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Preceptor of the Year



Cassandra Ford was honored by the WVU School of Pharmacy (SoP) Class of 2008 as being chosen "Preceptor of the Year."

The Preceptor of the Year award recognizes pharmacists who are dedicated to the practical training of pharmacy students by providing students with hands-on experience in patient care.

Ford, a '94 alumna of the WVU SoP, is a pharmacist at Judy's Drug Store in Petersburg, W.Va. She has been a preceptor for the SoP since 2000. Ford supervises the fourth-year pharmacy students who complete a curriculum rotation at Judy's Drug Store.

The pharmacy students assist with assessing/counseling patients, dispensing medications, insulin pump training, insulin pattern management, as well as attending and hosting community health education awareness programs, such as Dining with Diabetes and Judy's Diabetes Management Program.

"The fourth-year pharmacy students are very enthusiastic about helping and educating our community members about disease states and their management," Ford said. "It is a pleasure to work with them and provide them with the skills and knowledge they will need in the profession of pharmacy."

"It was humbling to be chosen as Preceptor of the Year by the Class of 2008," Ford said. "I love to teach and I want the students to learn and succeed. We are trained in a profession that can make a great impact on the lives of our community members, and I am honored that I can assist our students and help them make a difference in the lives of fellow West Virginians."

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Author Marianne Williamson once said, "The only work that will ultimately bring any good to any of us is the work of contributing to the healing of the world." I believe wholeheartedly in this statement. The theme of this issue of The ShowGlobe is "A Focus on Healing." This focus can be seen everyday on many levels at our School and at the University. For example, our faculty strives to achieve new breakthroughs in research, our students work hard educating and improving the health of our communities, our faculty and staff identify innovations in the delivery of the curriculum and our University has undergone recent changes in administration that are infusing new life into our Schools and programs.

So much has happened at the School since our last issue of The ShowGlobe it is difficult to decide where to start. Dr. Rae Matsumoto has implemented *The Research Quarterly*, an electronic newsletter that highlights all the research activities taking place in the School. The newsletter can be found under the "Research" link on the SoP Web site. Our Ph.D. program has admitted 11 new students and our Pharm.D. Class of 2012 is 83 students strong. We received a generous donation from **Dr. Robert Ruffalo** from which we can provide 10 students scholarships. Our 2008 graduate, **Dr. Brian Lawson**, was selected as the first APhA Knowlton Center Executive Residency in Association Management and Leadership. The Continuing Education course held at the Pipestem Resort in W.Va. had a phenomenal attendance of over 100 attendees. Our recent tailgates have seen almost 1,000 alumni and friends so far. The list goes on. These achievements and the generous support of our alumni allow us to continue our focus on healing.

So what can you do to assist the School with keeping its focus? Well, there are many different ways. You could share your time and become a preceptor to allow our students and future practicing pharmacists to obtain hands-on experience. You could donate your support to fund student travel to a professional meeting. We always welcome your ideas and feedback on what is happening at the School. Or you could attend our alumni functions, tailgates and continuing education programs and stay connected with the School. There are a myriad of opportunities available to you. I look forward to your help in healing of the world.

Warm regards,

Patricia Chase, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor
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(l-r) Megan Zimm, Jennifer Rinkes, Amber Price and Lindsey Gorrell

Graduation Memories

By Lindsey Gorrell, Pharm.D., Class of 2008

Seventy-six Doctor of Pharmacy candidates, and six Doctor of Philosophy candidates marched across the stage to receive their diplomas on May 17, 2008. While it was a joyous occasion, it had a bittersweet ending for many; for this was the last time these students gathered together as a class.

When asked to reflect upon their time spent at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, the Class of 2008 has an enormous number of fond memories. **Amber Price** stated, "I get very emotional when I think about leaving all of these great people I've been involved with over the last four years." **Katie Priddy** also reflects, "I would not have gone anywhere else." These thoughts were shared by many fellow classmates. The friendships that have been formed are unbreakable.

As our time at WVU ended, many members of the Class of 2008 had words of wisdom to pass along to incoming pharmacy

students. "Enjoy it, work hard, but don't take everything too seriously," recommended **Joey Nash**. Another classmate, **Megan Zimm** adds, "Enjoy every minute because when you start pharmacy school, four years may seem like a long time, but really it goes by fast. Take time to enjoy all aspects of pharmacy school, including the social side. The friends I have now are truly the best I've ever had."

Upon graduation, I realized the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy will always be connected with our fondest memories of our college years. Our faculty has been kind, caring, and dedicated to our students throughout the years, and we were truly grateful for this. But all good things must come to an end. "Graduating is definitely bittersweet, but I'm ready to start the next chapter," says **Holly Breuer**. So, with this in mind, I would like to say congratulations to the Class of 2008, and good luck with your future!



Class of 2008: Where are They Now?

Brian Lawson

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation has named **Brian Lawson, Pharm.D.**, as the recipient of

the first Knowlton Center Executive Residency in Association Management and Leadership. The residency, established by the Knowlton Foundation through the Center for Pharmacist-Based Health Solutions, seeks to groom the next generation of leaders in the pharmacy profession.

Lawson was selected based upon his demonstrated leadership qualities and commitment to the pharmacy profession. He began his year-long residency at APhA Foundation headquarters in Washington, D.C., in July. As the Executive Resident, he will participate in a broad range of association management experiences and initiatives.

"Through this residency program, Brian will be able to build upon his leadership skills and gain a real understanding of what it takes to operate and lead a successful healthcare organization," said William Ellis, CEO and Executive Director,

APhA Foundation. "Historically, APhA residency programs have produced distinguished leaders. We have no doubt that Brian has a bright future ahead, and we look forward to his participation in the program."

As a student pharmacist, Lawson achieved immeasurable success. He was an active member of West Virginia University's APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter, serving as vice president in 2006 and was elected Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator. Among his other accomplishments, he has won multiple scholarships, mentored first-year pharmacy students, delivered numerous presentations and authored several publications for Student Pharmacist magazine, including "Renewing Your Energy and Enthusiasm for Pharmacy."

"We are excited to have Brian on-board as the Center's first Executive Resident," said Dr. Calvin Knowlton, former APhA President and current APhA Foundation Board Member. "He has set the benchmark very high for other student pharmacists that hope to come through this program."



(l-r) Casey Watts and Clarke Ridgway

Caption Contest

The SoP is launching its own version of a caption contest. We will periodically showcase a photo and are asking our alumni to submit a caption that best suits the situation. The winner will be announced in each issue following a contest application.

Rules:

1. Keep it clean folks. Remember, this is a family newsletter.
2. Only one caption per person can be submitted.
3. Funny (humor) is good.
4. Must be pharmacy related.

Judges will evaluate entries on the basis of wit, creativity, humor and originality. One winner will be selected for each contest. Winners are eligible to submit captions for future contests.

Please send your caption using the envelope in the center of The ShowGlobe, or e-mail anewton@hsc.wvu.edu.

Laptops, Laptops Everywhere!

By Marci L. Pursglove, Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate, Class of 2009

The School of Pharmacy is integrating technology into the classroom in a new way. All students in the entering Class of 2012 and first-year faculty instructors have been armed with new ThinkPad® tablet computers. These small portable computers are ideal for the classroom, where students can access electronic drug information resources during class, download their handouts directly to their computer for note-taking, complete electronic assignments during class, and participate in discussions using an audience response system — a keypad where students type in their responses to questions and the class results are immediately viewable. With the digital pen technology of the tablet PC, students can use Microsoft OneNote to take class notes directly on their computer, creating files for all School of Pharmacy documents within a searchable database.

Adrienne Kurnot, president of the class of 2012, finds it is helpful to have access to a computer at all times. “It is improving the teaching environment and how course information is provided to us.”

Dr. Mary Stamatakis, associate dean of Academic Affairs and Educational Innovation and chair of the School of Pharmacy Technology Committee, has been working to make the incorporation of the new computers into the curriculum a success. “This is an opportunity for us to use technology to improve how we teach. The implications for faculty and students are amazing.”



Faculty members also didn't hesitate in taking advantage of the new computers. Assistant Dean of Student Services **Mr. W. Clarke Ridgway** had the students complete online surveys to cap off the end of their orientation activities. He was elated with receiving the results of the survey immediately upon their submission to share with the class.

Instructors now have the capability of making the classroom more interactive through the audience response system, and they are able to immediately assess student understanding of content. **Ms. Jennifer Clutter**, program coordinator for the Office of Student Services acknowledged, “The Tablet PC made my teaching more effective and created greater opportunities for student-student interaction and student-teacher interaction. The laptops made my instruction in Pharmaceutical Care Lab I the best it's ever been.”

Students are also benefiting outside the classroom. **Dr. Gina Carbonara**, director of Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE), has developed an online notebook that allows them to utilize their computers while at their community pharmacies. “We are excited about the various opportunities for using the ThinkPad® computers to enhance the student pharmacists' learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.”

Dr. Stamatakis is pleased with student and faculty feedback regarding the computers and some of the positive experiences they are creating in the classroom.

Student Organization News

The Academy of Student Pharmacists and Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity are raising funds for HIV/AIDS awareness. All proceeds will be donated to the Caritas House, North-Central West Virginia's only AIDS service organization. If you would like to help support this effort, please contact Jessie Winter at jwinter@sole.wvu.edu.

For more information about Caritas House, please visit <http://www.caritashouse.net>.

On September 25th, Rho Chi hosted a financial advisor from Northwestern Mutual to speak to the students about managing their money post-graduation.

Music for a Cause

The landscape of Morgantown is ever changing, but it is always nice, comforting even, to be able to visit a certain place and have the memories of good times wash over you.

Graduates of the Class of 1975 to the present may remember the bright teal and purple sign at the corner of Fayette Street and Beechurst Avenue announcing Mountain People's Market Co-op, the organic produce and deli. Unfortunately, due to a decrease in business, the Co-op may soon have to close its doors, taking memories of good times with it forever.

When **Haley Slagle**, pharmacy technician in the WVU School of Pharmacy's Rational Drug Therapy Program (RDTP) and loyal Co-op customer, heard about this, she knew she had to do something to save the store.

"I think the importance of local business to Morgantown has become somewhat lost," said Slagle. "The city is experiencing quite a bit of growth, but we cannot forget to support the independent businesses and restaurants that make this town special."



Slagle partnered with the Blue Moose Café to have a musical fundraising event with all proceeds benefiting the Co-op. "I wanted to have an event that would raise awareness and would be accessible to a lot of different people, that is why the benefit was held at the Blue Moose Cafe."

Slagle's musical and fundraising efforts paid off. Over 150 community members attended the event, raising over \$1,100.

"You don't need to have a glamorous event in order to raise public awareness for a great cause," said Slagle. "All you need to do is show that you care, and then the community will pull together to show that it cares too."

For more information about future benefits, please contact Haley at hslagle@hsc.wvu.edu.

In Memoriam

Susan Hardy Cosner, '90, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away August 4, 2008, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va. Cosner graduated from Petersburg High School in 1981 and West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Magna Cum Laude in 1990. She was a pharmacist at Judy's Drug Store in Petersburg, W.Va., and Reed's Pharmacy in Keyser, W.Va.

Howard Milton Creed, '55, passed away April 9, 2008, at his home following a short illness. Mr. Creed studied pre-pharmacy at Concord College in Athens, and was a graduate of the WVU College of Pharmacy in 1955. After returning to Hinton in 1955, he was employed by John Hickman at Hickman-Puckett Pharmacy and married Phyllis June Harris on Oct. 31, 1957. He began purchasing the pharmacy in 1958 and renamed the pharmacy Creed Pharmacy in 1962.

Charles A. Lynch, Jr., '68, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2008, surrounded by his family at his home in Charleston. A 1963 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and a 1968 graduate of the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy,

he began his career as a pharmacist at Colony Drug in Beckley and retired from the Charleston area Rite Aid pharmacy after 36 years of dedicated service. He was a member of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral and the West Virginia Pharmacists Association.

Patricia Pitsenberger Prins, '61, of Silver Spring, Md., passed away after a long illness. She graduated from the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, and shortly afterwards, moved to Silver Spring, Md., where she spent the rest of her life building a family and a career. Dr. Prins established a memorable career at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md., as the Director of Pharmacy for 30 plus years of service. During her career, she went on to complete her Doctorate of Pharmacy graduating from the University of Maryland's School of Pharmacy.

James O. Scott, '50, passed away May 7, 2008, in Winter Haven, Fla. He graduated from West Virginia University where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. He retired after serving 50 years as a pharmacist for City Drug, Eckerd Drug Stores and Walgreens.



Dr. Calvin Brister Retires

“Like the olive tree, he has served as a foundation for me and for others who have taken up their own roots in the profession. He remains a strong, steadfast entity in the School and we are ever thankful for his contributions.”

Dependable, knowledgeable and compassionate. These are just a few words that describe Dr. Calvin Brister. A dinner was held July 2nd at the Waterfront Hotel not only to honor Dr. Brister for his 37 years of service at the School of Pharmacy, but to also celebrate his new adventure in life.

Faculty and staff attended the dinner to congratulate Dr. Brister and his wife, Dee. Many presented their “Memories of Cal” during the program. **Dr. Gene Makela** spoke of Dr. Brister’s mentoring in office décor and presented him with an “Outstanding Office Décor” plaque for teaching him, and a few other members of faculty, the proper way to stack piles of files around their offices.

Dr. Betsy Elswick presented Dr. Brister with a mortar and pestle. “While I know pharmacists collect many mortars and pestles over the years, this one has a deep meaning for me,” she said. “This set was carved from olive wood. Olive wood as you know is a very strong wood, and the olive tree can grow in very volatile climates. The tree can be propagated by using

cuttings from the original tree to form new seedlings that will in time grow to be as strong and fruitful as the original tree. In essence, this process reminds me of Dr. Brister’s role in the lives of his own students over the years. Like the olive tree, he has served as a foundation for me and for others who have taken up their own roots in the profession. He remains a strong, steadfast entity in the School and we are ever thankful for his contributions.”

Retirement can’t stop Dr. Brister’s passion to continue working with the School, though. He continues to work 15 hours a week assisting in the delivery of the curriculum, and although he is no longer required to attend committee meetings, social events and student organization activities, Dr. Brister continues to volunteer his energies to these SoP functions.

The WVU Board of Governors also bestowed the honor of Professor Emeritus in recognition of Dr. Brister’s dedicated service to WVU. Thank you Dr. Brister for all you do for the School of Pharmacy.

Stroke Research to Help Patients

Jason Huber, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, is passionate about research and using his findings to improve the lives of patients. His current research project focuses on the investigation of the role aging plays in stroke injury.

Stroke is the leading cause of disability and the third leading cause of death in the United States. Huber was awarded a five-year \$1.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health that will allow the research team to better understand the role age plays in stroke development, progression and recovery. The long-term goal of the research project is to improve functional outcomes in people who suffer a stroke.

“This project started with a basic question of how we could help stroke patients,” Huber said. “The government spends billions of dollars testing stroke medications on young



animals only to have them fail when put to real use in patients, who are often older. We thought why not test these drugs on older animals?”

Similarities in mortality rates, stroke volumes and behavioral deficits led the research team at WVU to believe that older rats are more representative of humans than are younger rats in their response to a stroke. Young rats that suffer a stroke all survive. Older rats have a 30 to 40 percent death rate from stroke, which is comparable to humans.

Alumni News

Alumni, we want to hear from you. Please send us your news, announcements, promotions, etc., by either using the envelope in the center of this newsletter or on-line at <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/sop/alumni/updateform.html>

Jacquelyn Bower, Ph.D., '06, successfully competed for an NRSA F32 postdoctoral award.

Heather Fouse, '06, married Tony DeBellis in Bristol, Va., on May 25. Tony is an engineer with Siemens Building Technology in Savannah, Ga. Dr. Fouse DeBellis is teaching Pharmacotherapy I and II at South University School of Pharmacy in Savannah and is the Chapter Advisor for APhA-ASP.

Cheryl Grandinetti, '88, is a Senior Clinical Research Pharmacist at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Grandinetti has been with the NCI for almost six years and manages a portfolio of investigational biologic and chemotherapeutic agents for the Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis (DCTD). She published, "Sorafenib and Sunitinib: Novel Targeted Therapies for Renal cell cancer," in *Pharmacotherapy*, 2007; 27(8): 1125-1144.

Dawn Lancaster-Kinney, '02, is the Director of Infusion Services at Care Partners in Morgantown. She resides in Morgantown with her husband, Marcus Alan Kinney, and their children Tyler, Cameron, Isaiah, Brennan, Eli and Lindsey.

Amber Price, '08, and Clint Chiplinski (son of Richard Chiplinski, '76) were married August 9, 2008, in Wheeling, W.Va. They now reside in Hershey, Pa.

Angela Jean (Lawson) Stropkai, '00, is a Consultant Pharmacist with PharmMerica in Grand Rapids, Mich., and mother of two boys, Grant Louis and Owen Michael.

Casey Ray Watts, '08, is working at Judy's Drug Store in Petersburg, W.Va. Casey and wife, Kendra, have celebrated the birth of their baby girl, Allie Elizabeth.

Pharm.D. Student News

P-4s Caity Frail and Michael Biddle participated in the HSC Auditorium Naming Ceremony. The Health Sciences Auditorium was renamed to honor former Governor Okey Patteson, the West Virginia Governor who led the effort to create the original Medical Center and locate it on the WVU campus in Morgantown. Governor Patteson was the key proponent of the soft-drink tax that supported construction of the first buildings on campus and continues to fund much of our educational and research effort.

As a part of the celebration, a group of WVU health professionals and students dramatized the impact the HSC has on the healthcare of West Virginians — and the size and scope of the "team" behind each patient's care.

Former WVU Football Coach Don Nehlen, who had heart surgery at WVU earlier this year, and is still a patient in cardiac rehabilitation, was present to introduce his health care team, which included pharmacy alum **Dr. Robert Beto, '88**, chief of the Section of Cardiology of the WVU School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and medical director of the WVU Heart Institute. Caity and Michael gave a brief presentation on how they look forward to improving the health of West Virginians after they graduate.

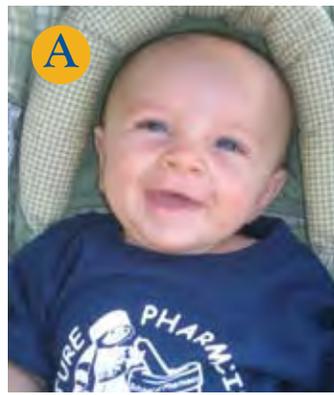
Julie Hull, P-3, was the recipient of the NCPA Outstanding Student Member Award. The award was given in recognition of her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to advancing independent community pharmacy practice and was announced at the NCPA annual meeting in October.

Don Nehlen's Health Care Team



Baby Shirts

- A. **Dani (Laing) Dolin, '03**, and husband, Josh, announce the birth of their son, Reed Andrew, on May 29, 2008. Reed joins big sister Lily Sue.
- B. **Michelle Kennedy, 2009 Pharm.D. candidate**, and husband, Chris, share a photo of their little Future Pharmacist, Ethan.
- C. **Dan and Kristy Lucas**, SoP faculty, announce the birth of their son, Julian Asher Lucas.
- D. **Tammi (Kirkpatrick) Moore, '97**, and husband, Bartly, announce the birth of their son, Drew.
- E. **Angela (Lipscomb) Morgan, '00**, and husband, Jason, present their Future Pharmacist, Calleigh Kay.
- F. Jeff and **Angela (Jefferson) Ronk, '94**, announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth Ronk. Erin joins big sister Maggie.
- G. Mike and **Alyssa Starcher, '98**, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Rose Starcher.
- H. Breanna Ruth Ann Starkey shows her Future Pharmacist spirit for dad, **Adam Starkey, '99**, and mom, Donna
- I. **Kristy (Dingess) Stevens, '98**, and husband, Kevin, announce a new addition to their family. Chase Taylor Stevens, born Feb 1st.
- J. **Amy (Harris) Takacs, '98**, and husband, Brandon, are proud of their little Future Pharmacist, daughter Marissa Lynn Takacs.
- K. Allie Elizabeth Watts, born January 12, is the first Future Pharmacist of 2008. Allie is the daughter of **Casey, '08**, and Kendra Watts.



Ph.D. Student News

The WVU International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) student chapter took second place in the Second Annual Student Research Competition at the 13th Annual ISPOR meeting in Toronto in May. The competition consisted of eight teams answering questions on the fields of health economics, pharmacoeconomics, epidemiology, statistics and outcomes research. Congratulations **Neel, Abhijeet, Kim and Rahul!**



(l-r) Caitlyn Wilke (ISPOR Student Network Chair), Neel Shah, Abhijeet Bhanegaonkar, Kim Blake, Zeba Khan (ISPOR Board of Directors) and Rahul Khanna

The Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences Graduate Program in the School of Pharmacy is pleased to welcome eleven new students in the fall of 2008.

The Health Outcomes Research pathway welcomes three first-year students. **Tricia Wilkins** completed her Pharm.D. at the State University of New York in Buffalo. Her interim advisor is Dr. Cindy Tworek. WVU graduate **Traci LeMasters** is working with interim advisor Dr. Virginia Scott. **Pallavi Rane** has a master's degree from Duquesne University. Her interim advisor is Dr. Virginia Scott.

Five second-year students have entered the Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences pathway from the WVU biomedical gateway. **Hosam Elbaz** is working with Dr. Yon Rojanasakul, **Anurag Mishra** is working with Dr. Liying Wang, **Brian Train** is working with Dr. Peter Gannett, **Michael Seminerio** is working with Dr. Rae Matsumoto and **Eric Zaccone** is working with Dr. Jason Huber.

Two third-year students, **James Fishback** and **Nidhi Kaushal**, have re-joined Dr. Matsumoto's lab in Morgantown. They transferred from the University of Mississippi after completing their master's degrees.

Arunprasad Sivaraman has also entered the Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences track as a part time master's student. Arun is an employee of Mylan Pharmaceuticals in Morgantown. His interim advisor is Dr. Peter Gannett.

Health Outcomes Research pathway student **Neel Shah** was selected as one of the North Eastern SAS Users Group (NESUG) 2008 Student Scholarship recipients. Shah received registration and lodging to attend the NESUG Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 14-17, 2008. NESUG promotes the sharing of SAS-related information among SAS users. He participated in the scholarship competition by providing an essay as to how NESUG would benefit him as an individual and how he would use it. Shah wrote that he had taken a course in SAS at WVU is aware that SAS is frequently used in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry, as well as in consulting and academia. He also discussed how SAS was used in database analysis and that attending the meeting would benefit him in meeting people from the pharma industry who had used it for that purpose.



(l-r) Brian Train, Cody Peer, Siera Talbott

Five Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences pathway students stepped out of their labs and into nature for the 2008 WVU Hospitals Sprint, Splash 'n' Spin Triathlon in August. All proceeds of the race benefited the Mon County Habitat for Humanity. **Jarod Kabulski**, **John Jett**, and **Brian Train** from Dr. Peter Gannett's lab; **Cody Peer** from Dr. Patrick Callery's lab; and **Siera Talbott** from Dr. Rojanaskul's lab participated in the event.



(l-r) John Jett, Brian Train, Jarod Kabulski and Cody Peer

New Faculty Announcements



Dr. Jennifer Confer brings her expertise to the School of Pharmacy as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, with a joint appointment at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Inc., (CHHI) as a Critical Care Specialist.

Through her joint appointment, Confer will round with the Medical ICU team at CHHI, as well as provide lectures to students and precept a critical care rotation for fourth-year pharmacy students in the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) curriculum.

Dr. Confer received both her Bachelor of Science degree in molecular/cellular biology and Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz. She comes to the WVU School of Pharmacy after completing her residency at CHHI, and her areas of special interest include trauma services and critical care.



Dr. Diana Vinh joins the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy as an Assistant Professor and Director of the Health Education Center.

Dr. Vinh received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University and

comes to the WVU School of Pharmacy after completing an ambulatory care residency, with a focus in Adult Medicine, from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. In addition to residency training, Vinh practiced as a community pharmacist with CVS/pharmacy.

During her residency, Vinh practiced in the largest academic family medicine clinic within The Ohio State University Medical Center network and cultivated her skills in general adult medicine.

Her areas of special interest include ambulatory care and wellness and prevention, especially in regards to cardiovascular health and diabetes.



Dr. Jon Wietholter is a new Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, with a joint appointment at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Inc., (CHHI) as an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist.

Dr. Wietholter received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Pitt County Memorial Hospital at the University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina, Greenville, N.C.

His areas of special interest include diabetes management, heart failure management and patient care in underserved populations.

Wietholter will work with the Internal Medicine Service at CHHI, as well as provide Pathophysiology and Therapeutics lectures to students and precept an internal medicine rotation for fourth-year pharmacy students.



And introducing **Dr. Joel Halverson...**

Dr. Halverson is not a new faculty member to the Health Sciences Center, but he is new to the SoP and the Department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy.

Dr. Halverson joins us from the WVU School of Medicine. Halverson's research interests involve understanding the basis of health disparities in the nation, Appalachian region and West Virginia. He has authored and co-authored several federally-funded research monographs on health disparities that have received national attention. Halverson's current research interests include continued monitoring of health disparities, social epidemiology with an emphasis on place characteristics that contribute to variations in health outcomes, health impacts related to variations in local social environments, and health services availability and access. As a core member of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, his current research focuses on cancer disparities in the state and region, with a specific emphasis on breast cancer.

2008 Alumni Banquet

As you may have noticed, the theme of this issue of *The ShowGlobe* is a "Focus on Healing." The alumni of the Classes of 1958, 1978, and 1983 can truly say they have dedicated their lives to a focus on healing as they celebrated their 50, 30 and 25 class reunions at the 2008 Alumni Banquet Saturday, May 3, at the Lakeview Resort in Morgantown.

Over 100 attendees shared in an evening of fun and entertainment. Clarke Ridgway honored the Class of 1958 with a walk down memory lane and also presented **Bill Petros, '83**, with the richly deserved Distinguished Alumni Award. Outgoing Alumni Association president **Patty Johnston, '78**, inducted the new Association officers. The new officers include Co-presidents **Christopher Vaught, '95** and **Debra Stump Vaught, '96**; Secretary **Susan Meredith, '67**; Treasurer **Douglas Glover, '51**; and President-elect **Elizabeth Kniska Keyes, '92**.

While the banquet was about celebrating the return of our alumni, sharing fond memories and reconnecting with classmates, banquet attendees also gave back to the School to support the advancement of the profession of pharmacy by donating funds to assist current students. The Class of 1978 raised \$160 to support the student travel fund, and the banquet's silent auction raised \$242 to support student scholarships for 2008-2009. Thank you to all alumni for your generous support.

Thanks to **Sandra Justice, '78**, for coordinating the Class of 1978 luncheon, and to **Dr. Art and Mrs. Linda Jacknowitz** for hosting the luncheon at their home. Special thanks to **Mrs. Brenda Higa**, program assistant in Student Services, for coordinating the banquet and creating the beautiful Class of 1958 slideshow presentation.



Class of 1953
(l-r) Irvin VanMeter, Bob Watz, Herbert Rothlisberger and Sarah (Zinn) Wallace



Class of 1968
(Front l-r) Kathleen Holden, George Cinci, Scot Anderson, and Gary Mastromichalis (Back l-r) Elizabeth Grove, Linn Buell, Charlie Frasher, David Bell, Luigi DeBoni, Joe Concino and Bob Lowe



Class of 1958
(l-r) Ray Shaw, III, Roger Hornbrook, John Buck and Maynard Slaven



Class of 1978
(Front l-r) Marvin Byard, Sandy Justice, Ken McNeil and Paul Becilla (Back l-r) Nick Scrivo, Jeff Hess, Lisa Zannoni and Bill Richman



Class of 1963
(l-r) Shirley (Jarrell) Harr, William Krantz and Wanda Rogers



Class of 1983
(l-r) Karen Petros, Bill Petros and Cindy McDonald

CE Corner

It is an exciting time for the profession of pharmacy as West Virginia became the 48th state to allow pharmacist administered immunizations. The WV Board of Pharmacy has developed regulations for the administration of immunizations (influenza and pneumonia). Once approved by the Legislature in spring 2009, pharmacists who meet the qualifications established and are registered with the Board of Pharmacy will be allowed to immunize. To prepare pharmacists for this opportunity, the School will offer the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Immunization Training Program along with certification in basic life-support training, including CPR.

Special thanks to **Kelley Massie, Jr., '82**, for his efforts in making the 15th Annual Southern Appalachian Fall Seminar... our highest attended program this year.

Other programs to be offered are the APhA Diabetes Certificate Program and four, six-hour CE programs in various locations throughout the state. Tentative dates for all programs are listed below. To confirm these dates and locations, and for additional information, please visit www.hsc.wvu.edu/sop, click on "Continuing Education" and then click "Live Programs." As soon as a program date is confirmed, the date and location will be added to the list of upcoming programs. Once the program has been developed, the program brochure will be linked to the title of the program for your review.

Special thanks to **Kelley Massie, Jr., '82**, for his efforts in making the 15th Annual Southern Appalachian Fall Seminar on September 21st at the Pipestem Resort our highest attended program this year. Over 120 pharmacists attended the program.



Pipestem CE program

Certificate Programs (minimum of 30 participants required):

Pharmaceutical Care for Patients with Diabetes: A Certificate Program for Pharmacists (15 hours self-study, 12 hours live that includes break-out sessions on glucose monitors, insulin injections, blood pressure, foot care and nutrition)

- May 30 and 31, 2009

Location: Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, Morgantown

Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery: A National Certificate Program for Pharmacists (12 hours self-study, 8 hours live that includes injection training)

- February 28, 2009

Location: Oglebay Resort, Wheeling

- March 28 and 29, 2009 (includes basic life-support training)
Pipestem Resort, Pipestem

- June 12 and 13, 2009 (includes basic life-support training)

Summer Research Program *Connects* Colleges Throughout W.Va.

Seventeen students from colleges across the state gathered at West Virginia University this summer to conduct biomedical research projects at the WVU Health Sciences Center as part of the West Virginia IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE).

The students are part of a larger group of 28 students who participate in the statewide effort to increase research opportunities for people attending smaller colleges.

"The INBRE program provides research opportunities for students attending smaller colleges throughout the state of West

Virginia," said **Robert Griffith, Ph.D.**, associate professor of medicinal chemistry at the School of Pharmacy. "We want to encourage students who have an interest in biomedical research to continue their involvement in research after graduation."

Christopher Jones worked with the School of Pharmacy and was mentored by Dr. Yon Rojanasakul. Jones, now a senior majoring in biology at Bethany College, is from Follansbee, W.Va. He said that conducting research this summer was time well spent.

"I love learning about science, especially medicine, and wanted to contribute to the knowledge base of cancer research," Jones said.

Relay for Life Team Top Fundraisers for Fourth Year in a Row

The West Virginia University School of Pharmacy (SoP) Relay for Life team was named “Top Fundraiser” at the WVU Relay for Life event for the fourth year in a row. The students raised \$7,579 and had 84 SoP participants for the April 2008 event.

“Even though we are just students, we want to show our support for those who are going through treatment, for survivors and for friends and family of those whose lives have been touched by this disease,” said Fields.

“It is truly an honor to have been named ‘Top Fundraiser’ for the WVU Relay for Life event,” said Christy Fields, fourth-year pharmacy student and co-captain of the SoP Relay for Life team. “As pharmacy students, we are aware that our chosen profession can help those who need treatment for this disease.”

The pharmacy students held several small fundraisers throughout the year, such as a Vera Bradley Bingo community event, a “Capsule Count” and a student yearbook. Fellow students, faculty, staff and community members came together to participate and donate to the Relay for Life fund.

“It really is a community effort,” said Christina Hedrick, fourth-year pharmacy student and co-captain of the SoP Relay



for Life team. “We could not have achieved what we have without their support. It is not about us, but about bringing the community together for a cause.”

The SoP Relay for Life team looks forward to supporting the 2009 event and raising funds to help in the fight against cancer.

“Even though we are just students, we want to show our support for those who are going through treatment, for survivors and for friends and family of those whose lives have been touched by this disease,” said Fields.

Alumni: Our student organizations work hard throughout the year for events and fundraisers. If you would like to be on the mailing list to donate or participate in these activities, please e-mail the editor at anewton@hsc.wvu.edu.

New Residents

Ten new pharmacy residents were welcomed to the School on Monday, July 14th.

Alex Bryant, Infectious Disease residency under preceptor Douglas Slain, Pharm.D.

Lindsey Gorrell, '08, Psychiatry residency under preceptor Gene Makela, Pharm.D.

Lisa Glance, '08, Pharmacy Practice residency under **Dr. Justin Hare, '03**.

Elizabeth Hageman, Pharmacy Practice residency under **Dr. Justin Hare, '03**.

Erica Hutton, '08, Community Pharmacy residency at Rite Aid under preceptor **Dr. Betsy Elswick, '01**.

Ifemayowa Oyelami, Drug and Health Information Center residency under Marie Abate, Pharm.D., and Matthew Blommel, Pharm.D.

Ashley Reed, '08, Pharmacy Practice residency under **Dr. Justin Hare, '03**.

Jane Rogers, '08, Pharmacy Practice residency under **Dr. Justin Hare, '03**.

Jennifer Rogers, '08, Pharmacy Practice residency under **Dr. Justin Hare, '03**.

Jen Tharp, Critical Care residency under Richard McKnight, Pharm.D.

President's Message

Greetings from the Alumni Association!

Debra and I are very excited to have been chosen as Co-presidents for the Association. While we are still gaining our footing in these new roles, we are committed to serving the School and the Association and maintaining the course of advancing the profession of pharmacy.

We are already on the road to success as we have had amazing participation at the School of Pharmacy tailgates. Dean Chase really knows how to throw a party!

Our Alumni Association goals for the 2008-2009 year are to:

- Serve as a resource to the School of Pharmacy
- Maintain a strong presence at University events
- Serve as a portal to promote professional development opportunities
- Create opportunities for the Association to support new and ongoing initiatives
- Increase alumni participation and membership in the Association

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Our membership has increased this year, but we still have not heard from many of our alumni. We would like them to come home to the School and stay connected. If you know anyone who may not receive our information, please pass it along so they have the opportunity to contact us.

The Association is making leaps and bounds in the ever-changing world of technology. We just launched the new alumni dues website, www.wvusopalumni.org, in order to give alumni an online payment option.

While our goals this year may seem simple, we need your help to make them possible. Please visit the <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/sop/alumni/index.html> to see how you can get involved and participate in events throughout the year.

Chris and Debra Vaught

Development Corner

Each year, West Virginia University students benefit from the generosity of Dr. Robert "Bob" Stitzel, a pharmacology professor and director of the Office of Graduate Education. His extensive academic career at WVU provided first-hand knowledge of the special needs of graduate students as they progress through their doctoral programs. He saw how financial support could make a difference in the professional development of students.

...the first recipients of the Robert E. Stitzel Graduate Student Support Funds were... **Kimberly Blake**, Professional Development Award, and **Cody Peer**, Research and Scholarship Productivity Award.

students with travel, training, research and professional development expenses. Through his estate planning, Dr. Stitzel gifted a portion of his retirement funds to the University.

On Friday, October 10, 2008, the first recipients of the Robert E. Stitzel Graduate Student Support Funds were selected. Dr. Stitzel's wife of 46 years, Professor Emerita of English and Women's Studies Dr. Judith Gold Stitzel, was with us to meet and congratulate the students. Recipients from the School of Pharmacy were **Kimberly Blake**, Professional Development Award, and **Cody Peer**, Research and Scholarship Productivity Award.

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of students, simply include the provision "to the West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of the School of Pharmacy" in your will or contact Patty Showers Ryan at (877) 766-4438 or psryan@hsc.wvu.edu.

Featured Faculty: Charles Ponte

Dr. Charles Ponte, professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, has been with WVU for 28 years. He also serves as a professor in the Department of Family Medicine.

Dr. Ponte demonstrates there are many ways faculty members teach students. Whether in the classroom or as a preceptor for students on rotation, his dynamic presentation and teaching methods ensure that his students absorb the information he provides and stays with them.



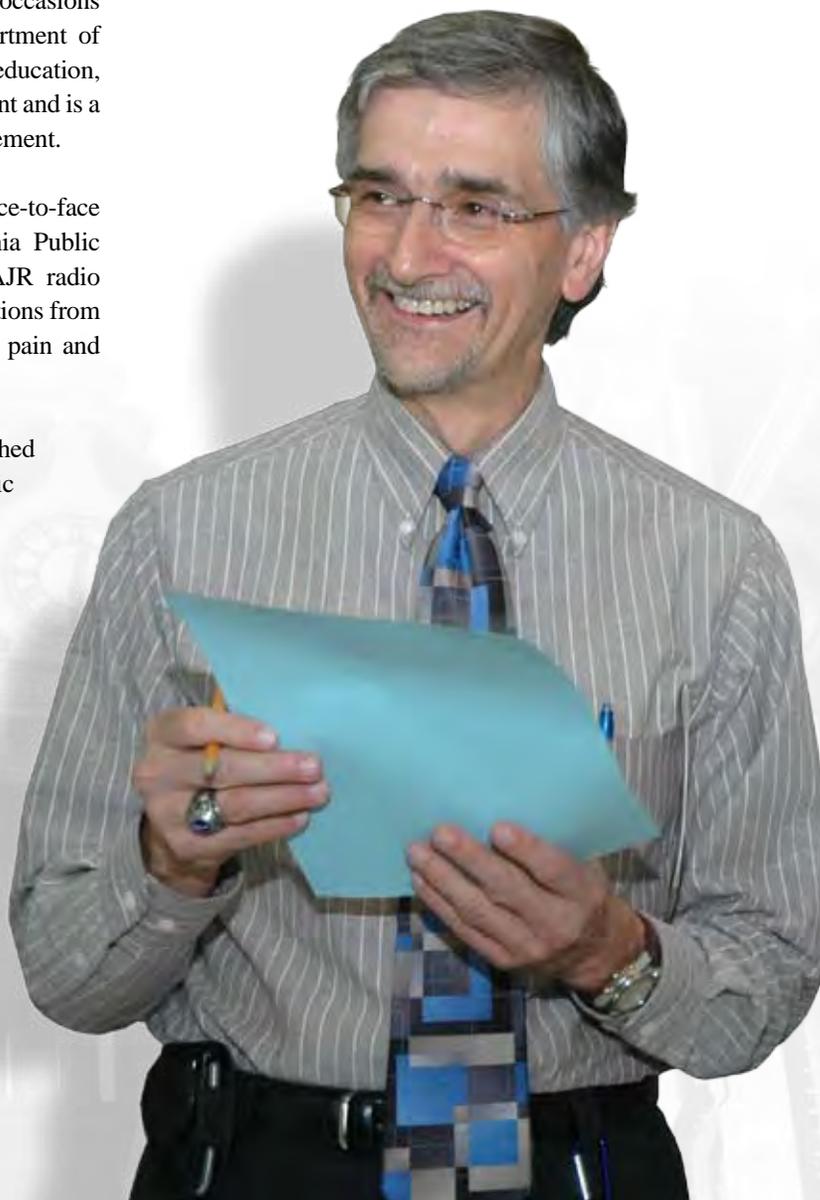
“He is an inspiration and role model for students and peers alike. His enthusiasm for learning extends to both the classroom and patient care setting. Teaching is his passion, and I can think of no one more deserving of the 'Teacher of the Year' award than Charlie Ponte.”

Ponte has received three Outstanding Teaching Awards from the School of Pharmacy and has been honored on two occasions for Excellence in Resident Teaching in the Department of Family Medicine. He is board certified in diabetes education, pharmacotherapy and advanced diabetes management and is a diplomat of the American Academy of Pain Management.

Patient outreach for Ponte goes beyond face-to-face interaction. He has appeared on the West Virginia Public Television show, “Doctors on Call” and the WAJR radio show, “Healthline,” numerous times to answer questions from our community members about their medications, pain and diabetes management.

He has received the APhA/APPM Distinguished Achievement award in Clinical Pharmacotherapeutic Practice, the Distinguished Service Award from the national Certification Board for Diabetes Educators in 2006 and was named a Distinguished Practitioner in the prestigious National Academies of Practice in 2007.

“Teaching is at the heart of what we do as faculty, and Charlie Ponte is the consummate teacher,” said Dr. Terry Schwinghammer, professor and chair of the Department of Clinical Pharmacy. “He is an inspiration and role model for students and peers alike. His enthusiasm for learning extends to both the classroom and patient care setting. Teaching is his passion, and I can think of no one more deserving of the 'Teacher of the Year' award than Charlie Ponte.”



Mortar and Pestle Club

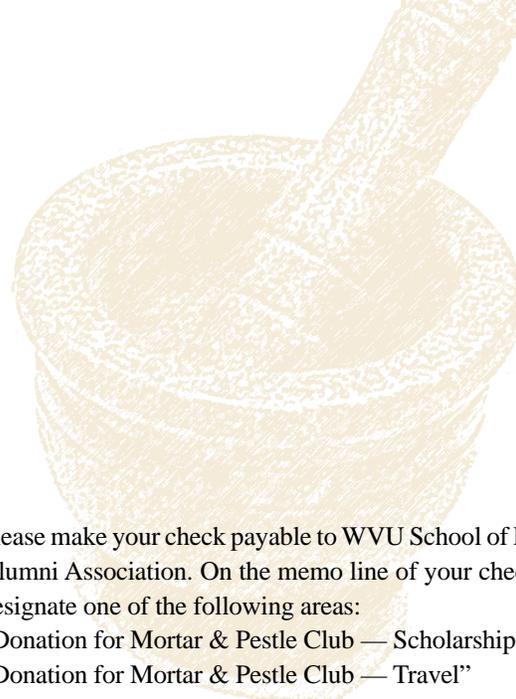
The Mortar & Pestle Club provides additional support to the School for selected programs. The Club is open to all SoP Alumni Association members. Last year, Club member support provided

- Five scholarships in the total amount of \$2,685
- Student travel to the following state and national meetings in the total amount of \$3,485:
 - Pharmacy Day at the WV Legislature
 - ASP/APhA Annual Meeting
 - Rho Chi Regional Meeting
 - Kappa Psi Regional Meeting

How you can become a Mortar & Pestle Club member

1. On-line payment option: <http://www.wvusopalumni.org/>
2. Mailing payment method: Please complete the membership form found at <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/sop/alumni/general.html>, print, and mail to:

WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association
1136 HSC-N
PO Box 9502
Morgantown, WV 26506-9502



Please make your check payable to WVU School of Pharmacy Alumni Association. On the memo line of your check, please designate one of the following areas:

- “Donation for Mortar & Pestle Club — Scholarships”
- “Donation for Mortar & Pestle Club — Travel”
- “Donation for Mortar & Pestle Club — Other”

Mortar & Pestle Club donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Brenda Higa at bhiga@hsc.wvu.edu or by calling 304-293-5977.

Upcoming Events

November 17, 2008: 2nd Annual Awesome Auction in the Health Sciences Center Okey Patteson Auditorium starting at 4:00 p.m.

December 7, 2008: ASHP Midyear Meeting Alumni Reception Rosen Hotel, Orlando, Fla., from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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December 6, 2008: Tailgate: WVU vs. USF
Event sponsored by Rite Aid (Tailgate begins two hours prior to kickoff)



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