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The Ridgway. It's been stated on T-shirts and has been spoken from the lips of students, faculty, staff, and colleagues who have had the privilege of having W. Clarke Ridgway, assistant dean for student services, in their lives.
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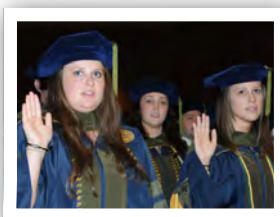
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Message from the Dean



The School is preparing for a great milestone in our history. The year 2014 marks our centennial! Planning is under way to create a variety of wonderful events to celebrate our 100 years of excellence in pharmacy education.

We are very proud of our current 99 years of sustained accomplishments. As you review this issue of *The Showglobe*, I hope you will be impressed at the variety of activities in which the School is engaged. We promote everything from service activities in summer camps, to student, faculty, and alumni excellence.

One of the exciting projects we are developing is the **Centennial Hall of Fame**. In this program, we want to recognize the outstanding contributions of 100 of our alumni through the ten decades of the School’s existence. Please take some time now to nominate alumni you feel have excelled in pharmacy practice, research, service, and/or leadership activities. Self-nominations are accepted. We can follow up to help you, so just include a brief description of the nominee’s accomplishments. Please mail or e-mail nominations by February 14, 2014. Nominations should be sent to pachase@hsc.wvu.edu or to WVU School of Pharmacy, ATTN: Dean Chase, PO Box 9500, Morgantown, WV, 26506-9500.

The weekend of June 13 and 14, 2014, will be a series of very special activities to celebrate our Centennial. **Centennial Weekend 2014** includes Continuing Education on Friday, a social gathering Friday evening, activities Saturday morning and the big event — the Black Tie Centennial Gala — Saturday evening. Stay tuned for more information and be sure to save those dates! For more information, visit www.pharmacy.hsc.wvu.edu/centennial.

I’m very pleased to announce that the School is sponsoring the 2014 American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP) calendar. Half of the calendar will feature vintage photographs showing the history of our wonderful School. We will have a limited number of calendars available. Stay tuned for additional information on how you can obtain one!

Patricia Chase, Ph.D.
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Going *Global*

Doug Slain, Pharm.D., associate professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, traveled the globe this summer to collaborate with fellow pharmacists and physicians in advancing the profession of pharmacy and improving the health of citizens worldwide.

Dr. Slain is the School of Pharmacy's Global Affairs Liaison for the WVU Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center. His areas of interest are infectious diseases, antibiotic resistance, and clinical pharmacy education.

Because of his expertise in these areas, the C.L. Baid Metha College of Pharmacy and Apollo Hospitals in India requested him to consult with college administrators on the development of their Doctor of Pharmacy professional program. Slain was asked to advise in the development of clinical programs. While he was there, he was also asked to participate as a keynote speaker in the symposia Global Threat of Antibiotic Resistance — An Indian Initiative. The symposia focused on the emerging roles of pharmacists in addressing the global concerns of antibiotic use.



PHOTO BY BOB BEVERLY

Slain was also one of the invited U.S. representatives who participated in the Global Respiratory Infection Partnership (GRIP) international summit. The summit, held in Windsor, England, in June, brought together infectious diseases experts worldwide to discuss antibiotic resistance and how countries can work together to reduce inappropriate antibiotic use and monitor resistance trends across the globe.

"In other countries, it is possible to go to a pharmacy and obtain antibiotics right off the shelf," Slain said. "Changes are needed in how antibiotics are administered in other countries as more resistant bacteria are coming from these areas."

Slain hopes that through these discussions, more antibiotic-stewardship programs will be established globally. Hospitals in the United States have these programs in place to improve antibiotic usage while limiting resistance and adverse effects.

While Slain travels to share knowledge and provide assistance, it is also a learning experience for him.

"It's great to have the opportunity to be able to discuss health issues with colleagues on a global level," Slain said. "Things that may work here in the U.S., in both medications and procedures, may not necessarily work in other countries, so it gives you a new perspective on ways you can help improve the health of the world."

Ponte Selected *as* American Association of Diabetes Educators Fellow



PHOTO BY BOB BEVERLY

Charles D. Ponte, Pharm.D., professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, was recognized for his commitment to helping educate healthcare professionals and patients about diabetes and diabetes management by being selected as a fellow of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE).

The AADE Fellows Program recognizes "diabetes educator leaders who have made outstanding contributions to diabetes education and care through clinical practice, research, education, or health policy, including the development and implementation of mentorship programs for diabetes educators."

Dr. Ponte is one of nine pharmacists who have been selected to receive AADE fellow status since the program was established in 2008.

"It is an honor to have been selected as a fellow and humbling to be counted among some very special people in the world of diabetes education," Ponte said. "By educating peer healthcare professionals about diabetes, we, in turn, educate our patients about diabetes care and management. I am also fortunate that in my position as a clinical pharmacist, I can provide direct patient care and help patients monitor, manage, and take an active part in their health care."

A limited number of fellows are selected to the AADE program each year, with six healthcare professionals being chosen for 2013. Fellows must have at least five years of continuous AADE membership and have 10 years of experience in diabetes education as an educator, researcher, or clinician.

Ponte has been a faculty member at the WVU Health Sciences Center for 32 years. In addition to clinical work, his scholarly interests include diabetes education and management, gynecologic infections, and pain management.



CAMP

Summertime might mean no more pencils and no more books, but for several student pharmacists and alumni, summer is the beginning of a new chapter of healthcare education. The stories below highlight these dedicated individuals who are finding interesting ways to help children learn to manage their health conditions.

Camp Kno-Koma

By Katherine Mabry,
Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate, Class of 2014



I have had the privilege of working with the staff and kids at Camp Kno-Koma for two years. I initially went to camp as a first-year pharmacy student and was able to go back this year as a fourth year. Camp Kno-Koma is a safe haven for children ages 7 to 17 with diabetes. Throughout the week, the kids are able to enjoy biking, swimming, sports, and other activities, while a medical staff oversees their diabetes needs.

I gained an incredible amount of knowledge on how Type 1 diabetes works. I was able to maneuver an insulin pump to give boluses for food and high blood glucose, adjust rapid and long-acting insulin shots based on activity and trends in blood glucose readings, treat high and low blood glucose, and assist the kids in counting carbohydrates at meals. Not only was I able to learn all of these things, but I was also able to bond with the children to learn how diabetes affects them on a daily basis.

This year, a record number of pharmacy students came to volunteer. All of us were welcomed as if we had been coming to camp for years. The role of the pharmacy student at camp is to help with blood glucose checks at least six times daily, help with insulin administration, and interact with the campers.

The benefits of attending Camp Kno-Koma are endless. Not only are you able to gain knowledge about a health condition, but you are also able to learn a lot about yourself. When I first got to camp, I was nervous about adjusting insulin doses. By the end of camp, I was able to do this with confidence. I truly believe every pharmacy student interested in providing assistance and counseling to those with diabetes should come to camp. It is a learning experience that you will never be able to get anywhere else.

Front row (l-r): **Melissa Hood, Kayla Ware, Jordan Pickens, Katherine Mabry, Alissa DuVall, and Dr. Amanda Wojtusik**
Back row (l-r): **Dr. Dani Dolin, '03; Brittini Iaquina; Dr. Scott Bragg, '11; Paige Miller; Dr. Ashleigh (Landis) Barrickman, '13; and Dr. Daniel Ventricelli**



Education

Camp Catch Your Breath

By Amy Newton

Actions speak louder than words. For **Sonny Hoskinson, '86**, a simple question was the catalyst for assisting with Camp Catch Your Breath — a weeklong, overnight camp for children with asthma.

“I was asked to come on board and help with activity planning because they wanted the perspective of a pharmacist,” he said. “I love kids, it sounded like fun, and I said I would love to help.”

That was 22 years ago. Hoskinson assisted for the first two years as a pharmacist and helped with activity planning. He then became the camp's director, a position he has held for the past two decades, and continues to look forward to every summer where he can work with the campers.

The focus of Camp Catch Your Breath is to provide a safe, fun, and educational place where children — ages 8-13 — with asthma can learn about their health condition while being around their peers and have a traditional summer camp experience.

Camp Catch Your Breath is staffed with medical personnel to oversee the needs of the children. Each day starts with evaluation time where the campers have their peak flow monitored, speak with a pharmacist and physician about the findings, and are given medications if required. Then it is off to educational sessions about managing their asthma. Campers learn to recognize the signs and symptoms, tips to manage their condition, and what to do if help is needed. Other educational sessions, such as nutrition classes, are also provided to teach children about improving their overall health.

“Some children think that because they have asthma, they can't run around or be outdoors because that will trigger their condition,” Hoskinson said. “Staying inside and playing video games is a sedentary lifestyle, so that opens the door to other health issues. We want children to learn that everything they do plays a part in improving their health. For example, we have a nutrition class where we discuss making healthy food choices and getting more fruits and vegetables into their diets.”

It's not all educational sessions for the children, though. The campers can participate in arts and crafts activities and outdoor activities such as dodgeball and field hockey. Special field trips have included trips to Carnegie Science Center and Ohiopyle in Pennsylvania, and participating in adventure courses and ziplining.

Hoskinson is also a preceptor with the WVU School of Pharmacy, and Camp Catch Your Breath is a summer elective rotation for our fourth-year students. Students help with preparation for the camp,

Camp
Catch your
Breath



(l-r): P-4 David Smith,
Sonny Hoskinson,
and P-4
Justin Martin



assist with medication reviews and providing recommendations, and help with other camp activities.

“I think students come away from camp with a better understanding of working with a child who has asthma,” Hoskinson said. “The students learn what to listen for, such as wheezing and lung crackles, and they get to see how the child progresses after receiving a treatment. This hands-on programming is something that we as pharmacists don't typically get.”

The number of children attending camp has increased dramatically over the years, with as many as 70 campers registering. Hoskinson attributes this increased attendance to the growing awareness of the camp as well as the need for educational opportunities such as these for children and their parents.

Hoskinson recalls a time when there were parents whose child was very sick and they didn't know what to do. They remembered information from camp about how to use their child's peak flow meter. After taking the peak flow reading at home, they realized they needed to take their child to the hospital immediately. The parents credit that knowledge from the camp saved their child's life.

“You may not always see the outcomes of what you do, but education about a health condition is important,” Hoskinson said. “You don't know how many people you will affect by what you are doing, but if you can help just one person or one family, then what you have done has significance.”





Armstead Receives National Research Fellowship

Andrea Armstead, a Ph.D. student in the Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences pathway, was awarded an American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) 2013 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Science. The AFPE Fellowship is awarded to outstanding pre-doctoral students nationwide, who have completed at least three years of graduate study, to encourage them to continue their pursuit of pharmaceutical sciences. Armstead first received the fellowship in 2012 to investigate how particles of tungsten carbide cobalt can enter cells and damage them. Her nanoparticle toxicity research over the past year focused on testing the effects of particle size, concentration, and lengths of exposure time on lung epithelial cells. She found that these hard metal particles are more toxic when they are nano-sized compared to larger, micro-sized particles, and are more toxic at higher concentrations and longer durations of exposure. The \$6,500 AFPE fellowship renewal enables Armstead to continue to fund her education, allowing her to focus on the next step of her study — researching how tungsten carbide cobalt particles affect the immune system and at what stage of exposure they are capable of causing inflammation. “Currently, there is no solid explanation for how people develop chronic hard metal lung disease after exposure to these particles and how the disease may progress to cancer,” she said. “In my research, I methodically test the effects of these particles under specific, controlled conditions. By observing and learning the outcomes of particle exposure at the cellular level, we may better understand how hard metal lung disease develops. Ultimately, the goal is to develop disease-prevention strategies that will protect worker health and create a safer workplace environment for those working with these materials.”

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Presents for Patients

During the 2012 holiday season, the WVU School of Pharmacy faculty and graduate students of the WVU-ISPOR Chapter were given the opportunity to work with Sundale Nursing Home to collect donations for the Presents for Patients program. The program collects donations for nursing home residents to ensure that they will have gifts for Christmas. Faculty contributed monetary donations, as well as items such as lap blankets, chocolate, jackets, sweaters, and Christmas trees. Donations were distributed by nursing home personnel to eight local facilities in the Morgantown area. The School was recognized by Sundale for their dedicated service to the Presents for Patients program.



Front row (l-r): Rini Vohra and Sandipan Bhattacharjee
Back row (l-r): Elvonna Atkins and Rituparna Bhattacharya

ISPOR Chapter Receives Accolades

Ph.D. students in the WVU student chapter of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) put their knowledge to the test and not only won a team award for their research skills, but also had the opportunity to present their findings at the ISPOR 18th Annual Meeting. Parul Agarwal, Mayank Ajmera, Amit Raval, and Rini Vohra competed in the Student Research Competition. The teams were quizzed on research topics including methods, design, and statistical analysis. Eighteen teams from universities across the U.S. participated in the competition, and the WVU team won third place.



Ajmera also won the Best Student Podium Presentation award. Ajmera presented his project, “Association between Inhaled Anticholinergics Use and All-Cause Mortality among Elderly Medicare Beneficiaries with Respiratory Diseases.” He was selected for the award out of 60 research presenters. Ajmera is a third-year Ph.D. student mentored by Usha Sambamoorthi, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy.

Sandipan Bhattacharjee, a third-year Ph.D. student, was the recipient of an ISPOR Student Travel award in the amount of \$1,300. The award funded the cost of meeting registration, travel, and lodging. At the ISPOR Annual Meeting, Bhattacharjee presented his research, “Antidepressant Use and the Risk of Incident Diabetes: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.” He was also able to attend course sessions during the meeting. Bhattacharjee was one of 30 applicants selected worldwide for the award. He is conducting his research under the mentorship of Dr. Sambamoorthi.



The students are all studying in the Health Outcomes Research pathway of the Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences Program. The Health Outcomes Research pathway focuses on the results of healthcare treatments as they relate to the improvement of patient care and quality of life, decreasing morbidity and mortality, health policy research, and cost effectiveness of treatments.



WVU ISPOR chapter Student Research Competition team members (front l-r): Rini Vohra and Parul Agarwal and (back l-r): Mayank Ajmera and Amit Raval.

2013-2014 American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Student Organization

(All rows l-r):
Front: Nikki Byrne-Hoffman, Brian Train, and Andrea Armstead
Middle: Linda Nguyen, Katherine Hickey, Kimberly Alonge, and Danielle Shepherd
Back: Jon Klabnik, Aric Logsdon, and Michael Shimko



Ph.D. Students Host Regional Research Forum

The WVU School of Pharmacy student chapter of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) hosted its inaugural Regional AAPS Meeting and Research Forum on May 3 and 4, 2013.

More than 80 participants from student chapters in the AAPS Northeast Region were in attendance. Invited chapters included students from colleges and universities in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The WVU AAPS student chapter developed the meeting with the intent of connecting regional student chapters and developing interactions in order to share research.

"The theme of the meeting was 'Connect, Collaborate, Create, Communicate,'" **Michael Shimko, 2012-2013 president of the WVU AAPS student chapter and Ph.D. student from Burgettstown, Pennsylvania**, said. "Many times students get wrapped up in their research, and they may not take the time to meet others and share what they are doing. This was a great way to get Ph.D. students together to discuss their projects, share knowledge, and even collaborate on a project."

Keynote speakers included Dr. Joseph Polli of GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.; Dr. Vincent Castranova of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); **Dr. Pravin Chaturvedi, Ph.D. '89**, of IndUS Pharmaceuticals; and Dr. James Simpkins, director of the WVU Center for Basic and Translational Stroke Research.

Students also showcased their research during podium and poster presentations.



WVU School of Pharmacy Ph.D. student Matthew Robson discusses his research with fellow students.

President's Corner



It was a very successful year for the WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

We enjoyed visiting with friends from across the country during a reception at the 2013 APhA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

April and May were packed with activities. The Classes of 1978 and 2003 celebrated their 35- and 10-year reunions in Morgantown. A very special thank-you to **Rich Mountjoy, '78**, and **Lori Walls Burgess, '03**, for coordinating activities for their classmates. The SoP Alumni Association was pleased to award two scholarships to student pharmacists in the total amount of \$2,000. We also formally revised and adopted the bylaws for the SoP Alumni Association. Thank you to our past-presidents, current officers, and other distinguished alumni who were a part of this revision process. The Annual Spring Alumni Day was also held and consisted of special continuing education sessions for pharmacists.

In August, members from various class years gathered at an "All-Years Picnic" held at Dorsey's Knob Park in Morgantown. Most recently, we were pleased to see nearly 200 alumni and friends at the 2013 Homecoming tailgate. While the outcome of the game may not have been what we wanted, it was great to welcome home so many familiar faces.

Following Clarke Ridgway's retirement from the SoP, Betsy Elswick transitioned her faculty position to serve the Alumni Association. I would like to thank Clarke for his many years of service to the School and Association. In honor of his work, the Alumni Association purchased a 4x8 brick paver that will forever reside at the WVU Erickson Alumni Center. The brick was presented to Clarke at his retirement reception, held on May 29 at the Health Sciences Center. The brick is expected to be placed on the Ware Family Alumni Walk at the Alumni Center in May 2014. We will provide more details when they become available.

The Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to serve as contacts for each class year for reunion planning activities. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Elswick, coordinator, WVU SoP Alumni Association, at belswick@hsc.wvu.edu.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support to the Alumni Association. Alumni membership renewal forms for 2014 will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. An alternative method of membership renewal can be accessed using this link: <http://pharmacy.hsc.wvu.edu/Alumni>. If you are not a member, I urge you to consider joining. Because of our memberships, we are able to continue offering financial support through scholarships and professional meeting assistance to our students, as well as provide alumni-related functions. We also look forward to increasing the opportunities for alumni to gather.

We hope to see you at the 2014 SoP Centennial Weekend. Mark your calendars June 13-15, 2014, and stay tuned for more information!

Let's Go Mountaineers!

Kent Hunter
Class of 1984
President, WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association



Learning Compassion and Support

I was an invited speaker discussing a personal story of dependency at the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies who struck a chord with **third-year student pharmacist Jodi Canada**.

"I was impressed with his honesty, how he explained this logic and emotion throughout his addiction, and his passion to help others with this problem," she said. "My experience with a loved one's dependency has not yet ended as a success story. I feel seeing this man proudly stand and say that he was an addict, but that he was recovering, showed me that there can be a better ending to dependencies. There can be change."

For the past several years, our student pharmacists have had the opportunity to attend the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. This internationally-recognized, weeklong program is designed for healthcare professionals, law enforcement officials, counselors, families, and others who wish to obtain special instruction on alcoholism and other drug dependencies. Sessions focus on the potential of and identifying dependencies within these professional realms, as well as what individuals can do to identify dependency and provide assistance to their patients and clients.

The 62nd annual session of the school took place in June, and six WVU student pharmacists attended.

"I would definitely recommend attending the Utah School to any student. So many people are directly touched by addiction, especially in West Virginia, and attending the school helps explain addiction and how we as pharmacists can aid others in recovery."

— *Third-year student pharmacist Chelsea Gresham*

"Addiction touches so many people, and I wanted to better understand the process and what I can do as a pharmacist to assist in recovery," **third-year student Chelsea Gresham** said. "Like many student pharmacists who have a special interest in attending the Utah School, I have seen what addiction can do to a person's life, and that motivated my desire to become knowledgeable about addiction. As a future pharmacist, I will be involved in dispensing medications that can be abused or cause addiction, and I wanted to know as much as possible about the addiction process in order to notice it when I am exposed to it in practice."

P-3 Annalisa Delagarza also believes that her participation will strengthen her ability to provide patient care.

"I wanted to attend the Utah School because I feel that addiction is not a subject that we cover in depth through our pharmacy curriculum, yet it is such a huge issue in our society," she said. "Addiction affects so many lives, and it can often be hard to understand the disease. I feel that this opportunity will help me in my future career by enabling me to better understand the progression of addiction and to realize that this is not a choice, but truly is a disease. By understanding the disease and what the patient is going through, I will hopefully be better educated in this type of patient care."

But the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies does not just provide education about helping patients or clients who may be dealing with addiction. The programming includes special group sessions where participants learn to deal with substance abuse and dependencies in specific

populations and the unique needs of that population. The Pharmacy section, developed in 1983 by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), provides guidance to pharmacists and student pharmacists who are interested in starting or reinforcing state or campus programs to help their fellow pharmacists or student pharmacists whose competencies may have become impaired due to substance dependency or other causes.

While the school was a professional educational opportunity for our students, for some, the reason for attending was personal as well. For **P-3 Logan Davis**, he wanted to understand the hold addiction can have on those struggling with these dependencies.

"I am close to several people who suffer from addiction, and I wanted to be able to understand why addiction possesses such a strong hold on them," Davis said. "I learned that education, prevention, and treatment of addiction is severely lacking. There is not only a lack of education among healthcare providers, but also the judicial system and public. A significant number of people do not understand why addiction is a disease and therefore there is a stigma that surrounds those who suffer from it. A guest lecturer taught us about the pathophysiology of addiction and how addiction actually "re-wires" the brain. He taught us that, "The drug does not become a part of survival. The drug is survival." It was a significant moment for me because I finally understand why someone can become addicted and how they could throw their whole life away due to addiction."

The WVU School of Pharmacy is committed not only to providing superior education to our student pharmacists, but also providing opportunities outside the classroom that will enhance their education. **Mr. W. Clarke Ridgway, now professor emeritus at the WVU School of Pharmacy**, strongly believed in providing every opportunity possible for students to be able to gain a better understanding of their profession, and it is in his honor that the School created The Clarke and Elayne Ridgway Student Services Fund upon his retirement.

The purpose of the fund is to support student travel to attend the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies and to support travel to national and regional conferences and meetings encouraging leadership and entrepreneurship skill development.

"There is no one who advocated more for students or sought ways for our students to be the best they could be than Clarke," **Dean Patricia Chase** said. "This fund will allow our students to attend the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies and other conferences or meetings, and not have to worry about their finances in order to participate."

"My first advice to students would be that if you have even considered the idea of attending the Utah School, do it," **P-3 Michelle Dasher** said. "I first learned about the school in the fall semester of my P-1 year, and I knew immediately that I wanted to attend. I was unable to attend the first year I applied due to limited numbers of people, and I was devastated. When I found out we could reapply as P-2s, I knew I had to. It's such a life-changing experience in ways that I can't even explain. You learn so much about addiction and how it affects the pharmacy practice, but you also learn about yourself in the process. I think the experience helped me grow not only as a pharmacy student hoping to expand my knowledge, but also as a human being who needs to be more accepting of people with addictions."

If you would like to support The Clarke and Elayne Ridgway Student Services Fund, contact Anna Rittenhouse, Director of Development, at 304.293.7731 or arittenhouse@hsc.wvu.edu.





Future Pharmacists

A Vince Anido, '75 R.Ph. and '78 M.S., is proud to present his Future Pharmacist grandchildren, Nolan and Bailey Butts.



B Ashley (Shaw) Conrad, '11, and husband, Bill, are proud to present their Future Pharmacist, Ella Brynne Conrad.



C Bryce Ryan Dawkins is the Future Pharmacist of **Angie (Lipscomb) Dawkins, '00**, and Chris Dawkins. Bryce joined big sister Calleigh Morgan in March 2013.



D Alisha Edmunds, '12, is proud to present her Future Pharmacist, Brantlee Leroy Edmunds.



E Calvin Blake Holden is the Future Pharmacist grandson of **Kathleen S. Atkinson Holden, '68**.



F Simon Oliver Holsclaw is the Future Pharmacist of **Susan (Heilmann) Holsclaw, '98 B.S. and '99 Pharm.D.**, and Greg Holsclaw.



G Christie (Gray) Houdyschell, '05, and Kenneth Houdyschell, '03, are proud to present their Future Pharmacist, Lucas Matthew Houdyschell.

H Ashlee (Weitzman) McMillan, '09, and her husband Brian McMillan, are proud to present their Future Pharmacist, Connor McMillan.



I Ryker James Prunty is the Future Pharmacist of **Jeremy Prunty and Leesa (Shine) Prunty, both '11**.



J Emily (DeVault) Steele, '06, is proud to present her Future Pharmacist, Brody Steele.



Calling all new moms, dads, and grandparents!

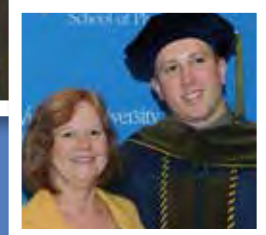
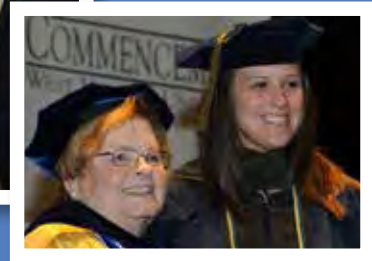
Have you recently had a little bundle of joy arrive at your home? The School of Pharmacy wants to know! Please send an e-mail with news about your baby or grandchild to Dean Patricia Chase at pachase@hsc.wvu.edu to receive a "Future Pharmacist" baby shirt (shirt is only available in size 6 months). In exchange, Dean Chase asks that you send a photo of your new "Future Pharmacist" to include in the next issue of *The Shonglobe*.



Welcoming our Newest Alumni:

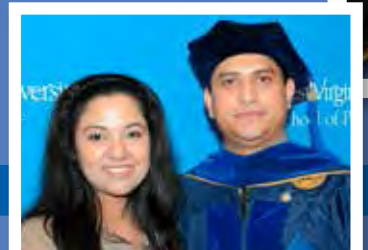
Class of 2013

59% stayed in West Virginia



PRACTICE TYPE:

- 68% Community Pharmacy
- 27% Residencies
- 3% Hospital Pharmacy
- 2% Other



Anido Receives Honorary Degree



(l-r): Former President James P. Clements, Jr.; **Dr. Vicente Anido, Jr.**; and Dean Patricia Chase

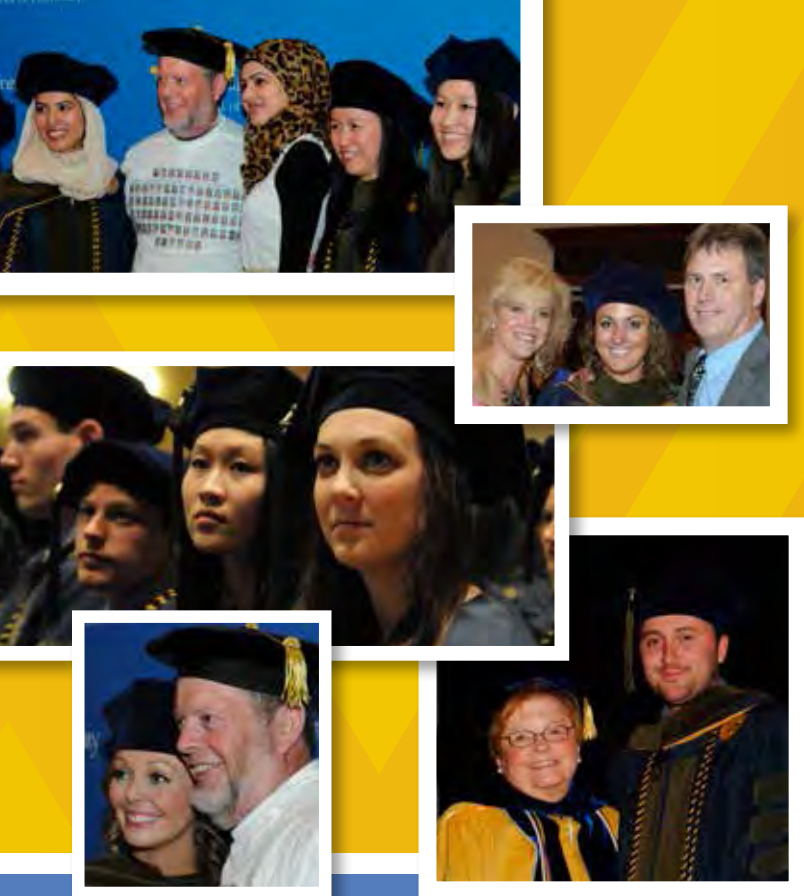
West Virginia University recognized **Vicente Anido, Jr., '75 R.Ph. and '78 M.S.**, at the 144th Commencement Ceremony with an honorary doctorate of science degree.

The honorary degree recognizes individuals for their outstanding scholarly, creative, or public service contributions that are important to WVU, to the people of the state of West Virginia, or to the nation. These individuals have achieved the highest standards of excellence which advance, ease, and inspire the human condition.

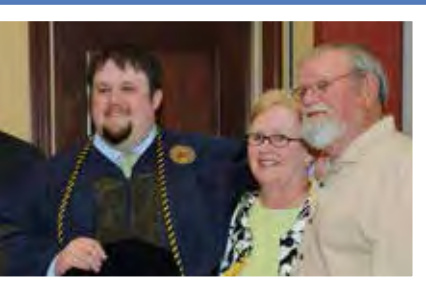
Dr. Anido is an accomplished and respected leader in the ophthalmology industry and has over 37 years of multinational management experience in the healthcare field, including broad exposure in prescription and non-prescription pharmaceuticals, medical devices, diagnostics, and biologics.

Anido received his doctorate in pharmacy administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He was president, chief executive officer, and a director of ISTA Pharmaceuticals, a company acquired by Bausch & Lomb. Prior to this, Anido served as general partner of Windamere Venture Partners. He has also served as president and CEO of CombiChem, Inc., a biotechnology company, and was president of the Americas Region of Allergan, Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical company focusing on ophthalmology, dermatology, and neuromuscular indications. Prior to Allergan, Anido held management positions at Marion Laboratories and Marion Merrell Dow, Inc.

Currently, Anido serves as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Aerie Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The mission of Aerie Pharmaceuticals is to discover and develop novel, first-in-class medications that help patients with glaucoma preserve their sight. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Nicox, Depomed, Inc.



OTHER STATES WHERE OUR NEW ALUMNI HAVE RELOCATED: Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia



Data was collected from 73 of the 74 Doctor of Pharmacy graduates from the Class of 2013. Percentages have been rounded due to incomplete data at time of collection.

RIDGWAY

Retires



Cover Story

The man, the myth, the legend ... The Ridgway. It's been stated on T-shirts and has been spoken from the lips of students, faculty, staff, and colleagues who have had the privilege of having W. Clarke Ridgway, assistant dean for student services, in their lives.

Mr. Ridgway, '71, began his journey at the WVU School of Pharmacy in 1982 when he took a position with the School as a nursing home consultant pharmacist. He then spent a few years as a hospital pharmacist at West Virginia University Hospitals. In 1988, Ridgway became the School's externship coordinator, a position he held until 2000 when he accepted his role as assistant dean for student services.

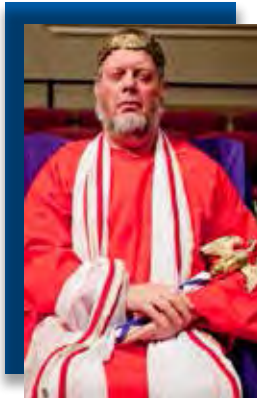
While the aforementioned list gives a brief background into Ridgway's professional life, it does not even begin to touch upon the many hats he has worn in his position as assistant dean. Counselor, mentor, teacher, historian, and — most importantly — friend.

"To every living entity there is a heart that beats. To this school, that heart is Dean Ridgway," **Leann Lease, '12**, said. "He is the familiar, the welcoming, the patriarch of this pharmacy family to which we all belong. As a nervous P-1, he was the first person to remember your name, the first to recall some detail of your application that's unique only to you, and it's likely that the first door you would have walked through after your first bad physio or biochem exam would have been his."

It seemed only fitting that Ridgway, because of his bond with our students, became the coordinator for the School's Alumni Association. He worked with the Association's board and planned many events to engage and reconnect alumni with their pharmacy alma mater.

"Clarke was here at the School of Pharmacy way back when I was a student," **Kent Hunter, '84, president of the WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association**, said. "At that time, he was dispensing medication from the Out-Patient Pharmacy. It was after I graduated that





I got to know Clarke better as I listened to him dispense good advice and I watched him lead by example. Clarke will forever be remembered in the hearts of the graduates of the WVU School of Pharmacy, and the WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association sincerely thanks him for his endless support.”

Over the course of his tenure at the School, Ridgway sometimes had the pleasure of seeing students graduate and then come back as colleagues. **Drs. C.K. Babcock, '02, Betsy Elswick, '01, Lena Maynor, '05, Michael Newton, '97 and '99, Jeremy Prunty, '11, Tara Whetsel, '94 and '98, and Travis White, '09** are a few alumni who became faculty.

“Clarke touched countless lives while he was here at the School,” **Ashlee (Weitzman) McMillan, '09**, said. “As a former student and current faculty member, he was always a person who I could approach without hesitation, whether I was having difficulties and needed assistance, or if I needed to discuss an idea and wanted honest feedback. He had a way of making you feel better about any situation. He has an overwhelming wealth of knowledge, a deep desire to help everyone, and was — and continues to be — willing to put forth the extra effort to do so.”

THE MAN ... THE MYTH ... THE RIDGWAY IS CERTAINLY *A legend.*



ALUMNI *News*

Moundsville Pharmacy

Congratulations to Moundsville Pharmacy on their groundbreaking ceremony on September 25 for their new store. The new location will feature better access, more parking, drive-through service, and larger interior spaces for patient care services. The grand opening is anticipated to be spring 2014.



Front row (l-r): Bobby Khamsocksaly, technician; **Justin Drake, '07**; Tiffany Turner; Eva Williams, technician; Kelly Taylor, technician; **Adele Storm, '86**; and **Katie Kacmarik, '12**
Back row (l-r): Billie Jo Wodusky, technician; **Jason Turner, '03** and owner; Maggie Turner, age 5; and Amy Boram, technician



Mountaineer Drug

Congratulations to **Megan Smarr, '06**; her husband Aaron Smarr, '00 graduate of the WVU School of Physical Therapy; **Cody Smarr, '11**; and **Hollie Burdette, '11**, on the recent opening of their pharmacy, Mountaineer Drug. "We are very excited to serve the town of Whitesville, West Virginia, and surrounding areas," Megan said. "We hope to provide excellent customer service and make customers feel like part of our family when they visit our store."

(l-r) Megan Smarr, Cody Smarr, and Hollie Burdette

WVPA Award Winners

Several WVU School of Pharmacy alumni received awards at the West Virginia Pharmacists Association (WVPA) 106th Annual Convention in August.

C.K. Babcock, '02, assistant professor in the WVU School of Pharmacy Department of Clinical Pharmacy-Charleston Division, was the recipient of The Excellence in Innovation Award

Cassandra Ford, '94, was the recipient of The Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award

Jason Turner, '03, was the recipient of The Dr. James H. Beale Award

Arlie Winters, Jr., '54, was the recipient of The Bowl of Hygeia Award



Alumni Reunion

Our Alumni Reunion Picnic was held August 4, 2013, at Dorsey's Knob Park in Morgantown. A great time was had by all!

In Memoriam

Steven Rexford Bartholomew, '78, passed away June 4, 2013.

Thomas C. Bernhardt, '72, passed away May 13, 2013.

David L. Bucher, '68, passed away September 1, 2013.

Rodney B. Dayo, '92, passed away July 5, 2013.

Professor Emeritus David Lalka passed away August 22, 2013.

Maynard Duane Slaven, '59, passed away July 23, 2013.

Rudy L. McWhorter, '58, passed away July 4, 2013.

Welcome



New School of Pharmacy and WVU Healthcare Residents

Front row (l-r): Brandi Anders, PGY-1 resident; Rebecca Gonzalez, PGY-2 Oncology resident; Elvy Varghese, School of Pharmacy-WV Center for Drug & Health Information resident; **Ashleigh (Landis) Barrickman, '13**, School of Pharmacy-Waterfront Family Pharmacy community practice resident; and Marion Gaviola, PGY-1 resident

Back row (l-r): Pam Darrow, PGY-1 resident; Nikunj Vyas, PGY-2 Infectious Diseases resident; Alison Seaman, PGY-1 resident; **Micah (Plants) Butcher, '13**, PGY-1 resident; Daniel Ventricelli, School of Pharmacy-Kroger community practice resident; and Kimberly Gathers, PGY-2 Critical Care resident

Not pictured: Micaela Carroll, PGY-2 Internal Medicine resident; and **Rachel (Sankoff) Dispennette, '12**, PGY-2 Geriatrics resident

Pharm. D. Student and Organization *News*



AACP-WALMART SCHOLAR

Current **P-4 Ryan Fell** of Oak Hill, West Virginia, was selected as a 2013 WalMart Scholar through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). The scholarship program, funded by Walmart, provided \$1,000 scholarships to 85 student-faculty pairs from AACP member institutions to attend the AACP Annual Meeting and Teachers Seminar. Fell and his mentor, **Dr. Gina Baugh, associate professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy**, were the first WVU recipients of this award since 2009, and attended the meeting held in Chicago in July.

APHA-ASP

The WVU APhA-ASP chapter attended the APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting in November. Congratulations to **P-3 Brooke Morris** of Fairmont, West Virginia, for being selected Region 2 Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM) coordinator for the 2014-2015 MRM. **P-2 Drew Eddy** of Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, was the recipient of the chapter's Member Recognition Certificate for his work and dedication to the chapter. The WVU APhA-ASP chapter also won the Most Chapter Challenges Award, a new program instituted at the regional level where chapters participate in activities in order to raise awareness of their chapter.

ASHP-SSHP

The WVU Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SSHP) chapter was recognized by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) for 2013-2014. Recognition is earned after chapters submit an application and meet specific requirements such as promoting membership in local, state, and national health-system organizations; creating interest in pharmacy careers related to health-systems; and encouraging students' professional and career development. Benefits of receiving official ASHP chapter recognition include a certificate of recognition, one complimentary student registration for the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Summer Meeting, one complimentary ASHP publication, and awards for chapter incoming and outgoing president.



Clockwise from bottom left: Cassie Stewart, Brooke Morris, Sarah Knipe, Nikkie Farabaugh, Melissa Hood, Galen Kabulski, Jamie Ebert, Maria Sellas, Jaime Smith, and Rose Cheng.



KAPPA PSI VARIETY SHOW

On April 25, Kappa Psi hosted its Fifth Annual Variety Show. The purpose of the show was to raise funds for the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center (MBRCC) Comfort Fund. The MBRCC Comfort Fund was established to provide temporary, short-term financial assistance for patients being treated at the Cancer Center until they can be linked with appropriate community, state, or national resources. "The 2013 show was my third year involved with this event, and the second that I've coordinated it," current **P-4 Brian Dye** of Clarksburg, West Virginia, said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for the students to step up and come together to achieve a common goal of improving the lives of those affected by cancer. The money raised from the Variety Show doesn't just serve as a cash stipend for patients who are having trouble making ends meet. Funds raised can provide meal cards, gas cards, and help with hotel stays. It can serve as rent money, money for groceries to help feed families of patients, and even help with their bills." A total of \$950 was raised for the Comfort Fund.

PSEL CELEBRATION!

The Department of Clinical Pharmacy – Charleston Division's 2012-2013 Pharmacy Southern Experiential Learning (PSEL) Class enjoyed an evening together with faculty for their graduation party on April 24. The year-end get-together provided an occasion for graduating students to discuss future employment, educational opportunities, and reflect on their time at WVU. It was also a time to socialize before graduation on May 18. Pharm.D. students were treated to a special rendition of "Our Way" by **Dr. Chris Terpening**. Not only did Dr. Terpening capture the attention of our students, but he also captivated the entire restaurant with his talent! Awards for the Best Pharmacy Journal Club were given by Dr. C.K. Babcock. The winner was **Sarah Bowen**, with **Sarah Dolan** as runner-up, and **T. Jordan Rusin** as honorable mention.





Helping Shape



PHOTO BY BOB BEVERLY

the Lives of Students

Inaugural Irvin and Benita VanMeter Pharmacy Scholarship Awarded

His degree from the WVU School of Pharmacy was the base of a successful career for **Irvin VanMeter, Jr., '53**.

Mr. VanMeter, a native of Huntington, West Virginia, began his career in community pharmacy. After 17 years in community practice, he worked for the next 25 years at the Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC). In 2000, he began a new job as an inspector for the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, where he continues to work today.

With a career in which he practiced in both community and institutional settings, VanMeter knows the value and importance of future pharmacists obtaining a high level of education and professional development in order to become leaders in the profession of pharmacy.

"Having my pharmacy degree created a life that was good to me, for my family, and it opened a lot of doors for me," VanMeter said. "I wanted to be able to give back to the University in some way and help students."

It was with this sentiment in mind that VanMeter decided to create the Irvin and Benita VanMeter Pharmacy Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student who is a resident of West Virginia, demonstrates financial need, and is in good academic standing.

Current **P-4 Adam Ferguson** and current **P-3 Derek Wetsch** were the first recipients of the scholarship.

"I think it is great that alumni are creating scholarships," Ferguson said. "Not only does it help current students, but it also shows how much they care about the profession and are willing to help shape the future."

Ferguson will graduate in May 2014, and he plans to complete a residency and pursue a career in clinical practice. Receiving one of the Irvin and Benita VanMeter Pharmacy Scholarships lightens his financial burdens, and he is able to concentrate fully on his final year of study and academic success.

"The scholarship has eased my financial worries," Ferguson said. "It has allowed me to not worry about finances and focus on my rotations. I feel honored and privileged to be a recipient of the scholarship."

Wetsch will graduate in May 2015. Like Ferguson, he is also appreciative to have been chosen as a scholarship recipient.

"To receive any scholarship is an honor because someone else has invested in your future," Wetsch said. "This help not only comes in financial means, but it also serves to motivate a recipient to let them know you are a worthy investment."

Receiving the Irvin and Benita VanMeter Scholarship gave Wetsch a new realization about the full benefits of alumni scholarships.

"I am reminded that alumni were once students, too," he said. "They remember how it felt to be a student and are excited to help out the future of their profession. When alumni create scholarships, it sets the bar for the future of the profession, and it lets current students know that they will have the same opportunity to support other future students."

For more information about how you can support our future pharmacists through scholarship, please contact Anna Rittenhouse, Director of Development at 304.293.7731 or via e-mail at arittenhouse@hsc.wvu.edu.

Honor Roll of GIVING

The Honor Roll of Giving recognizes alumni and friends who made contributions to the WVU School of Pharmacy July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Thank-you for your generous support! Your gifts play an integral role in our ability to provide the very best educational, experiential, and research opportunities for our future pharmacists and scientists. To view a complete list of donors, please visit us online at <http://www.pharmacy.hsc.wvu.edu/giving> and click on Honor Roll of Giving.

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NACDS Foundation Scholarship

The School was awarded a \$10,000 National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation Scholarship through the NACDS 2013 Pharmacy Partners Scholarship Program. The scholarship program recognizes pharmacy schools that are advancing patient care through community pharmacy and are developing innovative programs to prepare student pharmacists for their roles in their future practice. The award will be used to fund scholarships to support students who have an interest in pursuing a career in community pharmacy practice.



Preceptor of the Year

Awards



PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR

RENIER COETZEE

The WVU School of Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year Award recognizes pharmacists who are committed to the experiential training of our student pharmacists by providing them with an outstanding learning experience. The award recipients are nominated by students based on their experience at their rotation site.

Mr. Renier Coetzee is the preceptor at Livingstone Hospital in South Africa. Working with Dr. Jon Wietholter in our Department of Clinical Pharmacy,

Coetzee has served as the main South Africa rotation experience contact since the rotation — centered in Livingstone and Dora Nginza Hospitals in Port Elizabeth — began three years ago.

Coetzee received his bachelor's and master's degrees in pharmacy from North-West University, and is currently completing his Pharm.D. degree through Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa.

"I chose to pursue a career in the profession of pharmacy as I wanted job satisfaction and to be involved in my community," Coetzee said. "What better way to do that than as a pharmacist."

The goal of the rotation is to give the student pharmacists the experience of practicing pharmacy in an international setting. During the acute care rotation, each student pharmacist is assigned a ward with approximately 12-15 beds where they provide direct patient care with a focus on patients diagnosed with HIV and TB. While many aspects of practice are similar to patient care practices in the U.S., such as working side-by-side with the doctors and nurses at the hospitals, other aspects challenge the students to work harder to connect with their patients in order to deliver care. An example of this is learning how to communicate with their patients. The student pharmacists discuss medical histories and medication treatments with their patients through an interpreter, as there are eleven official languages in South Africa.

In the Preceptor of the Year Award nomination, students who have completed the South Africa rotation experience have stated that Coetzee has a "willingness to go out of his way to encourage and cultivate learning," and that "it is obvious that everything he does is done out of devotion to the pharmacy profession."

"One of my biggest passions, and I knew from a young age because my parents always said I should become a teacher, is to mentor and train students," Coetzee said. "Teaching in the work environment is ideal. Students not only get to learn something academically, but also have the opportunity to practice it."

Coetzee traveled 36 hours to attend the School of Pharmacy's Class of 2013 commencement ceremony, where he was presented with the award. While he stated it took a while for him to believe that he was chosen, when he walked into the ceremony, he realized it was true.

"It is a huge encouragement for me as a young Pharm.D. in South Africa," he said. "We only have a few, about four, Pharm.D. graduates at this point in time. I thank WVU for giving me this award and seeing the potential in me. We all need mentors. There is so much to learn every day, and there is no way that one can learn and develop new skills on your own. Preceptors are there to guide you to become the best pharmacists you can be."

FACULTY PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR

MATTHEW BLOMMEL

Recipients of the inaugural WVU School of Pharmacy Faculty Preceptor of the Year Award — formerly the P-4 Teacher of the Year Award — are chosen by students to be recognized for the interactive training they provide. The 2013 recipient was Dr. Matthew Blommel, assistant director of the WV Center for Drug & Health Information.



"Being a preceptor allows instructors to connect with students on a more personal level," Blommel said. "The classroom gives students an example of how it could be done, but as a preceptor, I am able to give them examples of how it is being done."

The WV Center for Drug & Health Information has served as a comprehensive drug information resource for healthcare providers throughout West Virginia for over 30 years. As of October 2013, Blommel has been a preceptor for 10 years.

During the drug information rotation, students take calls from health care providers and answer questions about medications being prescribed to patients. Questions can vary, and callers are often seeking information on how the medication works, if it is being correctly prescribed for that specific disease state, and if it has been used to treat that particular condition in the past.

In addition to taking calls, students also engage in exercises at the Center including writing drug monographs and news articles.

"After they have completed their rotations, I find that the students become much more confident in their ability to find information and go through the research process," Blommel said. "It also benefits the community by serving as a helpful resource for healthcare providers to call with questions about any medication or health-related issue they may be facing."

In the Faculty Preceptor of the Year nomination, it was stated that Dr. Blommel "is genuinely interested in helping students learn and takes the time to help you in any way he can. He has also taken his time to teach us about medical literature evaluation as well as listening to our concerns and providing us with career advice. This shows his interest in seeing students succeed and his ability to provide an effective educational experience."

"It is an honor to receive the WVU School of Pharmacy Faculty Preceptor of the Year Award," Blommel said. "It is nice to be able to connect with the students, and receiving this award validates that I'm making a significant impact."



The School is proud to announce four new members to our faculty.



Mary Euler, Pharm.D., joins the School as associate dean for student services. Her responsibilities include growing and maintaining all components of student life within the School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Euler spent four years as the McGee Chair for Doctoral Studies

and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, and 21 years as a faculty member and administrator at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy before beginning her position at WVU.

"My career in academia has provided me with a wealth of opportunities from experiential programs to academic affairs, but my true passion is working directly with students," Euler said. "I find great joy and personal reward in helping students grow professionally. Student Services is the perfect fit for me, and I am thrilled to have this opportunity at the WVU School of Pharmacy."



Allie Karshenas, Ph.D., is the director of clinical operations at the WVU Clinical and Pharmacological Research Center (CPRC), a contract research organization that completes clinical trials for pharmaceutical companies primarily within the United States. He also has an

appointment in the Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy as an associate professor.

Dr. Karshenas previously worked at large companies such as Roche, Becton-Dickinson, Thermo-Fisher, Siemens, Kendle International, and Abbott Labs in addition to spending 23 years in leadership roles within pharmaceutical and medical devices industries. He has a strong focus on creating new student opportunities tied to industry applications through his position. An example of this is the creation of an internship program that will begin next year where student pharmacists will be able to learn about the clinical trials research process through rotations at the CPRC clinical departments.

"I am truly proud of all the accomplishments and achievements of faculties and students of the School of Pharmacy and am looking forward to a fruitful and rewarding partnership," he said.



Paul Lockman, Ph.D., is welcomed as the Douglas D. Glover Endowed Chair of the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences and the associate director of translational research at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center.

Dr. Lockman came to WVU from the Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy, where he was the associate dean for assessment and accreditation. His research is focused on the treatment and prevention of brain metastases related to breast cancer. He plans to integrate his positions to better serve student pharmacists, faculty and the community.

"It is my hope to work side by side with the department faculty in educating students and conducting research on therapeutic agents," he said.



Krista Capehart, Pharm.D., joins us as director of the Wigner Institute for Advanced Pharmacy Practice, Education, and Research. She will also be teaching as a clinical associate professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy.

Dr. Capehart's previous positions include serving as a faculty member at the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, where she oversaw the PharmUC Patient Care Clinic.

Her pharmaceutical interests show her dedication to bettering patient advocacy. Some of her areas of interest include improving healthcare access in rural areas, increasing patient self-management awareness and knowledge, expanding health literacy, and improving medication counseling opportunities in community settings.

"Being able to harness the resources, connections, and talent of the WVU School of Pharmacy to advance community pharmacy practice in West Virginia will enable us to become an innovative thought center for direct patient community care," she said.

Centennial Celebration:



Save the Date!

2014 marks the School's 100 anniversary, and we want you to help celebrate! **Save the date for a Black Tie Gala on June 14, 2014.** Other activities will be planned throughout the year, so please visit our website, check our Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn pages, and check your e-mail inboxes for more information.

Please visit www.pharmacy.hsc.wvu.edu/centennial

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SOLE ADDRESSES DISCONTINUED

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