TOP STORIES

APHA-ASP WINS NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

2010 AACP WAL-MART SCHOLARS

- Gillian Bell
  Faculty Mentor: Katie J. Suda, PharmD
- Shimeka Edwards
  Faculty Mentor: Debbie Byrd, PharmD
- John Yates
  Faculty Mentor: Andrea Franks, PharmD

Each student will receive $1,000 for support to attend the annual AACP meeting

FOSTER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Steve Foster, PharmD received the first APhA Outstanding Career Achievement Award in recognition of his valued and extraordinary contributions to improving the vaccination rates of his communities. The award was presented during the APhA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C on March 14, 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5th
Pharm Sci Seminar
STEM-LIKE CELLS AND THE PERIVASCULAR NICHE
Eric Holland MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
4 pm CT; GEB-A204 (Memphis)

April 15th
CLINICAL PHARMACY GRAND ROUNDS
Drs. Christa George and Alyssa Giurgius
12:00 CT; GEB-A304 (Memphis); 220 (Knoxville)

April 16th
ASP Awards Banquet and Casino Night
6:30 pm Central Station

April 27th
Showcase of Educational Excellence / Showcase of Educational Technology
09:00 am - 04:00 pm; SAC Dining Hall
Keynote speaker at noon

This electronic communication will be published on a monthly basis. Items included will also be posted to the news section of the college website (http://www.uthsc.edu/pharmacy) and posted on the college’s Facebook site.

If you have any new events please send them to Stephanie Phelps (sphelps@uthsc.edu) or Jeff Bogue (jbogue@uthsc.edu) or call 901.448.8780.

We would like to add a section on grants and publications so please send this type information also.
OLD NEWS - IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2009 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD— After graduating with his Pharm.D. degree from the UT College of Pharmacy in 1988, Dr. Tucker joined the family-owned City Drug Company where he implemented several new pharmacy services such as diabetes care, asthma education and immunization administration. Dr. Tucker has served as president of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA), president of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, and speaker of the house for TPA for more than 10 years. He has served in advisory positions and on committees with the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) for more than 20 years, including nine years on the APhA board where he recently completed the term as President. Dr. Tucker was honored as the Marion Merrell Dow Distinguished Young Pharmacist (1993), the Albert B. Prescott/Glaxo Wellcome Phi Delta Chi National Leadership Award (1996) and Phi Lambda Sigma National Leadership Award (1997). He was named “Friend of ASP” in 2004 by the University of Tennessee Academy of Student Pharmacists. Timothy is an active member of First Baptist Church, serving as a member of the men’s ensemble and WeeCare Committee. He and his wife, Diane Wood Tucker, an Occupational Therapist, have 3 boys: Will, Matthew, and Jack Tucker.

DICKERSON RECEIVES ASHP AWARD— Roland N. Dickerson, Pharm.D., BCNSP, has been named the recipient of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation’s 2009 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Dickerson is a professor of clinical pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and a clinical pharmacist and nutrition support service clinical coordinator at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, TN. Dr. Dickerson has authored more than 140 publications and 79 scientific abstracts and has given more than 160 presentations. Throughout his career, Dr. Dickerson has accrued more than $3 million in research grants and clinical contracts and has trained 42 advanced pharmacy residents and fellows. He has served on the editorial boards of the journals Nutrition, Nutrition in Clinical Practice, Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Journal of the American College of Nutrition, and Hospital Pharmacy and is a reviewer for numerous pharmacy, nutrition, and medical journals. He is a Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacist and a fellow in the American College of Nutrition and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

BROWN ELECTED APhA TRUSTEE – Dr. Lawrence Brown has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). He has been a member of APhA since 1996, served as Speaker of both the APhA-ASP (1998-1999) and APhA (2004-2005) House of Delegates and APhA Trustee (2004-2005). He is an associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy where he is also Director of the UT Center for Medication Therapy Management.

RELLING ELECTED TO IOM – Dr. Mary V. Relling is one of 65 new members elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), a prestigious branch of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Relling is chair of St. Jude’s department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. She is a professor of clinical pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences at the UT College of Pharmacy. Her research focuses on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics in children and how genome variability influences a child’s response to cancer chemotherapy.
ACCP BEST PAPER RECOGNITION AWARD - Drs. S. Casey Laizure and Robert Parker won the best paper competition at the annual American College of Clinical Pharmacy meeting in Anaheim, CA in October. The presentation was based on work described in their article recently published in Drug Metabolism and Disposition entitled, “The effect of ethanol on oral cocaine pharmacokinetics reveals an unrecognized class of ethanol-mediated drug interactions.” The authors propose that ethanol may alter the disposition of some commonly prescribed drugs that undergo hydrolysis such as oseltamivir, clopidogrel, enalapril, lovastatin, prasugrel, and others. This interaction with ethanol has not been studied in humans and according to these researchers may represent a broad class of ethanol-mediated drug interactions with significant clinical implications that has gone unrecognized.

REGEN ELECTED TO REGIONAL APhA-ASP OFFICE – Rebecca Regen, a third year student pharmacist, was elected as the 2009-2010 American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Region 3 Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator (MRMC). As MRMC, Rebecca will work with the APhA staff to plan and implement activities to be held during the 2010 Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM), which will be held in Memphis in the fall. Her main responsibilities include: planning the Friday evening social, coordinating the Regional Education Session, communicating with every APhA-ASP chapter in the region, fundraising, and contacting exhibitors for the MRM Expo. Rebecca graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a B.S. in Agriculture in 2007. As a student at the UT College of Pharmacy, she has served as an APhA-ASP P1 Member-at-large, APhA-ASP Vice-President of Legislative Affairs, APhA-ASP Chapter Delegate, Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists Delegate, and Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Chaplain and P3 Representative. Currently, Rebecca is serving as Class President of the Memphis campus. Rebecca is from Atoka, Tennessee, and she is the daughter of Kerry and Beth Regen, both 1981 graduates of the UT College of Pharmacy.

P3 CLASS PINNING CEREMONY

The College of Pharmacy held the P3 Pinning Ceremony on the afternoon of November 13th, 2009. During this event, all student pharmacists received the College of Pharmacy lapel pin (top center). Several students also received awards that were based on academic performance (see next page). The class also selected students who received leadership, professionalism and service awards. The class selected Dr. Tim Self as their speaker for the event.
P3 Awards

ACADEMIC AWARDS

THE JOHN H. RODMAN SCHOLAR AWARD is presented in memory of Dr. John Rodman who was one of this country’s premier experts in the area of clinical drug research and one of the professions most influential leaders. The recipient has demonstrated outstanding academic performance in both the pharmacogenomics and pharmacokinetics courses. *Zhen Lu was originally from China, but came to UT by way of New York City, NY. He is married to Helen Zu.*

MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY AWARD is given to a student with one of the highest scholastic averages in Medicinal Chemistry and is recommended by the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty. *Jaime Shockley is from Clarksville. She is married to Donnie Shockley, and is the daughter of Richard and Carmela Davis.*

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN OTC is given to the student who has the highest grade average in the non-prescription drugs and self-care courses. *Lauralee Gordon is the daughter of Bill Gordon and Sandy Gordon of Shelbyville.*

PHARMACEUTICS AWARD is presented to the student who has a high scholastic average in courses offered in the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences and is judged by the faculty to have exhibited outstanding professional characteristics in this area of study. *Caroline Myers is from Memphis and is the daughter of Carter and Charlene Myers. She is a graduate of UT Knoxville and is engaged to Brandon Kitchens.*

PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION AWARD is presented to the student has the highest average in all pharmacy administration courses and is recommended by the faculty. *Angela P. Loughery is from Clarksville and is the daughter of Marilyn and Steve Garrett and Rick and Charlotte Pollock and the wife of T.C. Loughery.*

THERAPEUTICS’ AWARD is presented to the student pharmacist who has demonstrated excellence in the six part Therapeutics’ course series. *Melaina Perry is from Pulaski. She is married to Jaymond Perry and is the daughter of Keith and Pamela Whitey. Melaina is currently president of the Student Government Association for the Health Science Center campus.*

STUDENT SELECTED AWARDS

COMMUNITY PHARMACY SERVICE AWARD – This award recognizes two student pharmacists who have demonstrated exemplary efforts in the provision of healthcare services and medication and/or disease education to citizens of Tennessee. *Sampy Wright is from Nashville. She is the wife of Adam Wright and the daughter of Kevin and Maria Mahoney. Stephanie Yokley is from Franklin and is the daughter of Steve and Sharon Yokley.*

PROFESSIONALISM AWARD – This recognition is selected by a vote of the graduating class and is given to the student colleague they believe possesses the professional characteristics of an outstanding future pharmacy practitioner. *Jamie Shockley (see above) and James Wheeler is from Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is the son of Jim and Agnes Wheeler. He currently serves as the student government association president.*

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD – This award is presented to four students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership during their tenure at UT. *Clay Cooper is from Henderson and is the son of Chad and Renee Lott and Mike Cooper. His wife is Emily Cooper. Clay is currently the president of the Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP); Jessica Lee, from Somerville, is the daughter of Larry and Daphne Nevill. Jessica is currently the P3 class president for the Knoxville Campus; Melaina Perry (see above); Rebecca Regen is from Atoka and she is the daughter of Kerry and Beth Regen. She currently serves as the P3 class president for the Memphis campus.*