The UAMS College of Pharmacy Mission

The mission of the UAMS College of Pharmacy is to provide excellent education in a stimulating environment where delivery of superb pharmaceutical care is integrated with nationally and internationally recognized research.

APhA-ASP Named Chapter of the Year

The UAMS College of Pharmacy American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) received the National Chapter of the Year award at the association's annual meeting in San Francisco in March. The APhA is the largest professional association of pharmacists in the United States, with more than 50,000 members. Total attendance at the meeting included 3,000 pharmacy students from 92 colleges.

“We compete against every college of pharmacy in the country for this award,” said Dr. Eddie Dunn, Pharm.D., Associate Professor. “It’s like winning a national championship.” This is the first time that the UAMS College of Pharmacy has been named National Chapter of the Year. Past winners of this award have been the University of Kentucky 2005, University of Tennessee Health Science Center 2004, and the University of Arizona 2003.

College of Pharmacy Welcomes New Faculty

The Department of Pharmacy Practice continues to expand with the hiring of five new faculty Drs. Jason Derden ’96, Dao Le ’02, Jamie Messenger ’02, Crystal Henderson, and Trey Crumby ’05, according to Dr. Paul Gubbins, Department Chair.

Derden is Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacotherapy Specialist at St. Joseph’s Mercy Health Center in Hot Springs. He will continue to specialize in critical care medicine and develop his interest in infectious diseases and therapeutic drug monitoring. He will serve as a preceptor for fourth year students.

Le is Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and works with Dr. Nicki Hilliard to expand the Nuclear Education Online Program as part of Dr. Hilliard’s 2004 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. She will help the college continue to make NEO a leader in nuclear pharmacy education and training.

Messenger is Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the Fayetteville AHEC. In addition to her clinical responsibilities at the Fayetteville AHEC, Dr. Messenger will provide quality direct patient-care experiential education to fourth year students.

Henderson, a Psychiatric Pharmacotherapy Specialist, is Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, and will provide expertise and teach psychiatric pharmacotherapy to third year students. She will practice at CAVHS VA Mental Health Clinic in North Little Rock. She will also provide direct patient-care experiential education in psychiatric pharmacy practice to fourth year students.

Crumby is Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacotherapy Specialist at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rogers, in a position jointly funded by UAMS and St. Mary’s. He will provide pharmacotherapy services to St. Mary’s and will also serve as a preceptor for fourth year students.

L-R: Dr. Charles Born ’67, Dr. John Vinson ’04, Dr. Trey Crumby ’05, Marci Smith ’07, Leslie Mooney ’09, and Dr. Eddie Dunn ’79/’94.
In this issue of Connections we share a number of exciting activities and events at the College from the past semester. We look forward to another great year. This issue is filled with student and alumni achievements and news of our successful advancement efforts. As you see on page one, we are welcoming five new faculty members and are thrilled that our ASP Chapter received the coveted APhA Chapter of the Year Award.

This spring, we had our first Dean’s Society Dinner on campus to thank our major donors. They are providing the means to advance our College in a variety of ways, particularly in attracting and retaining our top-notch faculty members. We also held the third Dean’s Advisory Council meeting. I continue to highly value their wise counsel and advice on ways to advance our College.

In June, we began the process of self-study in preparation for a site visit in 2007 by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This gives us an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments of the past seven years and to plan ways to strengthen and enhance the College.

In August, we will welcome the largest class in the history of the College. In preparation for integrating 120 new students into the College, Dr. Cindy Stowe, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has worked with several faculty members to plan a multi-day orientation program, including a session for parents.

These are exciting yet challenging times for many pharmacists, and we must be clear in communicating to our students the issues facing them after they graduate. I’m pleased to report that we received good news from our recent graduates regarding employment, salaries, and benefits. A summary of our Senior Survey, conducted by Dr. Donna West, is in this issue.

We were proud when several of our alumni were honored during the Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) convention in June. Drs. Lindsey Way ’03, Michael Butler ’04, and John Vinson ’04 received top awards.

Also during the convention Dr. Trey Gardner ’98, outgoing president of the Alumni Association, passed the gavel of leadership to new president Dr. Sue Frank ’74, who will serve with President-Elect, Dr. John Vinson. I look forward to the events and activities planned by the Association for the year. Please be sure to read the article by our New Board President in this issue. I want to thank these alumni leaders for their service to the College. I’m proud of our Association and its activities.

Finally, I want to thank the donors who gave so generously to the Student Leadership Office project. Construction plans are underway, and the facility should be completed in time for students to use it next semester. You’ll be invited to its opening and to see your name on a recognition plaque.

We have much to celebrate, and I hope you join me in sharing an increasing sense of pride in our College.
Alumni Establish NPhA Arkansas Scholarship Fund

Dr. Alvin Simmons ’78/’95 has provided the leadership for establishment of a National Pharmacists Association of Arkansas Scholarship at the College. According to Dr. Jon Wolfe ’77, Associate Dean for Development, Dr. Simmons and seven other lead donors have raised $41,700 toward the new scholarship.

They plan to raise $100,000 in endowed funds to provide multiple awards annually to students representing historically underserved minority groups, or who demonstrate particularly great need.

Alumni who have benefited from scholarships, or who have an interest in providing assistance for deserving students, may join with NPhA’s members and friends by contacting Dr. Wolfe at 501-686-6498 or wolfejj@uams.edu.

Glass Continuing Education Endowment Fund Established

A Continuing Education Endowment Fund has been established with initial gifts from Clark and Becky Hall and Mrs. Jane Glass of Marvell, in memory of Dr. Gerald J. Glass. The goal is to raise $40,000.

Income from the fund will be used to provide annual live patient-care Continuing Education lectures at the Delta AHEC in Helena. The programs will cover chronic disease states, including diabetes, coronary heart disease, long term care, asthma, poison control, addictive and compulsive behaviors, and mental illness. The Delta AHEC will partner with the College in fund-raising and in administering the program.

Dr. Glass was a Delta community leader and pharmacist, who served as an early proponent of local Continuing Education for pharmacists.

“We are grateful to Mrs. Glass and the Halls and are pleased to partner with the Delta AHEC in this program to memorialize Dr. Glass and help improve the health outcomes of residents in the Delta,” said Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Dean of the College.

For information about making a gift to the fund, please contact Dr. Wolfe at 501-686-6498 or wolfejj@uams.edu.

Post Graduate Development Endowed Fund Established

Jamie L. Stowe of Ellicott City, Md., and Dr. Cindy Stowe, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the College, have established an endowed fund to provide postgraduate professional development.

“We are grateful for the generosity shown by Jamie and Cindy Stowe in establishing this endowment. Income from the fund will provide for travel and professional activities of residents, fellows, and graduate students. Attending professional meetings to present their scholarly work is critical to the advancement of future academicians,” said Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Dean of the College.

To make a gift to the fund, contact Ann Turney at 501-686-6391 or annturney@uams.edu.

Former Dean named University of Iowa Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. Larry Milne, Dean of the College 1977-2002, received The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award on May 10.

He was recognized for distinguishing himself at the local and national level and for his career in academic pharmacy and university administration, according to Dr. Jordan L. Cohen, Dean of the University of Iowa College.

The gift that “Keeps on Giving”

If you’re 65 years or older, you can create a charitable gift annuity, naming the College as the remainder beneficiary and benefit during your life.

You set aside an asset (cash, stock, etc.) in an annuity with UAMS, for an immediate tax deduction, and, in return, it pays you (and your spouse) a guaranteed income for life.

At mortality, the principal goes to the College for the purposes you have indicated.

For details contact John Coffin,
Director of Planned Giving
501-526-7197 or jfcoffin@uams.edu.
Charter members of the College of Pharmacy Dean’s Society, were recognized at a special dinner to honor them for their generosity and as an endorsement of their work to strengthen the College. The Charter Member plaque listing each members’ name was unveiled and each member received a special token of appreciation. The group has grown to more than 60 members in its first year.

L-R: Dean Stephanie Gardner, Becky West, Dr. Charles West ’63, June Owen.

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L-R: Dr. Alvin Simmons ’78/’95, Dr. Jon Wolfe ’77, Donna Wolfe.

L-R: Dr. Betsy Wright ’94, Dr. Mark McGrew ’87, Carol McGrew.

L-R: Drs. Anne and Scott Pace ’01, Dean Stephanie Gardner.

L-R: Dr. Charles Bishop ’53, Jean Bishop.

L-R: Dr. Kile Marsh ’52, Dr. Jon Wolfe ’77, Hon. George Wimberly.
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences is pleased to announce that Dr. Marjan Boerma joined the faculty as Assistant Professor on March 1, 2006. Dr. Boerma previously completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Surgery at UAMS. She will be teaching in the Biological and Cellular Chemistry course and continuing her research on injury to the heart following radiation therapy for cancer.

Our initial phase of laboratory renovations was completed in July, 2006. The first laboratory renovated was the Pharmaceutical Analysis Laboratory directed by Dr. Howard Hendrickson. This new laboratory will house nearly $500,000 worth of state-of-the-art instrumentation for pharmaceutical analysis. Renovations to the other laboratories on the sixth floor of the Education II Building will continue in the near future.

Department faculty continue to bring innovative ideas to the forefront of pharmacy and biomedical sciences. For 2005-2006, department faculty submitted grant proposals in excess of $4.4 million. Research grants submitted by Drs. Boerma, Bill Gurley, Cherg-ju Kim, Jesse Liu, and Grazyna Nowak focus on a variety of areas including herb-drug interactions, mechanisms of renal toxicity, responses by the heart to cytokines and radiation injury, and development of new drug delivery technologies. In addition, Dr. Gurley's product Omnibalm® is on the market—look for it in your local pharmacies. New patents were awarded to Drs. Phil Breen, Cesar Compadre, Kim Fifer ’75, and Cherg-ju Kim. Please join me in congratulating all of these faculty for their innovative efforts.

Dr. Marjan Boerma recently accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor on March 1, 2006. Dr. Boerma has been a member of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and responsible for teaching Dispensing and Pharmaceutics Laboratory more than 11 years. Dr. Dunn recently was awarded the inaugural Chancellor's Faculty Teaching Award for excellence in instructing pharmacy students.

Last, but certainly not least, the department is pleased to announce the hiring of our new Business Officer, Ms. Dawn McNeice. Dawn has been with our department for several years, and we welcome her assistance in a new capacity. Also, we are very happy to announce that Ms. Sharon Farris has joined our department as Administrative Assistant II.

Department of Pharmacy Practice

Drs. Donna West and Dr. Brad Martin were promoted to ranks of Associate Professor with tenure, and Professor, respectively. Dr. Jan Hastings ’79/’94 was named a Fellow of APhA. Dr. Song Hee Hong’s publication in the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy Nov/Dec ‘05 issue received the journal’s 2005 Award for Excellence. Dr. Scott Warmack ’98 was chosen “Outstanding Faculty in Pharmacy Practice,” and Dr. Dosha Cummins the “Outstanding Preceptor of the Year.”

Dr. Amy Franks ’01 and her student Sidney Veach ’08 received an AFPE Gateway Student Research Fellowship. Dr. West entered the AACP Academic Leadership Fellowship Program. Dr. Schwanda Flowers ’99 attended and Dr. Hastings was a panelist at the APhA 2006 Self-Care Institute. Dr. Jon Wolfe ’77 and Dean Stephanie Gardner spoke at the AACP Interim Meeting. At the APhA Annual Meeting Dr. Nicki Hilliard ’83/’96 spoke and also moderated an educational session, Dr. Ross Vanderbush and his students Kristen Westmoreland ’06 and Amanda Caldwell ’06 presented two posters and Drs. Hong and West presented a podium presentation. At the ISPOR Annual Meeting Dr. Martin spoke at the Student Forum, co-authored a poster and presented a poster with his Graduate Student. Dr. Lisa Hutchison co-authored a poster at the American Geriatric Society Meeting.

Dr. Paul O. Gubbins was elected to the USP 2005-10 Infectious Diseases Expert Committee, and was appointed to the ADH, Division of Health Advisory Committee for Antiviral Drug Use. He also spoke at the Society of Critical Care Medicine Annual Meeting and at the ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum.

Faculty submitted seven proposals to private and federal agencies totaling approximately $140,000, and have received funding from the March of Dimes (Dr. Denise Hopkins ’95) Robert Wood Johnson, Novartis, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, University of South Florida, Florida Mental Health Institute (Dr. Martin).

Faculty have published nine manuscripts in professional journals including: JMCP (Drs. Hong, West and Johnson), Current Medical Research and Opinion (Drs. Hong and West), Annals of Pharmacotherapy (Dr. Franks and Dean Gardner), International Journal of Medical Informatics (Dr. Martin), American Journal of Kidney Disease (Dr. Stove), Journal of the Medical Society of Arkansas (Dr. Warmack), Journal of the APhA (Drs. Vanderbush and West), Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (Dr. Gubbins). Finally, Dr. Scott Pace ’01 departed the College in June to work for the APA and we wish him well.
**Senator Percy Malone Receives APhA Hubert H. Humphrey Award**

State Sen. Percy Malone, D-Arkadelphia (District 26) received the 2006 Hubert H. Humphrey Award given at the American Pharmacists Association meeting in March.

The award, named for the pharmacist and former Vice President of the United States, was established in 1978 to recognize APhA members who have made major contributions in government and/or legislative service at the local, state, or national level. The award was presented to Malone at the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition, in San Francisco, in March.

“Throughout his service, Senator Malone has brought credit to our profession,” said Dean Stephanie Gardner. “He is truly a credit to the College, the University and the state of Arkansas.”

“It is fitting that he should receive the Hubert H. Humphrey Award since Vice President Humphrey was a pharmacist and politician whose service in public life benefited many. Senator Malone continues to contribute significantly and extensively to the profession of pharmacy in our state and has achieved rare distinction among American pharmacists by his leadership in shaping legislation that affects our profession,” she added.

**Dean’s Society Giving Club Continues to Grow**

Alumni and friends now have the opportunity to take part in the advancement of the College by joining a new giving club called the **Dean’s Society** with annual gifts of $1,000 or more.

“We’ve had great success with the Dean’s Society and we now have 60 members,” according to Ann Turney, Director of Development. “Donors have joined with Dean Stephanie Gardner in building a foundation for the future of the College. We’ve placed a plaque listing members in the College and our dinner in May was great fun. We’re already starting to plan for next year’s event,” she added.

To join the Dean's Society today, with a tax deductible gift at $1,000 or more ($500 for the classes of 2002-2006), contact Turney at 501-686-6391 or annturney@uams.edu. Gifts may be made be through a business and may be matched by employers.

Members of the Dean’s Society:
- assist the Dean in advancing the College
- honor or memorialize faculty or family members
- are listed in the College’s Annual Report
- are invited to a celebratory Dean’s Society dinner
- receive a Dean’s Society lapel pin
- receive periodic “insider updates” from the Dean
- are listed on a plaque located in the College

**NHIA Creates Lifetime Achievement Award Honoring Dr. Gene Graves**

In a special tribute to Dr. Gene Graves ’69, the National Home Infusion Association created the Gene Graves Lifetime Achievement Award to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the home infusion therapy community. The award honors him for his key role in founding the association in 1991 to ensure that home infusion therapy providers would have a voice representing them on a national level.

Graves served as founding president from 1991 to 1994 and was the primary force behind the formation of the association. Graves helped to secure financial backing from the National Association of Retail Druggists (NARD, now known as National Community Pharmacists Association) to support NHIA. He was honored for developing the organization’s mission and bylaws, starting the NHIA Annual Conference, and for encouraging pharmacists around the country to enter home infusion and to get behind the association.

**Calendar of Events**

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Student Honors & Awards

• Megan Barnard ’07 of Benton, received an American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation Student Pharmacist Award, one of only nine in the nation.

• Mandy Billingsley ’08 has been named a recipient of a “RESPy” Award, given by Pharmacy Times, in conjunction with Wal-Mart. It honors outstanding pharmacy students who display exemplary behavior and great potential as community pharmacists. She is featured in the June issue of Pharmacy Times magazine, will receive a cash award and has been offered a Wal-Mart internship.

• Sarah Frank ’07 of Jonesboro, has received an American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation Student Pharmacist Award, one of only nine in the nation.

• Anand Mangu, senior graduate student, won first place in Graduate Division and Best Overall Poster Presentation during Student Research Week at the UAMS College of Medicine in April, 2006.

• Maegan Rogers ’07 of Paragould, received the Academy of Student Pharmacists Student Leadership Award, one of only four in the nation at the meeting in March.

• Zabeena P. Shaik, senior graduate student, won Best Paper Award from the American Society of Pharmacology and Experiential Therapeutics and Experiential Biology Meetings in April, 2006. Her graduate advisor is Dr. Grazyna Nowak.

• Sidney A. Veach ’08 was awarded a $5,000 scholarship from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education to participate in a faculty-mentored research project for a one year period. Veach will be sponsored by Dr. Amy Franks ’01 while researching “Effects of Short-Term Thiazolidinedione Treatment on Vascular Risk Markers in type-2 Diabetes Patients.”

Personal Finance Class Wins Big in Stock Market Game

Third year pharmacy students Jesse Bonds, Katrina Harp, and Leigh Ann Wright finished second out of 98 college teams in a recent stock market game. They participated as a part of a Personal Finance Class, taught by Joe Baker, adjunct assistant professor and Pharmacists Mutual Representative. The 98 teams were comprised mostly of college business students across Arkansas.

The Stock Market Game, sponsored by the Arkansas Council on Economic Education, gives students the chance to invest a hypothetical $100,000 in a real-time portfolio. The students finished the 6 week game with $114,018 --second to a team from Arkansas State University College of Business, which had just over $120,000 in its portfolio.

The class is one of the electives offered to third year students to help them learn about technological developments and an expanding global economy that influence personal financial decisions. Baker says this atmosphere of change makes it crucial that all spending, saving, borrowing and investing decisions be wise, informed choices.

For more information about the game go to http://www.stockmarketgame.org/.

2006 Graduate Survey Results
Summary
• 76 UAMS COP P4 students completed the survey
• 97% have accepted a position
• 82% believe the position opportunities available were excellent or good
• More than 60% have accepted a position in a community/retail setting
• 8 students have accepted a residency/fellowship position
• 12% will receive a sign-on bonus
• Approximately 55% will practice pharmacy in central Arkansas
• 15% of the students accepting positions (including residency) will practice pharmacy out-of-state
• Top benefits include: health insurance, paid vacation, retirement, and paid holidays
• Average salary for a pharmacist (not residency) position is $93,555, an increase of $5,358 (6.1% increase) from 2005
• Approximately 14% plan to own a pharmacy in the future
• 85.5% have student loans, with an average amount of $51,198

Source: Survey conducted by Dr. Donna West.

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Awards are Presented at Honors Convocation

Dr. Jo Ellen Austin ’80, Senator Percy Malone and Dr. Dosha Cummins were honored during the senior awards convocation on May 18.

Austin was the second recipient of the Dean’s Award for Lifetime Achievement in Pharmacy, for serving as an example of high achievement among pharmacists and for serving with great distinction during her career as a pharmacist.

She recently retired from the UAMS Pharmacy Department. During her 37 years at the UAMS Hospital, Austin distinguished herself as a pharmacist, and as an expert in quality control for compounded products. She participated also in the educational mission of the College

of Pharmacy, benefiting graduate students and pharmacy residents. She has been a pioneer in the field of patient safety.

Sen. Malone was the second recipient of the Dean’s Award for Service to the College, in recognition of his significant and timely service to the UAMS College of Pharmacy.

As a State Senator, his leadership in behalf of legislation that benefits the profession of pharmacy includes fair treatment of pharmacists in Medicaid reimbursement and revision of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

He is greatly responsible for helping Arkansas meet the pharmacist shortage that severely affects patients in our smaller communities.

Dr. Cummins, of Jonesboro, was selected by the Class of ’06 as Preceptor of the Year, one of the College of Pharmacy’s top teaching awards.

Cummins, B.C.P.S. (Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy Specialty), is associate professor of Pharmacy Practice and an assistant professor of Family and Community Medicine at the UAMS Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Northeast in Jonesboro.

The Preceptor of the Year Award recognizes Cummins’ work with the College of Pharmacy’s senior students as they learned drug therapy in the last phase of their pharmacy school education.

Senior Honors Convocation and Brunch

L-R: Patty ’94, Michael ’06, Taylee and Drew Martin.

L-R: Sara Gault Hill ’06 and her grandmother.

L-R: Patricia Wiley, Brandi Wiley, and Porsche Wiley ’06.

L-R: Brandi Garrison ’06, Sara Massey ’06, Rebecca Rowlands ’06.

L-R: Mark, Shannon ’06 and Jackson Edds.
Message from Sue Frank ’74
President, Alumni Association

I am honored to serve as your Alumni Association President for 2006-2007. In the last three years, we’ve come far in achieving our goals and carrying out our mission under the leadership of Dr. Michael Smith ’77, our founding president and Dr. Trey Gardner ’98, president in 2005-2006. They have established a strong foundation for the Association.

I look forward to working with Dr. John Vinson ’04, President-Elect, other alumni leaders, and the College to further enhance it. If you want to learn more about the Association and its activities, please go to this link on the UAMS web site: http://www.uams.edu/cop/alumni/.

At the Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) convention in June, John and I were inducted into our new positions and the Alumni Board met. We appreciate the APA for allowing us to coordinate our meeting with theirs. I also want to thank the Alumni leaders who serve as area representatives of our Association who are listed on page two. Finally, I want to say how much we appreciate the guidance and support Dean Gardner and her staff provide as we looked for ways to provide alumni with the services we all need and want.

I want to share with you the activities and plans discussed at our meeting. To begin, we viewed the College’s new video, called Prescription for Life “The UAMS College of Pharmacy: Indispensable Innovators.” Alumni across the state will have a chance to see it this summer and fall as faculty and staff members take it “on the road.” It will give you updated information about innovations at the college, all in a brief, 11-minute review. It will make you very proud of our College!

A major part of our discussion involved plans for Reunion Weekend, October 28-29. Plans are underway for a tailgate party before the Razorback game on Saturday with ULM at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. A Continuing Education program will be provided Sunday on campus. You should have received a “Save the Date” card. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The alumni baby t-shirt program is going well. Check out the photos on page 11 to see how our alumni and their children are enjoying the little shirts we send to all new children of alumni.

Ann Turney, Director of Alumni Relations, reported that the Connections newsletter design will be upgraded with the next issue and the web site is due for updates also. I encourage you to look at the newsletter and web site and provide feedback to her at annturney@uams.edu.

An alumni survey will take place in August, in concert with an alumni survey for the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education accreditation process. Look for that late this summer and please respond. We need your feedback to improve our program.

We had a wide-ranging discussion about alumni events for the year and think we have some great ideas. I want to do a good job as your Alumni Association President and would like to hear from you. Please e-mail me at sue_frank@merck.com. Thank you!

Save the Date for Reunion Weekend!
October 28-29, 2006

Watch for your invitation to this year’s Alumni Reunion Weekend or visit www.uams.edu/cop/alumni after August 1 for more information.

Tailgate Party - Saturday, October 28!
Razorbacks vs. University of Louisiana at Monroe

Saturday, October 28
• UA Football Tailgate Party, War Memorial Grounds
• UA Football Game, War Memorial Stadium
• Reunion Celebrations - classes of ’56, ’66, ’76, ’81, ’96

Sunday, October 29
• CE Program, UAMS
1977

Tom Frank of Jonesboro is the new director of the AHEC-Northeast in Jonesboro. He is a tenured professor in our College and has worked in the Northeast AHEC for over 20 years.

1998

Kara Smith of Little Rock received the Charles K. Born Professionalism Award during the P3 Pinning Ceremony in April. The Award recognizes Dr. Born’s many years of service as the UAMS APhA-ASP Chapter Advisor. It is presented to a pharmacist who has committed significant time and energy to the development of leadership and professionalism among the student body.

2001

Stephanie Krause Thompson of Maumelle, Ark. is a Staff Nuclear Pharmacist for Cardinal Health. She and her husband Scott live in Maumelle with their two children Emma age 2, and Matthew 7 months.

Scott Pace has left UAMS to begin his new role as Associate Executive Vice-President at the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. (See Weddings.)

2003

Lindsey Way of Little Rock received the Arkansas Pharmacists Association Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award at the APA convention in June.

2004

Michael Butler of Hot Springs Village was honored with the Arkansas Pharmacists Association Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award at the APA convention in June.

John Vinson of Van Buren received the Arkansas Pharmacists Association Bowl of Hygieia and Community Service Awards at the APA convention in June.

He also was one of 10 pharmacists recognized in a One to One Counseling Recognition Program sponsored by Pharmacy Today and Johnson & Johnson-Merck Consumer Pharmaceuticals. It recognizes pharmacists who excel in patient counseling and communication with their patients, providing one to one patient care, helping student pharmacists and professional colleagues develop their medication counseling and administration skills, and furthering the practice of pharmaceutical care.

2005

Randy Shipp was promoted to Pharmacy Manager at the Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Mt. Pleasant, Tex., one of Wal-Mart’s Top 100 Pharmacies.

Jason Hawkins ’98 received the 2005 Association of Military Surgeons of the United States Award for Excellence in Clinical Pharmacy Practice. The award recognizes a federal pharmacist who has contributed to the transformation of pharmacy practice by working closely with other health care providers to optimize the safe, efficacious, and cost-effective application of pharmacotherapy. Hawkins is a clinical pharmacy specialist in the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System. He serves as a preceptor and mentor at CAVHS and at the UAMS College of Pharmacy, and he provides in-service education for health care providers throughout CAVHS and Arkansas.

USA Drug Donates PDX Software

The College has received a gift in kind of PDX Software from USA Drug of Pine Bluff. The software will be used for teaching in the College’s pharmaceutics and dispensing laboratories beginning in the fall 2007, according to Dean Stephanie Gardner.

“We are extremely grateful to USA Drug and Ken Hill, CEO of PDX, for partnering with the College to obtain new state-of-the art dispensing software technology that will enhance our students’ skills significantly,” she said.

“Dr. Mark McGrew ’87, Senior Vice President of Pharmacy Operations at USA Drug, was instrumental in coordinating the gift, and his assistance is much appreciated,” she added. USA Drug recently signed a contract with PDX to provide software for its 155 stores and was able to help the College obtain the software.

CE SCHEDULE

October 8 - Consulting Pharmacists Seminar, UAMS Little Rock
October 22 - Preceptor Program, UAMS Little Rock
October 29 - Reunion Weekend CE, UAMS Little Rock
November 5 - Gerald Glass Memorial CE Lecture, Delta AHEC Helena
November 12 - AHEC CE Program, AHEC Fayetteville

For more information, call Continuing Education at (501) 686-5396.
Alumni New Arrivals

Anna Marie, born to Tammy ’93 and Kerry Don Stevens, March 25, 2005.

Maggie, born to Jonell ’94 and Brian Hudson, January 14, 2005.

Brook Nicole, born to Randy ’95 and Rose Davidson, September 13, 2005.

Audrey Gail, born to Kristi ’96 and William Cowger, February 17, 2006.

Westen Barclay, born to Jason ’96 and Sondra Derden, October 21, 2004.


Ashley Taylor, born to Racheal ’00 and Jeffrey Adams, March 16, 2006.

Mora Elizabeth, born to Justin ’00 and Lori Boyd, May 31, 2006.

Jeremy Wesley, born to Paige ’03 and Sydney Carman, November 5, 2005.

Alyson Kate, born to Nicole ’04 and Lance Greathouse, May 31, 2005.

Asher, born to Tyler ’05 and Casey Wood, March 29, 2006.

Jackson Tyler, born to Shannon ’06 and Mark Edds, February 16, 2004.

Weddings

Scott Pace ’01 and Anne Corbett, on June 10, 2006.

In Memoriam

Dr. Thomas Heintz ’52, April 2, 2006.

Dr. Barbara DeSalvo Schieferle Uhlenbrock ’72, April 4, 2006.

Dr. Michael D. Bailey ’73, May 9, 2006.

Dr. Doug Eoff ’03, September 5, 2006.

Dr. Charles William Cunning ’65, July 8, 2006

Dr. James E. Dusenberry, Emeritus Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, March 26, 2006.

Future Pharmacists

Randy Davidson ’95 and daughter Brooke Nicole.


Mora Elizabeth - daughter of Justin ’00 and Lori Boyd.

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