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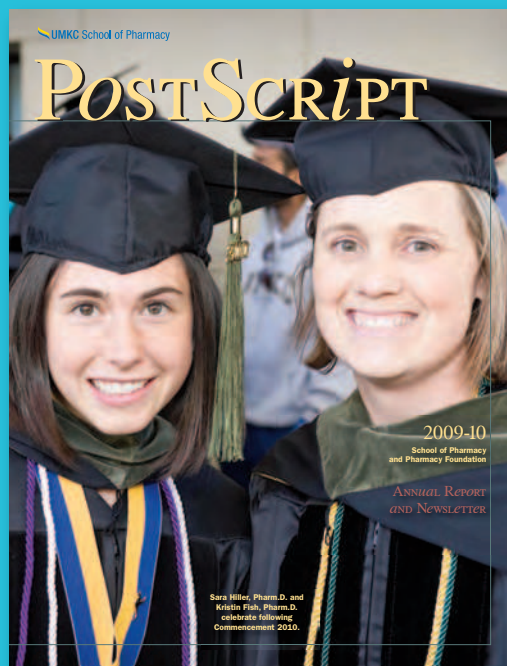
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The Dean's CORNER



Sarah, Philip, Russell and Stephanie Melchert

Welcome to the award-winning **POSTSCRIPT!**

Many exciting accomplishments and changes have occurred since our last issue and I am pleased to announce a few of our recent highlights in this column.

The UMKC School of Pharmacy students, staff, and faculty continue to bring national recognition to Missouri. Engrained in the culture of our school is a passion for serving the community and promoting health and wellness as well as proper medication management and adherence. Over the past four years, the UMKC student pharmacists' efforts have twice been recognized with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) **Student Community Engaged Service Award** as well as the **Transformative Community Service Award** and the **Crystal Apple Award**. Our student pharmacists' enthusiasm for getting out in the community and helping to deliver care for the underserved is truly remarkable and contagious!

This year will be no exception to the strong tradition of award winning community engagement and service. I am pleased to announce that our student pharmacists and faculty recently received the inaugural presentation of the **Script Your Future Medication Adherence Challenge Award** recognizing excellence in educating student pharmacists to actively engage their patients in medication adherence. This award was sponsored by the National Consumers League, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Out of 81 schools who participated in this challenge, only five received awards and we are extremely proud to say that UMKC was one of them. In addition, UMKC was recognized as the national winner of the 2012 American Pharmacists Association (APhA) **Immunization Champion Awards**. Our students and faculty collaborated with a large number of local partners to improve immunization rates in Missouri. Through the annual UMKC Wellness Fair, Healthy for Life, and other outreach events, interprofessional relationships have truly been expanded. In addition, partnerships have been developed, community health has benefitted, and students' patient-centered communication and immunization delivery skills have been developed and utilized. The impact of our students' efforts is felt state-wide as well. Through the preparation and training programs of the School, our faculty and students were also qualified and able to assist in vaccination relief efforts following the aftermath of the Joplin tornado in late May of 2011. And each of these efforts also helped our school's chapter of APhA-Academy of Student Pharmacists to be selected for the "Chapter of the Year" award at the 2012 APhA Annual Meeting in March!

Our efforts for service extend throughout the state as exemplified through our program location on our University of Missouri (MU) campus in Columbia. We have successfully graduated two cohorts who completed all their years of pharmacy study on the MU campus. We are also proud to announce that through our demonstrated success in collaborating with MU, we will be able to expand our program to Springfield in collaboration with Missouri State University (MSU). In June of 2011 Governor Nixon signed legislation that will provide the funding necessary for us to expand our pharmacy program MSU. Even though the economic downturn

has had a significant negative impact on our nation, demand for pharmacists continues to outstrip supply throughout the country, particularly in rural states. Missouri is no exception to this phenomenon, and according to the latest *Pharmacy Manpower Project* data, Missouri's demand for pharmacists continues to exceed supply and continues to be higher than the national average. Further, our school of pharmacy continues to receive requests for pharmacists from pharmacies in rural parts of the state. Our expansion of the program to the MU campus in Columbia has helped with this issue to some degree with the vast majority of our first two graduating classes (2010 and 2011) filling positions throughout central and southern Missouri. Our graduate placement data trend seems to support the conclusion that regional programs can help meet regional demand for pharmacists. If all goes as planned and we receive approval to expand the program from our accrediting body, then we plan to enroll the first group of students on the MSU campus in the fall of 2014. We are very excited about this opportunity, and we are most grateful for the commitment of our partners at MSU and in the hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies throughout Springfield and the surrounding communities.

In our mission to discover our researchers once again have us ranked highly among all schools of pharmacy. Our faculty, staff,

and students have published exciting new research findings in top scientific journals around the world. In addition, their work has been highly funded by the National Institutes of Health, and other federal agencies and private foundations. Based on this hard work and dedication, our school was recently ranked in the top third in the nation among nearly 125 schools of pharmacy based on total extramural research funding normalized to total research faculty positions. In 2012 alone, our faculty brought in three new federal research grants. This is a major accomplishment and the recognition helps us attract and retain the best and brightest faculty members and researchers.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our student pharmacists, staff, and faculty. I extend an invitation to each of you to visit us in Kansas City or Columbia for a tour at any time, and I welcome the opportunity to meet many of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,



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Dean and Professor

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The UMKC School of Pharmacy Faculty and Staff CONGRATULATE THE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2011



Doctor of Pharmacy candidates prepare to cross the stage for their doctoral hooding.

Doctor of Pharmacy

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UMKC *LAUNCHES* PHARMACY PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH *Missouri State* UNIVERSITY

Leadership from the University of Missouri System, UMKC, and Missouri State University met together for an October 14th ceremony in Springfield, MO to sign an agreement that will allow MSU students to enroll in the UMKC Doctor of Pharmacy degree program on their campus. The ceremony was held at the MSU Brick City Gallery in downtown Springfield where all campus officials present signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand the pharmacy program to the MSU campus. This expansion was developed in response to current and projected shortages of pharmacy professionals in Missouri, particularly in underserved rural areas. Missouri Governor Nixon's "Caring for Missourians" initiative also provided support to the program that addresses healthcare professional shortages statewide. When the program begins classes in fall 2014, it will be located in one of the Brick City buildings. For more information on the UMKC/MSU program, refer to the UMKC School of Pharmacy website at <http://pharmacy.umkc.edu/locations/springfield>.

Missouri Governor, The Honorable Jay Nixon, congratulates UMKC Pharmacy Dean Russ Melchert during the signing ceremony. MSU Interim President Clifton Smart signs the document that brings the pharmacy program to the Springfield campus.



Officials present at the October 14th signing event included UM System Interim President Steve Owens, UMKC Chancellor Leo Morton, UMKC Provost Gail Hackett, UMKC Pharmacy Dean Russ Melchert, MSU Interim Provost Frank A. Einhellig, and MSU Interim President Clifton M. Smart III.



Stefanie (Blevins) Hawkins, Pharm.D.

UMKC Kansas City Pharmacy student finds success in post-graduate residency

Stefanie (Blevins) Hawkins, Pharm.D., received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy in 2011. Her practice interests include internal medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, and infectious diseases and she is currently completing a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Duke University Hospital. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Hawkins serves on the Duke Oncology Formulary Evaluation Team and is investigating venous thromboembolism prophylaxis on the medical oncology service. UMKC School of Pharmacy Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Jeremy Hampton said, "I had the opportunity to precept Dr. Hawkins during her two month General Medicine II rotation in the Truman

Medical Center Emergency Department, a location in which I've been very lucky to precept a large number of fantastic students during my short tenure. It can sometimes be difficult for an individual to stand out from the group, especially when that group consists of a large number of highly talented, driven, and self-motivated individuals. Dr. Hawkins, however, was able to do this by differentiating herself as a true leader amongst her peers. It was this leadership ability (amongst other qualities) that helped her obtain a residency position in the highly competitive program at Duke University in Durham, NC. In speaking with her recently, I was elated to hear that she is now considering Emergency Medicine as a practice specialty and I'm very excited to welcome her into the tightly-knit group of Emergency Medicine pharmacists." Upon completion of her Residency, Dr. Hawkins plans to pursue a position in her fields of interest that include an academic medical center where she can continue to contribute to clinical research and mentor students. Dr. Hawkins feels that the "residency at Duke University Hospital has given me an opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills as a clinical pharmacy practitioner. I have learned new medical practices from some of the brightest minds in medicine and had the opportunity to meet and work with pharmacy practice leaders from all over the country. Additionally, I have gained experience in precepting students, presenting ACPE and student lectures, and completing clinical research. This experience has been invaluable, and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to train here."

Kristin (Herman) Vetter, Pharm.D.

MU campus graduate enjoys residency and a career in independent pharmacy

Kristin (Herman) Vetter, Pharm.D. is a 2011 graduate of the UMKC School of Pharmacy program on the MU campus in Columbia, Mo. She is currently completing a PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency program based at Red Cross Pharmacies in Excelsior Springs, Mo. Dr. Vetter said that “The UMKC Community Pharmacy Residency with Red Cross Pharmacy has been a wonderful learning and growing opportunity. Red Cross Pharmacy has exposed me to a great number of direct patient care activities such as Employee Wellness, Medication Therapy Management, Immunizations, Community Outreach, and many more. Additionally, I have had the great privilege to work at the Shared Care Free Clinic of Jackson County each Tuesday evening. Shared Care has

helped to show me how a medical team can provide exemplary care to patients regardless of their financial status. Being involved in research and classroom teaching were two activities that were intimidating at the beginning of this process that have become achievable and less overwhelming. I have had the privilege to work with a very talented and passionate team of pharmacists that are not afraid of being innovative in the practice of pharmacy. Their zeal for progressing the profession, and wealth of knowledge have helped to shape me into a more confident, competent, and passionate pharmacist.”

UMKC School of Pharmacy Residency Program Director, Dr. Peggy Kuehl, said that, “Although I had heard many positive things about Dr. Vetter as a student on our Columbia campus, it was not until she entered our residency program that I got to see for myself. I have been impressed with her level of maturity as she takes on all the varying roles and duties associated with being a resident. She has a wide variety of activities, including patient care through employee wellness and patient medication therapy management (MTM) services, dispensing and patient counseling, providing immunizations, developing and carrying out her residency research project, participating in UMKC’s Residents Teaching Certificate Program, community outreach, managers’ meetings, and many others. Recently Dr. Vetter and I spoke to the Pharmacy Practice Management class about MTM. Dr. Vetter presented details about the various platforms, as well as a patient case. She spoke with confidence as one who truly knows what she’s talking about. Needless to say, she was a big hit with the students!! Being Red Cross Pharmacy’s first year as a residency site, we could not have asked for a better resident. Kristin has met, and exceeded, all of our expectations!” Following the completion of her Residency program in summer 2012, Dr. Vetter said that she will be “transitioning into a pharmacist position at the Red Cross Pharmacies in Marshall, Mo. The position will be a fusion of day to day pharmacist activities and clinical pharmacist activities that will utilize my residency training to help shape the profession, and provide comprehensive patient care. I have thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and would highly recommend Community Pharmacy Residency to any student interested in community practice.”



Out of 127 schools and colleges of pharmacy in the nation, the UMKC School of Pharmacy Association of Student Pharmacists (ASP) chapter received the **2012 Chapter of the Year Award** at the March 2012 American Pharmacist Association (APhA) national conference in New Orleans, LA. Additionally, the chapter was awarded the Region 6 Operation Immunization Award for the reporting period of January 2011-May 2011.



Eamon Darbandi ('13), Ashley Capps ('13) UMKC ASP President, and K.K. Vouthy ('13) celebrate after receiving the APhA-ASP Chapter of the Year crystal award at the March 2012 conference.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy has been named one of the inaugural awardees of the **Script Your Future Medication Adherence Challenge** for student pharmacists, sponsored by the National Consumers League (NCL), the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AAPC).

The Medication Adherence Challenge is part of a public awareness campaign launched in 2011 by NCL with more than 100 public and private stakeholder organizations, including NACDS Foundation and AACP. The campaign, titled Script Your Future, seeks to raise patient awareness about the importance of taking medication as directed. Students at schools of pharmacy participated in the Challenge by engaging in community outreach activities to raise awareness about the health consequences of poor medication adherence, or not taking medication as directed. The UMKC School of Pharmacy was one of only five schools nationally to be awarded the National Challenge Award, out of 81 participating colleges and schools of pharmacy.

"Script Your Future elevates the public expectation for

medication education, which the pharmacist is well educated to provide," said Dr. Lucinda L. Maine, Executive Vice President and CEO at AACP. "Student pharmacists work directly within communities to educate patients about medication adherence that leads to people living healthier lives as exemplified by the activities of the Challenge awardees."

As a part of the challenge, UMKC student pharmacists conducted one-on-one counseling sessions with more than 3,300 patients in the Kansas City area and statewide to discuss medications and help them develop plans to better follow their prescriptions. Faculty and students also educated nearly 70 health professionals in the local community about the role pharmacists play in patient care and their ability to help patients follow their prescriptions. A fourth-year student pharmacist offered presentations to pharmacists and other health professionals at pharmacies in southern Missouri, and another helped organize an event to educate employees of a rural factory about cardiovascular disease and the importance of medication adherence.



Rachel Sass (2012), Christina Bockman (2012), Dr. Cydney McQueen (1999) and Jenny Sass (2012) display their first place awards from the National Compounding Championship.

UMKC pharmacy students have won the **Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition at the 2011 National Compounding Championship**, March 18-19 at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, FL. Our three champion competitors were **Jenny Sass, Rachel Sass, and Christina Bockman**. UMKC School of Pharmacy Associate Professor Dr. Celestin Youan, who co-coordinated the students' efforts at the competition, helped them learn the chemical prep aspects and the details of precise documentation that were key to UMKC's success at the competition.

Eight Schools of Pharmacy participated in the national competition, which included for the first time an official national compounding championship, making UMKC students the event's inaugural winners. Dr. Cydney

McQueen, SOP Clinical Associate Professor, accompanied the students to Gainesville and noted that they “did a wonderful job.” Dr. McQueen also indicated that the school’s clinical approach to treatment of the patient in the clinical case contributed to the students winning the competition. “Although the national competition had the same sections as the local competition, the level of difficulty was increased. For example, preparation of the compounded dosage forms (hand-punched capsules, a methylcellulose gel, and an ointment) included development of the formulas from the available chemicals. Each team made a simple poster on the ideal compounding regulatory environment, and then each student had to verbally present the poster. UMKC’s poster was especially popular, as it highlighted compounding as an art as well as a science, and did so ‘artistically’.”

The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Pharmacy was recently selected to receive the **2010-2011 AACP 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 award, which recognizes student-led community engagement projects. This is the fourth AACP award received by the UMKC School of Pharmacy including the Crystal Apple Award in 2007 recognizing excellence in academic/community pharmacy partnerships for experiential learning and the Student Community Engaged Service Award again in 2008, and the Transformative Community Service Award in 2010 highlighting community service.

In receiving the 2010-2011 Student Community Engaged Service Award, AACP recognized Clinical Associate Professor Crystal Obering, Pharm.D., and School of Pharmacy students Jennifer Sass ('12), Ashley Harbison ('11), Jacquelyn Constable ('12), Kristin Ripperger ('12) and Eamon Darbandi ('13) for their contributions to the UMKC Health Sciences Wellness Fair.

The UMKC Health Sciences Wellness Fair was first conceived in the summer of 2008 by a group of students wanting to make a difference in the lives of the patients in the local neighborhood. Students, faculty and staff from the UMKC Health Sciences Schools (Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy), along with volunteers from UMKC's community partners, offer a variety of services such as blood pressure, bone health and cholesterol screenings, in addition to educational information about depression, Alzheimer's disease and smoking cessation. To date, more than 1,100 patients have been served by the Wellness Fair and over \$40,000 of in-kind supplies have been acquired to offer services and screenings at no cost to the patients. "Congratulations to the entire team, and to Dr. Obering for her leadership on this project," said Russell B.

Melchert, Ph.D., dean of the School of Pharmacy. "This award brings a tremendous amount of prestige and recognition to our outstanding pharmacy program here at UMKC. I also congratulate all the faculty, staff, and students who have worked tirelessly in support of the Health Sciences Wellness Fair and our other community engagement projects."



Ashley Harbison ('11), Jennifer Sass ('12), Eamon Darbandi ('13), Jacquelyn Constable ('12) and Kristin Ripperger ('12) join Dr. Crystal Obering at the 2011 UMKC Wellness Fair, a program supporting the AACP Award.

The UMKC School of Pharmacy was recognized as one of the national winners of the **American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Immunization Champion Awards**. The awards recognize the value and extraordinary contributions pharmacists provide to improving the vaccination rates of their communities and were presented during the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition in New Orleans, LA, March 9-12, 2012. UMKC received its award in the “Partnership” Category and **Kristen L. DiDonato, Pharm.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, received the award on behalf of the School and our 20 area partnerships, including our APhA-ASP chapter.



The APhA Immunization Champion Awards cover six categories of recognition, including individual practitioners, friend of pharmacy's immunization efforts, corporation/institution, partnerships with other healthcare providers and public health, community outreach and pharmacy team member. UMKC is the national winner in the partnership category.

The UMKC School of Pharmacy was recognized for its collaborations with diverse local partners to improve immunization rates in Missouri, expand opportunities for students to participate in the immunization process and advance the profession. Through multi-faceted education

and outreach efforts, UMKC collaborated with agencies and providers across the state, resulting in countless patients being impacted. Following are a few of the initiatives and partnerships cited by APhA in UMKC's Award recognition:

- The school faculty and students played a significant immunization role in the aftermath of the Joplin tornado, supporting emergency response efforts in providing tetanus vaccinations to hundreds of Joplin citizens and volunteers.
- The school's partnership with the Kansas City Health Department resulted in the annual UMKC Health Sciences Wellness Fair, which involves student volunteers from UMKC's four health science disciplines and 12 area agencies.
- The school partnered with the UMKC and MU Schools of Nursing to administer 753 influenza vaccinations at 13 events, including student and staff health fairs on the Kansas City and Columbia campuses.

The following students were honored as the 2011 UMKC Vice Chancellor's Honor Recipients:

Stefanie Blevins Hawkins, Pharm.D. (2011)

Alexi Kanago, Pharm.D. (2011)

Deborah Raitchel, Pharm.D. (2011)

Karl Simon, Pharm.D. (2011)

These students were part of a campus-wide group of 17 students recognized as exceptional graduating students who have maintained high academic achievement while providing leadership and service to the University and our community.

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation announced that the UMKC School of Pharmacy was one of the first three beneficiaries of the "**Community Pharmacy Residency Expansion Project**" (**Community PREP**), a \$1.5 million grant program designed to expand community pharmacy residency programs for recent pharmacy school graduates.

Each of the grant recipients will receive \$50,000 over the next three years from the NACDS Foundation to support the development of a residency position for graduates of accredited schools and colleges of pharmacy.

Established in 2010, Community PREP seeks to create 30 new, fully accredited, post-graduate, year-one community pharmacy residency opportunities through grants to non-profit pharmacy schools and colleges. The grants are designed to foster the creation or expansion of a patient-focused residency program, where a faculty member or preceptor will oversee the selected pharmacy resident's learning experience at a pharmacy practice

site, according to NACDS. **Red Cross Pharmacy, Inc.** will serve as the location of the UMKC Community Residency practice site.

Brenda Danielle Nagel, Pharm.D. (2012) was selected as one of five students nationwide to receive the 2011 **Student Pharmacist One-to-One Patient Counseling Recognition Program** that honors student pharmacists who have proven themselves outstanding in the field of one-to-one patient care. The program is sponsored by Proctor and Gamble and recognized in *Pharmacy Today* magazine. This is the fifth year in a row and the sixth year overall that a UMKC School of Pharmacy student has been one of the honorees of this national award.

Sarah Riley (2014) has been elected to the position of **APhA-ASP Region 6 Member-at-Large** at their Midyear Regional Meeting. In her role, Sarah will be responsible for responding to the needs of the general membership within her region that spans six states. She will work to ensure adequate communication between chapters in regards to membership and patient care activities. Sarah will also attend the APhA-ASP Regional Officer Meeting held this coming January in Washington, D.C. and has responsibilities at the APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition.

Anne Stegeman (2013) was awarded one of 12 national **APhA Foundation Scholarships** at the American Pharmacists Association-Association of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) national conference held in March 2012 in New Orleans, LA.



Third year pharmacy students recite the "Oath of the Pharmacist" immediately after receiving their first professional white coat.

The School of Pharmacy's annual **White Coat Professional Dedication Ceremony** was held on September 23, 2011 in Kansas City to recognize the current third year pharmacy students on the Kansas City and Columbia campus locations as they begin their clinical education experience. At the ceremony, 142

students received their first professional pharmacy white coat and a gold pin symbolizing professional integrity, accountability and compassion. Donald E. Letendre, Pharm.D., Dean and Professor of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy was the featured keynote speaker for this year's program. More than 1,000 family members and guests attended this year's event held at the Paseo Academy Auditorium. UMKC School of Pharmacy thanks the **APOTEX Corporation** as our returning sponsor of this annual program.



2010-2011 APhA-ASP President K.K. Vouthy presents the school's signed thank you poster to 2011 Student Appreciation Day event sponsor representative, Frank Whitchurch, R.Ph. (1970) from Prescription Solutions.



Dean Russ Melchert visits with pharmacy students on the MU campus during Student Appreciation Day in Columbia, MO.

Kansas City and Columbia pharmacy students enjoyed **Pharmacy Student Appreciation Day** on each of their campuses in April 2011. This

annual program is arranged each year by the Pharmacy Alumni Board as one of their many programs. More than 500 students enjoyed lunch and dessert followed by the inauguration of the new APhA-ASP officers on both campuses. The School of Pharmacy and Pharmacy Alumni Board thanks **Prescription Solutions** for returning as our generous sponsor of the 2011 event for both of our School locations.

The Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the UMKC Bloch School of Management held the seventh annual **Regnier Family Foundations/Bank of Blue Valley Venture Creation Challenge** on April 29th in the new Student Union on the UMKC campus. The Venture Creation Challenge encourages student venture creation through a forum in which students can present business plans and

new venture concepts to local investors, business leaders and entrepreneurs.

Out of 68 participating teams, 15 teams received awards including School of Pharmacy student **Scott Halvorson, Pharm.D.** (2011). Scott's team received the "Highest Potential Award" for their invention "SmartPharm," a startup venture with a focus on increasing medication adherence. SmartPharm helps Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) reduce clients' healthcare costs by improving medication adherence through patient-facing pharmacy and medication-related technology.



The UMKC chapter of **Kappa Epsilon Professional Pharmacy Fraternity** presented a check for \$5,300 to the Young Survivor Coalition of Kansas City at their November 2011 meeting in support of their local programs. The fraternity raised funds for their annual gift to YSC through events such as their annual "Bowling for Breast Cancer," the KE Bake Sale, raffle ticket sales, and by selling calendars and tickets to Chief's games. YSC provides outreach efforts to educate young women about breast cancer as well as provide support to young Kansas City breast cancer survivors.



The **Kappa Psi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity** held their annual "**Volley for Charity**" tournament on April 16, 2011 to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Thirty-six teams signed up for the 2011 tournament and more than \$4,500 was donated to the Society through this year's efforts.

The following pharmacy students were recognized and honored at the 2011 UMKC Women's Council Graduate Assistance Awards Luncheon on March 15, 2011, for achievement with their current academic work:

Megha Baret

Major: Pharmaceutical Science
 Primary Degree: Ph.D. (Interdisciplinary)
 Project Title: Mitochondrial localization and activity of efflux and influx transporters on corneal epithelial cells for intracellular drug targeting

Jwala Jwala

Major: Pharmaceutics and drug delivery
 Primary Degree: Ph.D. (interdisciplinary)
 Project Title: Development and Characterization of Sustained Release Formulations for Stereoisomeric Di-Peptide Prod rugs of Acyclovir

Ashaben Patel

Major: Pharmaceutical Science
 Primary Degree: Ph.D. (Interdisciplinary)
 Project Title: Development of lucentis loaded PLGA nanoparticles for the treatment of age related macular degeneration

Jennifer Sass

Major: Pharmacy
 Primary Degree: Pharm.D.
 Project Title: Honduras Interdisciplinary Medicine Rotation Experience July 17-31, 2011

Viral Tamboli

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Primary Degree: Ph.D. (Interdisciplinary)
 Project Title: Novel nanoparticle and thermosensitive gel based drug delivery approach for glaucoma therapy

Divya Teja Vavilala

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Primary Degree: Ph.D. (Interdisciplinary)
 Project Title: Request for funding for pipettes to aid my physical condition MMA



Kristin Stoughton (2013) administers Dean Russ Melchert's influenza immunization at the fall 2011 UMKC Health and Wellness screening day.

Class of 2011 Doctor of Pharmacy Residency Appointments

Barnes-Jewish Hospital
 St. Louis, MO

Aaron Hartmann

Bay Pines Veteran's Administration
 Bay Pines, FL

Alexi Kanago

Children's Hospital
 Philadelphia, PA

Rachel Hughes

Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics'
 Kansas City, MO

Bryan Armstrong

Cox Medical Center
 Springfield, MO

Cassie Koetting

Coventry Health Care of KS
 Overland Park, KS

Patrick Ndegwa

Duke University Hospital
 Durham, NC

Stephanie Blevins Hawkins

Heartland Regional Medical Center
 St. Joseph, MO

Mary Schmidt

Intermountain Health Care
 Salt Lake City, UT

Troung Nguyen

Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center
 Kansas City, MO

Lisa Cerutti

Malissa Miller

Kosair Children's Hospital
 Louisville, KY

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Ashley Ricketts

Missouri Baptist Medical Center
 St. Louis, MO

Brian Lee

Regence Pharmacy
 Portland, OR

Bridget Flavin

Shawnee Mission Medical Center
Overland Park, KS

Travis Kremmin
Emily Thomas

St. Luke's Hospital
Kansas City, MO

Ashley Harbison
Chantal McMMain

Truman Medical Center
Kansas City, MO

Chris Sisson
Jillian King
Derick Miranda

UMKC Community Residency Program

**Kristin Herman Vetter – Red Cross Community
Pharmacy**

UMKC Drug Information Center
Kansas City, MO

Mark Beier - Fellowship
Amy Pope

UMKC Public Health - KC Free Health Clinic
Kansas City, MO

Sara Deppe

University of KS Medical Center
Kansas City, KS

Huong Tran

University of MO Hospitals & Clinics
Columbia, MO

Tyler Kenney
Cassandra Peters

University of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT

Kyle Cline

University of Illinois-Chicago
Chicago, IL

Deborah RaitheI

University Health System
San Antonio, TX

Rose Sohraby

Veteran's Administration Medical Center
Omaha, NE

Darin Henley



Becky Lai receives her first professional coat from **Dr. Bill Gutheil** at the **2011 Professional Dedication Ceremony**.

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FACULTY PROMOTIONS

The School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the promotion of the following faculty members:

Linda S. Garavalia, Ph.D., to associate dean for academic affairs. Dr. Garavalia is responsible for the planning, development, oversight, and administration of the school's academic affairs. She oversees academic standards and progression, program accreditation management, academic scheduling, curricular and programmatic assessment, continuing professional development, and other academic-related services for the school. In addition, she makes recommendations regarding the budgets for assessment, continuing professional development, and other academic resources.



Dr. Garavalia joined the school in 2009 as the assistant dean of assessment and planning. Prior to joining the school, Dr. Garavalia was a professor in the College of Arts & Sciences in the Psychology Department. In addition to serving as the associate dean for academic affairs, she is a tenured full professor in the division of pharmacy practice and administration.

Patricia A. Marken, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPP to associate dean for student affairs. She is responsible for the planning, development, oversight, and administration of the school's student affairs. She oversees the recruitment, admissions, progression and retention initiatives. She also provides administrative oversight and support to the student organizations. Dr. Marken joined the school in 1988 and was chair of the division of pharmacy practice and administration from 1999 until 2008. In addition to serving as the associate dean for student affairs, she is a tenured full professor in the division of pharmacy practice and administration.



The College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) membership has elected **Ellie Elliott, Pharm.D., BCPP**, Residency Director and Clinical Psychiatric Pharmacist for the Center for Behavioral Medicine as their incoming Secretary for the Board of Directors for the 2012-2014 term.

Maureen Knell, Pharm.D. (1993) participated in a faculty exchange program to the University of the Western Cape (UWC) in Cape Town, South Africa, in January 2011. Dr. Knell was hosted by Ehimario Igumbor, MPH, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer for the School of Public Health at UWC who in turn was hosted by Dr. Knell at the UMKC School of Pharmacy in the summer of 2010. The University of Missouri South African Education Program (UMSAEP) provided grant funding for Drs. Knell and Igumbor to participate in this exchange. The program was established in 1986 with the purpose of advancing mutual understanding between the institution's faculties and foster collaboration and cooperation in teaching, research and service. Dr. Knell and Igumbor's exchange involved exploring similarities and



differences between epidemiology, diagnosis, assessment and treatment of chronic pain in the United States and South Africa.

Dr. Ehimario Igumbor and Dr. Maureen Knell

Cameron C. Lindsey, Pharm.D., BC-ADM, CDE, BCACP (1998) was selected as the 2011 recipient of the **Kappa Epsilon/Merck Vanguard Leadership Award** through the KE Foundation. This award honors an exemplary pharmacist for multiple achievements within the discipline.

Leigh Ann Nelson, Pharm.D., BCPP ('93, '95) received the "**Original Research Award**" at the 2011 College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CNAP) Annual Meeting for her project titled "Medication Adherence, Lipid and Glycemic Control in Patients with Psychotic Disorders Compared to Patients Without Psychiatric Illness Receiving Care in a Veterans Affairs Medical System."

Andrew J. Smith, Pharm.D., BCPS (2000) received the 2012 **Rho Chi National Faculty Advisor of the Year Award** and the **Rho Chi Region VI Counselor Award** at the American Pharmacist Association (APhA) national conference held in March 2012 in New Orleans, LA.

2010 Campus Academic promotions:
Cameron Lindsey, Pharm.D. to Professor
Linda Garavalia, Ph.D. to Professor
Robert Piepho, Ph.D., FCP to Dean Emeritus

2011 Campus Academic promotions:
Mostafa Badr, Ph.D. to Professor
Chi Lee, Ph.D. to Professor
Rafia Rasu, Ph.D. to Associate Professor with Tenure

The following staff members have been honored at recent **UMKC Celebrating Excellence** campus-wide awards ceremonies recognizing achievements in teaching, research, student success, diversity and community services:

2011 Human Resources Campus Collaboration Staff Award

Nancy Bahner

2012 Student Affairs' Student Mentor Staff Award

Yvonne McCommon



Nancy Bahner receives the 2011 award from Associate Vice Chancellor Carol Hintz and Chancellor Leo Morton.



Yvonne McCommon receives the 2012 award from Chancellor Leo Morton and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Mel Tyler.

The 2010-2011 UMKC School of Pharmacy **Teacher of the Year Awards** were presented at the Achievers of Excellence Awards in October 2011. Pharmacy students in each professional class, years one through four, are given the opportunity to select teachers who taught their class in a required course during the academic year and judge them based on his/her teaching ability, approach inside and outside the classroom, and his/her impact on the students' future careers. The honorees selected by class year are:

Class of 2015

Dr. Kathleen Kilway (Chemistry)

Class of 2014

Simon Friedman, Ph.D.

Class of 2013

Mostafa Badr, Ph.D.

Class of 2012

Brooke Patterson, PharmD, BCPS



Dr. Roger Sommi receives the 2011 Saklad Award from CPNP President and UMKC School of Pharmacy Practice and Administration Chair, Dr. Steve Stoner.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce that **Roger W. Sommi, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPP**, Professor of Pharmacy and Psychiatry, has been awarded the **2011 Judith J. Saklad Award** from the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP). This award is presented annually to a senior psychiatric pharmacy practitioner who has achieved a level of professional distinction, represents the qualities and ideals of professional enthusiasm, displays a passion for optimizing patient care, and demonstrates continuing dedication to the practice of psychiatric pharmacy. The Saklad Award was presented to Dr. Sommi on May 2 during the 2011 CPNP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Ariz.

Dr. Sommi teaches and practices as part of the Psychopharmacy Research and Education Program at the Center for Behavioral Medicine, one of UMKC's affiliated health institutions. His area of research interest is primarily in outcomes associated with drug treatment of schizophrenia and other psychiatric disorders. He is a consultant with several community mental health centers and is involved with the local Kansas City chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness as an instructor in the Crisis Intervention Team training program for local law enforcement agencies.



Dr. Patricia Marken, Ashley Crowl, Dr. Tatum Mead, Dr. Rafia Rasu, K.K. Vouthy, Sudheer Bobba and Dr. Bill Gutheil celebrate following the 2011 UMKC Apple Polisher Awards.

UMKC's Student Government Association held the First Annual **Apple Polisher Award** banquet on April 13, 2011. Twenty seven faculty and staff received awards at the 2011 event, including the following Pharmacy Faculty members:

- William Gutheil, Ph.D.**
- Patricia Marken, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPP**
- Tatum Mead, Pharm.D.**
- Rafia Rasu, Ph.D.**

The Apple Polisher Award honors our outstanding faculty and staff. Student Senators and Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) members selected one member of the faculty or staff who has made a significant impact on students' lives, professionally, academically or personally. In many cases, award nominees were a mixture of all three.

The 2011 **UMKC Health Sciences Research Summit** was held on Thursday, April 21st in the Health Sciences Building. Student poster presentations from the Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing, Medicine, Dentistry and Biological Sciences were featured in the day-long program. Keynote speakers for the Welcome session included Ashim K. Mitra, Ph.D., Chair of 2011 Health Sciences Research Summit; Russell B. Melchert, Ph.D., Dean, School of Pharmacy; Ronald A. MacQuarrie, Ph.D., Dean, School of Graduate Studies; Leo Morton, Chancellor, and The Honorable Judy Baker, Region 7 Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The program presented 118 abstracts in the following categories:

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| Clinical, Behavioral & Practice Research | 24 |
| Medicinal and Biological Sciences | 38 |
| Pharmaceutical Sciences | 43 |
| Pharmacology & Toxicology | 12 |

The student poster winners were:

Clinical, Behavioral & Practice Research
Brenda Danielle Nagel, Pharm.D. (2012)

Medicinal and Biological Sciences
Piyush Jain
Christa Montgomery
Ryan Huyck

Pharmaceutical Sciences
Bin Qin
Sujay Shah
Ramya Vadlapatla

Pharmacology and Toxicology
Ankit Shah

With the expansion of the program, the 2012 Research Summit on April 19th will also be held in the School of Medicine and School of Dentistry buildings as well as the Health Science Building.



Ronald A. MacQuarrie, Ph.D, Russell Melchert, Ph.D., Ashim Mitra, Ph.D., the Honorable Judy Baker, and Chancellor Leo Morton gather at the 2011 Health Sciences Research Summit.



Dr. Ibrahima Youm, Pharmaceutical Sciences post doctoral student, discusses his poster with Ravi Vaishya, Pharmaceutical Sciences graduate student.

2010 & 2011 Alumni Reunion Weekends

Celebrating 125 Years of Pharmaceutical Excellence

The School of Pharmacy celebrated its 125th year anniversary on October 9, 2010, with a gala program held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. The evening was hosted by Event Chairs Laurie and Rocky Levell, R.Ph. (1979) with the Pharmacy Alumni Board honoring Robert W. Piepho, Dean Emeritus, as their Alumni Award recipient for 2010, and Steve Erickson, R.Ph. (1975) receiving the 2010 Mathew "Bill" Wilson Alumnus of the Year Award. A historical video of the School of Pharmacy created in partnership with EPIC Entertainment, "125 Years of Pharmaceutical Excellence: Celebrating our Past, Present and Future," was enjoyed by all attendees present.

The UMKC School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce that our video, **"125 Years of Pharmaceutical Excellence: Celebrating our Past, Present and Future"** received a 2011 **"Telly Award"** for Excellence in a Non-Broadcast – Charitable Not-for-Profit Presentation. Founded in 1978 and located in New York City, the Telly Awards are an annual national competition honoring the very best in local, regional, and cable television commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions.



Steve Erickson receives the Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year Award from Foundation President Matt Hartwig.



Event Chair Rocky Levell (1979) is thanked by Alumni Board President John Witt (1999) for his help in the 125th Year Celebration event.

SAVE THE DATE!

2012 School of Pharmacy Alumni Weekend

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Pharmacy Alumni Reunion Weekend, October 12-13. Watch your mail this summer for more information. To help arrange your class reunion, please contact our offices at 816-235-2409.

Alumni members honored by both UMKC and the School of Pharmacy

The School celebrated its 2011 Pharmacy Alumni Reunion Weekend September 30-October 1st with a Friday night alumni social in the newly remodeled Katz Hall, the former home to the UMKC School of Pharmacy. The Board hosted three continuing education courses on Saturday morning provided by Dr. Andy Smith (2000), and Robert W. Piepho, Dean Emeritus. The Alumni Board completed a successful weekend of activities with the annual Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday evening at the Brio Tuscan Grille in Kansas City, MO. Dr. Wayne Brown was celebrated for providing 40 years of teaching and service to the UMKC School of Pharmacy, and Shelly Janasz was recognized for 25 years of service.

The following alumni were honored during the dinner with the 2011 Pharmacy Alumni Service Awards:

Pharmacy Alumni Service: **Kermit J. Fendler, Pharm.D.** (1977)

Community Pharmacy Service: **Dennis R. Bond, R.Ph.** (1970)

Health System Pharmacy Service: **Richard J. Couldry, M.S., R.Ph.** (1994)

Pharmacy Industry: **Mark T. Sullinger, Pharm.D.** (1983, 2004)

Professional Service to Pharmacy: **The Honorable David D. Sater, R.Ph.** (1972)



Alumni Board President Amy Sipe (1999) presents the Health System Award to Rick Couldry.



Alumni Board member Phil King (1995) presents the Industry Award to Mark Sullinger



Alumni Board member John Witt (1999) presents the Community Service Award to Dennis Bond.



Alumni Board member Doug Hall (2001) presents the Alumni Service Award to Dr. Kermit Fendler.



Foundation President Matt Hartwig (1992) presents the Professional Service Award to David Sater.

Welcome!



As President of the UMKC Pharmacy Alumni Board, I am pleased to let you know that as a graduate of the School of Pharmacy, you are automatically a member of the UMKC Alumni Association. We welcome your involvement in the activities and programs of both UMKC and the Pharmacy Alumni Association. The Pharmacy Alumni Board plans programs and events each year that specifically support current pharmacy students and alumni through awareness, involvement, and support to our School. Some of our events include our Pharmacy Alumni Reunion Weekend, Pharmacy Student Appreciation Days, the Alumni Wine Tasting Event, Pharmacy Tiger-Roo Tailgate in Columbia, support for the Pharmacy Foundation Golf Tournament and for the campus-wide UMKC Alumni Achievement Awards each spring.

Please feel free to contact the Alumni Office at the UMKC School of Pharmacy at 816-235-2409 for more information on how you, too, can become more involved in your alma mater. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming UMKC Alumni event.

Sincerely,

Amy Sipe, R.Ph. (Class of 1999)
President
UMKC Pharmacy Alumni Board



Colleen and Dr. Salvatore Enna ('67, '70) join their friends and the 2012 Pharmacy honoree, Judith and Dr. Samuel Strada ('64, '68)

UMKC celebrated the 2011 Alumni Achievement Awards on Wednesday, April 27th honoring alumni members from every School on the UMKC campus for excellence in alumni success and their support to the University. The 2011 Alumni Achievement honoree from the School of Pharmacy was **Samuel J. Strada, Ph.D.** (1964, 1968). Following the campus-wide luncheon event, Dr. Strada presented an open forum question-and-answer session with School of Pharmacy students to discuss his career in pharmacy and education. The School of Pharmacy and Pharmacy Alumni Board hosted a closing reception at the Health Sciences Building for Dr. Strada and the pharmacy students in attendance.



2012 UMKC Alumni Awards

The School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce that **The Honorable David D. Sater, R.Ph.** (1972) is our honoree for the 2012 Award luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 26th. In addition, Pharmacy will receive the 2012 Legacy Award campus award honoring the **Hartwig** family for their contributions to the pharmacy profession, their community and the University. For more information on the 2012 Awards luncheon, please contact our offices at 816-235-2409.

The School of Pharmacy congratulates our 2011 and 2012 UMKC Alumni honorees!

1950's



William E. Osborn, R.Ph., (1956), received the 2010 "Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year" award from the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). Presented at the national NCPA conference in Philadelphia, the Simmons award recognizes an independent pharmacist for exemplary leadership and commitment to independent pharmacy and to his or her community. Willie has been the owner of Osborn Drugs in Miami, OK, since 1971 and currently has 23 pharmacies with 16 partners in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. He has helped over a dozen young pharmacists become independent pharmacy owners and currently practices with his son, Bill Osborn, at their downtown Miami pharmacy. Joseph Harrison, NCPA president said, "Willie Osborn is a very deserving recipient of the Simmons award because of the quality of services he provides patients, the impact he has on the community he lives in and his long-standing efforts to grow the ranks of independent community pharmacy owners by partnering with young entrepreneurs looking to break into the business." Willie is a proud member of the Miami community and has taken on a number of civic projects, including the complete restoration of the local Coleman Theater. In reflecting on his life and his award, Willie credits his professional colleagues, competitors, and working with family members for his success. "Everything I do I learned from someone else.....from NCPA and my mentors. I also feel very strongly that the gift of working with your son in your business is a big deal. It makes you understand and also to be able to hand down to the next generation."

1970's



Donald R. Brown, R.Ph. (1971) was featured in the August 2011 edition of the Missouri "Wing beat" magazine for creating a custom display of 26 duck decoys in celebration of Ducks Unlimited 75th anniversary. Known as the "Flyaway Collection", the display includes 25 species of decoys representing the primary migratory waterfowl of the Central and Mississippi Flyways including four Geese, ten Puddle Ducks, seven Diver Ducks, three Mergansers, a loon and a coot.

Stephen W. Schondelmeyer, Pharm.D., MA, Pub.Adm., Ph.D., FAPhA (1974) received the "2012 Hubert H. Humphrey Award" from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) in recognition for APhA members who have made major contributions in government and/or legislative service at the local, state or national level. Dr. Schondelmeyer received his award at the March 2012 national convention in New Orleans, LA.

R.W. (Bob) Rauch, R.Ph. (1974) was featured in an Independence, MO *Examiner* article for the locally produced honey that comes from his Five Oaks Farm in Higginsville, MO. Rauch's bee hives produce about 15,000 pounds of honey a year and it is then sold at area groceries, farm stands and farmer's markets. His farm is known for producing both honey and Christmas trees. In addition to farming, Rauch practices pharmacy with Red Cross Pharmacy in Higginsville.

Alan Carter, Pharm.D. ('79, '02) has been appointed as the Inaugural Chair of the Kansas Diabetes Action Council for 2011-2012. Dr. Carter will be involved in identifying and approaching new partners about becoming involved in the Kansas Diabetes Plan as the Council migrates from a state-directed effort toward a community directed state supported, diabetes education and health information program.

1990's

Chris A. Gentry, Pharm.D., BCPS (1991) and his research colleagues received the "2010 Drug Therapy Research Award" from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Foundation for their project, "Adverse Outcomes Demonstrated for Drotrecogin Alfa (Activated) in Septic Patients with Baseline Bleeding Precautions." The ASHP Drug Therapy Research Award recognizes outstanding original contributions to the peer-reviewed, primary, biomedical literature that address the therapeutic uses of medications. These can include studies of efficacy, effectiveness, safety, pharmacokinetics, pharmacogenomics, and other pharmacology, toxicology and pharmaceutical sciences research.

Ameneh Pazireh, R.Ph. (1992) and her husband, Ahmed M. Awad, MD (A&S '89) were featured in a February 2012 article of the *Kansas City Star* for helping to redevelop a block in Kansas City's Westport neighborhood by creating several new business ventures. Pazireh and Awad are partnering with Farrah Zaery, DDS (DEN '91) and her husband by opening a pizzeria and bakery, a café and a lounge. Pazireh, Awad, Zaery and her husband established UC1 LLC as their redevelopment corporation for the 39th & Broadway areas of Kansas City.

Antoine Richardson, Pharm.D. (1998) was recently ordained as a Youth Pastor at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO. He has served as their Youth Pastor since May 2000 and joined the church staff in 2003. In addition to overseeing the Nursery, Children's, and Teen Ministries, Dr. Richardson oversees the Scholarship Ministry and serves as a Senior High Sunday School teacher. Prior to entering the ministry on a full-time basis, Dr. Richardson served as Assistant Director of the UMKC School of Pharmacy Drug Information Center and as a faculty member.

2000's

Mary Euler, Pharm.D. (2001) was selected as a Fellow by the American Pharmacists Association. (APhA) She is one of only ten pharmacists in the nation being honored as a fellow in 2011. According to APhA, Fellows are "members of either the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management or the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science, who have a minimum of ten years of professional experience and have demonstrated progressive, exemplary service and achievement through service to APhA academies and other national, state, and local professional organizations." Dr. Euler is currently the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy and joined their faculty after having served 21 years as a faculty member and Associate Dean at the UMKC School of Pharmacy.



Melinda (Mindy) Throm Burnworth, Pharm.D., BCPS (2001) was recognized as the 2010 Pharmacist of the Year at the Arizona Pharmacy Alliance annual meeting. The Pharmacist of the Year award is sponsored by Pfizer and presented to an Arizona pharmacist who has actively demonstrated outstanding leadership and service for AzPA or for the profession of pharmacy in Arizona during the previous year. Dr. Burnworth is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Midwestern University College of Pharmacy-Glendale in Glendale, AZ and joined their faculty in 2003.

Thomas B. Gregory, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP, CPE (2004) was awarded the 2010 Clinical Pain Educator of the Year Award by the American Society of Pain Educators. The Clinical award recognizes an outstanding educator who serves as a community opinion leader in the field of pain management. Dr. Gregory is a clinical staff pharmacist with Truman Medical Center, an academic medical center in Kansas City, MO, treating patients regardless of their ability to pay. He works closely with the sickle cell population and currently serves as the corporate pain committee co-chair. He is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, MO.

Isaac Butler, Pharm.D. (2006) has joined the Board of Directors of Boys Hope Girls Hope of St. Louis, MO. Boys Hope Girls Hope, founded in St. Louis in 1977, is a non-profit residential and educational children's services agency that provides academically capable children from disadvantaged backgrounds with an education in top-rated private schools, safe and secure home environments, and academic, financial, and psychological support through college. Dr. Butler is currently the Director of Clinical Program Management at Express Scripts of St. Louis, MO.

Allison King, Pharm.D. (2006) was selected by the KU School of Pharmacy class of 2011 as their "Preceptor of the Year". Dr. King is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy and a Drug Information Specialist at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, KS. Dr. King teaches both a Drug Information course and an APPE rotation in Drug Information.

Julie (Mohrfeld) Astor, Pharm.D. (2010) was inducted into the UMKC Hall of Fame in January 2012 for her achievements with the UMKC Kangaroo Women's Volleyball team from 1997-2000. Dr. Astor was noted for making the Mid-Continent Conference First Team an unprecedented three times as well as being selected as an all-conference tournament pick as a senior. She was also recognized for playing in 110 consecutive matches during her volleyball career at UMKC.

The following alumni were honored at the 2011 Missouri Pharmacy Association conference in June:

Awards & Recognition:

Pharmacist Making A Difference: **Sherri James, Pharm.D. (2000)**

Faculty Award: **Valerie Ruehner, Pharm.D., BCCP ('93, '05)**

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New Arrivals

1990's

Traer (LAW) and Rick Galyean (1998) welcomed the birth of their son **Richard Alan Galyean, Jr.** on August 5, 2010.

Alex and Erin (Christensen) Rachmiel (1999) welcomed daughter **Catherine** on November 18, 2010.

Monica (Beck) Schaefer (1999) and **R. Spencer Schaefer** (1999) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Anasten Alee** on August 19, 2010.

2000's

Ellen and N. Seth Berry (2000) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Nora Frances** on February 5, 2012.

John and Kimberly (Hammond) Davis (2000) welcomed the birth of their son **Tyson Cole**, on February 28, 2011.

Mark (LAW) and Amy Kille (2001) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Brooke Rose** on July 21, 2010.

Ryan and Lindsey (Closson) Klusman (2002) welcomed twins **Parker and Laney** on November 15, 2010.



Travis and Michaela (Erickson) Curtis (2003) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Maya Kay** on August 11, 2011.

Spencer and Sarah Boyd (2004) welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Sophia French** on March 2, 2012.

Jana (Robinson) (2005) and **David Brown** (2004) welcomed the birth of their

Maya Kay Curtis

daughter **Emery** on September 2, 2010.

Matt (LAW) and Amanda (Roberts) Heeren (2005) welcomed daughter **Brynley Ryan** on August 28, 2011.

Jared and Ann (Wemhoff) Hils (2005) welcomed the birth of their son **Garrett** on February 29, 2011.

Lakesha and Isaac Butler (2006) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Kennedy** on January 5, 2011.

Steven and Clarissa Hall (2006) welcomed the birth of their son **Brody Thomas** on April 4, 2011.

Adam and Kimberly Schaffer (2006) welcomed son **Henry Edward** on February 15, 2012.

Jacob (2007) and **Elizabeth (Bellmer) Kettle** (2008) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Lillian Grace** on December 3, 2010.

Elaine (Fries) (2007) and **Ricky Ogden** (2007) welcomed the birth of **Victoria Marie** on February 16, 2011.

DJ and Sarah (Kolosick) Suppes (2007) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Tinzley Lynn** on November 22, 2010.

Todd and Betsy (Powers) Reynolds (2008) welcomed the birth of their son, **Kemper Powers** on August 8, 2011.

Sunitha Asapu and Sai Hanuman Sagar Boddu (Ph.D., 2010) welcomed the birth of their son **Vatsal** on August 18, 2011.

Jenna and Scott Halvorson (2011) welcomed the birth of their son **Noah Zion** on May 15, 2011.

Pharmacy Faculty and Staff

Polina Shaposhnyk and William G. Gutheil (faculty) welcomed the birth of their son **Damian William** on July 17, 2010.

Jake and Ashley Ismert (staff) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Gracie Mae** on December 2, 2011.

Jenny and Bryce Puntteney (staff) welcomed the birth of their son **Crosby Lee** on September 30, 2011.



Dawn Else and Jennifer Crosby Lee Puntteney Santee (faculty) welcomed the birth of their daughter **Cadence Grace Else-Santee** on January 27, 2011.

In Memoriam

1940's

Clifford A. Parish, Jr., class of 1948, November 27, 2010

1950's

John "Kelly" Goodwin, class of 1950, February 14, 2012

Donald Lee Short, class of 1950, July 25, 2011

William Kenneth Street, class of 1950, August 10, 2010

Samuel Frederick (Fred) Bruns, class of 1951, August 16, 2011

Francis Paul "Bud" Bisceglia, class of 1953, November 6, 2010

Bobbie Lee (Bishop) Kountz, class of 1954, April 28, 2011

George E. Sims, class of 1954, January 22, 2011

Fayette Shields Baker, class of 1956, May 6, 2011

Ann (Koreck) Justus, class of 1958, October 15, 2011

James Edward Welling, class of 1959, September 25, 2010

1960's

Thomas J. Anderson, class of 1965, October 10, 2011

Carl Duane Haines, class of 1968, September 29, 2010

Kenneth W. Solomon, class of 1969, June 14, 2011

1970's

Robert Michael Davis, class of 1973, March 1, 2011

Rebecca Ann (Demarest) Johnson, class of 1973, November 20, 2011

Gregory Eugene Mitchell, class of 1974, October 16, 2011

Rhonda Marie Grebing, class of 1977, December 22, 2010

1980's

Gregory A. Wright, class of 1980, October 8, 2010

Dennis W. Jarecke, Sr., class of 1985, December 25, 2010

Friends of the UMKC School of Pharmacy

Larry O. Denny, widower of Dr. Toni Sena (1978), March 7, 2012

Cheryl H. Guastello, April 8, 2011

Alberta McGee, mother of Mitzi McGee (1977), January 21, 2011

Lucille P. Wilson, widow of Mathew "Bill" Wilson, January 27, 2012.

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JOPLIN 2011: FROM T



May 22, 2011, was a warm, humid, typical Sunday in Joplin, MO with a variety of events scheduled for the day, including Joplin High School's graduation ceremony. More than 6,000 family members and friends attended the annual event held at Missouri Southern State University's Athletic Center at 4:00 p.m., and the rest of city's 50,000 residents were involved in similar, ordinary springtime activities. At 5:41 p.m., the lives of these Joplin residents would be

Columbia campus pharmacy students Ryan Baker ('12), Jessica Luebbering ('15), and Sarah Riley ('14) assist with collecting supplies for the Joplin relief effort.

changed forever as the town was hit by a multi-vortex tornado exceeding over a mile in width and wind speeds of more than 200 mph. Rated as an EF5 on the meteorological scale as the most damaging tornado known to man, the

Joplin twister destroyed more than 8,000 homes, displaced more than 18,000 citizens from their residences, injured thousands of individuals and caused 161 deaths in its 38 minutes on the ground. Among the countless number of structures that were affected, Joplin High School, St. John's Mercy Hospital and their surrounding medical offices took direct hits by the tornado as it entered the city, severely damaging or destroying each structure and ending nearly all power and communication abilities for the survivors.

In the immediate aftermath and the days, weeks, and months to come first responders from both the local community and surrounding towns poured into Joplin to help in the rescue and recovery efforts. Faculty, staff, students and alumni from the UMKC School of Pharmacy were part of these first responders and provided

Dr. Kathy Snella, Melissa Luechtefeld ('15), Lianne Knipp ('13), and Madison Roberts ('13) from the Columbia campus volunteer on-site in Joplin.

services ranging from setting up the emergency dispensary located at Missouri Southern State University to working in the field clearing debris, chopping up trees, removing them from homes, and the survivor search and rescue operation. **Dr. Steve Stoner**, Pharmacy Practice and Administration Division Chair for the UMKC School of Pharmacy, organized trips involving numerous pharmacy faculty members who wanted to help with the recovery effort and continued to arrange those weekly trips until the

first of July. UMKC pharmacy student **Sarah Riley** (2014) mobilized her fellow students in collecting donations and supplies and encouraging them to sign up for the numerous relief trips to Joplin that would occur in the coming weeks. And as recovery efforts unfolded in the first few days following the tragedy, many volunteer hands were needed to transport medical supplies to the newly designated pharmacy dispensary site for emergency care.

Dr. Kathleen Snella, Associate Dean for the UMKC School of

Pharmacy at MU, said that, "On May 27 and 28 we were ready to move the MSSU dispensary over to the Access Family Care dispensary so we needed to inventory all of the donated medications, box, load, transport, and then unload, organize, and set up at the new clinic

Dr. Cameron Lindsey ('98) and Ngoc-Bich "Bit" Vo ('14) assist with tornado clean-up in Joplin, Mo.

location. We had three fully loaded SUV/pick-up trucks of donated medications when we caravanned to the new clinic. Each donated medication had to be tracked...all while actively caring for the patients at the medical clinic at the same time. Among the many pharmacy faculty and alumni members who were there were Dr.



Tragedy to Recovery

Brenna Neumann (2001), Dr. Maureen Knell (1993), Dr. Daniel Aistrope, Dr. Patrick Clay, Dr. Sarah (2010) and Dr. Tyler Dodson (2007), Tim Mitchell (1996), and Travis Fitzwater all helped out and **Dr. Cameron Lindsey (1998) and Dr. Valerie Ruehter ('93,'05)** also joined us on Saturday. There were so many people helping out that I've definitely forgotten to include everyone in the list."

Alumnus **Dr. Missy Wilson (1998)** felt that "my experience with our tetanus shot brigade was humbling. Walking through piles of shredded homes to give injections to people clearing all manner of rubble with hands, shovels, chain saws, etc., was an essential ingredient to helping the job to get done safely. In the two days I assisted in giving injections I know we gave somewhere on the order of 250 shots. It was also very eye opening in terms of seeing the heart of our country and how we come together for a common cause. I met, injected and talked with people from at least 15 states just in that 8 hour period. The force with which nature destroyed a large part of the city of Joplin cannot compare to the valor of the first responders, the strength of the survivors and the heart of each and every volunteer who made time to be a part of helping Joplin clean up, repair and rebuild." Countless donations from individuals and corporations including Red Cross Pharmacies and Express Scripts Foundation also helped support the cause of recovery and rebuilding in the Joplin community.

Tim Mitchell ('96) of Neosho, Mo., prepares medication for the volunteers and site workers as part of the pharmacy support following the Joplin tornado.



St. John's Mercy Hospital staff pharmacists and UMKC alumni members **Dr. Sarah Boyd (2004)**, Clinical Coordinator, and **Dr. Amelia Honey (2003)**,

Clinical Specialist, witnessed both the devastation of the tornado and the healing that came from a community committed to recovery. Dr. Boyd was the first staff pharmacist from Mercy to arrive at Joplin Memorial Hall and worked with the nurses and other pharmacists on site to bring medications out of the damaged hospital, and then along with the Sisters of Mercy, the DEA and the MO State Board of Pharmacy to ensure a continuous supply of medicine for emergency patients. Dr. Honey felt that "We have had to learn to be very adaptable since May 22. Within seven days of the tornado, Mercy had a field hospital up and running near the site of the damaged hospital. It was an interesting experience to work there for a few weeks until the temporary hospital was constructed. (After several more moves), we are looking forward to yet another move into our modular hospital the beginning of April, and this is our last planned move until our new hospital opens up in about three years." On a personal note, Dr. Honey added that "My husband and I were both born and raised in this area. It was hard to see the devastation caused by the events of May 22, but we have never been prouder of our roots. Watching this community come together to help each other in the days and months that followed the tornado has been amazing." Dr. Boyd agreed with having these same feelings in the weeks that followed the tragedy and said that she and their other staff colleagues "have been so busy 'doing' that there hasn't been much of an opportunity to reflect on where we have come from. From this tragedy, I feel like we have an opportunity as well as an obligation to become bigger and better than ever. So, as a pharmacy department during this time of re-growth...we are working on the growing."

Dr. Valerie Ruehter ('93, '05), Dr. Cameron Lindsey ('98), Ryan Baker ('12), Sarah Riley ('14), Karly Bennett, an AmeriCorps volunteer team leader and Ngoc-Bich "Bit" Vo ('14) worked as part of the Joplin tornado clean-up and recovery team.



Dr. Valerie Ruehter ('93,'05) and Ryan Baker ('12) assist with tornado clean-up in Joplin, Mo.





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David ('77) and Sheree Starrett ('77) find a new home for their pharmacy practice in Joplin following the devastation to their former location on East 20th Street.



The remainder of the Starrett's former pharmacy location on East 20th Street after debris clean-up.

Several UMKC Pharmacy alumni/Joplin residents were profoundly affected by the storm, including class of 1977 members, **David and Sheree Starrett**. Owners of the "Medicine Shoppe of Joplin" since 1984, they learned on a road trip back home from Kansas City that their pharmacy located on East 20th Street had been leveled and was a total loss. David described their recovery as "a very surreal experience, and we were certainly flooded with emotions. We made phone calls to our Medicine Shoppe business consultant that Sunday evening before arriving back in Joplin, and then on Monday morning, we had five people from Medicine Shoppe Corporation and Cardinal Health sitting in our kitchen wanting to know what we were going to do and offering all kinds of help and assistance. After a short time of thinking 'it's time to give it up', it didn't take long for us to realize that we had to come back, not just for ourselves, but our employees and patients as well." David and Sheree said that "the week after the tornado was one of the longest weeks we can recall....20 hour days...many helping hands, and a lot of prayer. We opened back up five days after the tornado hit and were fortunate enough to find the perfect building to lease. We had lots of help...we took what normally could be a 4 to 6 month process in opening up a new location and made it in five days. We were actually the first business that was destroyed to open back up after the tornado."

UMKC School of Pharmacy Pharmacy Foundation 2011-12



The UMKC Pharmacy Foundation is excited to bring you this edition of the PostScript and we hope you enjoy it. As you peruse the pages we hope to keep you up to date with your classmates, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmacy Foundation events. This magazine is a celebration of the many blessings that we have all received through a wonderful profession and a great education. Thanks to the Dow Jones, the Foundation is off to a great start in 2012 and hope this year further advances our mission to help students and faculty here at UMKC. Let this introduction serve as an invitation to all of our events - we would love to reconnect with all of our great Alumni, and find ways to continually make your profession more fulfilling.

Sincerely,

D. Matt Hartwig, R.Ph. (1992), President
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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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HELPING FUTURE PHARMACY STUDENTS

Was your educational path impacted by a scholarship or student grant through the UMKC Pharmacy Foundation or the School of Pharmacy? Have you ever thought about helping aspiring pharmacist students in the same way that someone once helped you? Perhaps you have considered establishing a student scholarship through your personal estate. It can be as simple as any of the three following options:

1. Naming the UMKC Pharmacy Foundation or School of Pharmacy in your will for a percentage of your estate or a specific dollar amount. These funds can then be designated for the establishment of a scholarship or similar pharmacy program.

2. Listing the Pharmacy Foundation or the School of Pharmacy as a beneficiary of your retirement plan after your lifetime. Retirement plans are one of the best assets to leave to charity because they will be highly taxed. For example, if you choose to leave an IRA as a gift to your children, they may have to pay income tax on the gift.

3. Establish a charitable gift annuity with the UMKC School of Pharmacy. An annuity will pay you a set amount for your life span and then leave a remainder amount to the School. Based upon your age, you could receive a guaranteed return for life of up to 9% with no risk.

Through any one of these options you can easily establish an endowed scholarship in your name or perhaps as a tribute or memorial to a family member or friend. Such a gift will provide financial support for future pharmacy students in your memory and into perpetuity. And in turn, as your scholarship recipients move into successful careers, they will remember your support, recognize the importance of philanthropy and it will encourage them to help others in the same manner that you have helped them.

To learn more about establishing an endowed scholarship through your estate, contact Jana Boschert, Advancement Director, School of Pharmacy, at 816-235-2409 or boschertj@umkc.edu, or by contacting the UMKC Office of Gift Planning at 816-235-6011. You can also visit our UMKC Gift Planning website at www.umkcfoundation.org/giftplanning.



MEMBERS OF THE UMKC ROBERT H. FLARSHEIM SOCIETY

The Robert H. Flarsheim Society was formed to honor our alumni and friends who have included the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the UMKC Pharmacy Foundation or the School of Pharmacy 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 UMKC Pharmacy Foundation and School of Pharmacy:

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ALUMNUS LEADS BY EXAMPLE IN CAREER AND IN LIFE

When **Dale Smith, R.Ph. (1975)** first entered the UMKC School of Pharmacy in 1968 he knew in his heart that this was his chosen profession and how he wanted to help people in his career path. Little did he know he would soon have his first opportunity to do exactly that in the remote jungles of Vietnam. Dale received his draft notice within his first semester and chose the U.S. Army for his appointment as this would allow him to serve as a Pharmacy Specialist. He was assigned to an Army medical unit in a remote area for over eight months and established a much needed pharmacy bringing it up to proper military code. Dale also established a drug detox unit for the soldiers for which he was awarded the "Army Commendation" medal. He served in the Army until a deal was arranged between President Richard Nixon and the Viet Cong allowing 100,000 US troops to return to the States if they had a letter of acceptance from a college in America. Through the assistance of UMKC Associate Dean Lyle Willits, Dale left Vietnam in December and said that "two weeks later I was sitting in Organic Chemistry – one of the hardest courses I have ever taken." Dale said he was motivated to make the most of his pharmacy school experience after his return and said "I became very grateful and realized I would never complain again about how the school of pharmacy or the profession itself was tough. I have a deep gratitude for UMKC because they gave me a chance."



Andrea and Dale Smith, R.Ph.



Dale Smith in Vietnam, 1971

Dale was drawn to independent pharmacy following graduation and embraced their advocacy of medication therapy management. He feels that "independent pharmacists work very hard to educate and help the patient manage the cost of their healthcare." Seeing a need for greater home health support, Dale and his classmate John Frick (1975) created the "Home Health Depot" in 1983 and became infusion specialists for home based medical care. Selling their business in 1992, Dale spent the rest of his career in several specialized independent pharmacy practices and most recently with PBA Health in Kansas City, MO.

Dale and his wife Andrea are active volunteers in the local healthcare community and have served on many local boards including the Missouri Alliance for Homecare, the Hemophiliac Society, the Turner Syndrome Society, the AIDS Service Foundation, the UMKC Alumni Governing Board, and the Pharmacy Dean's Advisory Council. The Smiths felt that so many individuals have impacted them in their careers that they, too, wished to do the same and have recently established the "**Andrea and Dale Smith, R.Ph. Scholarship.**" Dale states that "I wanted to be sure to leave this legacy and I saw the need for pharmacy students' financial support. I have precepted over 100 students in my career and I want to make sure that future students have access to help as I did." Leading by example is the path that Dale has chosen in his career and continues to follow through his guidance to all pharmacists in Missouri and to the UMKC School of Pharmacy.



Golf foursome Russ Melchert, Kay Morgan (1975), Stan Neher (1975) and Geoff Custer (2006) enjoy a day on the links.

17TH ANNUAL McMahan Memorial Golf Tournament

Friends of the School of Pharmacy and members of the Pharmacy Foundation Board enjoyed wonderful weather on June 4th for the 2011 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 will be a welcome addition to the student scholarship fund of the Pharmacy Foundation. Winners in the 2011 McMahan tournament included:

First flight, first place:

Paul Peterson (1971), Carl Ledbetter (1972), Chuck Admire, Bob Ennis (DEN '70)

First flight, second place:

Red Cross Pharmacy: Steve Hartwig (1968), Ed Powers (1971) Scott Hartwig, Doug Maple

Second flight, first place:

CVS pharmacy: Christina Ferguson (2007), Joe Farrar (2005), Ryan Chilcoat (2012), Aaron Haefele (2012)

Second flight, second place:

Ron Fitzwater, Pat Minard, Craig Norman (1983), Denys Ashby

Individual Contests:

Longest Drive

Jeremiah Erickson

Closest to the Pin

Ed Powers (1971)

SAVE THE DATE!

18th annual Pharmacy Foundation J. Leo McMahan Memorial Golf Tournament

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, June 1, 2012 –
1:00 p.m. tee time
Shoal Creek Golf Course, Kansas City north

2011 Achievers of Excellence Scholarship Awards

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Pharmacy Career Fair Day was held November 17th in Kansas City. The Health Sciences Building was filled with pharmacy vendors, alumni, guests, and students from both the Kansas City and Columbia campuses. Mark your calendars now for the 2012 UMKC Pharmacy Career Fair scheduled for November 9, 2012!!

Lindsey Cunningham, Pharm.D. (2011) receives her Doctor of Pharmacy hood from Dean Emeritus Robert Piepho.



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