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Cassandra Shields (2010)  
assists with a patient  
during the April 2009  
UMKC Health Sciences  
Wellness Fair held at the  
Health Sciences Building.



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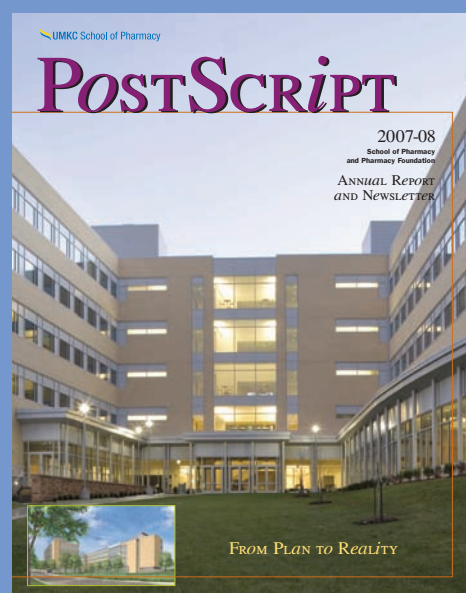
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Robert W. Piepho, Ph.D., FCP  
Dean and Professor

## The Dean's CORNER

The past year was another historic one for our school, as it was our first full year of classes in the Health Sciences Building. It seems funny that students who started with us in August 2008 will never know the role that Katz Hall played in our history, as it was our academic home for almost 45 years. And my guess is that most of you reading this spent most or all of your years with the school in Katz as your "home base." 2008 was another growth year for the school with the exciting news that the state allocated \$16 million to finally complete all of the pharmacy space in the building. This announcement was made in our fifth floor lecture hall by Lt. Governor Peter Kinder in February 2008. These funds will allow us to relocate the Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Katz building to the fourth and fifth floors of HSB, so finally, for the first time in three decades, all of our faculty will have office space in the same building!

The most important activity of our programs at Kansas City and Columbia is to provide education that builds the talent pool in our state. To this end, the school has multiple degree programs including the bachelor of science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, the doctor of pharmacy and graduate programs in both Pharmacology & Toxicology and Pharmaceutical Sciences. All of the degrees are offered in Kansas City, but only the doctor of pharmacy is offered on the Columbia campus. An important aspect of the training of any graduate involves understanding the complex role of our profession in today's world. To that end, the school provides multiple opportunities for our students at many levels. In this issue, you will read about a renewed emphasis on attracting students from all sectors of our society through our diversity initiatives, award-winning programs in community service, and international activities in both student education and research. In fact, UMKC was

the only school of pharmacy (out of 110 nationally) that was a finalist for both the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Student Community Engaged Service Award and the AACP Transformative Community Service Award. We received the former one, and were one of three finalists that received a site visit for the latter. The receipt of this inaugural AACP Student Community Engaged Service Award, coupled with the receipt of an AACP Crystal Apple for our community partnership with Branson Drug, makes UMKC the only school nationally to receive both awards the first time that they were given. This is a remarkable recognition of the dedication of our faculty, staff and students to community involvement.

In order for the school to provide state-of-the-art education, our faculty needs to be on the cutting edge of research in their chosen areas. Funding from the National Institutes of Health is the usual measure of programmatic quality because of the peer review process involved in the competition for funds. This past year, UMKC has ranked 17th among all schools of pharmacy in NIH funding generated per faculty member. Our graduate research program in the Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences under the leadership of Dr. Ashim Mitra has been recognized as one of the top programs of its kind in the country, while our Pharmacology & Toxicology program, under the leadership of Dr. Anil Kumar, has grown to be one of the best funded research programs at UMKC.

The school also continues to be a leader in terms of service provided to the University by our volunteers and students. Last year, UMKC School of Pharmacy preceptors and volunteers provided over 59,000 hours of service time, which represents 42 percent of all the volunteer service hours recorded by the entire UMKC campus. In economic terms, this represents approximately 23 FTE or, viewed another way, over \$2 million of pharmacist time equivalents. At our fall Achievers of Excellence awards, the school provided 101 pharmacy student scholarships for a total of \$104,930 in scholarship and grant support. In comparison, in 1986 the school awarded ten scholarships. These funds are critical for many of our students to be able to pursue their dream of a pharmacy degree. The total amount of gifts to the school, including funding for School of Pharmacy areas in the Health Sciences Building, was in excess of half a million dollars. This latter figure does not include planned giving commitments, which are also necessary for our continued growth.

As you read of our accomplishments this past year, please know that all of us at the School of Pharmacy recognize that without you, our alumni and friends, all of the accomplishments noted above would be impossible. Your support keeps us moving in the right direction. I hope that you are pleased with the progress that the School of Pharmacy is making and with the caliber of our programs. The reputation of UMKC School of Pharmacy is important to all of us, and please know that we will work diligently to make sure that UMKC puts its best foot forward in our state and nation. As you read the 2008-09 Postscript, I hope that you will take pride in our efforts and share them with others. We are committed to maintaining the tradition of excellence that you have come to expect from the UMKC School of Pharmacy!

Wishing you the best for success in 2009,

Robert W. Piepho, Ph.D., FCP  
Dean and Professor

# Dean's Advisory Council 2009-2010

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D&H Prescription Drug Co.

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Indian Health Service  
Department of Health and Human Services

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Pharmacy Operations  
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The Drug Store, Cameron, MO

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MedTrak Services

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Walgreen Company

**Janelle Sabo, Pharm.D. (2000)**  
Eli Lilly and Co.

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Kansas City Veteran's Administration Medical  
Center

**Dale Smith, R.Ph., MA (1975)**  
PBA Health Truecare

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PBA Health Truecare

**Mark Sullinger, Pharm.D. (1983 & 2004)**  
Novartis Pharmaceuticals

**Frank Whitchurch, R.Ph. (1970)**  
Prescription Solutions

# THE UMKC SCHOOL OF PHARMACY FACULTY AND STAFF CONGRATULATE THE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2009



## **Doctorate of Pharmacy**

Brandon Lee Anderson, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Bryan Anderson  
Shawn Michael Atkinson, *Cum Laude*  
Lisa Barslou  
Cassidy L. Beach  
Robin Deana Becker  
Amy Lynn Berry  
Nicola Jane Black  
J. Tanner Blackford  
Luke B. Boehmer  
Michelle E. Brewer, *Cum Laude*  
Amanda Dawn Cain  
Douglas W. Call  
Micah Landon Charles, *Cum Laude*  
Christy Karmel Coghlan  
Derek Compton, *Cum Laude*  
Melanie Coppenbarger  
Sara Elizabeth Cox  
Teresa Dang  
Daniel Davis  
Jonathan Patrick Earley  
Laura Lynn French  
Travis J. Fuller  
Hannah Powell Glass  
Ashley Nicole Gray  
Chessa R. Heirigs-Nyberg, *Cum Laude*  
Miranda Lee Henley  
Reva Marie Hertlein  
Janette Marie Holt, *Cum Laude*

Ronna Marie Jackson  
Amanda R. Johnson  
Elizabeth Anne Johnson  
Racheal Kendrick, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Yasmeen Khan  
Kyle Brandon Kocher  
Ksenija Kovac  
Sasha T. Kramer, *Cum Laude*  
Brandon Leseberg, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Pat Leung  
Jason Thomas Lurk  
Vanessa Joy Mamie  
Jinal P. Mehta  
Andrea Miller, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Seth Allen Minor  
Taegan Renae Morgan, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Nathan L. Newbold, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Hoan Nguyen, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Uyen Thai Nguyen  
Victoria Nguyen  
Xuan T. Nguyen  
Jerah D. Nordeen  
Elizabeth Fay Ogden  
Misty Dawn Perez  
Hieu D. Pham  
Christine J. Pitcher  
Justin Michael Rickerson  
Brianna Leigh Riley  
Brandy Hargrove Robertson  
Michael Rose

Michelle R. Roseblock  
Karen Marie Ruppel  
John J. Schibler  
David Silvey  
Christie M. Starr  
Allison Leigh Thompson  
Luciana M. Thornton  
Ashley C. Updike  
Kathleen E. Wilbers  
Meghan M. Williams  
Blyth JaLeigh Williamson  
Tyler D. Woods  
Allison Zuhlke

## **Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science**

Yomna Badawi, *Cum Laude*  
Grayce A. Ebai  
Eric R. Kpokou  
Nang Toan Le  
Hussein Mohamed  
Sara Jerene Moxley  
Lillian Shih  
Jennifer Taylor  
Kim Phuong Vu

## **Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Science**

Di Bei  
Yi Che

*IN THE UMKC RECORD BOOKS, Sara HAS POSTED THE SECOND FASTEST TIMES IN BOTH THE 5K AND 6K RUNS IN CROSS COUNTRY AND ALSO HOLDS THE SCHOOL RECORD FOR THE FASTEST TIME IN THE INDOOR 3,000 METER RUN.*

**Sara Hiller,  
Class of 2010**

**Pharmacy student  
combines academics  
with track and field**

The educational experience of pharmacy school is unique to each student and becomes a combination of his or her academic studies, social activities and extracurricular projects. For Sara Hiller, it has meant combining her love of long-distance running with her chosen profession. In honor of her accomplishments as a track and field/cross country athlete at UMKC, Sara was named to the national “ESPN Academic All-American Third Team” in 2007 and the “ESPN Academic All-American Second Team” in 2008. Among her many awards, Sara was named “All Conference” in cross country in 2004, 2005 and 2006, representing her rank as one of the top seven runners in the Mid-Continent Conference for Division I schools. In the UMKC record books, Sara has posted the second fastest times in both the 5K and 6K runs in cross country and also holds the school record for the fastest time in the indoor 3,000 meter run.



Sara has maintained a solid 4.0 grade point average during her four years of pharmacy school and stayed involved as the historian for the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter in her second and third years and as pledge educator of Kappa Epsilon. Sara says she feels that the pursuit of long-distance running has enhanced her experience at pharmacy school “with time management and as a big stress relief. It helps me to get away from all of the pressure – I always feel so much better after I go out for a run.” A Springfield, Mo., native, Sara says she believes that the UMKC track program really helped with her transition to Kansas City and to the School of Pharmacy. “I liked UMKC School of Pharmacy the best and I knew that the university had a great running program. I have made a lot of friends here in both pharmacy and track and field and I have enjoyed living in and getting to know Kansas City,” said Sara. With one year left of pharmacy school, Sara is considering applying for a hospital residency program with an emphasis in oncology following her graduation in May 2010.

# 2008 Achievers of Excellence Scholarship Awards

STUDENTS

The School of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Foundation presented their annual scholarship awards in October to the following recipients:

Fred Angle Scholarship  
**Blake Schade**

Baptist-Trinity Lutheran Legacy Foundation  
Scholarship  
**Shawn Atkinson**

Wright V. & Gladys A. Bartholomew  
Scholarship  
**Dennis Nguutu**  
**Deborah Raithe**

Mary Bisceglia Memorial Scholarship  
**Brenda Nagel**

Lewis Bratt Scholarship  
**Derek Hyman**

G. Thomas Bruns, R.Ph. Memorial  
Scholarship  
**Alexi Kanago**  
**Cassandra Shields**

Century Club Scholarship - Clinical  
**Ashley Nixon**

Century Club Scholarship - Hospital  
**Kyle Cline**

CVS/pharmacy Community Scholarship  
**Aaron Haeefe**  
**Rebecca Marsh**  
**Kara Miller**  
**Cathy Trinh**

D&H Prescription Drug Store Scholarship  
**Robyn Baker**

Dean's Advisory Council Scholarship  
**Katherine Loida**

Leslie Eisenbrandt Scholarship  
**Erin Lammers**

Erickson Family Scholarship  
**Lindsey Skilling**  
**Daniel Yarrow**

Fendler Family Scholarship  
**Boris Abramov**

Kathy McClary Fife Memorial Scholarship  
**Catherine Rudder**  
**Alex Lampe**  
**Steven Perkins**

Spencer S. Glenn Memorial Scholarship  
**Chad Laurie**

Glenski Family Scholarship  
**Catherine Rudder**

Good Neighbor  
Pharmacy/AmeriSourceBergen  
Scholarship  
**Nicola Black**  
**Micah Charles**  
**Sasha Kramer**  
**Brandon Leseberg**  
**Chessa Nyberg**

Travis and Maqual Graham Scholarship  
**Sara Cox**

George Guastello Scholarship  
**Levi Campbell**

Harvey H. Haynes Scholarship  
**Kristin Herman**

Judith Hemberger Graduate Scholarship  
**Nisha Vijay**

Bruce J. "Bud" Huber Memorial  
Scholarship  
**Christina Stafford**

Kavanaugh Charitable Trust  
Scholarship  
**Nana Ama Poku Sam**

Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy  
Scholarship  
**Nicole Carver**  
**Bushra Muraywid**

Robert C. Lanman Graduate  
Pharmacology Scholarship  
**Chenglin Mo**

Rocky and Laurie Levell Scholarship  
**Meagan Freeze**  
**Heather Holman**

Lindman-Gershman Scholarship  
**Ananya Amin**

Alexander and Mary Margolis and  
Bernard A. Margolis Perpetual  
Memorial Scholarship  
**Matt Jarvis**  
**Yaw Owusu-Ansah**

Wes McIntire Scholarship  
**Nicola Black**

J. Leo McMahon Scholarship  
**Ryan Chilcoat**

Joe McNerney Pharmacy Leadership  
Scholarship  
**Ashley Burress**

Mid-Missouri Society of Health-System  
Pharmacists Scholarship  
**Ashley Fitzgibbons**

Missouri Pharmacy Foundation  
Scholarship  
**Tatyana Shkuratova**

Tim Mitchell Medical Scholarship  
**Lisa Cerutti**

Timothy G. Mitchell Scholarship  
**Hue Cao**

NABP-ACCP Scholarship  
**Sean Hawkins**

National Association of Chain Drug Stores  
(NACDS) Scholarship  
**Nicholas Hellebusch**  
**Erin Mark**  
**Leslie Robertson**

Jim Newman Memorial Scholarship  
**Derek Hyman**

Kit Ngoc Nguyen, Pharm.D. Scholarship  
**PangNhia Xiong**

PBA Health/TrueCare Pharmacy  
Scholarship  
**Nicole Stinner**

Powers Family Scholarship  
**Deborah Raithe**

Prescription Solutions Scholarship  
**Lindsey Gordon**  
**Grace Horng**

RAN Institute Scholarship  
**Sara Hiller**



Michelle Brewer (2009) receives the Joseph G. Shalinsky Scholarship from Joseph G. Shalinsky, R.Ph. (1939) and Charlotte Shalinsky.

Red Cross Pharmacy Scholarship  
**Tressa Aholt**  
**Jonathan Quentin Robinson**

Stanley M. Reinhaus Family Foundation  
Scholarship  
**Daniel Davis**  
**Grace Horng**  
**Allison Riechmann**

Thomas G. Ross Memorial Graduate  
Scholarship  
**Yi Che**

Toni Sena Memorial Scholarship  
**Holly Skelton**  
**Patrycja Wilcznska**

Morris R. Shlensky Scholarship  
**Derek Compton**  
**Kelsey Erwin**  
**Gregory Hughes**  
**Sarah Jones**  
**Jason Lurk**  
**Katie Sargent**  
**Carryssa Taylor**

Joseph G. Shalinsky Scholarship  
**Michelle Brewer**

Leo Shalinsky Scholarship  
**Ashley Mansfield**

William and Carole Sitland Scholarship  
**Frankline Musongwe**

Smock Family Scholarship  
**Ashley Simon**

Anthony J. Spalitto, Sr. Scholarship  
**Jodi Ahnefeld**

Spalitto Pharmacy Scholarship  
**Robin Becker**

Bruce and Shirley Stocker Scholarship  
**Michelle Campbell**

David A. Strauch, R.Ph. Scholarship  
**Grace Sumption**

Suffecool Scholarship  
**Sarah Alhambra**  
**Bradley Bruce**  
**Jesse Garcia**

Harry N. Tishk Scholarship  
**Megan Ford**

Fred Tonnie's Scholarship  
**Alexi Kanago**

Pharmacists Mutual Scholarship  
**William Smith**

Phyllis Vaughn Scholarship  
**Amanda Steely**

Walgreens Scholarship  
**Hannah Glass**

Wal-Mart Scholarship  
**Patricia Boone**  
**Kristin Fish**  
**Taegan Morgan**

Marcus & Missy Wilson Family  
Scholarship  
**Anne Stegeman**

Mathew W. "Bill" Wilson Scholarship  
**Stefanie Blevins**  
**Adam Hatfield**

Larry Windmoeller Scholarship  
**Aaron Hartmann**

Larry Windmoeller/Mid Missouri Society  
of Health-System Pharmacists  
Scholarship  
**Ashley Nixon**

# SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACY FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2008-09



Pharmacy student Patrycja Wilczynska (2010) performs a cholesterol check on a patient during the UMKC Health Sciences Wellness Fair in April 2009. The fair was a joint effort by all four of UMKC's health science schools (nursing, pharmacy, medicine and dentistry) and was sponsored by more than 15 organizations, including BlueCross/BlueShield, KC Wellness Network, "Cover The Uninsured" and Carondelet Health. Services offered included immunizations, cholesterol screenings, vision and hearing screenings, diabetes exams and full physical exams for those younger than 18. More than 1,500 community members came through the fair seeking medical support and were served by more than 430 student volunteers.

Judith Hemberger Graduate Scholarship  
 Bruce J. "Bud" Huber Memorial Scholarship  
 Kavanaugh Charitable Trust Scholarship  
 Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy Scholarship  
 Robert C. Lanman Graduate Pharmacology Scholarship  
 Rocky and Laurie Levell Scholarship  
 Lindman-Gershman Scholarship  
 Alexander and Mary Margolis and Bernard A. Margolis Perpetual Memorial Scholarship  
 J. Leo McMahon Scholarship  
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 Thomas G. Ross Memorial Graduate Scholarship  
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 Phyllis Vaughn Scholarship  
 Walgreen Student Scholarship  
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 Larry Windmoeller Scholarship  
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Fred Angle Scholarship  
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 Academy of Managed Care Scholarship  
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 Carthage Pharmacy Services, Inc. Scholarship  
 Century Club Scholarships  
 CVS/pharmacy Community Scholarship  
 D&H Prescription Drug Store Scholarship  
 Dean's Advisory Council Scholarship  
 Lewis D. DeClerck Memorial Scholarship  
 Leslie Eisenbrandt Scholarship  
 Erickson Family Scholarship  
 Mary and Tim Euler Student Mentor Award  
 Fendler Family Scholarship  
 Kathy McClary Fife Memorial Scholarship  
 Spencer S. Glenn Memorial Scholarship  
 Glenski Family Scholarship  
 Good Neighbor Pharmacy/AmeriSourceBergen Scholarship  
 Travis and Maqual Graham Scholarship  
 Donald W. Grove, Sr., R.Ph. Scholarship  
 George Guastello Scholarship  
 Harvey H. Haynes Scholarship



# NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM

The following pharmacy students have accepted residency matches for 2009-2010:

**Cassidy Beach**

Hematology/Oncology residency  
Scott and White Hospital  
Temple, TX

**Austin Campbell (Class of 2008)**

(PGY 2 residency)  
Western Missouri Mental Health Center  
Kansas City, MO

**Ronna Jackson**

The University of Kansas Medical Center  
Kansas City, KS

**Elizabeth Johnson**

Truman Medical Centers  
Kansas City, MO

**Racheal Kendrick**

Fellow – Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics  
University of North Carolina and Quintiles  
Chapel Hill, NC and Kansas City, MO

**Jason Lurk**

St. Luke's Hospital and Clinics  
Kansas City, MO

**Zahra Mahmoudjafari (Class of 2008)**

(PGY 2 residency)  
University of Utah  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Xuan Nguyen**

Baylor University Medical Center  
Dallas, TX

**Sara Nicolaus**

Community Pharmacy Residency  
Iowa State University and Mercy Family Pharmacy  
Dubuque, IA

**Jerah Nordeen**

Truman Medical Centers  
Kansas City, MO

**Chessa Nyberg**

Public Health - Pharmacy Practice Residency  
UMKC School of Pharmacy

**Hieu Pham**

Maimonides Medical Center  
Brooklyn, NY

**Mike Rose**

Veterans Administration  
Austin, TX

**Allison Thompson**

University of Chicago  
Chicago, IL

**Luciana Thornton**

Via Christi Regional Medical Center  
Wichita, KS

**Meghan Williams**

Fellow – Drug Information  
UMKC School of Pharmacy



## STAFF PROFILE

**Traci Parker-Gray, manager for Diversity and Outreach Initiatives**

### Pharmacy advisor guides under-represented students

When Traci Parker-Gray arrived at the School of Pharmacy in 2005 as the newest academic advisor in the Student Services office, her goal was to help students from all backgrounds understand that pharmacy is a viable career option for everyone. Now that Traci is the new manager for Diversity and Outreach Initiatives, she is responsible for the recruitment, outreach activities and program development for all under-represented pharmacy students. She is able to focus on students from multicultural backgrounds and operate as an advocate for their specific needs and concerns. With an ever-increasing number of diverse and multicultural students considering a profession in healthcare, Traci provides a valuable service to the school by helping to guide potential students with limited exposure to these possible career paths. "One of my greatest challenges is convincing students to open their minds and add pharmacy to their repertoire of health professions as an exciting and viable career choice," said Traci. "Many students that I talk to who are considering health professions may only have considered nursing and medicine. When I introduce them to the many career opportunities available to them in pharmacy they are pleasantly surprised." School of Pharmacy Student Services Director Shelly Janasz agrees that Traci's role is hugely beneficial to the school and the students. "We were elated to secure the Diversity and Outreach Initiatives position and have Traci step into a much needed role for the school providing more information to targeted students about pharmacy as a career and helpful direction to current pharmacy students for success," said Shelly. When Traci isn't traveling and promoting the School of Pharmacy to future students, she enjoys spending time with her two sons, Brian, Jr., 12, and Brendon, 10.



(Above) **Kathleen Snella, Pharm.D.** Associate Dean & Vice Chair of the Pharmacy Practice and Administration Division presents **Philip Adams** (2011) with his first professional pharmacy white coat.

The School of Pharmacy's annual **Professional Dedication Ceremony** was held on September 19, 2008, to recognize the current third year students on both the Kansas City and Columbia campus locations as they begin their clinical educational experience. During the White Coat Ceremony, 112 third year students received their first professional pharmacy coat as well as a gold pin that symbolized their professional integrity, accountability and compassion. The program's keynote speaker was **Benjamin M. Bluml, R.Ph.** (1984). The ceremony closed with each student reciting the "Oath of the Pharmacist." The School of Pharmacy appreciates the generosity of the **APOTEX Corporation** for its returning sponsorship of this year's program.

The UMKC School of Pharmacy was the **2008 National Winner** of the "**Heartburn Awareness Challenge**" sponsored by Procter & Gamble and the National Heartburn Alliance. The school was also the **Region 6 winner** of the **2008 Operation Diabetes** campaign, sponsored by RiteAid Pharmacy.

**David Preston** (2010) was selected as one of five students in the nation for the **2008 "Student Pharmacist One-to-One Counseling Recognition Program"** Award from the American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). This is the third year in a row that a UMKC School of Pharmacy student has been honored with this national award.

**Kristin Fish** (2010) was selected as one of six students in the nation to receive the **2008 Kappa Epsilon Zada M. Cooper Scholarship**. Students are selected for the scholarship based upon high academic achievement and to those who have contributed substantially to the activities of their local Kappa Epsilon chapter. This marks the seventh year in a row that the UMKC School of Pharmacy student has received this national scholarship.

**Katherine Loida** (2010) was selected as one of four students nationally to serve on the National American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) **2009 Awards Standing Committee**. The majority of the Academy's work is done through their four standing committees and committee members play an important role in representing student members' views to the Association.

**Nicole Stinner** (2010) won the UMKC Student Government Association (SGA) 2008 "Best Council Leader" award for her continuous support and dedication to APhA-ASP and the School of Pharmacy.

The UMKC School of Pharmacy was recently selected to receive the "**Student Community Engaged Service Award**" by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). UMKC was one of only four pharmacy schools in the nation to receive this inaugural award recognizing student-led community engagement projects. Sponsored by Teva Pharmaceuticals, this annual award program is intended to encourage pharmacy students and faculty to design and build programs of community-engaged service learning, deliver consumer education about medication use, expand access to affordable medications and improve the public's health.

The School of Pharmacy program selected for this honor is the "Patient Assistance Program" (PAP) operating out of the Jackson County Free Health Clinic in Independence, Mo. The program has been in operation for over eight years and serves a diverse indigent patient population representing over 20 zip codes in the Kansas City metro area. The program provides assistance to low income patients who would otherwise go without needed medications to manage their chronic illnesses. Faculty advisor **Dr. Cameron Lindsey, Kristin Fish** (2010), **Michelle Campbell** (2012), **Kara Miller** (2012), **Danielle Nagel** (2012) and **Cassandra Peters** (2011) were recognized for their work on this project.

UMKC is the only pharmacy school in the nation to receive the inaugural presentations of both the **AACP Crystal Apple Award (2007)** recognizing excellence in an academic/community pharmacy partnership for experiential learning and the **AACP Student Community Engaged Service Award (2009)** recognizing student-led community engagement projects.



**Kristin Fish** (2010) and **Cameron Lindsey, Pharm.D.** (1998) accept the **2009 AACP Student Community Engaged Service Award**.

At the April 2008 Missouri Society of Health System Pharmacy meeting, the following students won awards during the poster presentations:

- First Place: **Tonya Crawford** (2008)  
 Second Place: **Kristin Fish** (2010)  
 Third Place: **David Preston** (2010)  
**Jennifer Sass** (2012)

**Cassandra Shields** (2010) received the **2008 Willard B. Simmons Sr. Memorial Scholarship for Independent Pharmacy Management** from the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Foundation. In addition, Cassandra was appointed as the Region IV representative in 2008 for the NCPA Student Executive Committee.

**Scott Halvorson** (2011) was appointed to the "NCPA National Student Executive Committee" representing students from the Midwest region.

**Kristin Fish** (2010) was selected as the 2009 UMKC Student Government Association Student Leader of the Year.

**Ashley Fitzgibbons** (2011) served on the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Student Forum Membership Advisory Group and was named as alternate to the 2009-2010 ASHP Student Forum Executive Committee.

**Lyssa Muehlberger**, (2010) was awarded the Robert J. Bolger Scholarship from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS). The award is given as part of the foundation's Pharmacy Student Scholarship Program, which strives to support the development of future leaders of patient care in community pharmacy practice and recognizes pharmacy students who have a strong interest in providing patient care through a career in the community pharmacy.

**Scott Halvorson** (2011) won the local National Community Pharmacy Association (NCPA) Business Plan competition. As winner of the local competition, Scott is now eligible to enter the national competition. Scott was also appointed to the NCPA National Student Executive Committee for 2009-10.

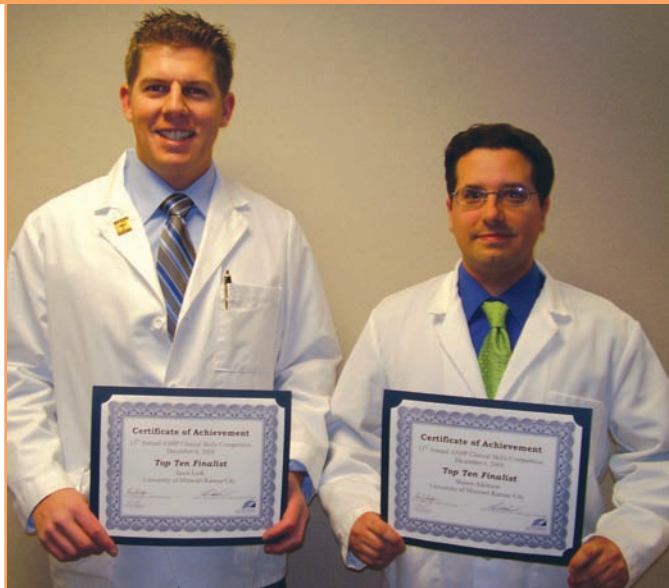
The 2008-2009 class officers for the UMKC chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) are:

- President: **Cassandra Shields** (2010)  
 Vice President: **Holly Skelton** (2010)  
 Secretary: **Chantel McKnight** (2011)  
 Treasurer: **Nicole Stinner** (2010)  
 Legislative Liaison: **Scott Halvorson** (2011)

The new inductees for 2009 for **Rho Chi Honor Society** were:

- Chessa Heirigs Nyberg** (2009)  
**Racheal Cramer Kendrick** (2009)

The **Kappa Epsilon** pharmacy service fraternity hosted its second annual "**Bowling for Breast Cancer**" fundraiser in September and raised over \$2,700 for the Kansas City chapter of the Young Survivor Coalition (YSC). The YSC is comprised of breast cancer survivors, co-survivors and individuals focused on the issue of breast cancer awareness in young women.



(Above) **Jason Lurk** (2009) and **Shawn Atkinson** (2009) finished in the top 10 of the Clinical Skills Competition at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Mid-year Clinical Meeting in December 2008. Student teams from more than 90 schools of pharmacy are required to demonstrate their skills by assessing patient information and current therapy, identifying and prioritizing drug therapy problems, identifying treatment goals, and submitting a recommended care plan. This is the second year in a row that the UMKC School of Pharmacy has placed in the top 10 of this competition.

The following students, alumni and preceptors were the 2009 inductees into **Phi Lambda Sigma**, the pharmacy leadership society:

- Ashley Fitzgibbons** (2011)  
**Sean Hawkins** (2010)  
**Alexi Kanago** (2011)  
**Tyler Kenney** (2011)  
**David Preston** (2010)  
**Catherine Rudder** (2010)  
**Holly Skelton** (2010)  
**Nicole Stinner** (2010)  
**D. Matt Hartwig** (1992)  
**Valerie Ruehter** (1993)  
**R. Spencer Schaefer** (1999)  
**Andrew Smith** (2000)  
**Melissa Osborne**

The UMKC School of Pharmacy **Kappa Psi** chapter, **Gamma Theta**, won the William R. Smith Most Improved Chapter Award for 2008 from the Kappa Psi Fraternity International Group. Gamma Theta was also recognized as having the "Best Chapter Report Presentation" at their 2009 conference.

The following students were award recipients from the **2009 UMKC Women's Council Graduate Assistance Fund**:

- Di Bei** (2009, M.S. in Pharmaceutical Science)  
**Hue Cao** (2010, Doctorate of Pharmacy)  
**Kristin Fish** (2010, Doctorate of Pharmacy)  
**Chessa Heirigs Nyberg** (2009, Doctorate of Pharmacy)  
**Ann Wagstaff** (2010, Doctorate of Pharmacy)

The School of Pharmacy Kansas City campus elected the following students as their American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) 2009-2010 officers:

President: **Stefanie Blevins Hawkins** (2011)  
 President Elect: **KK Vouthy** (2013)  
 Vice- President: **Cassie Koetting** (2011)  
 Secretary: **Lisa Cerutti** (2011)  
 Treasurer: **Tyler Kenney** (2011)  
 Historian/Publicist: **Deborah Raithel** (2011)  
 Student Gov. Representative: **David Malewski** (2011)  
 Membership Vice-President: **Katherine Armstrong** (2012)

The School of Pharmacy Columbia campus elected the following students as their American Pharmacists Association–Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) 2009-2010 class representatives:

**Lucas Horrell** (2011)  
**Alexi Kanago** (2011)  
**Catherine Rudder** (2010)  
**Marjorie Levy** (2012)  
**Joshua Lindsey** (2012)  
**Audra Wilburn** (2013)

The 7th annual **Kappa Psi “Wes McIntire Memorial Volley for Charity”** volleyball tournament was held on April 18, 2009 at the Martin City Volleyball Beach. Thirty-two teams of six players each competed at the tournament which raised over \$3,700 for the American Cancer Society. The tournament was established as a tribute for UMKC School of Pharmacy student Wes McIntire who lost his battle with colon cancer in 2005.



**Stefanie Blevins Hawkins (2011) and Katherine Loida (2010)** presented posters signed by the students of the School of Pharmacy in both Kansas City and Columbia to **Frank Whitchurch, R.Ph. (1970)** of Prescription Solutions in appreciation for their sponsorship of the 2009 Student Appreciation Days in April.



**Jared A. Wann (2010) and Amy Tran (2010)** provide pharmaceutical advice to Kansas City area residents at the Corner Drugstore of a local Price Chopper grocery.

# SPOTLIGHT ON PHARMACY FACULTY



**Andrew Smith, Pharm.D. (2000) and Jeremy Hampton, Pharm.D. (2007)**

## Pharmacy alumni affecting the worlds of both academia and hospital care

UMKC pharmacy alumni are a familiar and valued presence on staff at many hospitals in the Kansas City metropolitan area, including Truman Medical Centers. Both TMC Hospital Hill and TMC Lakewood are home to several alumni who practice in the outpatient pharmacy and as clinical support throughout each facility. The addition of two new UMKC pharmacy faculty members to the TMC team is now further expanding this relationship. Alumni Jeremy Hampton, Pharm.D. (2007), and Andrew Smith, Pharm.D. (2000), are recent additions to both the UMKC School of Pharmacy faculty and to the Truman Medical Centers clinical teams. Dr. Hampton is an integral member of the TMC Hospital Hill Emergency Department and works closely with the physicians and nurses to ensure that the most effective pharmacologic treatments are selected for each patient. By selecting, dosing and preparing the medications needed for an emergency patient, Dr. Hampton's work allows the ER physicians and nurses to keep their hands on the patient and focus on the task at hand. "I feel like I'm able to make a positive impact during code and trauma cases as well as during cases involving rapid sequence intubation," said Dr. Hampton. With the recent opening of the new TMC Cardiology Center, Dr. Smith joined a specialized team of doctors and nurses who focus on cardiac care. Dr. Smith performs daily hospital rounds with the cardiology consult team to provide advice on drug interactions or reactions, indications not being treated, assessing renal function and the need for medication adjustment, and screening for medication errors. Dr. Smith feels that "my presence on rounds improves both the safety and the effectiveness of cardiovascular medication therapy at Truman Medical Centers."

In addition to their many other duties, both Dr. Hampton and Dr. Smith provide lectures to pharmacy and medical students and medical residents on specialized topics including advanced cardiac life support and cardiovascular pharmacotherapy. "The addition of Drs. Hampton and Smith to our faculty represents a giant step forward in re-establishing our School's presence on Hospital Hill," said Robert Piepho, Ph.D., dean of the UMKC School of Pharmacy. "Once it was clear that our new building would be completed, we began discussions with higher administration at TMC to identify key areas where the addition of new faculty would make a difference. The ER was considered a high priority area since we had provided services there a number of years ago with significant positive impact, and the newly opened Cardiology Center was a perfect spot for a clinician like Dr. Smith, who is specialty-trained in cardiovascular medicine." Both Drs. Hampton and Smith say they expect that their roles at TMC will be expanded further in the coming months with the completion of the cardiology rehabilitation unit and other opportunities for patient education and research in both the ER and Cardiology Center.

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## FACULTY TRANSITIONS

### Mary L. Euler, Pharm.D. Associate Dean and Clinical Associate Professor

After more than 20 years of academic, administrative and alumni service, the School of Pharmacy bid a fond farewell in March 2009 to Dr. Mary L. Euler, associate dean, as she departed UMKC for a new career opportunity. Dr. Euler accepted the position of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy in Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Euler's countless contributions to the UMKC School of Pharmacy include her role in establishing the doctorate of pharmacy degree program, the development of the Academic Service Learning program, the expansion of the Experiential Learning program, and the creation of the UMKC satellite doctor of pharmacy program on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia. A constant supporter of students and alumni, Dr. Euler was an advisor for the local American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists

(APhA-ASP) chapter, the national Executive Director of Phi Lambda Sigma pharmacy leadership society and a member of the Board of Directors for the UMKC Women's Council. A School of Pharmacy alumna herself, Dr. Euler continued her education while at UMKC and graduated with her doctor of pharmacy degree in 2001. Reflecting upon her career with UMKC, Dr. Euler stated that, "UMKC School of Pharmacy will always be the defining moment in my career. The students, my colleagues and friends in the school and throughout UMKC have helped me grow both personally and professionally, and for that I will be forever grateful." Dr. Euler's legacy to UMKC and the profession of pharmacy through education, leadership, and alumni support will be felt for generations to come.

**Patrick J. Bryant, Pharm.D.**, clinical professor and **Heather A. Pace, Pharm.D.**, clinical assistant professor, edited and published a new text, "The Pharmacist's Guide to Evidence Based Medicine for Clinical Decision-Making." The text was featured by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

**Frank J. Caliguri, Pharm.D.**, clinical assistant professor was selected to receive the University of Missouri School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine "Excellence in Teaching Award" for 2008-2009. This award is from the graduating residents of the MU program presented to a faculty member outside of the department who most exemplifies effective teaching.

**Jack E. Fincham, Ph.D.**, professor, was selected as a member of the National Academies of Practice (NAP) Academy of Pharmacy. Membership in this national organization is limited to 150 recognized advisors to health care policy makers. Dr. Fincham was also recently featured in the following media interviews:

- April 2008 – in *Newsweek* magazine, "Talk to Your Pharmacist"
- May 2008 – in the *UnitedHealthcare.com* online network bulletin, "Impacting Patient Medication Compliance and Adherence"
- September 2008 – with *Reader's Digest* magazine, "Taken as Directed."
- March 2009 – with WDAF-TV FOX4 News regarding "Jobs of the Future" and the expected shortage of pharmacists that will occur over the next ten years.

**Simon H. Friedman, Ph.D.**, associate professor was named the "2008 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Faculty" member by the UMKC Interdisciplinary Doctoral Student Counsel.

**Marcus B. Iszard, Ph.D.**, associate professor, has been featured numerous times in 2008 and 2009 on KMBC-TV9 in Kansas City regarding an increase in the discovery of brain tumors in the community of Cameron, Mo. Dr. Iszard is referenced for his expertise in pharmacology and toxicology and the possible connection to chemical spillage.

**Peggy G. Kuehl, Pharm.D., BCPS**, clinical associate professor, was selected as the Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA) 2008 Faculty Member of the Year.

**Anil Kumar, Ph.D.**, chair and professor, gave an invited lecture on "Morphine and Rapid Disease Progression in Non-Human Primate Model of AIDS: Inverse Correlation between Disease Progression and Virus Evolution" at the Society on NeuroImmune Pharmacology (SNIP) Scientific Conference, in Wuhan, China, in March 2009. Dr. Kumar also gave a lecture on "Morphine Mediated Acceleration of Onset of Disease in Non-Human Primate Model of AIDS" at the International Conference on Molecular Medicine, held in Chennai, India in January 2009.

**Cameron Lindsey, Pharm.D., BC-ADM**, associate professor, was selected by the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) as the 2009 Outstanding Chapter Advisor of the Year. This Award was established in 1988 to recognize advisors of APhA-ASP chapters who have promoted with distinction the welfare of student pharmacists through various professional activities. There are presently 101 APhA-ASP chapters with more than 14,000 members.

**Patricia A. Marken, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPP**, professor, was elected “Chair-Elect of the Council of Sections” for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). Dr. Marken will serve on the AACP Board of Directors for three years.

**Ashim K. Mitra, Ph.D.**, chair and University of Missouri Curators’ professor of Pharmacy gave a presentation on “Ophthalmic Drug Delivery Systems” at the Asia-ARVO (Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology) International Meeting on Research in Vision and Ophthalmology in Hyderabad, India, in January 2009. Dr. Mitra was also the keynote speaker in April 2009 at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Tex. for the “Wm. Keck Seminar Series on Translational Research.” Dr. Mitra spoke on “Strategies to overcome Drug Resistance in Cancer Cells.”

**Crystal D. Obering, Pharm.D., BCPS**, clinical assistant professor, traveled with a group of pharmacy and nursing faculty and student volunteers in the summer of 2008 to the country of Honduras for a medical mission trip. For two weeks the group teamed up with local health care workers in both rural and urban settings to provide care to some of the country’s most needy and neglected citizens. During the first week of the trip the group traveled to the Honduran countryside setting up temporary clinics in rural areas where local people lined up to be treated for everything from arthritis to infections and worms. For many of the people they treated, health care services are infrequently provided in the remote Honduran villages or require hours of travel. During the second week, the group worked in one of the city’s local hospitals helping out in the emergency room where the majority of the poor urban population comes for medical care.

**Melissa Osborne, Pharm.D.**, (preceptor) was selected as the 2008 National Community Pharmacy Association (NCPA) National Preceptor of the Year. The National Preceptor of the Year Award honors a pharmacist who has made significant contributions to the education of pharmacy students by devoting time, talent, and effort as a preceptor. NCPA represents the nation’s community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 pharmacies.

**Heather Pace, Pharm.D.**, clinical assistant professor and assistant director of the UMKC Drug Information Center, was featured in an interview with WDAF-TV FOX 4 News in July 2008 regarding the marketing of a new combination of drugs and supplements.

**Robert W. Piepho, Ph.D, FCP**, dean, was featured in an interview with CBS News Healthwatch in October 2008 regarding the shortage of pharmacists and the need for patients to have available access to their pharmacist.

**Rafia S. Rasu, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, was cited in the February 2008 issue of “Science Daily” for her research study involving mental health patients suffering from insomnia.

Dr. Rasu was also noted in the June 2008 issue of “Renal and Urology News” for her investigative study of women with chronic kidney disease receiving multiple medications.

**Kathleen A. Snella, Pharm.D., BCPS**, associate dean for academic Programs, was selected as the Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA) 2009 Faculty Member of the Year.

**Steven C. Stoner, Pharm.D., BCPP**, chair and clinical professor, was elected as “President Elect” of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) for the 2009-2010 term. The mission of CPNP is to promote excellence in pharmacy practice, education and research to optimize treatment outcomes of individuals affected by psychiatric and neurologic disorders.

Dr. Stoner was also quoted in the December 2008 edition of “Modern Medicine” regarding the role of antidepressants with serious depression or suicide treatment.

**Deepti Vyas, Pharm.D, BCPS**, clinical assistant professor’s “Achieving Competence Today” (ACT) team won the Missouri Center for Patient Safety’s first place award in the large clinical category for their project “Integrating Order Sets Improves Appropriate Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) Prophylaxis.” The team was honored at the April 2009 Missouri Center for Patient Safety Conference.

Dr. Vyas was also referenced in an article in the May 2009 edition of “Science Blog” on the use of medical simulation instruction with pharmacy students and its increasing opportunities and benefits.

**The School of Pharmacy** is ranked 17th out of 110 pharmacy schools in National Institute of Health (NIH) funding per FTE:

1. **Dr. Anil Kumar** has four NIH RO1 funded grants:
  - a. Alcohol and AIDS: Pathogenesis and Immunity in Macaque
  - b. Effects of Opiate on Virus/Host Responses in SHIV/Macaques
  - c. Methamphetamine and AIDS in a Non-Human Primate Model
  - d. HIV, Drug Abuse and Neurotoxicity
2. **Dr. Ashim Mitra** has three NIH RO1 funded grants:
  - a. Ocular Disposition of Antimicrobial Agents
  - b. Protease Inhibitor Analogues for Enhanced Transporter Across Blood-Brain Interfaces
  - c. Trans-Scleral Transport and Polymeric Delivery of Steroids for Macular Edema



**Steven C. Stoner, Pharm.D.**, chair of the Division of Pharmacy Practice, attends the 2009 UMKC Hospital Hill Basketball Night at Municipal Arena with his son, Peyton Stoner.



# 2008 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## Alumni members honored by both UMKC and the School of Pharmacy

The School celebrated the 2008 Pharmacy Alumni Reunion Weekend November 7th & 8th kicking off with the Pharmacy Student Career Fair, a Friday night social, Saturday CE classes and then wrapping up with the annual Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday evening at the Brio Tuscan Grille in Kansas City, Mo. The following alumni were honored during the dinner with the 2008 Pharmacy Alumni Service Awards:

Pharmacy Alumni Service:	<b>Nancy Ogden, Pharm.D.</b> (1975 & 2003)
Community Pharmacy Service:	<b>Sarah Kerner Hare, Pharm.D.</b> (2002)
Health System Pharmacy Service:	<b>R. Spencer Schaefer, Pharm.D.</b> (1999)
Professional Service to Pharmacy:	<b>Stacy Mangum, Pharm.D.</b> (1996)
Industry Pharmacy Service:	<b>Jonathon Burch, Pharm.D.</b> (2001)
Matthew W. "Bill" Wilson Award:	<b>Matt Hartwig, R.Ph.</b> (1992)

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

**2010 School of Pharmacy  
Alumni Reunion Weekend  
November 6 & 7, 2009**

Watch your mail this summer for more information and to register for the 2009 program! Contact our offices at 816-235-2409 with any questions on Pharmacy Alumni Reunion Weekend or to inquire about Class Reunions. We look forward to seeing you in November 2009!



**Matt Hartwig, R.Ph. (1992)** received the 2008 Mathew Bill Wilson Award for Outstanding Alumni Support from 2008 Pharmacy Alumni Board President **Robert Foudree, R.Ph. (1979)** and Dean **Robert Piepho**.



**Steve Erickson, R.Ph. (1975)** receives the 2009 UMKC Alumni Achievement Award – School of Pharmacy from Dean **Robert Piepho** at the 2009 UMKC Alumni Awards luncheon.

April 16th marked the date of the 2009 UMKC Alumni Achievement Awards celebrating alumni members from every school on the UMKC campus for excellence in alumni success and their support to the University. The 2009 Alumni Achievement honoree from the School of Pharmacy was **Steve Erickson, R.Ph. (1975)**. Following the campus-wide luncheon event, the School of Pharmacy hosted a private reception for Steve, his family and pharmacy friends.

The UMKC Alumni Achievement Award celebration is scheduled for April 22, 2010. Please watch your mail for more information to come on this event.

The School of Pharmacy congratulates our 2009 UMKC Alumni honorees!

## 1950's

**William (Willie) Osborn, R.Ph.** (1956) of Osborn Drugs in Miami, Fla., was featured in the December 2008 issue of *America's Pharmacist* magazine for his innovative, independent pharmacy partnership program. Since 1979, Willie has helped recent pharmacy graduates purchase a pharmacy of their own, thus increasing the number of independent pharmacies in the area. Osborn Drugs presently has 19 pharmacy locations with 14 partnership companies operating in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas.

## 1960's

**Michael J. Schmidt, Ph.D.** (1968) of New Smyrna, Fla. recently published a book entitled *Start'em Right... Keep'em Playing*. The book teaches both young children and their parents the basic skills of the sport of softball and incorporating the life lessons of respect, accountability and resiliency.

## 1970's



**Dennis Bond, R.Ph.** (1970) received the 2008 Bowl of Hygeia Award from the Missouri Pharmacy Association. Dennis also received the "Volunteer of the Year Award" from the Eldon, Mo. Chamber of Commerce for his work with the Eldon Community Foundation. He was instrumental in helping to establish the Community Foundation and served as its first President in 2005. Dennis owns and operates the Eldon Drug Company in Eldon, Mo. He purchased the Company in 1984 from C.B. Whitney, a 1949 graduate of the University of Kansas City School of Pharmacy. Mr. Whitney still practices at the Eldon pharmacy and works on Saturdays for Dennis.

**The Honorable David Sater, R.Ph.** (1972) was elected Missouri State Representative, District 68 in the Missouri November 2008 elections.

**Barbara Jolly, R.Ph., MPA** (1976) was appointed to position of Associate Professor, Clinical and Administrative Sciences Department at Sullivan University College of Pharmacy in Louisville, Ky.

**Dr. Joseph Klutho, R.Ph.** (1979) and his wife are now retired in Gulf Shores, Ala. and are involved with medical missionary trips to South America.

## 1980's

**Dennis H. Giesing, Ph.D.** (1983) of Boston, Mass. was recently appointed Head of Research and Development for Cortria Corporation. Dr. Giesing will join the Cortria development team with responsibility for overseeing and driving late stage clinical development of TRIA-662, a new drug candidate for the treatment of dyslipidemia currently in Phase 2 clinical development. Cortria is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company focused on developing safe and well-tolerated medicines to fight cardiovascular disease.

**Matt Mallinson, R.Ph.** (1983) of Independence, Mo. was featured in the July 2008 issue of *America's Pharmacist* magazine. Matt's column on "Decision Time: Taking the Next Step" discussed his decision to automate the workflow of his pharmacy and the subsequent benefits to his customers, his staff and the pharmacy. Matt was also recently appointed in March 2009 as a new member of the Independence Board of Education.

**Pete Spalitto, R.Ph.** (1986) of Spalitto's Pharmacy, Kansas City, Mo. and **Bill Richmond, R.Ph.** (1959) of Bruce Smith Drugs, Prairie Village, Kan. were featured in the September 2008 issue of *America's Pharmacist*. Their pharmacies were two out of 30 pharmacies nationwide highlighted in an article focusing on successful independent pharmacies.

**Mark Hayes, R.Ph., J.D.**, (1988) was noted by "The Alliance for Democracy" website in January 2009 to be one of the "ten congressional health care staffers to know" in Washington, D.C. Mark is currently the Health Policy Director and Chief Health Counsel for the Senate Finance Committee Republican staff. He is the lead health care adviser to Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, the ranking member of the Finance Committee, and he prepares him on a number of issues, including the ongoing health care reform effort. Mark was instrumental in the passage of the prescription drug benefit plan through both congressional committee and into law.

## 1990's

**Timothy P. O'Connor, Pharm.D.** (1993) was named "Alumnus of the Year" by the Rockhurst High School National Alumni Association in Kansas City, Mo. Dr. O'Connor is president of Clannad Consulting, Inc., which provides clinical research services in the areas of cancer research monitoring, education and quality assurance.

**David Conway, (M.S., 1994)** is currently the Director of Clinical/Medical Affairs for Biosite Incorporated. Biosite conducts clinical studies in the in-vitro diagnostics arena.

**Robyn Shalinsky, R.Ph.** (1996) was featured in the October 2008 issue of *America's Pharmacist* magazine for her creation of an environmentally appropriate and operationally effective medication disposal service at Leiter's, a compounding pharmacy in San Jose, Calif.

**Charles Struby, Ph.D.** (1998) was appointed CEO and President of IVAX Diagnostics, Inc. in January 2009. IVAX Diagnostics, Inc. is headquartered in Miami, Fla. and develops, manufactures and markets proprietary diagnostic reagents, instrumentation, and software in the United States and Italy.

**Allison M. Chung, Pharm.D.** (1999) was promoted to the position of Associate Professor of the Harrison School of Pharmacy of Auburn University in Mobile, Ala.

## 2000's

**Joe Cameron, Pharm.D.** (2004) was selected as the 2008 Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MMSHP) "Pharmacist of the Year."

**Kevin Cook, Pharm.D.** (2004) was named the 2008 "Outstanding Alumnus" of Dyersburg State Community College located in Dyersburg, Tenn.



**Isaac Butler, Pharm.D.** (2006) was featured in "Blackstartup.com" as the December 2008 "starter of the month." Dr. Butler was honored for his academic achievements and his service to the community for his work with Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. and Express Scripts Corporation on the "B.E.St Summer Pharmacy Institute." Dr. Butler helped to create the B.E.St program that educates, trains and

prepares talented multicultural high school students for a future career in pharmacy.

During the Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA)'s annual convention in June 2008, the following UMKC alumni were honored as new officers and members of the Board of Directors:

President:	<b>Sandra Bollinger, Pharm.D.</b> (2000)
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Treasurer:	<b>Heather Burney, Pharm.D.</b> (1994)

## In Memoriam

### Alumni

**Robert T. Logan, R.Ph.**, Class of 1951, passed away on August 8, 2008.

**John A. Harrison, R.Ph.**, Class of 1951, passed away on September 11, 2008.

**Henry R. Steinhaus, R.Ph.**, Class of 1953, passed away on February 29, 2008.

**Ernest H. Weinstein, R.Ph.**, Class of 1953, passed away on August 7, 2008.

**Robert L. Wolf, R.Ph.**, Class of 1956, passed away on January 10, 2009.

**Gene H. Adams, R.Ph.**, Class of 1959, passed away on February 11, 2009.

**Robert Doyle Bailey, R.Ph.**, Class of 1960, passed away on August 31, 2008.

**Gale Owings, R.Ph.**, Class of 1966, passed away on April 28, 2008.

**Robert M. Day, R.Ph.**, Class of 1967, passed away on May 13, 2009.

**William J. Haggerty, Jr., Ph.D.**, Class of 1968, passed away on August 24, 2008.

**Lawrence Dean Yoder, R.Ph.**, Class of 1970, passed away on February 13, 2009.

**Ed M. Perry, R.Ph.**, Class of 1989, passed away on January 6, 2009.

**Sammy J. Hutcheson, Ph.D.**, Class of 1993, passed away on May 2, 2008.

### Friends

**Erma Adcock**, mother of **Doug Adcock**, Class of 1977, passed away on April 25, 2008.

**Calvin E. Guy, Jr., R.Ph.**, husband of **Mary Beth Guy**, Class of 1979, passed away on September 11, 2008.

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**New Arrivals**

**1990's**

Pei and **Mikel Davis** (1992) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Jean Marie, on June 2, 2008.

Gary and **Christine (Meyer) Meier** (1993) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Lydia Grace, on May 1, 2008.

Jean and **Craig McCammon** (1997) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Katherine Grace, on April 3, 2008.

Ian and **Diane (Schmutz) Weintraub** (1997) celebrated the birth of their son, Aiden Ellis, on May 19, 2008.

Israel and **Lisa (Cygan) Gillen** (1998) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Renee, on March 24, 2008.

Todd (B&PA 1994) and **Lesli Pitman** (1998) celebrated the birth of their son, Beau Michael, on March 11, 2009.

**Darren** (1999) and **Jessica (Wehner) Lea** (2000) celebrated the birth of their son, Hayden Charles, on July 31, 2008.

**Genevieve** (1999) and **Andrew Smith** (2000) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Alexis, on November 12, 2008.

**John** (1999) and **Lauri (Roerber) Witt** (1999) celebrated the birth of their son, Carter Michael, on May 5, 2008.



**Alex Witt, son of Pharmacy Alumni Board President John Witt, Pharm.D (1999) and Lauri (Roerber) Witt, Pharm.D. (1999), welcomes his brand new baby brother, Carter Michael Witt, who was born on May 5, 2008.**

**2000's**

Nicole (B&PA 2001) and **Bret Dobson** (2000) celebrated the birth of their son, Eli Spencer, on January 14, 2009.

David Elick and **Della Abboud** (2001) celebrated the birth of their twin sons, Augustus Abboud Elick and David Wayne Elick II on August 13, 2008. This is the second set of twins for David and Della who previously celebrated the birth of their twin daughter, Laurice Amelia, and son, Logan Taylor, in 2007.

Stephanie and **Jonathon Burch** (2001) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Lilly Anne, on February 5, 2008.

Melissa and **Jason Grace** (2001) celebrated the birth of their son, Ashton William, on September 22, 2008.

Betsy and **John Murray** (2001) celebrated the birth of their son, Brett Nelson, on June 25, 2008.

Darren and **Nicole Allcock** (2002) celebrated the birth of their son, Matthew Thomason, November 12, 2008.

Laney and **James Coker** (2002) celebrated the birth of their twin daughters, Jameson Lindee, and Caroline Jeanne, on December 8, 2008.

Jacquelyn and **Adam Emo** (2002) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Rae, on May 12, 2009.

Toby and **Jennifer Miller** (2003) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Alice Colleen, on December 8, 2008.

Brett and **Cami (Messner) VanVector** (2003) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Addison Brynn, on February 15, 2008.

Shawn and **Samaneh (Tavalali) Wilkinson** (2003) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Laila June, on April 10, 2008.

Mark and **Tanya Houchen** (2004) celebrated the birth of their son, Carson Bentley, on August 20, 2008.

**David** (2004) and **Jana (Robinson) Brown** (2005) celebrated the birth of their son, Lincoln Thomas, on February 26, 2008.

Daniel and **Heather (Robison) Toney** (2004) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jean, on May 19, 2008.

**Lyndon** (2004) & **Stefanie (Moser) Throm** (2004) celebrated the birth of their son, Logan Michael, on July 14, 2008.

Joe and **Jamie Ivy** (2006) celebrated the birth of identical twin boys, Jacob Caden, and Jaxon Cole, on February 18, 2008.

Adam and **Kimberly Schaffer** (2006) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Joann, on February 19, 2009.

Ranae and **Jeremy Hampton** (2007) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Morgan Renae, on May 31, 2009.

Lindsay and **Austin Campbell** (2008) celebrated the birth of their son, Jackson Walker, on February 27, 2009.

**Paul** (2008) and **Kori Hess** (2007) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Annika Noelle, on May 8, 2009.

**Pharmacy Faculty and Staff**

Ted and **Karen Hardinger Braun, Pharm.D.**, celebrated the birth of their daughter Allison Marie, on June 5, 2008.

Noelle and **Steve McDonald**, academic advisor, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Crimson Delaney, on March 2, 2008.

Sidghat Khan and **Rafia S. Rasu, Ph.D.**, celebrated the birth of their son, Areean Khan, on December 11, 2008.

## SPRINGFIELD, MO. ALUMNUS FOLLOWS A MISSION OF PHILANTHROPY

### Rocky Levell, R.Ph. (1979)

As a 1979 graduate of the UMKC School of Pharmacy, Rocky Levell, R.Ph. is one alumnus who has consistently demonstrated his commitment to service, hard work, and to making the world a better place for everyone around him. When asked how he is able to accomplish everything he has done in his life, his answer is simple, "I keep my priorities straight – God, family, work. I've gotten them out of order before and that's when things go wrong." A dedicated volunteer for UMKC, Rocky is a familiar presence at the School of Pharmacy as a board member of the Pharmacy Foundation and the Dean's Advisory Council.

Rocky's education at the UMKC School of Pharmacy and his personal interest in the care of the elderly led him to a career as co-owner and partner in one of largest hospice care organizations in the United States, Community Hospices of America. Although he is now officially "retired," Rocky remains involved in a variety of volunteer activities, including the The Rainbow Network, an inter-denominational Christian organization specializing in community development programs for the people of rural Nicaragua. Rocky travels to Nicaragua several times a year with the Network teams to assist with pharmaceutical care and other program issues serving nearly 48,000 people in 124 rural Nicaraguan communities.

In support of the UMKC Pharmacy Foundation scholarship program, Rocky and his wife, Laurie, chose to establish the **Rocky and Laurie Levell Scholarship** that is awarded annually to two pharmacy students seeking a future career in geriatric pharmacy care. Rocky and Laurie feel that their contributions further their personal mission of philanthropy and act as a service to the profession of pharmacy. Rocky summarizes his personal philosophy as, "I take great pride in being a School of Pharmacy alumnus and support the School without hesitation due to the support and encouragement I received from Mathew Bill Wilson and the faculty and staff during my time in pharmacy school. Without their help, I would not be a pharmacist today. I firmly believe in giving back of my talents, time and resources to assist future pharmacists in fulfilling their passion and dreams and to set an example for future alumni to do the same."



Rocky and Laurie Levell with their family dog, Zoe.

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Noel Nuessle, Ph.D., faculty emeritus, celebrates his 80th birthday in June 2008 with Keith Perkins, Pharm.D. (1982).



## MISSION OF THE PHARMACY FOUNDATION

The Foundation's purposes are to promote and further the education of future pharmacy professionals in the State of Missouri and to help the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy achieve its mission by garnering and extending support for its students, faculty and staff.

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# 2009 McMahan Golf Tournament celebrates success

## Golfers enjoy 15th annual McMahan Memorial Tournament

Friends of the School of Pharmacy and members of the Pharmacy Foundation Board enjoyed a warm sunny day on May 30 for the 2009 J. Leo McMahan Memorial Golf Tournament at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Kansas City north. Players and volunteers gathered for the traditional kick-off breakfast before a full morning of golf on the links followed by lunch and the awards presentations. Proceeds from this year's tournament exceeded \$16,000 and will be a welcome addition to the student scholarship fund of the Pharmacy Foundation. Winners in the 2009 McMahan tournament included:

First place, "A" flight:

**Donnie McGuire**  
**Frank Merryfield**  
**Casey Wasser**  
**Steve Wasser**

First place, "B" flight:

**Brandon Bell**  
**Alan Carter, Pharm.D. (1979 & 2002)**  
**Bryon Conrad, R.Ph. (1994)**  
**Steve O'Neill**

Individual Contests:

Longest Drive: **Steve Wasser**  
Bull's Eye: **Casey Wasser**  
Straightest Drive: **Chad Wolf**  
Closest to Pin: **Shawn Hoy**



Brandon Bell, Alan Carter, Pharm.D. (1979 & 2002), Steve O'Neill and Bryon Conrad, R.Ph. (1994), enjoy the warm weather at the 2009 Pharmacy Foundation Golf Tournament.



Steve and Casey Wasser enjoy breakfast prior to tee-off at the tournament.



Pete Spalitto, R.Ph. (1986), and Frank Hoback watch Anthony Spalitto as he prepares to tee off.

## Save The Date!

16th annual Pharmacy Foundation J. Leo McMahan Memorial Golf Tournament  
**Saturday, June 5, 2010**  
Shoal Creek Golf Course, Kansas City north

## Leave Your Legacy FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS

### Planned Gifts Help Ensure a Quality Education for Pharmacy Students

Have you ever thought about leaving your legacy at UMKC? Regardless of your age or financial situation, creating a “future” planned gift provision to support students of UMKC’s School of Pharmacy after your lifetime can be quite meaningful to you and your family . . . and very easy to do! And, remember that you can change your mind. Most planned gifts are entirely revocable or adjustable.

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How do you know what might be right for you?

Well, first – check out UMKC’s new gift planning web site, that is complete with articles, calculators and other educational resources to help you determine various financial and tax benefits. This website has been created to help you determine how a future gift can make a difference for both you and UMKC.

<http://advancing.umkc.edu/plannedgiving>

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And, if you have already remembered the School of Pharmacy in your estate plan, we would like to hear from you. We look forward to thanking all of our donors whose vision and generosity will raise the level of excellence in education at UMKC.

## MEMBERS OF THE UMKC FLARSHEIM SOCIETY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The Robert H. Flarsheim Society was formed to honor our alumni and friends who have included the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the School of Pharmacy or the Pharmacy Foundation in their estate plan or other planned gift arrangement. The Robert H. Flarsheim Society increases awareness of the personal benefits of charitable gift planning for our alumni and friends and encourages them to consider making a meaningful planned gift to the university. The following list represents the current membership on behalf of the School of Pharmacy:

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**Carol (EDUC 1975) and Andy Riley (1974) visit with Jana Boschert, director of alumni & development, at a UMKC Chancellor's Reception in May 2008. Carol and Andy traveled to Springfield, Mo., for the UMKC reception from their hometown in Honolulu, HI.**

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