Cassandra Shields (2010) assists with a patient during the April 2009 UMKC Health Sciences Wellness Fair held at the Health Sciences Building.
The UMKC School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce that the 2007-2008 edition of the Postscript Annual Report and Newsletter received the 2009 Gold Award for Excellence in Communications-Periodicals from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VI awards. CASE is an international organization that advocates and supports alumni relations, communications, fundraising, and marketing in educational institutions.
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,
Dean’s Advisory Council
2009-2010

Blaine Alberty, R.Ph. (1973)
D&H Prescription Drug Co.

Indian Health Service
Department of Health and Human Services

Benjamin Bluml, R.Ph. (1984)
American Pharmacists Association Foundation

Health Priorities, Inc.

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APOTEX Corp.

Amgen

Express Scripts, Inc.

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Digital Simplistics, Inc.

Bob Egeland, R.Ph.
Pharmacy Operations
Hy-Vee, Inc.

J. Stephen Erickson, R.Ph., P.D. (1975)
The Drug Store, Cameron, MO

Kermit Fendler, Pharm.D. (1977)
MedTrak Services

Ron Fitzwater, CAE
Missouri Pharmacy Association

Fleishman Hillard, Inc.

Teva Neuroscience

Jane Griffin, R.Ph. (1981)
Cerner Corporation

Mary Beth Guy, R.Ph. (1979)
Marycal, Inc.

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Cardinal Health Nuclear

Children’s Mercy Hospital & Clinics

Steven Hartwig, R.Ph. (1968)
Red Cross Pharmacies

Richard Johnson, Ph.D.
KCPharma, LLC

Sandra Browne Kinsey, R.Ph. (1992)
Wal-Mart, Inc.

Valley Prescription Services, Inc.

Rocky Level, R.Ph. (1979)
Springfield, MO

Leawood, KS

Denise McNerney, R.Ph., MBA (1976)
iBossWell, Inc.

Kay Morgan, R.Ph. (1975)
Gold Standard

Lynn Morris, R.Ph. (1972)
Family Pharmacy, Inc.

Craig Norman, R.Ph. (1983)
H.E.B. Supermarkets

George Oestreich, Pharm.D., MBA (1970)
Missouri Division of Medical Services

Natasha Polster, R.Ph.
Walgreen Company

Eli Lilly and Co.

Kansas City Veteran’s Administration Medical Center

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

Nickolas Smock, Pharm.D., MBA (1983 & 2002)
PBA Health Truecare

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 Karrel Coghan
Derek Compton, Cum Laude
Melanie Coppenbarger
Sara Elizabeth Cox
Teresa Dang
Daniel Davis
Jonathan Patrick Earlley
Laura Lynn French
Travis J. Call
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
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.
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 Ngutu

Mary Biseglia 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 Haefele

D&H Prescription Drug Store Scholarship
Robyn Baker

Dean's Advisory Council Scholarship
Katherine Loida

Leslie Eisenbrandt Scholarship
Erl Lammers

Erickson Family Scholarship
Lindsey Skilling

Daniel Yarrow

Fendler Family Scholarship
Bois 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 Shkurovata

Tim Mitchell Medical Scholarship
Lisa Corutti

Timothy G. Mitchell Scholarship
Hue Cao

NABP-AACP Scholarship
Sean Hawkins

National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Scholarship
Nicholas Helebusch

Erlin Mark

Leslie Robertson

Jim Newman Memorial Scholarship
Derek Hyman

Kit Nguyen, Pharm.D. Scholarship
PangNhia Xiong

PBA Healthy/TrueCare Pharmacy Scholarship
Nicole Stinner

Powers Family Scholarship
Deborah Ratthel

Prescription Solutions Scholarship
Lindsey Gordon

Grace Horng

RAN Institute Scholarship
Sara Hiller

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 Wilczynska

Morris R. Shlensky Scholarship
Derek Compton

Kelsey Erwin

Gregory Hughes

Sarah Jones

Jason Lurk

Katie Sargent

Carrysta Taylor

Joseph G. Shalinsky Scholarship
Michelle Brewer

Leo Shalinsky Scholarship
Ashley Mansfield

William and Carole Sittard 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

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

Fred Angle Scholarship
Baptist-Trinity Lutheran Legacy Foundation Scholarship
Academy of Managed Care Scholarship
Wright V. & Gladys A. Bartholomew Scholarship
Mary Bisceglia Memorial Scholarship
Lewis Bratt Scholarship
G. Thomas Bruns, R.Ph. Memorial Scholarship
Carthage Pharmacy Services, Inc. Scholarship
Century Club Scholarships
CVS/pharmacy Community Scholarship
D&H Prescription Drug Store Scholarship
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Glenski Family Scholarship
Good Neighbor Pharmacy/AmeriSourceBergen Scholarship
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Donald W. Grove, Sr., R.Ph. Scholarship
George Guastello Scholarship
Harvey H. Haynes Scholarship

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Toni Sena Memorial Scholarship
Morris R. Shlensky Scholarship
Joseph G. Shalinsky Scholarship
Leo Shalinsky Scholarship
William and Carole Sitland Scholarship
Smock Family Scholarship
Anthony J. Spalitto, Sr. Scholarship
Spalitto Pharmacy Scholarship
Bruce and Shirley Stocker Scholarship
David A. Strauch, R.Ph. Scholarship
Harry N. Tishk Scholarship
Fred Tonnies Scholarship
Pharmacists Mutual Scholarship
Phyllis Vaughn Scholarship
Walgreen Student Scholarship
Wal-Mart Scholarship
Marcus & Missy Wilson Family Scholarship
Mathew W. "Bill" Wilson Scholarship
Larry Windmoeller Scholarship
Larry Windmoeller/Mid-Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists Scholarship
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

当Traci Parker-Gray于2005年抵达药学院时，她是学生服务办公室的新任学术顾问，其目标是帮助来自不同背景的学生了解药学是一个适合每个人的职业选择。现在，Traci是新任的多元文化和外联计划的经理，她负责招募、外联活动和项目发展等多元文化的医药学生。她能够专注于文化多元背景的学生，并作为他们的倡导者，关注他们的具体需求和问题。随着越来越多的多元和文化学生考虑医疗保健职业，Traci为学校提供了一种宝贵的指导服务，帮助潜在学生了解这些职业的可能性，并为那些对药学有了解的学生提供有价值的指导。当Traci不旅行和推广学校时，她喜欢与她的两个儿子Brian, Jr., 12, and Brendon, 10一起度过时间。
Student News

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 “Heartburn Awareness Challenge” (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.

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 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. Blum, 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.

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

(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.
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 Halverson (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 Muehleberger, (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 Halverson (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 Halverson (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 (2010)

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 Youthy (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.
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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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. Caligiuri, 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”
- 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 Ophthalmoalogy) International Meeting on Research in Vision and Ophthalmoalogy 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 arthritus 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.

Rafa 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 investigitive 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.
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:  
Sarah Kerner Hare, Pharm.D.  (2002)  
Stacy Mangum, Pharm.D.  (1996)  
Jonathon Burch, Pharm.D.  (2001)  
Matt Hartwig, R.Ph.  (1992)

Community Pharmacy Service:  

Professional Service to Pharmacy:  

Health System Pharmacy Service:  

Industry Pharmacy Service:  

Matthew W. “Bill” Wilson Award:  

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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!

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, Okla., 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

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 sage 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: Sandra Bollinger, Pharm.D. (2000)
Immediate Past President: Becky Culbertson, R.Ph. (1980)
Secretary: David Strauch, R.Ph. (1985)

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.
Ernest H. Weinstein, R.Ph., Class of 1953, passed away on August 7, 2008.
Gale Owings, R.Ph., Class of 1966, passed away on April 28, 2008.
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.
Sammy J. Hutcheson, Ph.D., Class of 1993, passed away on May 2, 2008.

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


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


Jacquelyn and Adam Eno (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.


Lindsay and Austin Campbell (2008) celebrated the birth of their son, Jackson Walker, on February 27, 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.
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 the 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.”
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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Noel Nuessle, Ph.D., faculty emeritus, celebrates his 80th birthday in June 2008 with Keith Perkins, Pharm.D. (1982).
Golfers enjoy 15th annual McMahon 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 McMahon 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 McMahon tournament included:

First place, "A" flight:
- Donnie McGuire
- Frank Merryfield
- Casey Wasser
- Steve Wasser

First place, "B" flight:
- Brandon Bell
- Bryon Conrad, R.Ph. (1994)
- Steve O’Neill

Individual Contests:
- Longest Drive: Steve Wasser
- Bull’s Eye: Casey Wasser
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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.
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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.
David Strauch, R.Ph. (1985) recently established a scholarship to support pharmacy students seeking a career in an independent pharmacy in rural Missouri. Dave is also the current Secretary for the Missouri Pharmacy Association.

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Kori Hess, Pharm.D. (2007) and Nick Vogel, Pharm.D. (2003) practice pharmacy at Cox Health in Springfield, Mo. Kori is a staff pharmacist specializing in pediatrics and neonatal intensive care at the Cox Medical Centers South and Nick is the pharmacy supervisor at Cox Walnut Lawn. Nick is also a preceptor for the UMKC School of Pharmacy.
Lauri Witt, Pharm.D. (1999), John Witt, Pharm.D. (1999), Maqual Graham, Pharm.D. (1994), and Cheryl Perkins enjoy the evening at the 2008 Pharmacy Alumni Wine Tasting Event. This annual event is sponsored by the Pharmacy Alumni Board and is scheduled to be held next on Friday, August 21, 2009.
Lynn Morris, R.Ph. (1972), and his wife, Janet, own and operate the Family Pharmacy, an independent chain in southwest Missouri. Lynn opened his first pharmacy in 1977 in Ozark, Mo., and today the family-owned chain has expanded to 23 locations. Lynn received the Bowl of Hygeia Award from the Missouri Pharmacy Association in 2003 for his support of community and independent pharmacy.

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Nancy M. Miller, R.Ph. (1982) practices pharmacy with Gary Grove, R.Ph. (1975) at Grove Pharmacy in Springfield, Mo. Grove Pharmacy has been located in the Ozark area since 1952 and currently has three locations in the Springfield area specializing in pharmacy compounding.
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