

# ShowGlobe

Fall 2010

## Welcoming our Newest Alumni



On Saturday, May 15, the WVU School of Pharmacy Class of 2010 began a new journey. They left behind the familiar surroundings of the School and took on a new responsibility — to change the world. Our students have proven during the course of their studies that they are ready to become leaders in the profession of pharmacy. Through the many hours of attending classes, studying for tests, and providing patient care at community events, they have gained the knowledge to provide patients with the information to manage their health and become an important part of their health care team. Congratulations Class of 2010!

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Eleanor Roosevelt said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” I remember the dreams I had for the future when I was a child. Sure, some of them were about getting a puppy, having a nice car, and raising a beautiful family, but all dreams, if you work hard enough, do come true in the end.

To that end, I know that we all, as members of the profession of pharmacy, have a dream to advance our profession. We can say for certain that the profession of pharmacy has changed over the course of the past few decades because we have been making those dreams a reality. Our profession has grown to encompass patient counseling to empower our community members to manage their health, we work side by side with physicians in hospital settings providing valuable input on medical treatments, and we are active in our community by providing tests and screenings at health fairs for those who may not have easy access to a physician or need to monitor an existing disease state. We have also become a strong, unified voice in the advocacy of our profession.

People choose to become pharmacists because they have a dream to help their fellow man and improve the health of their communities. Because of your compassion, integrity, and commitment, pharmacy is still one of the most trusted professions.

So let’s take our dreams, compassion, knowledge, and desire to improve the health of others and help show our student pharmacists that it is possible to make a difference in our world, as well as our profession. We couldn’t have come this far without you. Let’s continue to turn our dreams into reality!

Patricia Chase, Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor  
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# Football Competition Winners Announced



Colony Drug & Wellness Center (left) and the Rite Aid Corporation (right)

The 2009 football season marked the beginning of the School of Pharmacy's second Master Chef Competition. Sponsors were invited to engage in a friendly competition at selected home football games to see who could set the atmosphere and host the perfect football event.

Two sponsors tied for the title of 2009 Master Chef Competition winner: Colony Drug & Wellness Center, owned by alum **Patty Johnston**, and the Rite Aid Corporation.

The School would like to thank all our competitors and congratulates Colony Drug & Wellness Center and the Rite Aid Corporation on a job well done!

*Editor's note: Alumni, please be sure to visit the Upcoming Events section of our website for future School of Pharmacy events.*

## School receives *Reaccreditation*

The WVU School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy professional program received continued accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The accreditation is valid until 2016— a full six years, which is the maximum length of time for accreditation.

"This accreditation determination is due to the exceptional work of our faculty and staff," said Dean Patricia Chase. "Our faculty and staff are the backbone of our school and it is through their work that we are able to provide this very high level of education and preparation for our students to become pharmacy professionals."

The accreditation also includes the WVU School of Pharmacy divisions in Charleston, Huntington, and Martinsburg.

"With our programs throughout the state, we are able to provide our Doctor of Pharmacy professional students with a better understanding of the health care needs of West Virginians, so they can offer excellent patient care," Chase stated.



The accreditation review took place in early March 2010 and included interviews with faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

"The WVU School of Pharmacy has been educating leaders in the profession of pharmacy for almost 100 years," Chase said. "Receiving our continued ACPE accreditation is an honor and validation of the quality of our professional program."

# Scholarships and Awards Convocation: *Making a Difference for our Students*

The School extends heartfelt thanks to our alumni and friends who donated scholarships and awards for our students. Below is a listing of all scholarships, awards, and their 2010 recipients.



**(l-r) C. Todd Picklesimer, Rachel Mitchell, and Andrea Amos were the recipients of the Bernabei Independent Pharmacy Scholarships**

**The Academy of Student Pharmacists Scholarships**  
Meena Agarwal and Andrew DeMotto

**The American Institute of History of Pharmacy Award**  
Leah Glasgow

**The Bernabei Independent Pharmacy Scholarships**  
Andrea Amos, Rachel Mitchell, and C. Todd Picklesimer

**The Cardinal Health Scholarships**  
Phylicia Hammond and Crystal Mayles

**The Patricia and Jim Chase Pharmacy Endowed Scholarship**  
Justin Williams

**The Clutter-Rhoades Scholarship**  
Gwendolinn Staud

**The CVS Scholarships**  
Jessica Ault, Janelle Durany, Derek Rhodes, Amy Tingler, and Tracie Tran

**The Nona Fay and CM Hamlett Scholarships**  
Scott Bragg, Randall Junkins, Kolby Keister, Kathleen Maloney, Bettina Mason, and Zachary Workman

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Danielle Lloyd and Doug Thornton

**The Anthony S. and Mary D. Guido Family Scholarship**  
Vanessa Law

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Jeremy Channell

**The Joseph M. and Edna Hudachek Family Scholarship**  
Keri Morgan

**The Ralph S. Johnson Scholarships**  
Hannah McCullough and Ashley Shaw

**The Harold M. Johnston School of Pharmacy Scholarships**  
Stephanie Field, Melissa Public, and Benjamin Swartz

**The Justice-Lindstrom Compounding Award**  
Vanessa Law

**The Dr. Carl J. Malanga Pharmacy Scholarship**  
Amanda Shrewsberry

**The James A. Mauro Family Memorial Scholarship**  
Mary Vincent

**The Merck Awards**  
Belinda Bilpuh and Robbin Gregg

**The Angelo Monaco Scholarship**  
Micah Plants

**The NACDS Education Foundation Scholarships**  
Shaun Huseman and Amanda Shaver

**The NCPA Outstanding Student Member Award**  
Jessica Ault

**The Ohio-Marshall County Pharmacists Association Scholarships**  
Michelle Gianni and Stacey Means

**The Mary Ann Pavlick and Helen Pavlech Scholarships**  
Sarah Bowen and Aerial Porto

**The Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award**  
Crystal Mayles

**The Romeo and Elizabeth M. Rega Memorial Scholarship**  
Lauren Boyle



**Jessica Ault (left) is presented her CVS/pharmacy Scholarship by Ms. Jayme Kmetko**



**The Ray L. Ridgway Endowed Scholarship**

Victoria Milton

**The Rite Aid Scholarships**

Hollie Burdette, Kimberly Clevenger, Kayla Cline, D. David Eplin II, Christopher Hale, Ryan Hardesty, Emily Kimble, Marc Phillips, Sarah Rizzo, and Nathan Wilson

**The Rite Aid/James K. Harman Memorial Scholarships**

Rennie Billow and Lauren Marosi

**The Edward W. Rockis Memorial Scholarship**

I. Mitchell Cunningham



**Vanessa Law (left) is presented the Anthony S. and Mary D. Guido Family Scholarship by Mrs. Mary Guido**

**The Robert and Stephany Ruffolo Endowed Scholarships**

Brian Britton, Amanda Hawse, Jared Lapkowitz, Desiree Lucas, Erin Marcum, and T.J. Ravis

**The Harry D. Schiff Scholarship**

Belinda Bilpuh

**The Southern Appalachian Pharmacists Association Scholarship**

E. Peyton Morhous

**The Gerald L. Sprowls Pharmacy Scholarship**

Lisa Plude



**Crystal Mayles accepts the Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award from Commander Martin Johnston**

**The Yvonne Stanley Memorial Scholarships**

Kathleen Burda, Shana CampBell, Cassandra Clevenger, Mark Crist, Betewoin Dubale, Alisha Edmunds, Leah Glasgow, Ka Lok Hong, Brad Newell, Daphne O'Hara, and S. Alex Winans

**The Kenneth Stollings Memorial Scholarship**

Erica Knowles



**Betewoin Dubale is presented her Yvonne Stanley Memorial Scholarship by Dr. S. Suresh Madhavan**

**The Edward A. Toompas Memorial Scholarship**

Jennifer Decker

**The Walgreens Diversity Scholarship**

Ying Yin Chen

**The Walmart Scholarships**

Dawn Burr, Samantha Martin, and Leesa Shine

**The West Virginia Pharmacists Association Scholarship**

Sarah Rogers

**The West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Annual Scholarships**

Brittani Alley, Cindy Morris, and Cody Smarr

**The WVU Alumni Association Loyalty Permanent Endowment Scholarships**

Kellyn Cole and Jacob Lilly

**The WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni**

**Association Scholarship**

Jonathan Paris

**The West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Dean's Scholarships**

Jeffrey Davis, Danielle Guldner, Evan Lantz, Sammie Nguyen, Ji-Hye Park, and T. Jordan Rusin

**The WVU School of Pharmacy Loyalty Scholarships**

David Cobb, Zhen Guo, Erin Jerico, Ashleigh Landis, and Seth Ullman

**The John and Edna Witten Scholarship**

Valerie Dannals



**Jonathan Paris (left) is presented the WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association Scholarship by Mr. W. Clarke Ridgway**

# Ph.D Student News

Three Ph.D. students were recognized at the School of Pharmacy Scholarships and Awards Convocation in April. **Kimberly Blake** received the Outstanding Achievement Award, **Abhijeet Bhanegaonkar** received the Outstanding Research Award in Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy, and **James Fishback** received the Outstanding Research Award in Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences.

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**Tricia Lee Wilkins**, Health Outcomes pathway student, was awarded a scholarship from AcademyHealth's new Minority Scholars Program. The scholarship provided support for travel and lodging to attend AcademyHealth's annual research meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, in June.

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Three graduate students in the Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences pathway received competitive travel

awards to present their research at international meetings. **Swati Kunduri** received an American Radiolabeled Chemicals Junior Scientist Award in Pharmacology, which was presented at the annual Experimental Biology meeting in Anaheim, California. **Michael Dodrill** received a Graduate Student Travel Award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics to present his research at the society's annual meeting in Anaheim, California. **Maryam Sharifi-Sanjani** received a Graduate Student Travel Award to the 16th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WorldPharm 2010) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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The International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) student chapter won third place as an Outstanding Student Chapter at the ISPOR 15<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meeting in May.

# Alumni News

**John Argyrakis, '98**, is a pharmacist for Walmart in Princeton, West Virginia. John has a new lease on life by undergoing a stem cell transplant at WVU Hospitals on February 11, 2010. John is a proud father of three children, Uriah, 17, Mikaela, 11, and Nicholas, 18 months. Follow John's recovery at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/JohnArgyrakis](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/JohnArgyrakis).

**Richard Carney, '05**, was named Regional Community Pharmacist of the Year by Walmart. The region is Virginia and West Virginia and includes over 220 pharmacies.

**BJ Cather, '02**, and his wife, Stacey, are the proud parents of Natalia Graicen Cather, born October 24, 2009. Natalia joins four-year-old big brother, Traijon Michael Cather.

**Kristen Finley, '06**, married Micah Jared Sobata on July 31, 2010, at Oglebay in Wheeling, West Virginia. Kristen was also the recipient of the 2010 NACDS Foundation Community Pharmacy Faculty Award.

**Arthur Lynn Hilaire, '67**, retired after 40 years at Mon Valley Hospital in Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

**Courtney (Strawser) Hohman '07**, and husband, **Greg Hohman, '05**, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Olivia Margaret Hohman, born August 3, 2010.

**Jeremy L. Jones, '07**, and his wife, Beth, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jackson Thomas Jones.

**Justin Legge, '05**, is pleased to announce the birth of his daughter, Kelsey Elizabeth, on March 2, 2010.

**Tara Cline McCloud, '05**, and her husband, Dr. Jason McCloud, are the proud parents of two children, daughter Paxton Grace McCloud, born October 18, 2008, and son Parker Ross McCloud, born December 14, 2009.

**Robert Pierce, '42**, got a new pacemaker (his third) on his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday (Go Bob!).

**Amanda Renee (Wilson) Shaffer, '07**, and her husband, Brent, welcomed their son, Brayden Lee Shaffer, on March 18, 2010.

**Galen Smith, '79**, recently defended his dissertation to earn his Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Smith's studies were focused in the specialty area of Health Policy.

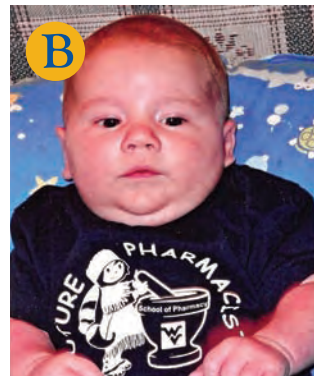
**John Taylor, '05**, and his wife, Amanda, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth Taylor, on March 23, 2010.

During her 2009-2010 community pharmacy residency, **Christy Fields Williams, '09**, received third place in the Residents/Fellows category at the WVU HSC Van Liere Research Day for her poster presentation, "Impact of influenza pandemic on patients' attitudes in receiving vaccination in a rural pharmacy."



# Future Pharmacists

**A** **Kimberly Bowsher, '07**, is proud to present her twin Future Pharmacists Anna Paige Bowsher (left) and Kylie Christine Bowsher (right).



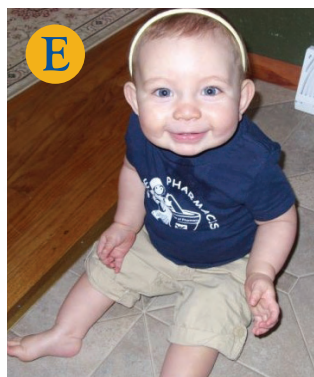
**B** Future Pharmacist Brody Nelson Brooks, son of Whitney Brooks, is the great-grandson of **Lydia Main, '56**.

**C** Future Pharmacist Audra Elizabeth Dalton is the daughter of **Tara (Bishop) Dalton, '00**, and David Dalton. Audra joins her brother, Judson Cole Dalton.



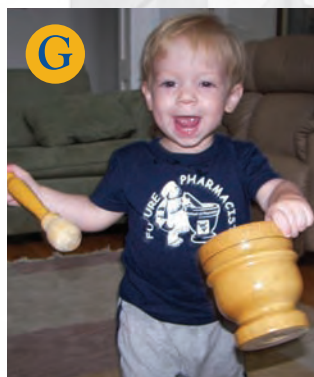
**D** Ph.D. graduates **Girish Gudi, '01**, and **Dhanashri Kolwankar-Gudi, '03**, are proud to present their Future Pharmacist Archana Gudi.

**E** **Andrew Herndon, '07**, and his wife, Summere, are the proud parents of Future Pharmacist Myiah Elizabeth Herndon. Grandparents are **Brenda (Beard) Herndon, '77**, and husband Dann.



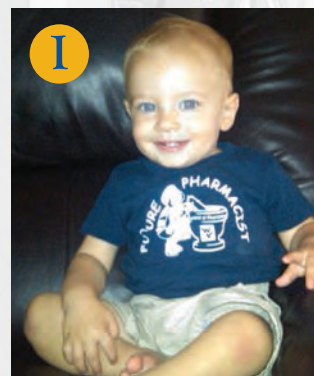
**F** **Susan (Heilmann) Holsclaw, B.S. '98, Pharm.D. '99**, and her husband, Greg, are proud to present their little Future Pharmacist Elliott Charles Holsclaw.

**G** **Paul R. Holly, '70**, is proud to present his Future Pharmacist grandson, Thomas C. Mathias, son of Heather Holly Mathias.



**H** **Misty Ingram-Keen, '99**, and her husband, Jim, are proud to present their Future Pharmacist Jenner Dennison Keen. Jenner joins six-year-old big brother, Anden.

**I** Matthew Pierson is the happy Future Pharmacist of **Brian, '02**, and Leigh Anne Pierson.



## Calling all new moms, dads and grandparents!

Have you recently had a little bundle of joy arrive at your home? The School of Pharmacy wants to know! Please send an e-mail with news about your baby or grandchild to Dean Patricia Chase at [pachase@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:pachase@hsc.wvu.edu) to receive a "Future Pharmacist" baby shirt (shirt is only available in size 12 months). In exchange, Dean Chase asks that you send a photo of your new "Future Pharmacist" to include in the next issue of *The ShowGlobe*.





Clarke Ridgway inducts Dr. Ma as an honorary member of the WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

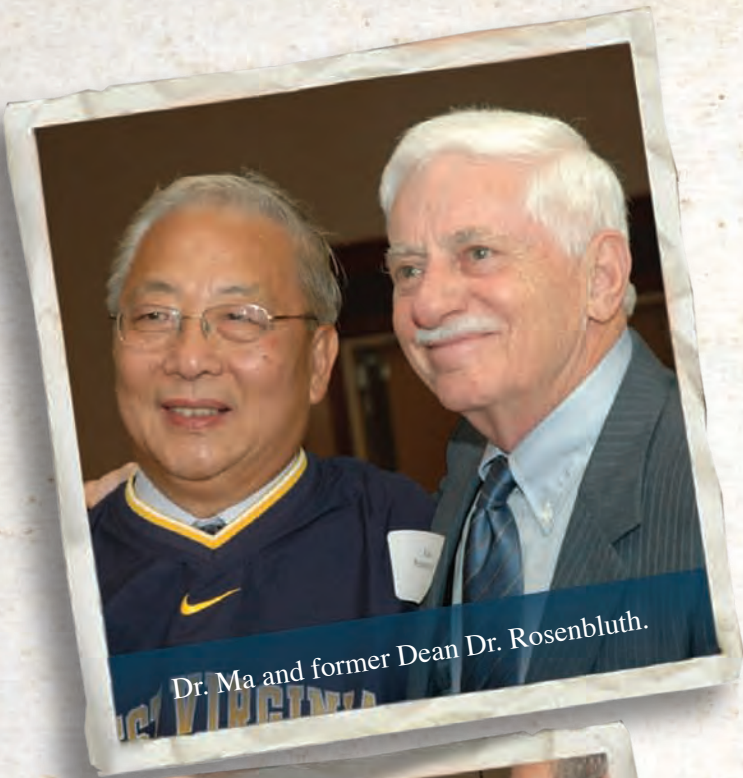
# Ready for a New Adventure

Joseph K.H. Ma, Ph.D., professor in the WVU School of Pharmacy Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, retired in June 2010 after 34 years of outstanding service to West Virginia University. Dr. Ma began his career at the School in 1976 as an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics/Pharmaceutical Chemistry. His compassion and loyalty to the School, fellow faculty, staff and, most of all, the students have left a lasting impression. Faculty, staff, and several former students attended his retirement party on June 25 to wish him well on his next adventure.

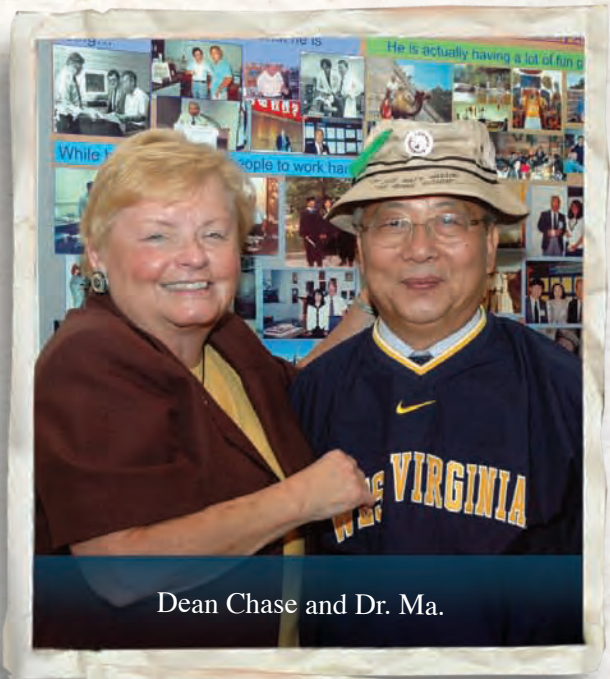


Dr. Ma's School of Pharmacy family.





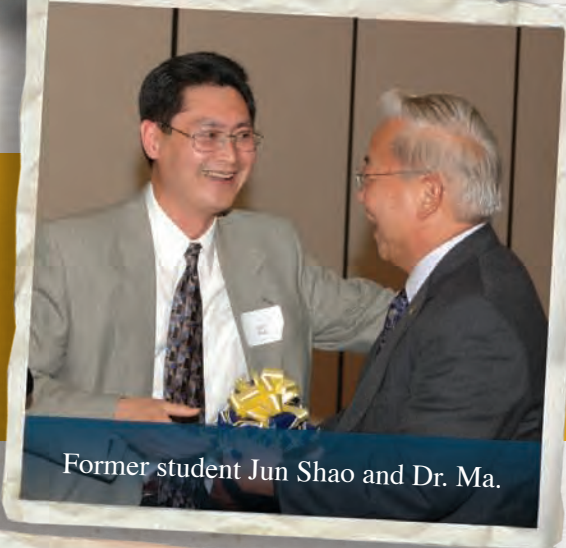
Dr. Ma and former Dean Dr. Rosenbluth.



Dean Chase and Dr. Ma.



Dr. Ma and former students Rahul Mehta and Nabil Al-Humadi.



Former student Jun Shao and Dr. Ma.



Dr. Ma with his beautiful wife Jane.



Dr. Ma with fellow faculty member (and former student) Bill Petros.



## Alumni Highlight

# Vince Anido

You never know just how, or how much, the profession of pharmacy is going to affect your life. Just ask **Vince Anido, '75 and '78**, president and CEO of ISTA Pharmaceuticals—the fourth largest branded ophthalmic pharmaceutical business in the United States. Anido's interest in pharmacy stemmed from an interest in science and business. He received his bachelor's in pharmacy and master's in pharmaceutical sciences degrees from the WVU School of Pharmacy. After graduation, he began his career, but soon found that he enjoyed the “business side” of science, so he slightly altered his pharmacy career path and pursued the pharmaceutical industry.

Anido was working at Marion Merrell Dow (now Sanofi-aventis) when he was recruited to manage the ophthalmology and dermatology sections at Allergan, Inc. He became Allergan's President of the Americas Region and was responsible for overseeing all products (pharmaceuticals, contact lens cleaners, surgical devices) for the US, Canada, and Latin America. While working in this position, Anido worked with the FDA to broaden the indications of a medication that was created for strabismus—an eye disorder where both eyes cannot coordinate to focus on the same object. The medication was Botox and treatment was expanded to include tension headaches and migraines.

In 1996, Anido founded a small, private biotechnology company, CombiChem. The company had a universal library of chemicals that tested receptors to obtain information on structures that would work, and would then sell these chemical structures to larger companies. CombiChem went public in 1998, and DuPont purchased it a year later.

Anido joined ISTA in 2002. The company was originally founded in 1992 and focused on medications for various front-of-the-eye conditions. Changing its name from Advanced Corneal Systems



to ISTA—the Lakota Sioux Indian word for eye—ushered in the new direction the company was taking by concentrating on the health of the entire eye. A few years after Anido joined the company, ISTA acquired three late-stage ophthalmic products and also received FDA approval for the medication Vitrase, which was originally developed to treat for vitreous hemorrhages. In the following years, ISTA began the clinical regulatory process for and was subsequently able to launch two medications—Xibrom and Istalol. Today the company has four products on the market and several in its pipeline.

Anido's passion for founding and building successful pharmacy industry companies comes from wanting success for his employees. “I love building lean, mean companies,” Anido said. “I love watching people grow and be successful. I build my company around people and develop the next generation. The senior management team sets the tone.”

The WVU School of Pharmacy alumnus looks back on his education and time at the School with fondness in his heart. “I had a lot of fun at WVU,” Anido said. “I wouldn't be where I am today without the School. I feel very connected to WVU. It has helped my entire family. They all went to WVU and there is a strong attachment.”

## Read more about it

ISTA Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and the School of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy partnered to create a fellowship in Medical Communications. Read more about this wonderful fellowship opportunity in our next issue.



# Honor Roll of Giving 2009-2010

Thank you to the individuals, alumni, and friends who provided contributions to the WVU School of Pharmacy for fiscal year 2009-2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010).

Your annual gifts are vital to helping develop leaders in education and research at the School of Pharmacy and we appreciate your generosity.

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# President's Message



Technology is wonderful. We have so many ways we can stay connected with our family and friends, our jobs, instructors, even our favorite stores. We can e-mail, we can text, we can provide a status update – the possibilities of communicating with each other are endless.

It's now easier than ever to stay connected with the School of Pharmacy. The

School has Facebook and Twitter pages to instantly inform you about what is taking place and to also notify you about upcoming events. If you have a Facebook or Twitter account, check out these pages and “like” and “follow” us.

Speaking of staying connected, many of the School's and Alumni Association's communications are now going to be delivered electronically. Please make sure that we have your correct e-mail address on file by using the information update form on the School's website (it can be found under Alumni Association, and then click on Update/News Form). Invitations to alumni receptions and other events are usually e-mailed two to three weeks before an event. We'd love to see you at these events, so please make sure we are able to contact you.

I'd like to thank all the alumni who have been attending the School's events this year. It was great seeing so many of you at the Homecoming tailgate! While I have not been able to attend each tailgate since I live out of state (nothing could keep me from Homecoming though!), I have been hearing great things about the alumni attendance at the School's tailgates. Let's try and keep this connection going strong past football season.

Thank you, alumni, for all you do for the School, the Association, and our students. I'm looking forward to a great year with you!

Valerie Schmidt Mondelli

2010-2011 WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association President

## *Rojanasakul Awarded Grant to Research Effects of Nanotechnology*



**Yon Rojanasakul, Ph.D.**, professor in the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, is the principal investigator on a recently awarded grant project, “Prediction and Mechanism of Carbon Nanotube-induced Fibrosis.”

Nanotechnology — the study of controlling matter on a molecular scale and creating devices that are functional at

this level — is a field of research that is rapidly growing. The effects of this field of research on the health of those working around nanomaterials and using products containing these materials are not well known.

The \$1.4 million grant — approximately \$369,000 per year over the next four years — from the National Institutes of Health National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NIH NHLBI) will fund research in identifying whether or not exposure to carbon nanotubes causes scarring and inflammation of the lungs.

Carbon nanotubes are one of the most widely used nanomaterials in commercial and biomedical applications, such as in consumer electronics, medication delivery and research projects. Because of their small size, it is possible the tubes can penetrate lung tissue. Exposure of this material to lung tissue could potentially cause scarring and incurable lung diseases.

Rojanasakul, along with grant participants Vincent Castranova, Ph.D., Liying Wang, Ph.D., and Robert Mercer, Ph.D., of NIOSH and Nick Wu, Ph.D., associate professor at the WVU College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, will study various types of carbon nanotubes to see which are harmful and how they may cause health problems.

The findings from the research could show that exposure to nanotubes may have an impact on health and therefore lead to the development of better and safer products for all who may come into contact with this material.



# New faculty 2010-2011



**Gretchen Kreckel, Pharm.D.**, is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy. Her current practice sites include the Rite Aid Pharmacies in Grafton and Westover, West Virginia. Dr. Kreckel's areas of interest include program development and

implementation in the community pharmacy setting. During her residency, she provided immunizations, cholesterol, diabetes, and hypertension screenings to her patients. She also managed patients' warfarin therapy through a pharmacy based anticoagulation clinic. She is currently serving on the American Pharmacists Association Community Pharmacy Residency Advisory Panel. Dr. Kreckel's research interests include diabetes, pharmacist provided screenings and at-home screenings that lead to early detection of diseases, and immunizations.



**Jay Martello, Pharm.D.**, is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy and a Clinical Specialist in Internal Medicine at West Virginia University Hospitals. He earned his Pharm.D. degree from Duquesne University in 2008, and subsequently completed a PGY-1 and PGY-2 Residency

in Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University, respectively. Dr. Martello serves on several hospital committees and is a preceptor for residents in the residency program on their internal medicine rotation. His practice interests focus on pharmacy education, pharmacoeconomics, general internal medicine, and the impact of a pharmacist in acute care settings.



**Ashlee McMillan, Pharm.D., '09**, joins the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy as Director of Skills Development in the Mylan Center for Pharmaceutical Care Education and Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy. She received her

Doctor of Pharmacy degree from West Virginia University and then completed an Ambulatory Care residency through Amherst Family Practice and Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. Her main focus at the clinic was to provide anticoagulation and diabetes management. During her residency, she also completed a teaching certificate program through Shenandoah University. Dr. McMillan's areas of interest include hypertension, diabetes, and anticoagulation.



**Lucy Pan, Ph.D.**, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy. Dr. Pan received her doctorate degree in pharmaceutical socioeconomics from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. Her general research areas of interest include health service

research, health economics, and pharmacoepidemiology. Dr. Pan's previous work focused on comparative effectiveness research, Medicare reimbursement policies, factors associated with treatment choice, evaluation of adverse drug events, cost estimation of health service uses, medication adherence, treatment patterns, budget impact analysis, international economics issues, pharmacy laws and regulations in China.



**Letha Sooter, Ph.D.**, was appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences. She is also a member of the WVNano Initiative and has an adjunct appointment in the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Sooter is recognized for her expertise in combining cell biology and material sciences approaches to develop novel

detection methods. Her laboratory utilizes DNA or amino acids as building blocks for in vitro selection and the creation of molecular recognition elements to detect nanomaterials and other agents of interest. She is interested in cell surface markers that can be used to identify cancerous and pre-cancerous prostate cells. She is also working to detect trace levels of pesticides in the environment.

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# Homework Assignment

As you learned in this issue, it is great to see how our alumni have been pioneers in pharmacy. Alumni, we are interested in hearing from you! Were you a Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) or pharmacy honors student? We would love for you to share your stories for future issues of the ShowGlobe. Please contact the editor at [anewton@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:anewton@hsc.wvu.edu) with your story ideas.

## *In Memoriam*

Jennifer Lynn Gallaher, '82, of Beckley, West Virginia, passed away on June 22, 2010.

Honnie Gunnoe, '48, of Abingdon, Virginia, passed away September 24, 2010.

Frank Oliver, '48, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, passed away September 18, 2010.

Dr. Velayudhan (Val) Vallyathan, adjunct professor for the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, passed away July 23, 2010.

## *Upcoming Events*

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