Thirty-three high school seniors from 19 cities throughout Arkansas and five other states participated in the third annual Pharmacy Camp in June. The camp was sponsored by the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. Campers had a full schedule of activities, including lectures from alumni practitioners about careers in pharmacy. For fun, the campers went rock climbing and bowling and visited the River Market and the Clinton Presidential Library. For more information about the next Pharmacy Camp, planned for June 13–18, 2010, go to www.uams.edu/cop/pharmacy_camp
Muncy Zubr, B.S., Pharm., ’75, of Clinical Concepts, LLC, and his wife, Pam, recently designated the College of Pharmacy as a beneficiary of their estate. By naming the College in their wills, they were making a statement of support that will bear fruit in the future.

“We chose to name the College in our wills because we are grateful for the education I received. It set the foundation for success in business and in life. We want to do all we can to support the College and this seemed to be a good way to impact the lives of future pharmacists while maintaining current financial flexibility,” he said. “I hope others will think about the College when they make their plans.”

To learn more about designating the College in your estate or to talk about other forms of deferred giving, contact your financial planner or Dr. Jon Wolfe at (501) 686-6498 or wolfejonathanj@uams.edu.
I once came across a quote from Henry Ford that upon reexamination seems to inadvertently fit what the College of Pharmacy has been able to accomplish in the last half decade.

Ford’s quote read, “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” As you’ll read in this issue’s cover story, one of the first things we did upon my appointment as dean in April 2004 was bring together faculty and leaders in the College to identify the best ways we can build on the solid foundation that was already in place.

We came together at a retreat and through open discussion pinpointed the challenges and goals that needed to be addressed to take the College into the future. When it was over, we had a strategic road map that we’ve mostly followed and fine-tuned along the way.

I’m proud to say we’ve realized a good number of those goals and we’re well on our way to meeting the others. We chose to elaborate on all of these positive advancements not simply to show off how far we’ve come, but to highlight the commitment of our entire faculty, staff and student body in working successfully as a team toward accomplishing common goals.

As you make your way through this issue, you’ll recognize a common theme that highlights the progress different areas of the College have made in the last half decade. Schwanda Flowers, Pharm.D., assistant dean for experiential education and Anne Pace, Pharm.D. – both assistant professors in the College of Pharmacy, explain their dedication to producing leaders as well as pharmacists. Russ Melchert, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, highlights his departmental advancements while Paul Gubbins, Pharm.D., chairman of the Department of Pharmacy Practice explores his area’s progress in the last five years. And as usual, you’ll get caught up on all of the recent development, alumni and student news.

I hope you enjoy reading about the significant strides the College has made and the challenges that lie ahead in the next half decade. Just as Ford’s quote concludes, we’ll continue working together to find success in meeting our mission in education, research and practice.
The College of Pharmacy has seen tremendous growth and innovation in the last half-decade.

Ask anyone familiar with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy and they’ll tell you emphatically that it’s come a long way over the last half decade.

The College is rapidly evolving. The excitement among those witnessing the changes is palpable, whether it’s faculty members, students, more than two thousand pharmacists statewide, or even leaders in state government.

“They are making tremendous strides in several areas,” said John Shock, M.D., director of the UAMS Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute. “I’ve been around campus for a long time, and the College of Pharmacy seems to be evolving in several key areas at a very rapid rate.”

Even off campus, allies within the ranks of state government have taken notice.

“Without a doubt the UAMS College of Pharmacy has operated with a renewed focus on meeting many of the state’s demands in the profession over the last five years or so,” said Sen. Percy Malone of Arkadelphia. “The College is operating under a very gifted leader who has brought the institution to new heights and seems poised to continue that growth into the next five years.”

Building on the solid foundation already in place upon taking her post in April 2004, College of Pharmacy Dean Stephanie Gardner thought that hearing from faculty and other professional leaders represented the critical first step in
an efficient process to take the College into the future. A single faculty retreat quickly collected needed data and encouraged open discussion. At its end the College had a practical goals statement to guide it through five years of transformational change.

“We all knew the challenges that were ahead of us, but I felt we needed some kind of road map to help get us there,” Gardner said. “So we basically came up with a list of challenges, identified how we could accomplish them, and scheduled a time frame in which to do it.”

And so a strategic plan for the College was born. Along the way the dean and faculty have fine-tuned their plan, recognizing successes and adapting to unexpected opportunities. Fast-forward just five years, and it is clear which key goals have been met, and how steadily the ball is rolling toward meeting the others.

Research
Gardner said it was agreed across the board that the College’s research programs should be expanded.

Two research divisions were added to the College, including the Division of Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy (PEP) within the Department of Pharmacy Practice and the Division of Radiation Health within the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The College devoted significant resources to securing and renovating lab space to accommodate that growth. The same process enabled expansion into office space within the College of Public Health building.

Perhaps the best practical confirmation that the College of Pharmacy was serious about expanding research occurred in October 2008, when internationally known researcher Martin Hauer-Jensen, M.D., Ph.D., joined the College.

“By moving into the College of Pharmacy and having the resources to recruit, we will be a major force in research by taking a team approach to build a vibrant and innovative research program,” said Hauer-Jensen, associate dean for research and director of the Division of Radiation Health.

“Dr. Hauer-Jensen’s internationally recognized work is fostering the growth of research throughout the College and all of UAMS,” Gardner said. “He is building research infrastructure that will include cross-campus collaboration, as well as collaboration with other institutions.”

One major contract earned in the last five years moves the College of Pharmacy in a direction separate from classic “bench” research into a complementary line of inquiry. This is the innovative contract crafted with Arkansas Medicaid that established the Evidence-Based Prescription Drug Program, or EBRx. Its mission is to use published clinical evidence to drive the creation of a preferred drug list so that patients receive the most effective prescription medications available.

The EBRx process ties into another dimension of research that informs public policy rather than individual patient care. It is clear that changes to any preferred drug list will impact treatment outcomes for patients covered by a particular plan. The new Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy division evaluates how changes in policy can provide the best outcomes for patients and taxpayers alike. It also actively seeks lowest-cost options for disease treatment.

“One of the goals of our strategic plan was to increase our service to the state,” Gardner said. “We feel that our partnership with the Arkansas Department of Human Services has allowed us to work together to improve patient outcomes while minimizing costs.”

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The most visible goal around campus that has been met in the last half decade includes increasing the number of students coming through the College’s doors.

In fall 2004, 339 students were enrolled. That has steadily grown each year to reach the overall goal of having 480 future pharmacists enrolled this fall. “In order to graduate more students and meet the state’s needs we obviously needed to expand the class size,” Gardner said. “But to do that we needed more space, more faculty and more money … it’s a trickle-down effect.”

Full-time faculty members have also increased, going from 46 in 2005 to 63 this fall.

New combined degree programs also have been developed that allow students to work toward earning two degrees and shorten the time it would take to earn them individually.

“It’s important to encourage students to consider a second degree and, in turn, end up with professionals that have additional specialty knowledge that’s extremely valuable,” Gardner said.


Visibility and Development
“We felt creating greater visibility and cultivating the College’s relationships would be a big part of accomplishing the things we wanted to get done,” Gardner said.

That was the reasoning behind an initiative coming out of the retreat to increase the College’s visibility, which includes boosting alumni relations and development efforts.

In the past five years, alumni relations and development efforts have been thoroughly enhanced. This calendar year alone giving has totaled more than $1.1 million, a tremendous gain from previous years.

The Alumni Association was established in 2003 under the leadership of Michael Smith, B.S. Pharm. ’77 of Russellville, who saw the potential of organizing the association and worked closely with Gardner to make it happen. He also was instrumental in establishing the highly successful Dean’s Society, a giving club formed to provide unrestricted funds to advance the association as well as the College. The Society has now grown to almost 100 friends of the College who provide funds for the dean to use to recruit and retain faculty, to promote student leadership programs and to enhance alumni activities.
Giving has also increased with major gifts in the past two years from pharmacy leaders including Vicki ’74 and Karrol ’74 Fowlkes, and the Arkansas Pharmacists Association, among many others who have given to establish the College’s first endowed chair, the Dean’s Chair. A $550,000 endowment gift recently came from the State Board of Pharmacy to fund a scholarship/loan program for up to 10 third- and fourth-year students annually. The loans turn into scholarships that do not have to be repaid if the graduate practices in a rural area of the state for three years.

“Actively pursuing visibility both in the community and nationally includes keeping a mutually beneficial relationship with our graduates and professional associations,” said Ann Turney, director of development for the College. “The more we’re able to promote ourselves and the good things we’re doing here the more this will enable us to keep growing and improving.”

The College’s magazine, PHARMACY, was begun during this time. The alumni and development Web site also has been improved and social networking efforts, including a Facebook page, have proved successful in linking alumni. More events are held in partnership with the Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) and national professional organizations, as well as at the Arkansas Travelers games and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre.

Alongside 11 student organizations, a Parents Club has been formed to bring them closer in touch with the College and to provide avenues for service to students.

The Next Five Years
“The growth and buy-in factor from everyone on campus has been phenomenal,” Gardner said. “But we can’t pat ourselves on the back; we have to keep going forward.”

And there’s plenty of work to do, including the challenge of staffing and equipping a satellite campus in northwest Arkansas and continuing academic accreditation to support enrolling students there for fall 2011.

The satellite campus will eventually encompass 6,000 square feet and host 60 students. An associate dean, Eric Schneider, Pharm.D., was appointed July 1, and as many as five more faculty members will be needed. Plenty of logistical challenges lie ahead, including working out the kinks to offer “tele-classes” broadcast in northwest Arkansas from UAMS in Little Rock. Gardner is sending a team to evaluate other successful satellite campuses around the country – like the Universities of Florida and Minnesota – to see how they’ve accomplished it.

Though Gardner says nearly every pharmacist in the state participates in the preceptor program that allows students to get real-world experience, opportunities for students need to be further developed. Accreditation standards for the introductory hours of experience were increased to 300 hours. Every year 120 senior students must complete nine rotations. These students all must have individual preceptors. “Therefore, we have to find space for a lot of students,” Gardner said. “We need to have more places than students, and we’ll be working towards improving that margin.”

Other areas of future emphasis include:

- Enhancing the diversity of faculty and students and emphasizing cultural competence in the curriculum
- Securing more funding for the highly successful Poison Control Center (25,000 calls annually) and Drug Information Center (10,000 calls annually), which currently operate with the College’s reserves
- Developing more structured continuing education coursework for alumni and making it more accessible in rural areas to further professional development
- Expanding the EBRx program to build a national network of customers
- Continuing to build the Division of Radiation Health and establishing a Combined Injury Consortium

“People feel good about what we’ve accomplished and how we’ve positioned ourselves for future growth,” Gardner said. “It’s an exciting time for the College of Pharmacy and we’re all committed to working together to keep moving forward.”
Dangling in the treetops from a swinging bridge made entirely of rope, Randy Kassissieh had no choice but to take charge of the situation and soldier on to the safe haven waiting at the opposite end.

Kassissieh, a student entering his third year at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy, wasn’t alone among the array of challenges along the outdoor obstacle course one day last spring. More than 20 other fellow students had his back, and he had theirs.

“Some people might not see the point in going through these team-building exercises, but I think I speak for all of us there by saying it provided tremendous direction on how to be leaders and what teamwork is all about,” Kassissieh said. “We learned each others strengths and weaknesses that day, and figured out the most effective ways to communicate to accomplish a common goal.”

And that’s music to the ears of Schwanda Flowers, Pharm.D., assistant dean for experiential education and Anne Pace, Pharm.D. – both assistant professors in the College of Pharmacy who have dedicated themselves to producing leaders as well as pharmacists.

“We heard from preceptors and employers that students were not always prepared to take on leadership roles as they entered the work force,” Flowers said. “So we’re making an effort to not only prepare students to be great pharmacists and wonderful clinicians, but also emerge as leaders in the real world.”
Learning Leadership

About two years ago, the discussion of infusing leadership skills into the curriculum began with Flowers and Pace.

Because the curriculum is already brimming with core classes, the two figured the best way to get the leadership ball rolling was through elective courses.

Flowers began teaching a leadership and entrepreneurial course in the fall semester 2008 that features discussion about business plans, brings in guest speakers from the local business community and has several leadership components.

“The goal is to not only open doors of discussion for being leaders in a community pharmacy setting, but also in a corporate pharmacy setting,” Flowers said.

Student groups write several business plans, present them to peers and College of Pharmacy faculty and pick one to become the focus for the spring semester. That class parlays into a spring elective where students then fine-tune the business plan to enter into a national competition.

“What’s happening right now in pharmacy is an influx of chain pharmacies,” Flowers said. “We want to develop that entrepreneurial spirit to help students succeed in one day running their own business or contributing innovative ideas and seeing them through in a corporate setting.”

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They need to understand that lawmakers making decisions don’t always know what’s best for pharmacy unless it’s effectively communicated to them,” Pace said. “We need to show students the importance of being a leader and being an advocate for the pharmacy profession.

And so Pace’s political advocacy elective, which she began last fall, brings in speakers with an emphasis in lawmaking and leadership to convey that message.

U.S. Rep. Mike Ross, the husband of a 20-year pharmacist and a former community pharmacy owner himself, emphasized that sentiment while speaking to a large group of students on campus in November.

“When you leave this institution, leave here by being more than just a pharmacist,” Ross said. “Leave here ready to get involved in your communities and in the political process and help make this a better nation in which to live.”

Reading the Ropes

Aside from elective courses with leadership components, a surprise hit with students was a voluntary leadership book club that met once every other month last academic year and continues this fall.

Students are provided with leadership-oriented books and then charged with reading them and reporting back for discussion with faculty and other second- and third-year classmates.

“It’s completely voluntary. Students give up their lunch hour to come and talk about a book. The students enjoyed it so much it got to the point where we almost had to kick them out of the room at the end,” Pace said. “It really took off and had between 20 and 30 students each time. We were very overwhelmed with the response and we look to grow that in the future.”

Out of the book club came an idea to take interested students to the county 4H Center for further voluntary teambuilding and leadership training. More than 20 students participated in a high-ropes and obstacle course and other exercises.

“It was a great way to bond with classmates and learn more about communicating and leadership in a team setting,” Kassissieh said.

Flowers said the buy-in factor for developing more leadership opportunities on campus from students and colleagues has been phenomenal.

Corporate sponsorship provided by Walmart has supported the establishment of the book club and the leadership training. “We greatly appreciate Walmart for the support of our professional leadership efforts,” said Flowers.

“Upon graduation, many students go directly into a leadership position within different organizations and it’s the first time they’re faced with those challenges,” Flowers said. “We feel that it’s important for the College of Pharmacy to train students to become leaders in the profession and in their communities and I think we’re all on the same page in working toward accomplishing that goal.”

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College of Pharmacy
Dr. Jan Hastings ’79/’94, associate professor of Pharmacy Practice, was installed as president of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) in June. She served as Area III Representative from 2001 to 2007. She is the first College of Pharmacy faculty member to serve as president, as well as the first non-pharmacy owner. She is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the National Community Pharmacists Association, the American College of Apothecaries, and the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International. She is on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association. She is pictured with Paul Holifield ’84/’95, immediate-past president of the APA.

New faculty members and residents were honored at a reception held in August. Left to right are:
- Dr. Snehalata Pawar, instructor in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Dr. Dwight Davis ’83/’97, director, Evidence-Based Prescription Drug Program
- Dr. Renée DeHart, associate dean for Administrative Affairs
- Dr. Ashley Stinnett ’08, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice
- Dr. Jonell Hudson ’94, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice
- Dr. Lois Coulter, associate professor at the northwest Arkansas campus
- Dr. Scott Kaufman ’95, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice
- Dr. Jeremy Thomas ’03, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Jonathan Wolfe ’77 was the recipient of the 2009 Department of Pharmacy Practice Outstanding Faculty Award. He is pictured with presenter Abby Holladay ’09.

Dr. Eddie Dunn ’79/’94 was the recipient of the 2009 Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Outstanding Faculty Award, presented by Katherine Anzaldua ’09 and Erin Beth Hays ’09.
Twenty students, faculty and alumni assisted at the APA’s charitable pharmacy at the Mission of Mercy dental clinic, held at the Northwest Arkansas Convention Center in Springdale in May. More than 1,100 prescriptions were dispensed to patients. Faculty, alumni and friends who assisted were Shawna Bailey ’01, Justin Boyd ’00, Dr. Lois Coulter, Gary Fancher, Dr. Sarah Frank ’07, Spencer Mabry ’01, Dr. Anne Pace, Scott Pace ’01, Bruce Powers and John Vinson ’04. The ten students participating were P2s Rachel Grubb, Lee Hollingsworth, Daniel Price, and Elizabeth Trotter, and P3s Lacy Bassham, Lisa Hatfield, Randy Kassissieh, Haley Ray, Collin Ward and Megan Wilson.

Dr. Renée DeHart, associate dean for Administrative Affairs, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and will be officially inducted at a ceremony Oct. 18 at its annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif. The awarding of Fellow status is the highest honor the College can bestow on its members.

Dr. Eddie Dunn ’79/’94, associate professor of Pharmacy Practice, was presented with the 2009 Bowl of Hygeia and Arkansas Pharmacists Association Community Service Award at the Arkansas Pharmacists Association Convention in Little Rock in June. Both awards are presented to a pharmacist who has achieved an outstanding record of service in his or her community.

Dr. Sarah Frank ’07 received the Young Pharmacist of the Year Award at the Arkansas Pharmacists Association Convention in June. The award is given to pharmacists who have practiced 10 years or less and who have made significant contribution to their profession and community.

Dr. Amy Franks, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice, was selected to attend the Focused Investigator Training Program at the University of Utah in July. This career development program, established by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Research Institute, is an intensive hands-on workshop for investigators who want to create a focused, competitive grant application.

Dr. Paul Gubbins, department chair and professor of Pharmacy Practice, has been elected President-Elect of the Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists.

Dr. Bill Gurley, professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been appointed to the editorial board of the medical journal Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

Dr. Martin Hauer-Jensen, professor and Division of Radiation Health director, served on the Radiation Therapy and Biology (RTB) Study Section of the National Institutes of Health in June. The RTB Study Section reviews applications on therapeutic interactions of ionizing radiation, radionuclides, electromagnetic radiation, and heat at the molecular, cellular, organ and patient levels.

Dr. Jonell Hudson ’94 has joined the faculty at the northwest Arkansas campus in a jointly funded position with the Arkansas Health Education Center. Her primary clinical site is the Northwest Family Medical Center in Springdale.

Dr. Scott Kaufman ’95 has joined the faculty at the northwest Arkansas campus in a jointly funded position with the Mercy Health System of Northwest Arkansas. His primary clinical site is Mercy Medical Center in Rogers.

Dr. Victoria Miller has joined the College as the e-learning educational technologist, working with Martha Carle, assistant instructor, to support the e-learning activities of the faculty and staff, and other initiatives for the northwest Arkansas campus.

Dr. Kathryn Neill ’00, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice, has accepted the position of hospital experiential director. She will recruit and develop sites, maintain a quality assurance plan for institutional experiences, and examine assessment and curricular outcomes for the College’s experiential program.

Dr. Grazyna Nowak, associate professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received an honorable mention for her lesson plan titled “Cholesterol-Hero or Villain?” created for the SoftChalk Web site 2009 Lesson Challenge, in the graduate category. More than 85 entries were judged on lesson creativity, professionalism and interactivity.

Dr. Phillip Breen, associate professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has co-authored a new textbook titled Basic Pharmacokinetics, which is now available in bookstores.
Dr. Eric Schneider has been named associate dean for the northwest Arkansas campus. He will be responsible for faculty recruitment and development and will manage programmatic issues and student affairs.

Dr. Michael Shepherd '06 has joined the AHEC Southwest in Texarkana, as well as the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Before joining the AHEC, he was a preceptor at Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith.

Dr. Ashley Stinnett '08 has accepted a non-tenure track, critical care faculty position, jointly funded with UAMS Medical Center. She will join the College after completing her residency.

Dr. Jeremy Thomas '03 has joined the College in a non-tenure track, primary care faculty position.

Dr. Jon Wolfe '77, associate dean for Development, assisted the UAMS Historical Research Center in acquiring a copy of the first license issued by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy.

On October 2, 2008 Dr. John B. Bond IV (center), a Hot Springs neurosurgeon and 1971 College of Medicine graduate, presented the Historical Research Center with a copy of the first license issued by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy in 1891. The original license was issued to Bond’s great-grandfather, also named John B. Bond, who was a medical purveyor for the Confederate Army during the Civil War. After the war, he remained in Arkansas, practicing both as a physician and pharmacist. When the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy was established, Bond was chosen as president and received the first license.

Dr. Bond has also loaned the HRC a photograph of his great-grandfather in his Confederate uniform and a scrapbook related to his grandfather that includes a short biography and a copy of the act establishing the Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Bond is pictured with Amanda Saar (right), head of the Historical Research Center, and Jon Wolfe, Associate Dean for Development and Professional Affairs in the College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Daohong Zhou has accepted a position of professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Division of Radiation Health, and will join the College in January. He comes from the University of South Carolina and is an internationally recognized expert in stem cell research.

PROFESSOR BILL GURLEY DEVELOPS INNOVATIVE PRODUCT

Dr. Bill Gurley, professor of pharmaceutical sciences in the UAMS College of Pharmacy, has developed a product called Omnibalm that is being marketed through Balm Innovations, LLC that is experiencing success.

“I developed Omnibalm nearly 20 years ago for sunburn relief,” said Gurley. “My research led me to natural tea tree oil. I was impressed with the oil’s healing properties and formulated it into a non-greasy cream to extend the beneficial effects of the oil.”

He began to share the product with family and friends who discovered the product’s remarkable effectiveness and versatility. He has partnered with Lydia Carson, UAMS and FAF Investments. Together they have made the product available to customers who have used Omnibalm successfully to treat a wide variety of skin conditions.

“I am pleased that it is proving to be beneficial and to meet the needs of so many people,” Gurley added.

Balm Innovations, headed by Lydia Carson, is preparing for a national launch of the company’s new products – Omnibalm Daily Foot Therapy, a cream for general and diabetic foot care that helps keep feet healthy and moisturized, and Omnibalm Skin Relief Cream, a hypoallergenic, multipurpose first aid cream that moisturizes dry, cracked skin and soothes burning and itching. The non-greasy creams were developed at UAMS and combine 13% tea tree oil with effective moisturizers to hydrate and soothe skin on contact.

“We have been pleased with Omnibalm's success in our test markets with sales through USA Drug, Kerr Drug, and several independent pharmacies, and we look forward to launching Omnibalm nationally in 2010,” said Carson.

For more information about Omnibalm, contact:

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Reason you are an educator:
I always imagined I would work in the pharmaceutical industry, and had offers from two major companies. Just before graduating from the University of Tennessee, on a whim I interviewed at UAMS and got an offer from here, also. Torn about my decision, I planned to discuss it with my grandfather, but before we could talk, he died. At the funeral home, I asked God for guidance or a sign. As the procession drove to the cemetery on the back roads of rural Tennessee, a Cadillac pulled over out of respect. It was the only car we had seen. On the front of the car was a license plate featuring a large red razorback pig outlined by the words – Go Hogs, Arkansas. With that, I decided to forgo industry and give academia a try. It’s a choice I have not regretted.

Courses you teach:
Drug Interactions, a two-credit-hour didactic course; Chromatographic Separations: Medical and Pharmaceutical Applications, a three-credit-hour didactic graduate course; Special Problems in Pharmaceutical Sciences, a three-credit-hour didactic graduate course; and Pharmaceutical Analysis, a three-credit-hour didactic course

Best advice for your students:
Go the extra effort to understand the topic, instead of just memorizing data. Seek as many sources as you can until you fully understand what you are studying. You need to be able to think on your feet and not depend on memorization.

Mentors or role models:
Dean Stephanie Gardner and my grandparents, Kathleen and Joe Daffron

Major changes you’ve seen in your career and/or time at UAMS:
Mostly the changes brought about by the presence of Stephanie Gardner, both as a faculty member and as dean.

Media Topics:
Studies involving the safety of ephedra dietary supplements and/or herb-drug interactions have been cited in numerous media including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, Reader’s Digest, U.S. News & World Report. I also was interviewed about my ephedra dietary supplements and their dangers on Dateline NBC, MSNBC, CNN, Fox News, Good Morning America, ESPN and local news broadcasts.

Family:
My wife Kathy, son Patrick and daughter Rachel

Community activities:
Baseball and volleyball with my children, Civil War Roundtable, Old State House Museum

Non-Scientific Interests:
Civil War history, particularly the war in the Trans-Mississippi region of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas. I published a book entitled “I Acted From Principle;” The Civil War Diary of William M. McPheeters, Confederate Surgeon in the Trans-Mississippi. (University of Arkansas Press, 2002), and am now working on a second.

Guests at your fantasy dinner party:
Patrick Claiborne, Arkansas Pharmacist and Premier Combat Confederate General; Mosby Parsons, A firebrand Confederate General and the subject of the book I am writing; Stephen E. Woodworth, Author of Leadership and Command in the American Civil War
Do you know the College of Pharmacy students in this photo?

Pictured in this photo from the 1968 Caduceus are Hank Helm ’69, Dr. Lloyd Thompson ’69, and an unknown alumnus. If you know the student in this photo, email Dr. Jon Wolfe ’76, associate dean for development, at jjwolfe@uams.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**October 18, 2009**
College of Pharmacy Continuing Education, Little Rock (6 hours)*

**October 20, 2009**
College of Pharmacy Continuing Education, Mountain Home (2 hours)*

**October 25, 2009**
College of Pharmacy Continuing Education, Pine Bluff (3 hours)*

**October 26 and 27, 2009**
Student Alumni Phonathon for scholarships

**November 2, 2009**
Heartland Lecture, Dr. Jonathan Marquess, president of The Institute for Wellness and Education, a Disease Management Company, I. Dodd Wilson Lecture Hall, sponsored by NCPA students*

**November 8, 2009**
College of Pharmacy Continuing Education, Fort Smith (4 hours)

**November 21, 2009**
Alumni Association Tailgate Party,
War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock (see details on page 31)

**December 7, 2009**
American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists
Alumni Reception, Las Vegas

**December 6-10, 2009**
American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Midyear Meeting, Las Vegas

**December 13, 2009**
College of Pharmacy Continuing Education, Little Rock (6 hours)

**January 4, 2010**
Career Fair: P1, P2, P3, & P4 students

**January 5, 2010**
Career Fair: P4 interviews

**January 12, 2010**
P2 Walmart Professional Etiquette Dinner,
Chenal Country Club, Little Rock

**March 12-15, 2010**
American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists Convention, Washington, D.C.

**April 12-13, 2009**
Dean’s Council Meeting

**April 19-23, 2010**
P2 - Parents Club Exam Snacks

**April 30-May 7, 2010**
P1 and P3 - Parents Club Exam Snacks

* For details about Continuing Education, go to www.uams.edu/cop/pharmacists/programs.asp or call Amanda Perry at (501) 686-5396
Half Century Luncheon
The College will host a Half Century Luncheon, honoring Class of 1952-1959 graduates, on October 16. If you are a member of these classes and would like to attend, contact Leigh Austin at (501) 686-6497 or lbaustin@uams.edu.

Tailgate Party 2009 Sponsorship Opportunities
Alumni are invited to participate in sponsorship opportunities available at the College. Please contact Ann Turney if you are interested at annturney@uams.edu or (501) 686-6391.

Night at the Arkansas Arts Center
The Association is working on an alumni event at the Arts Center event, to be held in the late winter or early spring of 2010, with a reception before a tour of the World of the Pharaoh’s exhibit. Go to www.arkarts.com for exhibit information, and watch www.uams.edu/cop/alumdev for details.

Arkansas Children’s Hospital Service Project
The Alumni Association’s service project this year is making family packs of toiletry and personal hygiene items for family members of patients and caregivers at ACH. If you would like to participate, contact your Area Representative, listed on this page.

Night at the Travs
Come out for an evening of baseball fun as the Travs play at Dickey-Stephens Park in North Little Rock. Date and time to be announced for late April.
Growing In Stride

Paul O. Gubbins, Pharm.D.
Chairman, Department of Pharmacy Practice

As the College of Pharmacy has evolved and grown tremendously in the last five years, the Department of Pharmacy Practice has followed in stride.

The department’s mission is to be a center of excellence for pharmacy education, practice, research and service to the profession and society. The first step in achieving this mission is having dedicated and expert faculty, all working together for the betterment of our students, patients and the profession.

In the past five years, the department has expended tremendous effort to recruit the best to ensure we have the capacity to meet our mission. Most recently, we have welcomed Drs. Lois Colter, Jeremy Thomas, Ashley Stinnett, Renee DeHart, Jonelle Hudson, Scott Kauffman and Michael Shepherd as new faculty.

Teaching
Since 2003, we’ve revised and streamlined the department’s offerings with the goal of benefiting professional and graduate students and residents.

Among the many changes to our coursework included development of new offerings, such as the Evidence-Based Medicine class; retooling of existing coursework, such as Pharmacy Administration I converting to U.S. Healthcare Systems; creation of Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE); and addition of a ninth Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE).

Curricular changes improved course sequencing to better prepare students for practical experiences in their coursework. They also provide students with an enhanced understanding of the vital role the profession plays in our health care system.

The changes in our experiential education program have been transformational. While the department had a significant role in shaping and implementing these changes, it would have been impossible to achieve our educational mission without our many talented preceptors, many of whom are alumni.

The first step in achieving this mission is having dedicated and expert faculty

The College’s commitment to graduate education has also provided opportunities for Pharmacy Practice. During this time we established the Division of Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy (PEP), which enabled the development of postgraduate education and training in social and administrative pharmacy, pharmacoeconomics, health outcomes, health policy and pharmacy management leading to an Master of Science degree. The Department has also created residency training opportunities in central Arkansas in Community Practice, Pediatric Practice and Institutional Practice.

The creation of the Post-Graduate Teaching Certificate Program has provided our trainees the opportunity to build their teaching skills and enhances their ability to contribute to our teaching mission.

Service
In the past five years the commitment of departmental faculty to serve their patients, the citizens of Arkansas and our profession has grown tremendously.

During this period the Arkansas Poison Control Center gained regional certification, ensuring it will continue to provide invaluable services to Arkansas citizens. Faculty members have also increased their service to Arkansans by contributing their expertise to several formulary committees for prescription planned benefits programs and the Arkansas Medicaid Evidence Based Preferred Drug List. The efforts of faculty have led to innovative ways to manage drug cost that have produced significant savings for stakeholders. Faculty members have increased their service to the profession by serving in leadership roles in state and national pharmacy professional organizations.

Scholarly Achievements
As the research capacity of the College has increased, the scholarly achievements of Pharmacy Practice faculty have also taken off.

In the past five years the department expanded its research capacity through the development of the Division of Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy. Departmental faculty have contributed nearly 100 manuscripts and given nearly 200 presentations at national meetings in the last half decade. Faculty have also secured significant funding from a variety of sponsors including the Foundation for Improvement of Post Secondary Education, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Future
The growth within the department and the accomplishments of the faculty that have occurred in the past five years should be a source of tremendous pride to students, faculty and alumni.
High Five!

Russell B. Melchert, Ph.D.
Chairman, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Fall conjures images of the announcer shouting “touchdown Razorbacks!” while fans hand out “knuckle-bumps” all around.

I always find myself awkwardly trying the wrong move; either high-fiving while my friend is knuckle-bumping or vice versa. In my time, I’ve seen the “low-five” replaced by the “high-five,” which was subsequently replaced by the “knuckle bump” and later modified to the “exploding knuckle bump.”

I look back on the past five years and enthusiastically look around to dish out a “high-five.”

Whatever the case, as this fall marks the completion of my fifth year as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, I look back on the past five years and enthusiastically look around to dish out a “high-five.” Why go with the “high-five?” Quite simply because our department has grown at an incredible pace during those five years.

Our department now consists of 20 faculty, eight research staff, three administrative support staff and two graduate students. In the past 18 months we have welcomed Drs. Hauer-Jensen, Li Cui, Qiang Fu, Junru Wang, and Snehalata Pawar as new faculty in the Department.

Research

With the support of Stephanie Gardner, Pharm.D, Ed.D., dean of the UAMS College of Pharmacy, our research capacity has increased significantly in the past five years.

In our laboratories, we renovated nearly 2,300-SF of research space and developed a state-of-the-art bioanalytical laboratory with more than $700,000 in modern research instrumentation. Similarly, the Division of Radiation Health faculty recently obtained nearly $800,000 in new instrumentation to support their research efforts.

The increased capacity for research is already paying off as our research and innovative efforts have grown substantially. We have enjoyed a nearly 50 percent increase in extramural funding, going from $1.1 million in 2003-2004 to an estimated $1.6 million in 2008-2009.

Department faculty spin-off companies have grown from one in 2004 to three in 2009, and two of those companies (SafeFoods Corp. and Balm Innovations LLC) are beginning to return profit to the College of Pharmacy. The research and innovation of our faculty was disseminated in more than 100 research publications in the past five years, and those publications were cited thousands of times by scientists around the world.

Teaching

Our teaching effort continues to grow with the new accreditation standards as older courses are revised and new courses are developed.

In the past five years, we deleted seven semester hours of courses and replaced them with five new semester hours to keep our pharmacy students on the forefront of pharmaceutical sciences and biotechnology. It’s difficult to keep pace with all the new technologies that our pharmacy graduates will face, but our faculty is working wonders in staying ahead of the curve. In the process, the faculty is providing nearly 1,000 lecture hours and likely doubles or triples that in discussions and consultations outside the classroom to UAMS students annually. It’s all we can do to keep up with the highly motivated students that come through our program.

In addition to all that teaching, research and innovation, our faculty and staff were critical in helping the College of Pharmacy complete the self study in order to gain renewed accreditation. Our faculty and staff tirelessly served on numerous committees, boards, and advisory groups. We are also proud that many of our faculty served on national grant review committees and served their scientific discipline through review of research manuscripts.

Future

So with all that we’ve accomplished in the last five years, you’re probably asking, “What about the next five years?”

I really look forward to seeing the progress of faculty and staff in research, innovation, teaching and service. At a time when many of our peer institutions were cutting budgets and freezing hiring, we were building and getting prepared for the next five years, so stay tuned for more continued good news.

So with all of the excitement about the past five years, it feels most natural to look around and hand out a “high-five” to everyone who has contributed to that success. Once again, I wish the best to all of our alumni, and as always, please stop by and see us if you are in the neighborhood. I’d like nothing more than to see you and awkwardly gesture an “exploding knuckle-bump” for your accomplishments.
College’s first Endowed Chair established

In an exciting late-breaking development, the College of Pharmacy reached its $1 million goal to establish the College’s first endowed chair, the Dean’s Chair, with a capstone gift from Smith Drug Company, based in Spartanburg, S.C. Smith Drug is the third largest privately held drug wholesaler in America and serves more than 1000 pharmacies in 13 states, including Arkansas. More details about the fund and the investiture ceremony will be featured in the next magazine.

“This is a fantastic achievement and a true concerted effort by a large number of alumni and friends,” said Dean Stephanie Gardner. “These wonderful donors made the most of a great opportunity to provide an endowment that will generate annual income for new academic programs, faculty recruitment and retention and student leadership activities. This chair will make an enormous difference in the future of pharmacy in our state,” she added. “I thank all the donors, including Drs. Karrol and Vicki Fowlkes, chairs of our ‘Imagine the Future of Healthcare’ Campaign, who made the lead gift to launch the effort. Other early lead donors, Dr. and Mrs. Steve Bryant and the Arkansas Pharmacists Association, deserve special recognition for their commitments to the fund.”

Dean’s Society Five Year Club Grows

Lee Wilson ’08 and his wife, Kara, of Batesville recently joined the Dean’s Society Five Year Club. The Club was started in 2006 to allow graduates from the past five years to join the Dean’s Society with all the same benefits while donating a tax deductible gift of only $500, half the usual annual gift. These recent graduates help the College attract and retain faculty, provide more opportunities for student participation in national organizations and improve alumni and parent services and activities.

“Even though I am starting to practice and we just had our first child, I thought we should do this to give something back to the College and to support Dean Gardner,” said Wilson. “I encourage other graduates of the past five years to seriously consider joining. It’s good to be able to help, and I appreciate the College taking into consideration that we are recent graduates by setting the gift amount at a moderate level.”

For information about the Five Year Club, contact Ann Turney at (501) 686-6391, or annturney@uams.edu or make a gift online at www.uams.edu/giving/online_giving/giving.asp.

College Meets UAMS Imagine Campaign Goal

The College recently achieved its $3 million goal in the “Imagine the Future of Healthcare” Campaign, under the leadership of campaign chairs Drs. Vicki ’74 and Karrol Fowlkes ’74/’75. The campaign total includes gifts made since 2004. Three gifts in the last three months pushed the College over its goal, a $100,000 gift from the Attorney General of Arkansas to the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (OADAP) Professorship, a $500,000 gift from the Walmart Foundation for the northwest Arkansas satellite campus, and a $100,000 gift from the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. “We have worked hard to achieve this goal, and through the generosity of many alumni and friends, corporations and foundations, we have reached this important milestone,” said Ann Turney, director of development. The College was part of a campuswide effort that has raised more than $339 million in the last six years for education, research, clinical care and public service.

Phillips County Pharmacy Scholarship Reaches Goal with Helena Health Foundation Gift

A recent $5,000 gift from the Helena Health Foundation pushed the Phillips County Pharmacy Scholarship past its endowment goal of $30,000. The scholarship will provide about $1,400 annually to an entering freshman pharmacy student from Phillips County chosen from among successful applicants for Pharmacy College admission. The scholarship is based on recommendation of pharmacists in the county and upon financial need. The fund began with a matching grant of $15,000 from an anonymous donor, and $10,000 donated by local alumni and friends. For information about this scholarship or to make a gift, contact: Ann L. Turney at (501) 686-6391 or annturney@uams.edu.

Class of 2003 Reaches Goal for Doug Eoff Memorial Scholarship

The committee working to fund the Class of 2003 Doug Eoff Memorial Endowed Scholarship, led by Eric Horras ’03, reached its $25,000 goal in April, with a gift from Brenda and Mark ’76/’97 Riley. The first award will be made in April and all donors to the fund will be invited to the presentation. “We are extremely pleased to have achieved our goal in such a short period of time, thanks to all the donors. We still will accept gifts, since they will mean more money generated for students,” said Horras. To donate or for more information, contact Eric Horras at eric.horras@baptist-health.org.
Arkansas’ Attorney General Makes $100,000 gift to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Professorship

The College of Pharmacy received a gift of $100,000 from the Office of Attorney General Dustin McDaniel from the proceeds of the OxyContin Settlement with Purdue Pharma. The funds are for the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (OADAP) Professorship. “The UAMS College of Pharmacy stands as an ideal partner in answering the public health challenge of addictive disease in a cost-effective manner, and this gift highlights the possibilities,” said Dr. Jon Wolfe ’76, associate dean for development. “This gift will promote state-of-the-art treatment and education that reduces the human cost of addictive disease.”

Dean Stephanie F. Gardner presented a certificate of recognition to McDaniel in appreciation for the gift at the Arkansas Pharmacists Association convention in June. The College continues to seek donations to this endowed professorship. When it reaches $1 million, it will be named in memory of the Dr. Lester Hosto ’60, the late executive vice president of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association, honoring his accomplishments and record of distinguished serve to pharmacy. Contact Dr. Jon Wolfe, (501) 686-6498, or wolfejonathanj@uams.edu or give online at www.uams.edu/giving/online_giving/giving.asp.

College Receives $500,000 from Walmart Foundation for Northwest Arkansas Satellite Campus

On June 26, the UAMS satellite campus in Fayetteville received a $1 million grant from the Walmart Foundation, split between the College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy. The funds are being used to renovate the first floor of the former Washington Regional Medical Center hospital building into conference space and classrooms, as well as a clinical skills training center for both colleges. Students in medicine, pharmacy, nursing and allied health programs, along with resident physicians serving residencies at area hospitals and clinics, will all use the new campus. Renovations of the former hospital building began earlier this year. The work is focused on creating classrooms, offices, teaching labs and other resources needed to support the satellite campus.

The Walmart gift activated a $50,000 challenge grant made by Collier Drug in northwest Arkansas that was designed to stimulate giving to the Pharmacy College at the satellite campus. For more information about giving to the northwest satellite campus, contact Tim Hudson, director of development, at (479) 684-5124 or twhudson@uams.edu. For information about the campus, go to www.uams.edu/nw/about.asp.
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The College of Pharmacy annually surveys our graduates to gather data on salaries being offered. Following is a cap sheet of the data. The complete survey is published on the College’s Web site at www.uams.edu/cop/pharmacists.

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SUMMARY

- 91 UAMS seniors completed the survey
- 96 percent have accepted a position
- 72 percent believe the position opportunities available were excellent or good
- More than 50 percent have accepted a position in a community/retail setting
- Four students have accepted a residency/fellowship position
- 24 percent will receive a sign-on bonus
- Approximately 55 percent will practice pharmacy in central Arkansas
- 13 percent of the students accepting positions (including residency) will practice pharmacy out of state
- Top benefits include: paid vacation, health insurance, retirement and paid holidays, which are the same as in 2007; 13 percent will have APA membership dues paid by their employer
- Average salary for a pharmacist (not residency) position is $108,896; an increase of $4,568 (4.4 percent increase) from 2008
- Approximately 13 percent plan to own a pharmacy in the future
- Approximately 85 percent have student loans, with an average amount of $66,066

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

The Parents Club, formed in August 2007 as a way for parents to be more involved in the life of the College, continues to aid students. Parents who join receive the alumni magazine PHARMACY, co-sponsor and help to plan our biannual Open House, and provide snacks for students during exam week, as well as other student activities.

This past April and May, Parents Club served students fruit, granola bars, breakfast pastries, snack cakes, water and juice before the last exams of the academic year. Visit our Web site at www.uams.edu/cop/alumdev/parents/default.asp to see more pictures, and to join the Parents Club. Currently we have 92 members.
College APhA-ASP wins Chapter of the Year

The College’s American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter was named the Chapter of the Year for the second time in four years in April, competing with all colleges nationwide, at the annual APhA-ASP convention in San Antonio, Texas. Nearly 70 students attended as representatives of APhA-ASP, and the award was accepted by Leslie Mooney ’09, who served as president during the year on which the judging was based.

The following is an excerpt from the citation read at the awards ceremony: "Addressing APhA-ASP president Brandon Patterson’s mission of health literacy, they used patient surveys, literacy tests, radio public service announcements and a patient-centered research project and arranged for their state governor to address their chapter regarding prevalence and problems associated with low health literacy in their state. Through their expansive involvement in patient care projects and 57 separate screening events they screened and referred patients for heartburn, cholesterol, hypertension and diabetes. They assisted in immunizing 12,000 patients and gained training in HIV and AIDS rapid response testing, education and counseling after seeing a need for involvement in this area.”

P4 Fach Holderfield displays the 11 inches of his hair he donated to the Locks of Love organization. It provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 18, who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. He grew his hair over the past three years.

The first H. Otis Tyler Student National Pharmacist Association (SNPhA) Pharmacist of the Year Award was presented to Jerrell Johnson ’01 at the annual SNPhA and National Pharmacist Association of Arkansas Scholarships and Awards Banquet in April. He contributed to numerous projects in conjunction with SNPhA during 2008-2009. He is pictured with P4 Nick Tinsley and organization advisor Otis Tyler, assistant dean for diversity.

P3 Christy Agee was selected to receive the 2009 National Association of Nuclear Pharmacies Outstanding Nuclear Pharmacy Student Scholarship of $2,000, in its first year to be awarded.

P4s Eric Wright, Clint Boone, Beth Ann Davenport and Zach Goldman attend the 2009 Armada Specialty Pharmacy Summit in Las Vegas in March. The three-day conference included business sessions and interactive educational programs focused on a variety of important specialty pharmacy issues.

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P4 Zack Holderfield, P3 Bryna McKenna, P4 Clint Boone, and P3 Collin Ward, attended National Community Pharmacists Association Legislative Affairs Meeting in Washington, D.C., in May. They visited with several Arkansas legislators including U.S. Sen. Marion Berry, pictured above.

Leslie Mooney ’09 was awarded a travel scholarship through the AACP/Walmart Annual Conference Scholarship Program to attend the AACP Meeting in Boston in July.

Students offer free glucose and cholesterol screenings at the inaugural UAMS Cardiovascular Health Day. It was a collaborative effort among the Colleges of Pharmacy, Medicine, Nursing and Public Health, along with the Department of Dietetics & Nutrition.

These 2009 Student Research Fellows and VoLDENG Research Award recipient will conduct research projects, along with faculty mentors, during the next year:

**VoLDENG RESEARCH AWARD**

Student: P2 Alissa Ferrari  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cesar Compadre and Dr. Russ Melchert  
Project title: Natural Products as a Source of Anticancer Drugs.

**STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWS**

Student: P3 Jonathan Barham  
Faculty mentors: Dr. Catherine O’Brien and Dr. Holly Maples  
Project title: Evaluation of Vancomycin Pharmacokinetics in Children with Cerebral Palsy

Student: P3 Cherri D. Houston  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nalin Payakachat and Dr. Denise Ragland  
Project title: Emergency Contraception Use among Urban Arkansan Women at University Women’s Clinic: Before and After Nonprescription Availability.

Student: P2 Megan McDaniel  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Grazyna Nowak  
Project title: Amelioration of Functional Deficits in Ischemic Kidney by Succinate Administration.

Student: P2 Natalie Smith  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Howard Hendrickson  
Project title: Clinical pharmacokinetics of isoquinoline alkaloids following oral administration of goldenseal.

P2 Tyler Ledford was the winner of a hand-turned elm mortar and pestle created by Dr. Kim Fifer ’74, professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, for a fundraiser for the Kappa Psi fraternity. Pictured are P2 Matt Hambuchen, Kappa Psi Treasurer, P3 Tyler Ledford, P2 Josh Winningham, Kappa Psi Regent, and Dr. Fifer.

P3s Megan Wilson and Pam West accept the plaque awarded to the College’s Kappa Epsilon chapter as Chapter of the Year at the annual meeting in Indianapolis in August.
P3 students Bryna McKenna and Kristina Ta were featured in the August 2 edition of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* article on the Diabetes Health and Wellness Expo in Springdale, done in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association.

The students of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP) received an official American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists-SSHP Recognition for 2009 to 2010 by promoting membership in local, state and national health-system organizations, stimulating interest in health-system pharmacy careers and encouraging career development and professionalism among students aspiring to careers in health-system pharmacy.

APhA-ASP raised more than $10,000 for the American Cancer Society in the spring, according to P2 Mallory Williams. They sold t-shirts, luminaries and refreshments at the Little Rock Relay for Life event, and held a “Best Legs” contest for faculty, won by Dr. Charles Born ’67, professor of pharmaceutical sciences.

Allcare Pharmacy sponsored two student events, one in April at Gusano’s Pizza in downtown Little Rock and another at Maumelle Park in August. Pictured with P4 Beth Ann Ponder Davenport from Allcare are Stephen Carroll ’05, State Sen. Percy Malone, Ben Ponder, and Fred Harris ’77 at the Allcare event at Gusano’s Pizza.

For more pictures of the event, go to http://www.uams.edu/cop/current_students/student_activities/photos/.
Interest in international travel and service is on the rise at the College of Pharmacy.

In response to the increased desire for experiences abroad among students, Dean Stephanie Gardner recently traveled to two universities in India and a university in Ecuador to foster international exchange opportunities, forge partnerships to facilitate research projects and explore distance education opportunities. Gardner’s visits were sponsored by the universities she visited.

Turning their interests into reality, P3s Chris Stroud and Blair Green participated in a mission trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras in June with Christ the King Catholic Church, earning experiential hours and coming away with meaningful travel and practice experiences. Local pharmacist Dr. Marsha Boss served as preceptor. The church provided partial funds for each student.

Also this summer, P4 Marty Lute traveled to Bali, Indonesia, to attend the World Congress of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation (IPSF). She serves as the IPSF national contact person for the United States, and she expects to see greater participation among UAMS students in international travel over the coming year.

As the College’s first IPSF-sponsored exchange student, P3 Sharliese Kendrick was in Ghana in June for nearly five weeks. She worked in the dispensaries and rounded with physicians and the clinical pharmacists at Achimota and Ridge Hospitals, where she earned hours for her Early Practice Experience education.

Also under the auspices of IPSF, this summer the college hosted exchange students Martine de Ponti and Laura Hockzema, fourth-year students of the six-year program at the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands. They shadowed faculty, assisted during the Pharmacy Camp and learned about pharmacy practices in the United States.

“We are pleased with this new interest in international travel, practice and exchange programs,” said Dr. Schwanda Flowers ’99, assistant dean for Experiential Education. “It will enhance our students’ experiences and enrich their appreciation for the many ways they can be effective and make a difference in patients’ lives.”

Alumni who are interested in international programs should contact Flowers at (501) 686-7920 or skflowers@uams.edu.

Students as well as practicing pharmacists interested in Christ the King’s program should e-mail trip coordinator Dr. Denise Ragland ’95, associate professor of Pharmacy Practice, at dragland@uams.edu. Next year’s mission trip is scheduled for June 19 – 27, 2010.
Congratulations Class of 2009!
Welcome to the Alumni Association.

Pharmacist family members:
1-Dr. Rupert Blakely; 2-Drs. Johnny and Virginia Porter, both ’82, parents; 3-Drs. Vicky ’06 and Steven ’07 Morey, sister and brother in-law; 4-Drs. Sparky ’75 and Cindy ’76 Hedden, parents; 5-Dr. Vail Paschal ’57, 6-Dr. Rachel Meyer ’06; 7-Dr. Eddie Glover, Dr. Kristen Riddle ’02; 8-Dr. Randall Box ’82, Dr. Michael Scribner ’87; 9-Dr. Mark Riley ’76/97, father, Dr. Lana Riley ’04, sister in-law, Dr. Stacy Boeckmann ’08, fiancé; 10-Dr. Emily Wallis ’06, sister in-law; 11-Lauren Young, third year student.

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Graduation activities began on May 15 with the Seniors Honors Convocation Program, held at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. The College entertained family and friends of the graduates at a brunch at Trapnall Hall in Little Rock, before the Commencement Ceremony at Barton Coliseum on May 16. For more pictures, visit our Web site at www.uams.deu/cop/current_students/student_activities/photos/.

Students read the Oath of the Pharmacist at the Senior Honors Convocation Program.

Stacey Boeckmann ’08 with Chad Riley ’09 and Dr. Melanie Reinhardt ’81/’08
As we are enjoying all the wonders that fall brings, we wanted to share what the Alumni Association is doing and what we have in store for you.

We kicked off the academic year with the annual Phonathon for Scholarships. Yes, you did read that correctly, the Phonathon has a new home in the month of October. You may have gotten a call Oct. 26 or 27 from eager-to-serve students asking for your continued support of our great College.

Fall would not be the same without Razorback football and a good tailgate party, so we will once again host our annual Alumni Tailgate Party on Nov. 21 in Little Rock, when the Hogs take on the Bulldogs of Mississippi State. If you have not made this event in the past, you are really missing out. This is by far the largest gathering we have each year, and the best chance you have of reuniting with alumni with whom you have lost touch. And for the first time there will be no charge for the food and drinks, although registration for the event is required. A limited number of game tickets are available at $45 each. To register for the event or purchase tickets, please visit www.uams.edu/cop/alumdev/default.asp or e-mail Leigh Austin at lbaustin@uams.edu.

We also plan on hosting our second Night at the Travs event in the spring. Our first event at Dickey-Stephens Ballpark in North Little Rock was a great success, with more than 100 alumni and friends enjoying hot dogs and hamburgers on a wonderful spring evening. The date has not been set, but we will be sure to let you know when the details have been settled.

Now, for alumni who do not get excited by the thought of 50,000 people calling the Hogs, or cheering on the Arkansas Travelers, we are looking into hosting an event at the Arkansas Arts Center in 2010, during the exhibition of the World of the Pharaohs Treasures of Egypt Revealed, the first of its kind to be held in Arkansas. This event will provide a chance for alumni to meet and greet over hors d’oeuvres and drinks before enjoying a tour of the exhibit. Please watch the Web site at www.uams.edu/cop/alumdev/default.asp and Facebook page for more details as they become available.

In addition to our Web site and Alumni Directory, you can now stay informed about our Association and fellow alumni by becoming a fan of our Facebook page. It is called UAMS College of Pharmacy Alumni Association, and has event information, photos from past events and discussion topics, making it easy to stay connected with alumni.

With the new year we plan to refocus our efforts in supporting Arkansas Children’s Hospital and its Family Pack program. We chose this service project last year and already have received positive feedback from Children’s Hospital. This academic year we will focus on the months of January and July as Family Pack pickup months. Area representatives will coordinate within their regions to gather the family packs. During these two months students will help return the packs to Children’s Hospital from all of the area representative drop-off sites.

I would like to thank our area representatives, both current and past. You continue to provide a great service throughout the state by representing the College in your communities at local schools, events and meetings. I am also pleased to announce that Cheryl Bryant ’04 has agreed to serve as Vice President of the Alumni Association. She joins me, President-Elect Brandy Owen ’00, and Immediate Past-President Jason Hawkins ’98 on the Executive Committee.

As I begin my tenure as president, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve in this capacity and to be in a position to give back to a College that has provided me with so much. I look forward to working with all of you to make this one of our best years and to move our Association to the next level. Please feel free to contact me at Rob.Christian@baptist-health.org if you have any comments on how we can improve our organization.
At the last Alumni Association Executive Committee meeting of 2008-2009, the role of president was officially passed from Jason Hawkins ‘98 to Rob Christian ‘00 for 2009-2010, shown in the picture above with Dean Stephanie Gardner.

Walter Hubbard ‘66 is an associate professor of Medicine and associate professor of Pharmacology and Molecular Sciences at the John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. He has been the director of the Quantitative Mass Spectrometry Laboratory for more than 20 years, and discovered a diagnostic marker of X-linked leukodystrophy that will be used nationally and internationally for newborn screening of the gene. He has been married for almost 40 years to his wife Laura, and has two children and one grandchild, and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Alfred Notter ‘73 of Little Rock is a docent and explorer advisor at the Little Rock Zoo, and a member of Kiwanis.

Stephanie Goodart O’Neal ’74 of Wynne has served on the Arkansas Pharmacist Association Board of Directors since 2001, and was APA president from 2007-2008.

Ronnie Gray ’79 of Eads, Tenn., is the vice president of operations-east region for USA Drugs.

Christopher Hatwig ’88 of Colleyville, Texas, was honored with The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Board of Directors Award of Excellence for helping safety net hospitals provide safe and cost-effective drug therapy for low-income and uninsured patients. Hatwig, vice president of Apexus in Irving, Texas, received the award during ASHP’s summer meeting in Rosemont, Ill.

Brigette Nelson ’93 of Jacksonville, Fla., is the director of quality and safety at Triad Isotopes, as well as the chair-elect of the APhA-APPN Nuclear Pharmacy Section. She has a daughter named Alexis, and is a registered children’s yoga instructor.

Justin Boyd ’00 of Fort Smith was appointed to the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy on June 30, by Gov. Mike Beebe.

Kurt Nix ’02 of Lexington, Ky., said his wife, Karla, is starting her fourth year of rotations at the University Of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in Lexington.

Kristen Holland ’06 of Alexander and her husband, Bryce, have started a new business called Oasis Outdoors, where through its Web site they will host live duck hunts this winter. Last hunting season, he broadcast Internet feeds from two wood duck nesting boxes. The company has a Facebook page and will be launching www.waterfowlaoasis.com very soon.

Earl Rogers ’69 of Richmond, Va., volunteered with Project HOPE in April 2008 in Monrovia, Liberia. In August of the same year, he worked aboard the hospital ship “Mercy” with the Pacific Partnership 2008 in Papua New Guinea and the Federated States of Micronesia in the South Pacific. While onboard, he provided medical and pharmaceutical services to underserved indigenous people. In March he volunteered with Project HOPE aboard the USS Nashville, participating in African Partnership 2009 in Takaradi, Ghana, providing medical and pharmaceutical services to the locals.

Vaiyapuri Subramaniam ’00 of Silver Spring, Md., was elected vice president of the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) in August. He is also president of the Veterans Affairs (VA) FAPAC Chapter, which he established in 2008 in collaboration with the VA Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Michael Bailey ’83 of Bryant is the co-director of hospitality for the Babe Ruth 14-Year-Old Regional Baseball Tournament in Bryant which took place in August. His family is also hosting a German foreign exchange student, Fabian Pascal Ruthardt, for the 2009-2010 school year at Bryant High School.

Jo Claire Hutchison ’06 of Morrilton was featured in an article about starting a new career in the health care industry in the summer 2009 issue of HouseCall, a publication of UAMS. After more than 20 years working in a lab testing wastewater and chemicals, she decided to enter into a career in pharmacy.

Jody Smotherman ’97 was named Preceptor of the Year by the 2009 graduating class of the College. Presenting the award is Rachel Casey ’09.

Natasha Jackson ’07 of Houston was selected as a member of the American Pharmacists Association’s New Practitioner Advisory Committee for 2009-2010. She will serve as the Resident/Postgraduate Member at Large.
The Alumni Association held its first Night at the Travs event at the Dickey-Stephens Ballpark on April 25. More than 100 alumni, family and friends enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers as the Arkansas Travelers played against the Northwest Arkansas Naturals. Another Travs night is being planned for spring 2010.

### ALUMNI PROFILE: JUSTIN BINTLIFF

I love interacting and helping out my customers/patients.

**What you like most about being a pharmacist:** Making a difference in someone’s life. Anytime you can pass on a piece of information or advice that helps improve a person’s quality of life, it makes you feel good about yourself and what you’re doing for people in your community.

**What you like least about being a pharmacist:** The hassle of paperwork. It seems every time you turn around these days the government is adding to our workload. Since I’ve graduated, pharmacists have had to deal with RIPPA; Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training; DMEPOS Accreditation; Surety Bonds; and the stacks of paperwork each entails.

**Your best advice for aspiring pharmacists:** Take the time to get to know your patients. Put in the effort to understand the issues that your customers face day to day and ask what you can do to help them out. It will make your job much more rewarding.

**Mentors or role models in your life and pharmacy practice:** My biggest mentor was, of course, my father, who is also a pharmacist and directed me through all the obstacles along the way. Another person who really helped me was Kevin Caldwell ’00, who is now working at an independent store in Mt. View, plus all the hardworking men and women at the College of Pharmacy. None of us would be where we are without their guidance and tutelage.

**Church/Hobby/Community interests:** I am an outdoorsman at heart. I love fishing, hunting, camping, floating the Buffalo and riding ATVs.

**Family members who are in pharmacy:** David Bintliff, father and pharmacist
Alumni and friends gathered at two receptions held before the Arkansas Pharmacists Association district meetings in Little Rock and Rogers in September. Representatives from the College were present at each district meeting to share news from the College and the Alumni Association.

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Drs. Michael Scribner ’87, Kristen Veteto ’97, and Sarah Frank ’07 at the Alumni Reception before the Arkansas Pharmacists Association District 1 Meeting in Little Rock.

In Memoriam

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Alumni Honored with Dean’s Awards

Two UAMS College of Pharmacy alumni were honored during the senior awards convocation in May. D. C. Huffman, B.S., Pharm. ’66, received the Dean’s Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Practice of Pharmacy and Dr. Gene Pynes, M.S. ’59, Ph.D. ’67, B.S. Pharm. ’78, Pharm.D. ’99, professor emeritus, received the Dean’s Award for Service to the College.

Huffman earned a doctorate at the University of Mississippi and served for 19 years on the faculty of the University of Tennessee. He is a leader in the American College of Apothecaries and the National Community Pharmacists Association. Huffman earned a doctorate at the University of Mississippi and served for 19 years on the faculty of the University of Tennessee. He is a leader in the American College of Apothecaries and the National Community Pharmacists Association. He was named a Fellow by the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education and is a Life Member by Arkansas Pharmacists Association. He also received the NCPA’s highest award, the John W. Dargavel Medal.

Pynes served on the College’s faculty from 1966 to 2000, achieving the rank of professor. He helped establish, administer and teach in the Nontraditional Pharm.D. Pathway Program at the College. He is known for finding innovative ways for pharmacists to earn the Pharm.D. while continuing to practice, thus benefiting nearly six hundred students across the nation. He is a licensed pharmacist, and is in practice at Medicine Shoppe in Maumelle. He also has served as a consultant pharmacist at Endoscopy Center of Arkansas.

Dr. Gene Pynes receives the Dean’s Award for Service to the College from Dean Stephanie Gardner.
NEW ARRIVALS

Madeline Elise to Janay and Scott Hansen ’99, June 9, 2009

Chase Michael to Chris and Jeniffer Martin ’00, April 9, 2009

Tyler Landon to Klynt and Niki Carver ’01, Feb. 26, 2009

Hannah Kincade to Chevron and Angela Ergle ’02, March 10, 2008


Bailey, Feb. 16, 2006, and Weslea Catherine, May 11, 2009, to Philip ’02 and Lindsey ’03 Way

Izabella Carol to Kevin and Charity Pumphrey ’03, September 12, 2008

Lauren Olivia to Alex and Michael Butler ’04, Sept. 30, 2008

Andrew James to Scott and Cindie Derden ’04, July 11, 2009

Logan, June 12, 2007, and Lanay, Aug. 11, 2008, to Randy and Jill Roggeaman ’05

Londyn Lee to Josh and Amanda Burrough ’06, April 19, 2009

Jenna, Nov. 8, 2006, and Lindsey Grace, May 15, 2009 to Dwayne and Laura Cale ’06

Parker Ryan to Philip and Shannon Hays ’06, June 12, 2009

Adleigh Tate to Sean and Melissa Jackson ’06, May 8, 2008

Andrew Nelson to Shane and Aimee Lasater ’07, April 22, 2009

Cecilia, Aug. 24, 2007, and Alexander McLeish, Feb. 24, 2009 to Natalie and David McLeish ’08

Jacob Ford to Kara and Lee Wilson ’08, April 2, 2009

Bryant to Keith and Andrea Brown ’09, Jan. 11, 2007

Brennan Zachary to David Conaway and Britni Warren ’09, Feb. 27, 2009

Reagan Eme to Terry Keith ’00 and Laura Faulkner ’06, June 6, 2008

Avery Reid to Kurt and Leslie Johnson ’06, June 22, 2008

Hannah Marie to Paola and James Martaindale ’07, August 15, 2008

Hudson Brooks to Colorado and Megan Barnard ’08, July 3, 2008

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Alumni Baby T’s

MARRIAGES

Jane Gault ’71/’94 to Jim Clark, May 2, 2009

Craig Mills ’04 to Holly McKenzie, June 6, 2009

Natasha Williams ’07 to Nygel Jackson, May 20, 2007

Mandy Billingsley ’08 to Eric Jason Wright COM ’09, May 30, 2009

Laura Hull ’08 to Benjamin Lambert, November 29, 2008

April Robertson ’08 to Scott Allen Stafford, August 8, 2009

Catherine Hill ’09 to Daniel Plyler, January 3, 2009

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PLANNED GIVING

Muncy Zubler, B.S., Pharm., ’75, of Clinical Concepts, LLC, and his wife, Pam, recently designated the College of Pharmacy as a beneficiary of their estate. By naming the College in their wills, they were making a statement of support that will bear fruit in the future.

“We chose to name the College in our wills because we are grateful for the education I received. It set the foundation for success in business and in life. We want to do all we can to support the College and this seemed to be a good way to impact the lives of future pharmacists while maintaining current financial flexibility,” he said. “I hope others will think about the College when they make their plans.”

To learn more about designating the College in your estate or to talk about other forms of deferred giving, contact your financial planner or Dr. Jon Wolfe at (501) 686-6498 or wolfejonathanj@uams.edu.

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• Advancing scientific discovery to produce innovations in healthcare
• Fostering progressive pharmacy practice through service to the profession

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Thirty-three high school seniors from 19 cities throughout Arkansas and five other states participated in the third annual Pharmacy Camp in June. The camp was sponsored by the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. Campers had a full schedule of activities, including lectures from alumni practitioners about careers in pharmacy. For fun, the campers went rock climbing and bowling and visited the River Market and the Clinton Presidential Library. For more information about the next Pharmacy Camp, planned for June 13–18, 2010, go to www.uams.edu/cop/pharmacy_camp