



Rojanasakul Honored for Research

*Y*on Rojanasakul, Ph.D., has dedicated his career to cancer research. “Cancer is a disease that affects so many lives,” he said. “Almost everyone has someone close to them affected by the disease, and some may even be affected themselves. Cancer is difficult to treat because of the lack of basic understanding of the disease process.”

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Message from the Dean



In the words of author Ray Bradbury, “Everyone must leave something behind when he dies’, my grandfather said. ‘A child or a book or a painting or a house or a wall built or a pair of shoes made. Or a garden planted. Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die, and when people look at that tree or that flower you planted, you’re there.”

Bradbury’s grandfather was a very wise man indeed. It’s important to think about what we will leave behind when we move on. However, leaving something behind—or rather, leaving a legacy—can take many forms. What kind of legacy will you leave? What form will that legacy take?

You can leave a legacy by equipping students with the knowledge they need to succeed in a competitive job market. Preceptors and faculty, you have probably received a note or email of thanks from a student who secured the residency or job he or she was dreaming about after graduation. Because of your guidance and expertise, he or she is now on their way to becoming a leader in the profession of pharmacy.

You can leave a legacy by giving of your time. Being a mentor or offering advice to someone who needs help can be fulfilling for you and also leave a lasting impression on the person who needed your assistance. Were you a member of a student organization while attending the School of Pharmacy? Contact the organization president and stay involved. Our organizations host many activities throughout the year and would love to have your input and participation.

You can leave a legacy by leaving behind an object of significant historical or personal value, such as an artifact or memorabilia related to the pharmacy profession. Many items in the Cook-Hayman Museum, as well as the School’s administrative offices, are historical pharmacy items donated by our alumni and friends. These items provide us with the opportunity to preserve the history of the pharmacy profession and to educate our students and the public about the evolution of the practice of pharmacy.

You can also leave a legacy by providing financial support to the School and to our students. It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the recent passing of two very influential and dear friends of the School of Pharmacy: Dr. Carl Malanga and Mr. Steven Judy. Both men have had scholarships created to provide our students with the opportunity to receive and advance their education at the School. More information about Dr. Malanga and Mr. Judy can be found on pages 8 and 9.

Whichever way you choose to leave a legacy, we are thankful for all that you do to support the School and stay connected.

Patricia Chase, Ph.D.
The Gates Wigner Dean for the WVU School of Pharmacy

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L to R: Drs. Liying Rojanasakul, Pete Gannett, and Yon Rojanasakul

Rojanasakul Honored for Research
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Through his research on how cancer cells become resistant to death and why they gain competitive growth advantages over normal cells, Dr. Rojanasakul hopes to identify the causes of cancer and develop more effective treatment strategies for the disease. It is because of this research that he was selected for the distinguished Robert C. Byrd Professorship.

The award — the highest honor the WVU Research Corporation bestows to faculty researchers — was named in honor of the late U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd and recognizes faculty for their leadership in research and outstanding achievements in their field and other scholarly activities.

Over the course of his tenure at the WVU School of Pharmacy, Rojanasakul has mentored numerous graduate students in the School's Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences graduate pathway, as well as visiting international students interested in conducting cancer research. He has also been honored with eight School of Pharmacy Outstanding Teaching awards from students in the Doctor of Pharmacy professional program. In addition to being awarded the prestigious Byrd Professorship, Rojanasakul was selected as a 2009 Benedum Distinguished Scholar award recipient — the University's premier research honor.

Rojanasakul has been awarded numerous grants over the past decade to fund his research. His most recent award — a \$1.4 million grant 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 — one of the most commonly used nanomaterials in commercial and biomedical applications — causes scarring and inflammation of the lungs.

Rojanasakul joins Pete Gannett, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, as faculty members in the School of Pharmacy who have received the honor of this award.



Patricia Chase, Ph.D. and Rojanasakul, Ph.D.

Making a Difference for our Students

The School extends deepest thanks to our alumni and friends who donated scholarships and awards for our students. Below is a listing of all scholarships, awards, and their 2011 recipients.



Michelle Gianni is presented a Bernabei Independent Pharmacy Scholarship by Mr. J.J. Bernabei.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Academy of Student Pharmacists
Mary Ann Kuykendall and Micah Plants

The Bernabei Independent Pharmacy
Jeffrey Davis, James Ford, Michelle Gianni, and Rachel Mitchell

The Tom and Ben Carson Pharmacy
Jason Hicks

The Patricia and Jim Chase Pharmacy Endowed
Shannon Bilyeu

The Clutter-Rhoades
Gwendolinn Staud

The Community Pharmacy Academic Excellence
Sponsored by an educational grant through CVS Caremark Charitable Trust
David Cobb, Ryan Harvey, Aerial Porto, Amanda Shaver, and Seth Ullman

The Community Pharmacy Leadership
Sponsored by an educational grant through Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Andrea Amos, Amy Tingler, and Tracie Tran

The Ann Dinardi
Desiree Lucas

The Exley Memorial
Noreen Ghani

The Nona Fay & CM Hamlett
Katelyn Andrews, Victoria Capozzi, Ryan Fell, Sarah Mallow, and Grant Shaddix

The Fruth
Gina Corley, Alisha Edmunds, Kayla Hetrick, and Amanda Shrewsbury

The Gallagher Pharmacy
Brittani Alley

The Herbert Gottlieb Memorial
Brad Allison and I. Mitchell Cunningham

The Anthony S. and Mary D. Guido Family
Amy Sharp

The Hospital Pharmacy Practice
Sponsored by an educational grant through Cardinal Health
Cassandra Clevenger and Kristin Showen

The Ralph S. Johnson Scholarships
Matthew Black and T. Jordan Rusin

The Harold M. Johnston School of Pharmacy
Candice Harris, Nicholas Jameson, Melissa Pabic, and J. Douglas Thornton

The Steven C. Judy Memorial
Vanessa Law

The Dr. Carl J. Malanga Pharmacy
Shaun Huseman

The James A. Mauro Family Memorial
Samantha Martin

The Angelo Monaco
Justin Martin

The Rebecca Smith Monti Memorial
Candice Harris

The Ohio/Marshall Counties Pharmaceutical Association
Katie Kacmarik, Victoria Milton, and Derrick Robrecht

The Mary Ann Pavlick and Helen Pavlech
Danielle Guldner and Kara Piechowski

The Romeo and Elizabeth M. Rega Memorial
Amanda Hawse

The Rite Aid James K. Harman Memorial
Rennie Billow, Krista Dalton, Shannon Kerns, Kimberly Kimble, and Lauren Marosi

The Edward W. Rockis Memorial
William Calvert and J. Scott Wade

The Robert and Stephany Ruffolo Endowed
Brian Britton, Jeremy Channell, Janelle Durany, Emily Jordan, Keri Morgan, Teresa Ng, and Derek Rhodes

The Harry D. Schiff Scholarship
Jordan Coffman and Robert Teel

The Southern Appalachian Pharmacists Association
Shawn Wellman

The Gerald L. Spowls Pharmacy
Evan Lantz, Cara Milburn, and Chelsea Smolko

The Yvonne Stanley Memorial
Dawn Burr and Jared Lapkowicz

The Kenneth Stollings Memorial
Erica Knowles

The Edward A. Toompas Memorial
Thomas Jon Ravis

The George A. & Lurania K. Topakas Pharmacy
Jennifer Alastanos, Ashleigh Landis, and Kelly Wickline

The Frank W. Vigneault Memorial
Belinda Bilpuh, Sarah Bowen, Lauren Boyle, Michelle Gianni, Erin Jerico, and Sammie Nguyen

Walgreens Diversity Scholarship
Jonathan Paris

The West Virginia University Alumni Association Loyalty Permanent Endowment
Kelsey Bailey and Adam Ferguson

The West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Annual Achievement
Megan Beal, Kellyn Cole, Kasie Culp, Kirsten Garman, Melissa Pabic, and Lisa Plude

The West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Dean's
Kimberly Clevenger, Sarah Grubb, Katherine Mabry, Samantha Martin, Christina Nguyen, Ji-Hye Park, Stephanie Perkins, Sarah Rogers, and Kealy Toler

The West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Loyalty
Kayla Cline, Jacob Lilly, Rachel Mitchell, and C. Todd Picklesimer

The John and Edna Witten
Brittany Reed

The Albert F. Wojcik Memorial
Kristen Thomas

AWARDS

The Justice-Lindstrom Compounding
J. Shane Beam

The Merck
David Cobb, Sarah Dolan, and Ryan Harvey

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Outstanding Student Member
Katie Kacmarik

The Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy
Justin McCormick

The Charles Stump Community Service
Cara Milburn

Grant provides opportunity for fellowship education

*H*ealthcare disciplines have a language of their own. We become so accustomed to our terminology — and being around those who speak our lingo—that we may at times forget how to convey medication information in a way members of the public can understand.

Being able to effectively communicate to our patients about medication development, appropriate use, and treatment benefits and side-effects is important to their health and quality of life. The WVU School of Pharmacy and ISTA Pharmaceuticals recognized the need for pharmacists specialized in this area and partnered to create a fellowship opportunity in medical communications.

The fellowship, supported by an unrestricted educational grant by ISTA Pharmaceuticals Inc., is a post-doctoral education and training program to develop leadership and teamwork skills, as well as verbal and written medical communication skills.


Patrick Ho, Pharm.D., was chosen for the fellowship and was based at ISTA Pharmaceuticals in Irvine, California, working under the direction of Mauricio Munoz, Pharm.D., medical communications director. Dr. Ho completed a portion of his fellowship at the WVU School of Pharmacy under the direction of S. Suresh Madhavan, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy.

“I took a pharmaceutical industry elective course in my third year of pharmacy school, and learned about the whole process — from research and development to drug launch to post-marketing surveillance,” Dr. Ho said. “I went into the course not knowing very much about the pharmaceutical industry and came out very interested in the vast opportunities for Pharm.D.s in the industry. The one semester course allowed me to get my feet wet, but I wanted to learn more by doing a fellowship.”

ISTA Pharmaceuticals is the fourth largest branded ophthalmic pharmaceutical business in the United States. The company’s current and pipeline products include therapies for ocular inflammation, pain, allergy, conjunctivitis, glaucoma, and dry eye. The WVU School of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy focuses on conducting research that will provide pharmaceutical care services that are cost-effective and progressive in a changing health and pharmaceutical care environment.

“In working with School of Pharmacy alumnus Vince Anido, who is president and CEO of ISTA Pharmaceuticals, we realized that the creation of the fellowship in medical communications is a benefit to everyone involved,” Patricia Chase, dean of the WVU School of Pharmacy, said. “The fellowship provides ISTA Pharmaceuticals with a pharmacist who is learning to create the communications the company needs to provide to their clients and the public. The School of Pharmacy is able to provide a hand in the education of the fellow, and the fellow is the recipient of the knowledge that will help him in a medical communications career to assist researchers, pharmacists, physicians, as well as patients. It’s a winning partnership for everyone.”

Dr. Ho was responsible for completing selected courses in marketing communications through an online WVU program; responding to ISTA Pharmaceuticals product inquiries from clinicians and patients; writing and reviewing materials for promotions and advertisements; reviewing and editing manuscripts and journal articles; creating poster presentations for conventions; and working collaboratively with members of the ISTA Pharmaceuticals and WVU School of Pharmacy team. Through the development of these materials, Dr. Ho was able to learn how to create communications pieces for both patient and clinical purposes. “I learned a lot about medical writing and have a new appreciation for the time and work that goes into each publication,” he said.

“This fellowship has opened up new doors of opportunity for me,” Dr. Ho said. “As new graduates are looking for jobs, employers are looking for candidates with previous training and experience. The fellowship has provided me with this unique opportunity to learn about the different departments in the pharmaceutical industry.” 



L to R: Dr. Mauricio Munoz, Dean Chase, Dr. Patrick Ho, and Dr. S. Suresh Madhavan

ALUMNI

News

Scott Boyd's, '80, pharmacy, South Berkeley Pharmacy, in Inwood, West Virginia, was selected by Drug Topics Magazine for its Outstanding Independent Pharmacists 2010 award in the "Exceptional pharmacy and non-pharmacy services" category. An article appeared in the October 2010 issue of Drug Topics Magazine. Congratulations, Scott!

Joseph Dasta, '74, was the recipient of the ASHP Research and Education Foundation 2010 Literature Awards. He received the Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice.

Robert Foster, preceptor, was the recipient of the 2010 West Virginia Rural Health Conference Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award. The award recognizes those who have made significant accomplishments and are dedicated to improving the delivery and access of health care in rural areas.

Kerri Pettrey, '01, is the Pharmacy Manager at the newest Food Lion Pharmacy in Floyd, Virginia.

In Memoriam

Helen Burleson, '48, of Longmont, Colorado, passed away March 12, 2011.

John Elsey, '47, of Bridgeport, West Virginia, passed away August 19, 2010.

James Hood, '49, of Follansbee, West Virginia, passed away November 4, 2010.

Steven Judy, '75, of Petersburg, West Virginia, passed away January 29, 2011.

Robert J. "Bob" Keller, '67, of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away March 15, 2011.

Dr. Carl Malanga, former faculty, passed away February 6, 2011.

John R. Putillion, '86, of Miami, passed away Nov. 25, 2010.

George Ronald "Ron" Raad, '59, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away February 28, 2011

Robert "Bob" Reep, '62, of Bridgeport, West Virginia, passed away April 21, 2011.

Garel Smith, '62, of Front Royal, Virginia, passed away November 5, 2010.

Charles "Chuck" Ursich, Jr., '71, of Dayton, Ohio, passed away December 12, 2010.

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Future

Pharmacists

Alexis and Zachary Kellner are the Future Pharmacists of proud grandparents **Don Eaglehouse, '76**, and his wife, Sue. Parents are Don's daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, John Nicholas Kellner.

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B

Justin Legge, '05, and his wife, Jenny, are proud to present their little Future Pharmacist, Kelsey Elizabeth Legge.

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C



D

Kimberly Melgarejo, '00, and her husband Michael Miller, are proud to present their Future Pharmacist, Adalyn Maricel Miller.

C

June Marie Pipes is the Future Pharmacist of **Monica Pipes, '09**, and her husband, Bill.

D

Lisa Stephens, '97, is proud to present her little Future Pharmacist, Madison Riley Fryfogle.

E



Madalyn Tucker is the Future Pharmacist of **Adrienne Tucker, WVU SoP Office of Continuing Education**, and her husband, Shawn.

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G

Sophie Jean Yahnke is the Future Pharmacist of **Lettie Lair Yahnke, '97**, and her husband, Jason.

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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 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*.

Learning



D

r. Malanga came to the WVU School of Pharmacy in 1970. You can imagine in the thirty-three years of dedicated service of the School, he touched many lives. And like the true educator he was, he had a passion for learning which in turn made his students want to learn.

Mr. Clarke Ridgway, assistant dean for student services, recalls Dr. Malanga as a teacher. “His teaching style has been likened to a cross between a drill sergeant—he was, after all, an infantry lieutenant before he went to graduate school—and a Shakespearean actor,” Ridgway said. “There was never any doubt about who was in control in his classroom. He took particular pains to get students to understand the correct pronunciation of the many new poly-syllabic terms we encountered as we virtually memorized the rather daunting Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy. When Dr. Malanga said, ‘You might want to remember this,’—you could bet the farm that that information was going to be on the next exam.”

Dr. Malanga was much more than just a gifted educator. He willingly adopted the additional roles of Honors advisor, School administrator, nurturer of our Ph.D. program, editor of our School’s newsletter, and even served as photographer at alumni banquets and football tailgates. More importantly, he served as a mentor to many students and cared deeply about their personal development and wellbeing.

Dr. Malanga left a legacy at the School of Pharmacy — he gave of his time and talents, he educated and inspired countless individuals, and through it all, he was always a mentor and friend.

For many years, Dr. Malanga directed the scholarship program at the School and witnessed the life-changing impact these gifts had on our students. In 2004, the Dr. Carl J. Malanga Pharmacy Scholarship was initiated by alumna Patty Johnston and fellow alumni to honor his many years of service to WVU. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to student pharmacists. His ongoing support of the scholarship was his way of staying involved in educational opportunities for future pharmacists. If you would like to support Dr. Malanga’s scholarship, please contact Ms. Anna Rittenhouse, director of development, at arittenhouse@hsc.wvu.edu or 304.293.7731.



a Legacy

*M*r. Steven Judy, '75, was a person known for giving back and helping his community.

Renee (Bennett) Sager, B.S. Pharm. '97 and Pharm.D. '03, remembers when she was a student on rotation during her B.S. program with Mr. Judy at Judy's Drug Store.

"The thing that impressed me was what a businessman he was," Sager said. "His pharmacy filled scripts, did photo developing, had a JCPenney drop off/pick up, and stocked various other items that you may expect from a country store, like food, clothing, and seasonal decorations."

Everything in his store was done for the convenience of his visitors and patients. Helping his patients get easy access to their medications was also a way of providing service to his community.

"[Judy's Drug Store] also had a home delivery service for their patients, which I know that the community really appreciated," Sager continued. "Patients would call the pharmacy and you would get their medication(s) ready and then add to their delivery the milk, ice cream, Q-tips, etc., that they needed. At that time, Rite Aid was somewhat new to the area, so I think he was really filling a need that the community had not just for their prescription medications, but also for other items that they could be in need of in addition to a delivery service."



Steven C. Judy, R.Ph.

November 10, 1952 – January 29, 2011

Lindsey Koliscak, '09, completed an ambulatory care rotation at Judy's Drug Store under the direction of preceptor Cassandra (Burgess) Ford, '94. "I grew up in Franklin, which is only 35 minutes from Petersburg, and from that perspective, I can tell you that everyone knew of Steven and Judy's Drug Store!" She, too, recalls all the services Mr. Judy's store provided to his patients. "They truly exemplified everything people love about independent pharmacies."

Some of you may also recall the severe flooding in West Virginia in 1985. Mr. Judy played a pivotal role during and after the disaster. Because the flood had damaged travel routes and impeded deliveries to nearby areas, his store supplied prescriptions not only to his community, but also to members of surrounding communities. Air National Guard helicopters also brought him prescription bottles from other pharmacies to be refilled. He and his staff stayed at the pharmacy and slept in shifts so they could be on hand to provide medical care to those in need.*

A scholarship was created in Mr. Judy's honor, The Steven C. Judy Memorial Scholarship in Pharmacy. The scholarship is awarded to student pharmacists who are interested in rural and independent pharmacy and who are also in good academic standing. If you would like to support Mr. Judy's scholarship, please contact Ms. Anna Rittenhouse, director of development, at arittenhouse@hsc.wvu.edu or 304.293.7731.

**As related in From the Everyday to the Extraordinary: West Virginia Pharmacists' Stories.*



Coming

Special Series

By Ashleigh Pollart, *Public Relations Intern*



Stephen Small, '76, M.S., R.Ph., *Director, Rational Drug Therapy Program (RDTP)*

Did you know that several faculty members at the School were once students here as well? Some returned to West Virginia for love and family, while others saw a great opportunity that would allow them to teach at their alma mater, but they are all making a difference in the lives of our students and helping improve the quality of life for West Virginians. This special series will be seen in the next two issues of *The Showglobe* and will feature these alumni turned faculty and staff.

When he came to WVU his freshman year, **Mr. Stephen Small** considered majoring in Forestry, but his desire to help people through his career placed him on a different path. Now as the Director for the Rational Drug Therapy Program through the School's Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy, Mr. Small is able to provide medical providers with the information they need to provide rational, cost-effective treatments to their patients.

After graduating and working in community retail pharmacy in both southern and northern West Virginia, Small changed his practice focus to hospital pharmacy and worked at WVU Hospitals for ten years, what he considers to be a defining time in his career.

Almost 20 years after graduation, he decided to return to the School's graduate program to obtain his master's degree, which he did while serving as the Hospital Pharmacy Director at Uniontown Hospital in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. While he was completing his degree, the position for the Director of RDTP became available, and Small saw everything fall into place.

"This position allowed me to work through the School of Pharmacy to enhance pharmacy practice and have an effect on the state of West Virginia," he said.

In addition to clinical discussions with multidisciplinary practitioners, Small said his favorite part of his job is seeing patients receive the most safe, rational, and cost-effective therapy. In the future, he hopes to enhance the Rational Drug Therapy Program and diversify the program to assist WV Medicaid to spread WVU's role in patient care across the state.

HOME

Bill Petros grew up in Wheeling and like most West Virginia residents, grew up a Mountaineer. When it came time to attend college, WVU's great reputation brought him to Morgantown, and his interests in chemistry and the medical field during his senior year of high school led him to the WVU School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Petros completed a rigorous fellowship where he was immersed in the research aspect of pharmacy, and he found that this avenue gave him the most satisfaction.

"Clinicians gain a lot of satisfaction by helping individuals, but research can potentially reach out to help large populations," he said of his passion for research. He chose cancer as his research subject as he felt this was an area where he could make the most difference. "Anticancer drugs are among the most toxic, but potentially the most lifesaving of all pharmaceuticals," he explained.

After graduation, Petros completed a residency in Florida, obtained his Pharm.D. in Philadelphia, and then moved to Memphis to do a research fellowship at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital before relocating to Duke University. Around 2001, Eddie Reed, M.D., the new director of the WVU/Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, and Dr. George Spratto, dean of the School of Pharmacy, recruited Petros to return to Morgantown.



Bill Petros, B.S. Pharm., '83 (WVU), Pharm.D., '87 (Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science)

Professor and Mylan Chair of Pharmacology

By this time, Petros and his wife had been out of West Virginia for almost 20 years and had started a family. When considering relocating again, they decided that Morgantown was the perfect place for their two children to grow up and realized that they could make more of an impact at WVU compared to Duke, which does not have a pharmacy school.



Coming HOME [continued from 11]

Petros believes that one of the greatest resources the WVU School of Pharmacy has is its faculty. In his opinion, they are very collaborative and working across disciplines to allow them to share unique perspectives.

This teamwork is a common occurrence at the School of Pharmacy and is one thing that makes the School so student friendly. Along with a large and helpful alumni base, the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of areas and the students' tendencies to help one another makes for a well-rounded education and allows the students to grow into a family.

His favorite thing to tell students? "Look around, you could be sitting next to your future husband or wife," he laughed. Petros and his classmate/wife Karen, B.S. Pharm. '83 (WVU), Pharm.D. '90 (University of Tennessee), a Clinical Specialist at WVU Hospitals, served as Co-Presidents for the SoP Alumni Association during the 2004-2005 academic year. The Petroses are happy to say that they are still in touch with more than one third of their class.

After graduating, Elayne had found a job that she liked very much, so he chose to stay with her in Morgantown and took a job as a retail pharmacist for the next 12 years before getting a job at the WVU School of Pharmacy where he first started interacting with students. When he left his position at the School to work in a hospital, he discovered that he missed the student interactions and came back to WVU where he eventually found his current position.

In addition to teaching students, another one of Ridgway's passions is the history of pharmacy. Each year, he assigns his students a project that requires them to ask elderly friends or family members what home remedies they can remember. According to Ridgway, the students always find the assignment to be both fun and eye opening.

"One of the frequent comments on the project evaluations is that they are amazed at what their grandparents or their great grandparents had to endure," he said.

Please see the next issue of The Showglobe for the second installment of "Coming Home."



W. Clarke Ridgway, R.Ph., '71, Assistant Dean for Student Services

Growing up in Wheeling, West Virginia, **Mr. W. Clarke Ridgway** was no stranger to the profession of pharmacy. His father was a pharmacist and his sister, Karen R. Grisell, '65, had just graduated from the WVU School of Pharmacy. His love for WVU was also something passed down through his family.

"It was made pretty clear to me. I could go to any college I wanted as long as it was WVU," Ridgway laughed.

During his years as a student pharmacist, Ridgway worked summers at White Cross, which was a chain of retail pharmacies. He also got engaged and married his wife, Elayne, during his second year of pharmacy school. They had met in a physiology class in the very building where he now works.

"The instructor of our class goes to our church and still claims that she's the reason we got married," Ridgway said of their apparent matchmaker.





Elswick *named* **Good Government Pharmacist of the Year**

Betsy Elswick, Pharm.D., '01, *Clinical Associate Professor*

Betsy Elswick, Pharm.D., is passionate about educating student pharmacists to become leaders in the profession, and she in turn leads by example. Dr. Elswick, clinical associate professor in the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Department of Clinical Pharmacy, was recognized by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) for her work in educating important stakeholders in the state about the role of pharmacists and the profession of pharmacy with the 2011 APhA Good Government Pharmacist-of-the-Year award. This annual award honors a pharmacist who is actively involved in professional advocacy and leadership efforts in order to better her or his community.

“I am humbled to be recognized by my peers and colleagues with this distinguished award. However, the award represents the work of many, including my student pharmacists, who strive to improve our profession and ultimately the lives of our patients every day,” Elswick said. Elswick served as a member of an ad-hoc committee to the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy that was dedicated to finalizing the rules allowing pharmacists to provide immunizations in the state of West Virginia. Elswick inspired her students to get involved in the legislative process and educate legislators about the importance of pharmacists being able to provide these services to the community.

Because of these efforts, in March 2008, West Virginia became the 48th state to allow pharmacists to provide certain types of vaccinations. Elswick also worked with important stakeholders in the state, including the West Virginia Boards of Pharmacy and Medicine, to provide feedback on revisions to West Virginia’s Pharmacy Practice Act, a document that outlines rules and regulations for practicing the profession of pharmacy in the state.

Elswick serves as director of the WVU-Rite Aid Community Pharmacy Practice Residency, the co-chair for the WVU School of Pharmacy Wigner Institute for Advanced Pharmacy Practice, Education and Research and as the president of the West Virginia Pharmacists Association (WVPA). In 2010, she also received the Bowl of Hygeia award for outstanding community service and the National Community Pharmacists Association Leadership award. She currently serves as program faculty for the APhA Immunization Certification, a program in which she has trained approximately 300 pharmacists in the state of West Virginia to provide adult immunizations. Elswick was presented with the Good Government Pharmacist-of-the-Year award during the APhA 2011 Annual Meeting and Exposition in March in Seattle, Wash. As part of the award, she received an American flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol.



President's

Message



Do you know what I love best about being an alum of the WVU School of Pharmacy? It's when I travel for business or attend a meeting or conference and get introduced to someone who is a fellow alum. There is an instant bond. All it takes is, "Did you have Dr. Ponte for class?" or "Is Puglioni's still there? I loved their calzones!" and you are chatting away like you were just at the School yesterday! Aw, the memories!

In a world with increasing work and life demands, it can be hard to try and maintain connections with former classmates. But I can tell you, some of the best friendships I have made were during my time at the School. I can also say that some of my fondest memories are of interactions with faculty members or activities that took place at the School. Those experiences helped open doors to new opportunities and adventures.

Many students attend School of Pharmacy sponsored events at national meetings, such as APhA and ASHP, and it's been nice to meet our future alumni at these events. I have really enjoyed the times where I've had the opportunity to speak with current students. It's exciting to hear students talk about their classes, what types of activities or organizations they are part of, and what they hope to do after graduation. I'm confident our profession is in good hands with our future alumni!

Yes, the great thing about being a WVU SoP alum is definitely the bond we share. We are there to celebrate our achievements, share our successes with each other or just connect with a friendly face at a social or business event. School of Pharmacy alumni — we are linked together forever.

I have really enjoyed serving as your President. As I wind down a very busy and exciting year, I want to thank our alumni for all you do for our School of Pharmacy. I also want to welcome Kent Hunter as your new incoming President, as well as our alumni officers, Doug Glover and Susan Meredith.

I look forward to watching our School of Pharmacy have continued success and developing our next alumni!

All the best,

Valerie Schmidt Mondelli, '96



New **FACES**



Anna Rittenhouse

Anna Rittenhouse has joined the WVU School of Pharmacy as the new Director of Development. Ms. Rittenhouse is responsible for implementing and managing all development opportunities for the School.

Before joining the WVU School of Pharmacy, Ms. Rittenhouse worked as the Projects Director for U.S. Congressman Alan B. Mollohan. As the Projects Director, she was responsible for monitoring the progress of all federally funded projects in the First Congressional District of West Virginia. Prior to her employment with Congressman Mollohan, Rittenhouse was the Director of Operations for Mylan Park and a Commercialization Manager and Marketing Manager for the INNOVA Commercialization Group, located at the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation. In these roles, she has been successful garnering private, state, and federal funding to support the goals of each organization.

If you would like to contact Ms. Rittenhouse, you may reach her at 304-293-7731 or arittenhouse@hsc.wvu.edu



Dannell Boatman

Dannell (Lazelle) Boatman is the new Program Specialist for the Office of Experiential Learning in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy. Before joining the School of Pharmacy, Mrs. Boatman worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2008 from West Virginia University's Eberly College of Arts & Sciences with an emphasis in Communication Studies, and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Adult Education and Educational Computing.

Boatman has lived in Morgantown for most of her life and she loves it here! She is a die-hard Mountaineer fan and enjoys watching all of the games.

Preceptors, if you would like to contact Mrs. Boatman, you may reach her at 304-293-1464 or at dlazelle@hsc.wvu.edu.





Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 29 WVPA Annual Convention:

Reception for alumni and friends.
Event made possible by the SoP.

DECEMBER 4 ASHP Midyear Clinical

Meeting: Reception for alumni and friends.
Event made possible by the SoP.

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