a leadership role in the state, nation, and arguably even the world in pharmacy education, practice, and research. But without individuals consistently reaching out in leadership and mentorship roles, the organization as a whole would not continue to be one of the most highly esteemed institutions of its kind in the country.

This edition of HawkScripts shows off some of the ways that our longstanding legacy of leadership presence continues to flourish. Our cover story on page seven highlights some strong leaders with connections to this institution, and provides eye-opening advice on the topic of leadership from those featured.

In this edition, you will see that leadership can mean many things. One college groundbreaker, Associate Professor Zhendong Jin, is using his talent in chemistry to work toward fulfilling his dream of bringing truly effective cancer-fighting drugs to the market one day (page 18). Another, David Maher, used his Iowa education to help adapt the culture of industry to be a better fit for patients and pharmacists (page 10). Professor Keith Guillory has long been among our most distinguished faculty. His unique form of leadership includes forming special lifelong connections with students and alumni (page 16). In that sense, he has become a revered member within the college’s pharmacy family.

Please enjoy reading about the individuals in these pages who are making sure Iowa pharmacy continues to lead the world.

I am extremely proud of all of the leaders within our organization — those featured here as well as those yet to come forward and be recognized. Together we can continue do so much. Together we will continue to be a worldwide leader in the pharmacy profession.

Professionally yours,

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The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy has a long tradition of excellence and leadership in pharmacy education, pharmacy practice, and drug discovery.

“Our current students, faculty, and staff members as well as alumni, have consistently made us proud through taking on and excelling in leadership positions. Our longstanding leadership presence continues to flourish,” said Dean Donald Letendre, PharmD.

In recent months and years, a dizzying array of recognition has graced the college, much of it at the national level.

Iowa alumni are at the helm of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Jenelle Sobotka, ’89 PharmD, recently completed her presidential-year duties at the APhA. Matthew Osterhaus, ’80 BSPh, is now the association’s president-elect. Meanwhile, Dennis Helling, BSPh, PharmD – a member of our Executive Leadership Board – received the Remington Honor Medal, the highest honor the APhA bestows.

Another national organization, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), awarded the highest honor in health-system pharmacy to an Iowa alumna: The 2013 ASHP Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award went to Jannet Carmichael, PharmD, a 1975 BSPh graduate of our college.

The college’s connections to ASHP don’t end there. Dean Donald E. Letendre is a member-elect of its Board of Directors; his three-year term begins in June 2014. Its CEO is Paul Abramowitz, an emeritus professor at the college.

Bernie Cremers of Iowa City, ’64 BSPh, received Iowa’s 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award. The award is recognition of Cremers’ considerable contributions in the area of community service by the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA). It is co-sponsored by the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) and American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation.

Cremers has volunteered with Iowa City Hospice, Systems Unlimited, and his church. He is a member of the Sunrise Optimist Club and is a member and past president of the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club. With volunteer work, “it sounds cliché, but you get so much more out of it than you put into it,” said Cremers.

His advice for incoming students? Plan your attack, and get involved in activities right away.

“Pharmacy school goes by so fast. It’s only four years, and the last year of that is rotations, which takes you away from campus,” said Cremers. “In order to be in leadership in pharmacy and get that beneficial experience, you need to dive right in as a freshman and join committees. And by your sophomore year you have to really be running, so that by junior year you can be an officer or in leadership of a group.”
JANNET CARMICHAEL
Jannet M. Carmichael, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, FAPhA, is a 1975 BSph graduate from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and a noted health system pharmacy leader. She is the recipient of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP’s) 2013 Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award. The UI pharmacy college graduate has some advice about how to become a successful leader: Raise your hand for projects and then follow through. Know your unique strengths and use them to provide vision and direction to projects. Find what makes you happy and contribute to those around you.

Throughout her career, Carmichael has served on the boards of pharmacy associations while collaborating to innovate clinical practice within the increasingly more progressive Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). “I found myself on the cutting edge of a lot of issues,” said Carmichael. “The more progressive the VA became, the more I would share with other groups, and the more I brought back to my organization to share.”

“It has been a privilege to serve our nation’s heroes as a pharmacist in the VA health care system for 30 years,” said Carmichael. “We’ve created the nation’s, if not the world’s, best healthcare system.”

“I was intrigued by the leadership and management opportunities surrounding me at the University of Iowa. It’s very clear that you’re entering a profession. I had a responsibility to learn in class, but I also had a responsibility to take advantage of and foster the college’s connections to other colleges of pharmacy, pharmacy associations, and alumni.”

Susan Winckler, ’92 BSPh

College representation on — and recognition by — top-level state and national organizations is impressive. Other types of leaders within our college community have also been recently recognized.

This fall, the 2013 Osterhaus Medal for Lifetime Achievement was presented to David Maher, ’64 BSPh, DSC (Hon.). Aliasger Salem, PhD, associate professor and head of the Division of Pharmaceutics and Translational Therapeutics, was appointed to the Lyle and Sharon Bighley Professorship in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

“I was intrigued by the leadership opportunities surrounding me at the University of Iowa,” said Winckler. “It’s very clear that you’re not entering a degree program; you’re entering a profession. I had a responsibility to learn in class, but I also had a responsibility to take advantage of and foster the college’s connections to other colleges of pharmacy, pharmacy associations, and alumni.”

Winckler still remembers her pleasant surprise when she and other pharmacy students at a state-level event spotted prominent Iowa pharmacist Robert Osterhaus ’52 BSPh, (the Osterhaus
Medal’s namesake) making a beeline for their table. He didn’t know any of the students, but he had come over to pay their bill.

“I know you'll do this for other students someday,” Winckler remembered Osterhaus saying. She added: “Maybe I’m still trying to pay off that check.”

Carmichael, this year’s Whitney Award recipient, said that while she was a student at Iowa, leadership was always encouraged and rewarded. “It was expected that everyone should participate as members in professional organizations at a minimum,” added Carmichael. “Then, when it came time for some to lead projects, there were many opportunities and always a helping hand from faculty or the dean to support your meager efforts.”

“After a while you actually got the idea that you could make a difference and wanted to keep doing it.”

The importance of leadership is ingrained into students’ daily lives, often by alumni. Cremers, the Bowl of Hygeia honoree mentioned above, has been working with pharmacy students since he graduated.

Cremers often gives students the following example: Students serve on the board of the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA), and they are discovered when IPA board members turn to the college dean for recommendations.

“Do you suppose that the dean is going to pick somebody he’s never seen before?” Cremers asks students. “No, he’s going to choose somebody who’s been active in student organizations in the pharmacy college. The more visible you are as a student, the more opportunities you are going to have.”

In some cases, leadership is taught as part of the college’s curriculum. However, students and graduates actually participate in leadership in a number of ways. Residencies place pharmacists in professional settings and provide both basic and advanced training. Organizations such as the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the American Pharmacists Association all offer opportunities for pharmacy students to become involved in leadership roles.

Financial supporters of the college, large and small, fuel the ongoing ventures of leaders in the college.

At Salem’s investiture ceremony, Sharon Bighley summed up what is the underlying motive for many to become leaders.

She said, “In some way we wanted to drop a little pebble in a pond and hope for many useful ripples.”

“Education is really the key to bringing about a better world.”
Pharmacy Students Celebrate Homecoming

University of Iowa College of Pharmacy students came out in full force to celebrate Homecoming. In addition to participating in the annual parade, teams of students battled other organizations from across campus during Ruckus at the Rec. Students campus-wide also donated blood and took part in a United Way 5K race. PharmD classes competed against each other in a Penny Wars Competition, with proceeds benefitting Habitat for Humanity.

PharmD candidate Katelyn “Katie” Olsen led planning and promotion of the college’s events. “It was a unique experience,” said Olsen. “It is remarkable how much behind-the-scenes work is put in to make Homecoming happen, and I am glad I could be a part of it. Go Hawks!”

In the campus-wide competition amongst student organizations, pharmacy students again made an impressive showing, placing second. This marks the fifth consecutive year that the College of Pharmacy has placed in the top three student organizations.
Salem is an associate professor and head of the Division of Pharmaceutics and Translational Therapeutics. His research targets two of the most common cancers—melanoma and prostate cancer. It focuses on how to train the body’s immune system to attack tumors, by applying nanotechnology to drug delivery and cancer vaccines.

“The research is high-risk and high-impact,” said Salem during his October investiture ceremony. “Sometimes the risk is so high that the NIH and other organizations we apply to for funding will not fund the research until there is much stronger preliminary data. This type of investment provides us with the flexibility to generate that preliminary data.” It can also support students, allow travel to conferences to foster collaboration, and even out gaps in funding streams, he added.
Salem’s diverse research experiences have led to novel drug delivery approaches. His research has been supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the National Institutes for Health (NIH), the International Team for Implantology (ITI), the Osteology Foundation, the American Cancer Society, the US National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) Foundation. Salem has authored more than 165 scholarly publications, patents, and presentations. He has mentored 16 graduate students, 1 visiting professor, 3 postdoctoral fellows, 2 masters students, and more than 50 undergraduate, PharmD, and high school students in research.

Salem holds an undergraduate degree in applied chemistry from the Aston University of Science and Technology, U.K. and a doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Nottingham, U.K. He was drawn to immunotherapy during a postdoctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Salem joined the College of Pharmacy in 2004.

Salem has been an American Cancer Society Research Scholar since 2009. He also leads the Cancer Signaling and Experimental Therapeutics (CSET) Program at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center (HCCC) of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

“I make a personal promise to you that I will strive every day to make the best use of this generous investment,” Salem publicly told the Bighleys.

The Bighleys currently live in Olathe, Kansas. Lyle Bighley graduated from the UI College of Pharmacy with a Master of Science in pharmacy in 1963 and a doctorate in pharmaceutics in 1966. He was also an assistant professor and later promoted to an associate professor in the college from 1969–1977.

The Bighleys said they want their legacy to include a strong support for education. “Education is the key to a better world, and this is exciting work,” said Sharon Bighley.

The college’s first fully-endowed professor was Barry Carter, PharmD, the Patrick E. Keefe Professor in Pharmacy. Last year, William Doucette, PhD, professor and head of the division of health services research, received the Deborah K. Veale Professorship in Healthcare Policy.
DAVID MAHER HONORED FOR
Lifetime Achievement
The 2013 Osterhaus Medal for Lifetime Achievement has been awarded to David Maher.

In an October ceremony, Maher, ’64 BSPh, DSC (Hon.), of Salt Lake City, Utah, received the fourth-ever Osterhaus Medal. It is the pinnacle award given by the college annually to one or more recipients who have advanced the profession of pharmacy in profound ways, or made substantial strides in drug development or drug discovery.

Maher, an Iowa City native, worked with American Stores Company — known locally as Osco Drug — for 36 years. He began as a clerk before graduation, and then advanced from pharmacist to vice chairman and president of American Stores. Maher has held seats on state and national pharmacy advisory boards and served as chairman of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. He is founder, chairman, and general partner of DMM Enterprises, LLP, an asset management company.

As Maher worked his way up the ladder at American Stores, he worked on changing the culture through mentorship, leadership, and creating more functional work spaces. Early in his career — Maher remembered at the award symposium — a patient told him, “Doc, those are some beautiful pills you made for me today.” The man’s words stuck with Maher, as he worked to fulfill the trust of patients like that man, instead of simply increasing prescription volume. The focus on dispensing frustrated many pharmacists, who felt “their knowledge was just not being utilized,” said Maher. “(When) I became Vice President of Pharmacy for Osco, ... I decided to put the ‘Doc’ back into pharmacy,” Maher said. “We redesigned our pharmacy so that the workflow process allowed the pharmacist to have direct contact with the patient at the point of dispensation, and then added some consultation rooms so some privacy could be had where necessary.”

Maher has enjoyed being a mentor and leader in the profession. “I believe that anything is possible if you’re committed to it,” he said.

Maher received the UI College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1998. He was also awarded the University of Iowa Distinguished Alumni Award 2000. He is an active member of the College of Pharmacy Executive Leadership Board where he plays a critical role in providing insight and direction for the college. He received an Honorary Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 1997.

The award’s namesake, Robert Osterhaus, helped to transform pharmacy practice and patient care in Iowa and in our nation. His former business, Osterhaus Pharmacy in Maquoketa, Iowa, has earned national recognition for its patient-centered approach and emphasis on the pharmacist’s role in health care.

Top: David Maher and Dean Donald Letendre following the Osterhaus Medal ceremony in October.
Bottom: Marilyn and David Maher reside in Salt Lake City and are Iowa City natives.

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David Maher
During the 2013 University of Iowa Homecoming celebration, College of Pharmacy alumni and friends again gathered to celebrate another year and the accomplishments of their peers during the Alumni Recognition Dinner. This year’s celebration honored Distinguished and Honorary Alumni Award recipients, as well as the newly-minted Genesis Awards.

These awards recognize the college’s tradition of excellence in professional practice, the academic community, and in the pharmaceutical industry. For the last 15 years, Distinguished and Honorary Alumni Awards have recognized outstanding alumni and friends of the college.

New in 2013, the Genesis Award honors graduates of the past 15 years who have achieved early distinction in their field. One Genesis Award is given for achievement in professional practice, and one for achievement in the academic community or in industry.
Nagesh Palepu, BS, ’84 PhD

Nagesh Palepu is a seasoned professional in pharmaceutical development, with a career spanning over 30 years. After obtaining his MSc in Chemistry from the esteemed India Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay in 1972, he immigrated to the United States and began his career at Pfizer in pharmaceutical research and development. Dr. Palepu received his PhD in pharmaceutics from the University of Iowa in 1984. After 25 years working in global pharmaceutical giants, he joined Geneva Pharmaceuticals as vice president of Research & Development. In 2006, Dr. Palepu founded SciDose LLC, a pharmaceutical consultancy and a research and development company in Hyderabad, India. The self-funded company focuses primarily on anti-cancer products, reformulating existing compounds in the short-term, and developing novel compounds in the long-term. Over his career, Dr. Palepu has published over 25 journal articles and has filed over 50 US patents as inventor/co-inventor.

James A. Miller, ’71 BSPh, MBA

Jim Miller is a 1971 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and received his MBA degree from the University of Dubuque in 2004. From 1973 to 1998 he was the owner of several retail and nursing home pharmacies and a home medical equipment company in Dubuque. He is president of Miller Purcell Inc., a pharmacy management company that manages seven pharmacies for Mercy Medical Center-Dubuque. Miller was a co-founder of Outcomes Pharmaceutical Health Care and is a member of their Board of Directors. He serves as an Associate Professor faculty member for the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, is Vice Chairperson of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy and is a board member of the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging. A member and past president of the Iowa Pharmacist Association, he was the recipient of the Robert J Gibbs Distinguished Pharmacist Award in 2004. Jim resides in Dubuque with his wife of 45 years, Pam. They have three children.
Leman Olson

Leman Olson graduated from the College of Pharmacy at South Dakota State University. Upon graduation he started practice in hospital pharmacy at St. Luke's hospital. He moved to Mason City where he works in community and long term care pharmacy practices. He has owned and managed two pharmacies, and he has managed a number of outpatient pharmacies for Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa. He retired in January 2011. Olson has served as the speaker of the house and as president of the Iowa Pharmacy Association. He has also served on the board of trustees at APhA and on the Iowa Board of Pharmacy. In 2008, Olson received the Bowl of Hygeia. In 2010, he was awarded the Gibbs Distinguished Pharmacist Award from IPA.

William J. Wimmer

William J. Wimmer is a founding shareholder in the law firm of Wasker, Dorr, Wimmer & Marcouiller, P.C. and is a multi-client lobbyist for local, state, and national government. Mr. Wimmer has worked tirelessly for over 20 years lobbying for Iowa pharmacists, working closely with the Iowa Pharmacy Association. Recently he has helped to connect legislators with the College of Pharmacy in the pursuit of a new facility. Wimmer earned his AA from Southwestern Community College and his BS from Northwest Missouri State University. He attended a Master’s program in speech communications at the University of Nebraska in Omaha and received his JD degree from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in 1976. After graduation, he moved to Iowa. He has been recognized by AV Peer Review Rating, Martindale/Hubbell, and The Best Lawyers in America 2011. He received the Iowa Association for Justice Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and the Iowa Supreme Court Exceptional Service Award in 2006. He currently resides in Des Moines.
Kelly A. Brock, ’02 PharmD

Kelly A. Brock received her PharmD from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2002. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency with an emphasis in community care at The Ohio State University. Following her residency, Brock accepted an academic position that allowed her to teach at the College of Pharmacy and practice in a primary care clinic, collaborating with primary care physicians to help patients manage their chronic diseases and teaching student pharmacists about this model of care. Over the last 11 years, Brock’s career path has provided her with opportunities to work in community pharmacies, primary care clinics, an urgent care center, and a specialty clinic. In 2010, Brock founded KB Pharmacy Solutions, Inc., a healthcare consulting company focused on advancing the profession of pharmacy. Currently, Brock is serving as a community coordinator for Project IMPACT: Diabetes, a national initiative that aims to improve care for patients with diabetes. As a community coordinator, Brock has been actively involved in helping communities develop or expand their models of care to include pharmacists as part of the community-based interdisciplinary team caring for patients with diabetes. Brock is an active member of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA).

Joanne Reiland Wakeman, ’02 BS, ’09 PhD

Joanne Reiland Wakeman, PhD, joined the Product Development team at Ardea Biosciences in 2009. In her role at Ardea, she has developed solid oral formulations for preclinical and clinical drug products, including a patent-pending formulation planned for a commercial product. Prior to joining Ardea, Dr. Wakeman completed her PhD in Pharmaceutics at the University of Iowa studying drug transport under Professor Maureen Donovan. In preparation for her PhD work, she interned in product development, working on formulation of parenteral biologics at Biogen-Idec in 2003. Dr. Wakeman received her bachelor’s degree in biochemistry with honors and highest distinction from the University of Iowa in 2002 and her PhD in 2009.
For Guillory, College of Pharmacy is home

As an emeritus professor, Keith Guillory is a revered member of the College of Pharmacy family. He still spends most days in his pharmacy building office, and is in touch with many of the graduate students he mentored throughout the years.

Guillory was a Pharmaceutics professor at the college for 30 years, retiring in 1994. Now an emeritus professor, his official commitments to teaching and research have ended. However, he still generally works in his pharmacy building office for seven hours each weekday.

In 1956, he began studying at the University of Wisconsin-Madison under the late Professor Takeru Higuchi. Higuchi founded physical pharmacy, a discipline studying the physical and chemical characteristics of drugs. Its graduates are equipped to pre-formulate and develop drugs, often in industry. Guillory earned a PhD, joined the faculty of Washington State University’s College of Pharmacy for three years, then came to Iowa.

Guillory’s dedication to the UI College of Pharmacy has never faltered. These days, he does some consulting on patent issues pertaining to pharmaceuticals. He also keeps in touch with alumni, and works on genealogy. “This has been my life, really, here at the college,” he said.

On a recent day, Guillory turned to his work computer and a list appeared on his screen. Names and contact information for former UI Pharmaceutics graduate students and others appeared. “I have information that the alumni office doesn’t,” he said. His list contains email addresses and updated position titles for alumni at their various organizations. He also keeps in touch with...
alumni living abroad who may have graduated many years ago and do not use email. When the dean travels, Guillory provides him with alumni contacts in that city.

Dr. Guillory never married or had children of his own. Yet he finds true joy in staying connected to students he once taught or researched with here, as well as supporting and recruiting future pharmacists.

“I consider my graduate students my children. So I keep in touch with them. And I have some very successful ones,” boasted Guillory.

During his career at Iowa, Guillory directed the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science theses of 26 graduate students. Multiple ring binders on his office shelf contain holiday cards, photos, and other correspondence from them. He helped launch their careers, and he finds it rewarding to watch them become leaders in pharmacy colleges, industry, and research.

Dr. Guillory has made sure that his family is taken care of financially. That includes his sister in Houston and her descendants, as well as his UI College of Pharmacy family. Guillory has generously contributed to the college for over 31 years, including donations to a fund created in his name by friends and former students which support outstanding graduate students in Pharmaceutics.

Guillory is well traveled; he has been to every continent except Antarctica. Yet like any beloved grandfather, it is fun to keep a familiar home base and watch the generations return home for visits. Earlier this year, a former student — Stephen Baird ’86 BSPh, ’90 JD, of Winthrop & Weinstine in Minneapolis, Minn. — brought his sons Joe and Jackson to visit Guillory and tour the college.

“Dr. Guillory’s positive influence and interest in my career has inspired me to stay in touch over the years,” said Baird, who received a BS in pharmacy before going to law school. “He has remained very interested in my career and he is genuinely interested in my family life, too.

“Dr. Guillory truly is one-of-a-kind for the genuine interest he takes in his students. He had a profound impact on my education and was an amazing mentor. While I attended the College of Pharmacy, he provided me with the unique opportunity of working in industry and in a variety of his colleagues’ research labs.”

The emeritus professor delights in watching his reach extend itself in unexpected ways. Joe Baird — a junior at Providence Academy in Plymouth, Minnesota — now plans to apply here.
Jin is an associate professor of medicinal chemistry in the division of Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry. He and his team have created two compounds in the lab that have novel cancer-fighting properties. He is confident that with enough financial support, both can be pushed to the clinical trial stage of drug testing within a few years.

Before Jin’s compounds were ever made in a lab, they existed in nature. Scientists discovered the first, called OSW-1, from the Ivory Coast Lily in Africa. The second, Superstolide A, was discovered in a sea sponge at the bottom of the ocean. Scientists discovered that both have excellent cancer-fighting properties at the cellular level.

However, the trick is to carry the anti-cancer properties forward from cell cultures into a drug that does the same thing in more-complex human bodies. But nature doesn’t provide enough of these compounds for experiments leading to drug development.

“For natural products drug discovery, one of the major barriers is the supply,” explained Jin. “I wanted to make these molecules in the lab.”

In the case of the compound from the lily, his team successfully synthesized 250 mgs using a total synthesis approach developed in his lab. That was enough for biologists collaborating with Jin to find out that OSW-1 can definitely slow tumor growth in animals. Unlike chemotherapy, it doesn’t kill many healthy cells along the way. Jin’s group is still working to improve its efficacy and reduce its overall toxicity levels.

In the case of the sponge-derived compound, Jin opted to get a better yield by creating a modified molecule instead of a replica. Once the drugs reach clinical trial, their safety, quality, and effectiveness in humans will be scrutinized. However, Jin is hopeful his compounds will lead to lifesaving treatments for a leading cause of death worldwide.

Of the lily compound, Jin said: “This compound’s anticancer activity in the cells is excellent. It is ten to 100 times more potent than many well-known anticancer drugs on the market.”

He added: “We’ve learned a lot about fighting cancer in the last 50 or so years. People have a lot of hope that an effective anticancer drug will hit the market one day. It is my dream to make that happen.”
We Are Phil

Phil is a big name on the University of Iowa campus. Why? Because Phil is short for “philanthropy,” and at Iowa, Phil is everyone who donates to the university, as well as all those who benefit from private support.

Recently, the UI launched its inaugural We Are Phil giving program, which allows Iowa’s faculty and staff to have an even greater impact on campus by supporting the programs and projects that mean the most to them.

The goal of this new annual-giving initiative is to increase awareness about the importance of private support and to increase the number of UI faculty and staff who give back to Iowa each year.

The UI currently employs more than 16,500 regular, full- and part-time faculty and staff members—of whom about 150 work in the UI College of Pharmacy. Even before the university launched its We Are Phil campaign, these pharmacy leaders already were investing in students and enhancing the college’s overall quality. In fact, I’m proud to report that while the overall giving rate for UI faculty and staff was 13.7 percent last fiscal year (between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013), 22.6 percent of the College of Pharmacy’s faculty and staff made gifts to Iowa during that same period.

To help ensure that this year’s We Are Phil initiative is a success, the College of Pharmacy has created a committee to inspire even more of our generous faculty and staff to participate. This committee has organized everything from fundraising luncheons and guest speakers to drawings and “Minute to Win It” giving opportunities.

Such efforts are a reflection of the commitment that our faculty and staff demonstrate for the UI College of Pharmacy each and every day. As alumni and friends like you certainly know, the college’s leaders give of themselves selflessly in helping students fulfill their dreams and in furthering the college’s mission. Such personal investments of time and energy are a reflection of the excellence that distinguishes the UI College of Pharmacy from its peers.

I have no doubt that, together, the talented people who make up the UI pharmacy community will continue to set an example by putting the power of Phil to work for Iowa’s students.

To learn more about how private gifts can help students in the college, contact Mundi McCarty, director of development for the UI College of Pharmacy, or go to www.uifoundation.org/pharmacy.

Gift Announcements

A gift from Paul G. and Vivian V. Soderdahl will establish the Paul G. and Vivian V. Soderdahl Scholarship Fund was recently received for the College of Pharmacy. Paul received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1930 and his Master’s in 1932.

Robert E. and Barbara J. Rehal recently established the Robert E. and Barbara J. Rehal Family Scholarship, to be used by the UI Foundation to support one or more annual scholarships to deserving students in the College of Pharmacy. Bob is a 1955 graduate of the College of Pharmacy, and he and his wife have been generous donors to the college for over 25 years.

Dr. J. Keith Guillory has pledged two separate gifts through the University of Iowa Foundation to support the Keith Guillory Pharmaceutics Graduate Fellowship Fund, aimed at supporting the recruitment of outstanding students into the Pharmaceutics graduate program. The fund was created by friends and grateful former students to honor Dr. Guillory for years of dedication and energy in educating and mentoring students. Dr. Guillory is a Professor Emeritus at the College of Pharmacy and served as professor of pharmacy at the college from 1964 until his retirement in 1994. He was chair of the Division of Pharmaceutics from 1991-1994. He has been a donor to this fund since it was established in 1999, and has also generously contributed to the college for over 31 years.

Miekeleen Koerth, a member of the College of Pharmacy Executive Leadership Board and a 1979 graduate of the college, has pledged a gift of $200,000, with matching gift funds from the Merck Company Foundation. The gift will establish the Miekeleen and John Koerth Entrepreneurial Pharmacy Fund at the College of Pharmacy.
Michelle Fravel, PharmD, BCPS, has always been drawn to healthcare professions. While she was in high school, she had the opportunity to job shadow a pharmacist, and was hooked. When she came to the University of Iowa to pursue her education, she made plans to focus her natural aptitude for math and science and passion for healthcare on a degree in pharmacy.

Perhaps it’s this passion for the profession that makes Fravel such a favorite among her students, who selected her as the 2012-2013 College of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year. As one of her students said, “I believe she truly encompasses what it means to be a great professor. She likes what she does, she is organized and clear with her expectations for students, and she ensures that we can apply what we learn in the classroom to real life situations.”

Dr. Fravel is an assistant professor (clinical) at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy with primary teaching roles in therapeutics and the pharmacy practice lab series. She received her PharmD from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2006 and completed a two-year Specialized Ambulatory Care Residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in 2008. She is also a clinical pharmacist in the Internal Medicine Renal/Hypertension Clinic and the Anticoagulation Case Management Service at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She serves as a preceptor to fourth-year pharmacy students and pharmacy residents in both of these clinical settings.

“I am really energized by my interactions with students. It is incredibly fulfilling to work closely with students as they progress through their first three years in the classroom and then to have the opportunity to work with them in practice during their fourth year…to be able to watch them put their knowledge and skills to use to help patients. I really enjoy being a part of the whole process.”

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR
• Michelle Fravel, Collegiate Teacher of the Year
• Jill Fowler Kauer, P3 Teacher of the Year
• Jeffrey C. Reist, P2 Teacher of the Year
• Jennifer Fiegel, P1 Teacher of the Year

PRECEPTOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS
• Heather Bream-Rouwenhorst, UIHC Cardiology/Pulmonary Care, faculty category
• Brett Faine, UIHC Emergency Treatment Center, APPE category
• Luke Bartlett, Walgreens #05077 Pharmacy, IPPE category
On Nov. 1, the College of Pharmacy hosted the Dean’s Appreciation Dinner. This event honors major college donors, scholarship donors and recipients, and professional mentors. Philanthropy — whether in the form of monetary support or contribution of time and talent — is important to helping both the college and the university achieve their goals. As Dean Donald E. Letendre said, “The support network in [the College of Pharmacy] is instrumental to the success of our students and, ultimately, alumni. We are so fortunate to have numerous passionate, accomplished, and forward-thinking members of our community, many of whom are represented here this evening.”

Support of the college and its students has never been more important. The college is in the process of working to secure funding for a new $90 million facility. Students have never been more successful and more involved, thanks in large part to the professional mentors that they work with from their first day as a student here.

“Our students succeed in large part thanks to the contributions made by those of you who are here this evening. Through your scholarships and your mentorships, students learn not only how to become pharmacists and scientists, but how to pay it forward for future generations.”
The College of Pharmacy’s 2013-2014 academic year officially began on Saturday, Aug. 24, when the college welcomed 108 first-year students to the profession. Prior to that, students were able to attend a two-day orientation that walked them through the ins and outs of the college, expectations, and the many opportunities and resources that are available to them.

Expectations were reinforced by Dean Donald Letendre’s remarks for them during the Welcome to the Profession Ceremony. He spoke with the class of 2017 about professionalism, leadership, and involvement. “Our journey together is 108 strong,” he said. Iowa Pharmacy Association’s past president, Julie Kuhle, ’76 BSPh, who also welcomed the students to the profession, said, “Today you are a pharmacist and you should start thinking like a pharmacist.”
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Julie Kuhle
Meet the
Executive Leadership Board

The Executive Leadership Board, led by Dean Donald E. Letendre, was established in 2010 to advise the College of Pharmacy as it develops and works toward its strategic goals and visions. The members of the board meet periodically to discuss the college’s strategic plan, changes in the curriculum, trends in pharmacy practice, fundraising, and facilities.

Todd Christiansen

Todd Christiansen doesn’t fit the traditional mold of a pharmacy graduate. By serving on the Executive Leadership Board, he hopes to help others learn to harness ever-changing opportunities in the industry.

“The role of the pharmacist is undergoing a dramatic change,” Christiansen said during a recent phone interview. “I have made atypical career choices after pharmacy school, so I offer a unique perspective on how to best prepare students for successful careers in an industry that will look very different in ten years.”

Christiansen is the Managing Director of Huron Healthcare, a Chicago-based healthcare consulting firm. He earned a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from the University of Iowa in 1989 and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in 1995.

Through the Dean’s Forum, he has shared his career story and advice with second and third-year pharmacy students. Christiansen began his career as a clinical pharmacist in Arizona while working toward his MBA. Since then, he has worked for big-name companies such as Motorola, IBM, and now Huron Consulting Group. His professional roles have taken him beyond pharmacy into the health care world more generally. He has helped health systems to automate information and has helped providers use data-driven analytics to make personalized health care decisions. Christiansen has more than 25 years of experience in various aspects of health care and technology delivery including information technology service delivery, clinical pharmacy, software research and development, project delivery, strategic outsourcing, and consulting.

Black, gold, and healthcare are in Todd Christiansen’s blood. His father, Roger Christiansen, also graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 1966. His grandparents — Charles and Frances Christiansen — are graduates of the UI colleges of medicine and nursing, respectively. And Todd Christiansen’s daughter, Emily Christiansen, is a senior in the UI College of Nursing.
Susan Winckler

Susan Winckler has lived in Washington, DC for 20 years, but her license plate says it all: “IOWAGAL."

“I’m still an Iowa gal at heart,” Winckler said recently when reached by telephone. She is a member of the college’s Executive Leadership Board, which helps guide the college’s strategic goals and visions. Board members discuss the college’s strategic plan, changes in the curriculum, trends in pharmacy practice, fundraising, and facilities.

Winckler came to the University of Iowa from Sioux City to attend the UI College of Pharmacy, as both of her parents had. The idea was to then return home and join their cosmetics manufacturing business. But instead, after she got a BS in pharmacy in 1992, she also got a JD (Juris Doctor) in 2001 from the George-town University Law Center.

“My choice to go to pharmacy school was exactly right, but what I’ve chosen to do since then bears no resemblance to what I thought I would be doing,” said Winckler.

Her career path has been nontraditional. “I’m an attorney and pharmacist who serves the food and drug law community in one role and engages in broad healthcare policy discussions on the other,” she said.

She is the president and chief executive officer of the Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), a nonprofit organization committed to providing a marketplace for discussing global food and drug law issues through conferences, publications, and member interaction. She also serves as a senior advisor with Leavitt Partners, LLC.

Serving on the Executive Leadership Board allows Winckler to immerse herself in the pharmacy world and reconnect with the university and school friends once or twice a year. She enjoys offering her insights and listening to those of others.

Winckler said, “Both the College of Pharmacy and the University of Iowa gave me such a great foundation that if I have any opportunity to give back, then it is my responsibility to do so.”
1970s

John Placko, ’71 BSPh, retired from Banner Health in Phoenix in May 2013. He and his wife, Molly, have relocated to Brisbane, Australia for a position with UnitedCaring Health. In this position, Mr. Placko will serve as an ehealth analyst, helping to implement an electronic medical record and American-style pharmacy distribution system.

1980s

Ann Lehan, ’76 BSPh, was the recipient of the DeKalb, Ill. Chamber of Commerce’s Athena Award, which recognizes a person for business and professional accomplishments, community service, and for serving as a role model to encourage women to reach their full leadership potential. Lehan has been a pharmacist for 37 years, and has – with her husband Tim, ’76 BSPh – expanded Lehan Drugs to include three locations in DeKalb and Rockford.

1990s

Scott Karolchyk, ’90 BSPh, ’95 MS, sold his invention for an intraoperative ocular injection for patients with cataracts to a San Diego company. He also sold a second formulation for cataract surgeries and a stabilized, sulfite, and preservative-free epinephrine injection to Imprimis. Scott is the owner of Pharmacy Creations in Randolph, N.J.

The Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties recently appointed Sol Alienza Yoder, ’90 BSPh, to the Specialty Council for Oncology Pharmacy. Sol’s three-year appointment will allow her to participate in the creation, maintenance, and improvement of the board certification examination for oncology pharmacy.

Jennifer Brower-McNutt, ’95 BSPh, was a dominant distance runner for the University of Iowa from 1988-92, and on Aug. 30, she was inducted into the National Iowa Varsity Club Athletics Hall of Fame.

Philip J. Schneider, ’89 PharmD, was reelected to a position on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) during the 65th session of the society’s House of Delegates in Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Schneider, director of pharmacy services, Olathe Medical Center, Olathe, Kan., will serve a three-year term as ASHP Treasurer.

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Mitchell Buckley, ’02 PharmD, and Kelsey Bohling, ’10 PharmD, were married on July 1, 2013 in Phoenix, Ariz. Dr. Buckley is a clinical pharmacy specialist in the medical ICU and the PGY1 resident program director at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center. Dr. Bohling is an assistant professor at Midwestern University College of Pharmacy, Glendale Campus.

Mitchell Buckley, ’02 PharmD, a clinical pharmacy specialist in the medical intensive care unit and PGY1 residency program director, was elected as Chair of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Critical Care Practice and Research Network (PRN). He was also awarded the Critical Care PRN Research Member Grant for $5,000 at the 2013 ACCP Annual Meeting. His study proposal was “An Evaluation of a Clinical Pharmacist-managed Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis Program,” which will evaluate the clinical and economic impact of clinical pharmacists managing acid suppression therapy for stress-related mucosal damage prevention at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, Phoenix, Ariz.

Shaowei Wan, ’10 PhD, was offered a position in the Regenstrief-Merck Scholar’s Award program at the Regenstrief Institute for the academic years 2013-2015 to complete her post-doctoral research fellowship.

Andrew Berg, ’12 PharmD, has accepted a position with RxWiki, working to improve patient education and help pharmacists reach their patients, by publishing easy-to-understand medication news promptly after clinical research is released.

Jessica Purcell Smith, ’06 PharmD, MPH, was recently selected to serve as the Iowa Pharmacy Association’s representative on the Medical Assistance Advisory Council for the state of Iowa. She will join the executive committee, comprised of elected health care professionals from the state of Iowa, to advise the Medicaid director.

Sean Kubik, ’13 PharmD, received the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics “Good Catch” Award for May 2013. The Good Catch award is given each month to a staff member at UIHC in recognition of their professional diligence in having prevented a potential error or “near miss.” A near miss is an event or situation that, if not identified and acted upon, could have resulted in an accident, injury, or illness.

E. W. “Win” Tyler, ’50 BSPh, passed away in July of 2013. For years, Tyler operated Tyler Pharmacy in Lenox, Iowa. The pharmacy was in the same family for 133 years. Tyler is survived by his wife, Bonnie J. Tyler.

Paul Soderdahl, ’30 BSPh, ’32 MS, passed away on March 28, 2013 at the age of 106. He was a pharmacist in the Austin and Oak Park, Ill. communities, and taught at University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy throughout the 1930s and ’40s. He then moved to the chemicals industry until he retired in 1971.

Jan Alan Lindeman, ’63 BSPh, passed away on May 20, 2013 in Marseilles, Ill. He worked in the pharmacy industry for nearly 40 years, beginning at Lindeman’s Drug Store, Batavia, Ill. Jan married Linda Larimer, in Iowa City on Aug. 25, 1963. Lindeman served on the Oswego (Ill.) School District 308 Board of Education, participated in the Aurora Area Pharmaceutical Association, and was active in a variety of church and community boards.

Robert L. Van Horne, ’41 BSPh, ’47 MS, ’49 PhD, passed away on July 30, 2013. He was born in Malvern, Iowa, on Dec. 26, 1915. He served in the U.S. Navy from Oct. 1942 to Dec. 1945 and retired from the naval reserve in 1968 as a Commander, USNR. Van Horne was a professor until retirement in 1985 and Dean of the University of Montana School of Pharmacy for nineteen years. He was active and held offices in the American Association of College of Pharmacy, the AACP’s Teachers of Biological Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Montana Pharmaceutical Association, Rho Chi, and Sigma Xi.

Melissa (Peitz) Hunold, ’03 PharmD, and husband Shane welcomed daughter Katelyn Ann June 6, 2013. At birth, she weighed only 1 pound, 10 ounces. After 138 days in the NICU, Katelyn was able to join her parents and brother, James, at home. She now weighs 9 pounds, 13 ounces, and is doing well!

Deanna McDanel, ’01 PharmD, and husband Chad, welcomed Blakely Marie McDanel on Oct. 28, 2013. Blakely was 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and 21 ¼ inches. Blakely joins big sister Malia.

Matt Cantrell, ’05 PharmD, and wife Jess welcomed a daughter, Lauren Jaelynn Cantrell, on Oct. 13, 2013. Lauren weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.
Are you an alum who recently had a baby? Make the College of Pharmacy a family tradition!

Tell us the news of your family’s addition — send your information to pharmacy-alumni@uiowa.edu — and we’ll send you a free Future Iowa Pharmacists onesie to welcome your new bundle of joy!

We’re proud to provide our newest future alums with their first piece of Iowa gear and we look forward to sharing your joy with you!

Lesley Coussens, ’07 PharmD, and her husband Corey welcomed their son Riley on Feb. 27, 2013. He joins big sister Sydney.

Natalie (Tarkett) Hunter, ’10 PharmD, welcomed daughter Rylie Catherine Hunter on Jan. 21, 2013. She was 8 pounds, 1 ounce and 20 1/4 inches long.

Kyle Slings, ’11 PharmD, and Ofelia (Olvera) Slings, ’11 PharmD, welcomed their baby boy Alexander Owen Slings on Dec. 19, 2012. He was 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and 19 inches long.

Rachael Poppen, ’12 PharmD, and husband Kevin welcomed Vivian Rose Poppen on Aug. 21, 2013. She was 7 pounds, 9-3/4 ounces and 20.5 inches long.


Stacy (Sommerfeld) Ross, ’13 PhD, and her husband Nathan welcomed their son Wyatt Nathaniel in Dec. 2012. He weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long.
Oct. 7-11, **Dean Donald E. Letendre** was the guest of Comenius University, the oldest and largest educational institution in Slovakia. He met with, and presented to, key representatives from the health sciences with a particular focus on the faculties of pharmacy and medicine.

**Jeanine Abrons**, assistant professor (clinical) in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was appointed as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association* (JAPhA). Her term will run from Jan. 1, 2014 — Jan. 31, 2016.

**Emily Beckett, ’07 PharmD**, recently joined the Division of Applied Clinical Sciences as a faculty member. She is a 2007 graduate of the college’s professional program and her position is in the area of Family Medicine/Primary Care at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines. She will be responsible for the clinical and didactic teaching of student pharmacists as well as medical residents in the Broadlawns Family Medicine Residency Program. She will provide clinical pharmacotherapy services in the outpatient clinic of the residency program and participate in multidisciplinary rounds at Broadlawns.

**Matthew Cantrell, ’05 PharmD**, associate professor (clinical) (pictured), **Susan Vos**, associate professor (clinical) (pictured), and **Nancee Waterbury, ’00 PharmD**, adjunct associate professor, were recently promoted to new positions within the college.

**Barry Carter, ’78 BSPh**, Patrick E. Keefe Professor in Pharmacy, received a new 5-year grant for $3.6 million from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for his study entitled “Improved Cardiovascular Risk Reduction to Enhance Rural Primary Care (ICARE).” Carter will establish a centralized Prevention Health and CardioVascular Risk Service (PHCVRS) to support private medical offices in Iowa, especially those in rural areas. Barcey Levy, in the Department of Family Medicine, will serve as co-PI on the study, and clinical pharmacists Chris Parker and Tyler Gums will implement the study’s intervention. At least 12 medical offices will participate in the trial and be randomized to either the PHCVRS treatment group or the control group. The medical offices are either private physician offices in Levy’s IRENE network or Federally Qualified Health Centers in Iowa. The trial will examine whether the PHCVRS can be implemented in primary care offices and whether it can improve adherence to the Guideline Advantage metrics.
Jordan Cohen, Emeritus Dean of the College of Pharmacy, was appointed on July 1, 2013 as the interim executive director of the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education, Inc.

The University of Iowa Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit (VTEU) has received a multimillion dollar contract from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health. The national network of VTEUs allows rapid testing of vaccines in response to potential pandemic threats, according to Patricia Winokur, the principal investigator for the UI VTEU. Professor Larry Fleckenstein is a co-investigator on the project.

PhD candidate Colin Higgins has been named a 2014 Washington Fellow by the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET). The ASPET Washington Fellows program empowers young scientists to understand how public policy decisions made in Washington, D.C., shape science funding through agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and how to effectively advocate at the federal, state, and local levels. This fellowship will support Colin’s travel to Washington, D.C., in 2014. Colin will also meet with legislators in Iowa, write op-ed pieces to local papers, and help educate colleagues within the university on federal legislative matters.

Ryan Jacobsen, assistant professor (clinical), was selected to receive the Ben Pardini Interdisciplinary Teaching Award from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. Candidates for this award are non-physician members of the healthcare community who demonstrate a passion for teamwork, education, service, and patient care. Joel Gordon, a professor in the College of Medicine, explained Jacobsen’s selection, “Ryan is an excellent choice to receive this award, as he models and exemplifies what excellent interprofessional teaching is for the medical and pharmacy students we share in our Renal Clinic.”

Mark E. Jones, adjunct assistant professor, was selected as the 2013-2014 Honorary President of the Iowa Pharmacy Association. The award is presented on an annual basis to recognize a sustained commitment of support for the association and the profession of pharmacy.

In the summer of 2013, the College of Pharmacy announced leadership changes to streamline the college’s operations and provide maximum program effectiveness and efficiency. The organizational changes included the following:

Bernard Sorofman, executive associate dean, will focus his efforts on faculty development, strategic planning, and program and project management.

Jay Currie, former head of the UI College of Pharmacy Division of Applied Clinical Sciences, was named chair of the Pharmacy Practice and Science Department. Gary Milavetz will replace Currie as division head of Applied Clinical Sciences.

Larry Fleckenstein has been named interim chair of the newly-created Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics Department, which unites the college’s basic science divisions. Fleckenstein is leading the department during the search for a permanent department chair.

Maureen Donovan has been named the UI College of Pharmacy associate dean for undergraduate education, a newly-created position. In this role, Donovan is focusing her energies on bringing these undergraduate programs to fruition. Ali Salem has taken over Donovan’s duties as head of the Division of Pharmaceutics and Translational Therapeutics.

Amber Seaton has been named the UI College of Pharmacy chief of staff. Seaton will continue financial management while also promoting greater collegiate consistency and efficiency through operational effectiveness initiatives. She will oversee staffing in the college and work across units to establish a more effective operational structure.
Student Chapter Earns Recognition

The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy's chapter of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Societies of Health System Pharmacy (ASHP-SSHP) recently earned official recognition for 2013–2014.

Criteria for recognition encourage SSHP activities that:

- Promote membership in local, state, and national health-system organizations;
- Stimulate interest in health-system pharmacy careers;
- Encourage career development and professionalism among students aspiring to careers in health-system pharmacy.

Pharmacy Library Cases Available

The first 80 of over 250 web-based Active Learning Exercises developed jointly by the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and American Pharmacists Association (APhA) are available in a new program called PharmacyLibrary. College faculty are now providing solutions and teaching pearls for using each of the cases in educating students.

Professor Lee Kirsch has been appointed as a fellow of the American Association for Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS). The primary criterion for election to fellow status is professional excellence in the fields relevant to the mission of AAPS. Election to fellow status is based on the individual’s documented sustained level of superior and distinguished professional achievement and contributions in a relevant field.

Doctor of pharmacy candidate Karen Lai has been appointed to the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Student Network Advisory Committee as a member-at-large. Members of the committee have an integral role in the development of new programs and services for the student members of ACCP.

Stephanie Malenfant, ’11 PharmD, was recently appointed to the College of Pharmacy as an assistant professor (clinical). She is a 2011 graduate with a combined PharmD/MPH, and completed a PGY1 residency at UIHC and a PGY2 residency at MD Anderson.

The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy’s Kappa Psi chapter was recently awarded tenth place in the nation at the Kappa Psi International Grand Council Convention. This marks the tenth consecutive year that the chapter has been among the top 10 nationally. Additionally, their faculty adviser, Deanna McDanel, ’01 PharmD, associate professor (clinical), was awarded a Grand Council Deputy Certificate of Excellence.

Paul Perry, professor emeritus, was the recipient of the 2013 Saklad Award. The award is presented annually to a senior psychiatric pharmacy practitioner who has achieved a level of professional distinction and demonstrates a continuing dedication to the practice of psychiatric pharmacy. Perry was a faculty member at Iowa for 32 years. During this time, he developed a national and international reputation for his research in clinical psychopharmacology. He has authored more than 200 peer-reviewed publications. His clinical reference book the Psychotropic Drug Handbook is in its 8th edition.
The American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Region 5 Mid-Year Meeting (MRM) was hosted by the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy Nov. 8-10. At this annual meeting, APhA-ASP chapters in Region 5 — including Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming — met in Iowa City to learn about current issues in pharmacy, attend educational sessions, and work on professional development and networking.

Throughout the weekend, students had the opportunity to attend workshops, listen to speakers, and participate in fun social activities.

Stevie Veach, ’06 PharmD, assistant professor, was recently named to the second faculty scholars group by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation. This program will educate a group of eight faculty members about designing, implementing, and publishing community pharmacy-based patient care research.

The College of Pharmacy recently welcomed Kayla Lalor as an Alumni Relations Coordinator. In this position, Kayla will devote her time to developing, implementing, and evaluating strategies to create a network of engaged alumni. She can be reached at (319) 335-8348 or kayla-lalor@uiowa.edu.

100 Years

Congratulations to Meyer Pharmacy in Waverly, Iowa, who recently celebrated 100 years of business in the Waverly community! Meyer Pharmacy has a long history with the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, including past owners Tom Taiber, ’70 BSPh, and Sue Taiber, and current owners Ryan Frerichs, ’01 PharmD (pictured), and Kate Frerichs.
Shiny Parsai is a second year doctor of pharmacy student who has traveled the world. Born in New Delhi, India, Parsai moved to Iowa at the age of 11. In the summer of 2013, she became the college’s first recipient of the Stanley Award for International Research, and studied at the International Pharmaceutical Federation and the International Pharmaceutical Student’s Federation in The Hague, Netherlands and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in London.
What was your educational path prior to joining the College of Pharmacy?

I received a bachelor of science in biology from Iowa State University, and then earned a master’s in nutrition. I became interested in pharmacy during graduate school as I learned about nutrient-drug interactions.

Having had the experience of moving to another country and adapting to a new culture, I strongly believe that travel opens one’s mind to new ways of thinking and provides you with a greater understanding of cultural differences. Following graduate school, I had the opportunity to spend a few weeks in Munich, Germany, which inspired me to return to Europe the following summer. After several months of preparation which involved developing international contacts and conducting background research, I applied for the Stanley Award.

Tell me about your trips to the Netherlands and London.

This past summer I traveled to Europe to visit the headquarters of international and national professional pharmacy organizations. My trip began with a flight to The Hague, Netherlands where I spent time at the headquarters of The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and The International Pharmaceutical Student’s Federation (IPSF). While there, I interviewed pharmacists to learn about their career path and current role at the organization. This was especially beneficial for me as a student because I was able to learn about a wide variety of roles for pharmacists. In addition to the interviews, I wrote a short advertising piece for FIP’s annual 2013 conference. I also helped to compile World Congress Surveys to help gauge member feedback on various issues, which would hopefully influence the direction of IPSF.

As part of my research, I visited a community and hospital pharmacy in The Hague and spoke with the community pharmacist and observed pharmacy operations. While doing this I learned about the pharmacists’ training, their current role, and was able to identify similarities and differences in pharmacy practice between the United States and the Netherlands. The Netherlands is ahead of the United States in that they already have technicians verifying each other’s work. This allows the pharmacist to devote more of their time to clinical activities and management of the pharmacy. At the hospital pharmacy, I spoke with both the director of pharmacy and a pharmacy resident and learned about the lengthy training that hospital pharmacists must receive to practice in The Netherlands.

Following my time in The Netherlands, I continued my research at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society headquarters in London. I interviewed seven pharmacists with different roles at the organization to complete the main focus of my research. In addition, I assisted the research manager with analyzing data for the Community Pharmacy Prescription Interventions project. My primary responsibility was to find discrepancies in the data and work to resolve issues prior to further analysis.

I also spent time shadowing pharmacists at the Heart Hospital, the Royal Free Hospital and the Green Light Community Pharmacist in London to see pharmacy in action. At the community pharmacy I had the opportunity to meet other students and to observe a patient participate in a methadone program. In both countries, I noticed that the medicines are pre-packaged in blister boxes instead of a stock bottle which decreased dispensing time. The boxes also contained braille which was a wonderful feature for the visually impaired.

What’s next for you?

Since returning to the United States, I have been actively involved as the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation Coordinator for APhA-ASP. As the coordinator, I arranged an international pharmacy speaker to address the topic of pharmacy practice in the United Kingdom and I am currently organizing a medical Spanish workshop series for the spring 2014 semester to increase Spanish proficiency among pharmacy students. I also enjoyed writing a short public service announcement for American Pharmacist’s month to be played on the University of Iowa student KRUI radio station.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 22
Alumni Reception
Iowa vs. Wisconsin Basketball
Big 10 Iowa Room, Carver Hawkeye Arena, Iowa City

Thursday, May 15
Commencement
Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Coralville

Saturday, August 23
Welcome to the Profession Ceremony
Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Coralville

Friday, October 10
Alumni Recognition Dinner
University Club, Iowa City

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