The National Institutes of Health recently awarded Department of Clinical Pharmacy Professor Candace Brown, MSN, PharmD, BCPP, a grant for more than $2 million over four years for her project “A Controlled Trial of Gabapentin in Vulvodynia: Biological Correlates of Response”.

Provoked vestibulodynia (PVD) is a highly prevalent, chronic pain condition that is costly to the health care system and currently has limited management options available to affected women. The goal of this study is to conduct a multicenter randomized controlled trial of gabapentin treatment for PVD, to define psychophysiological measures of gabapentin response, and to define mechanistically-based PVD subtypes. This project is a 16-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study that will enroll 120 women between 18 – 50 years of age who report PVD symptoms. Electronically entered daily diaries will be used to determine if pain is lower in PVD subjects when treated with gabapentin (up to 3600 mg/d) compared to treatment with placebo. The long-range goal of the study is to identify underlying pathophysiological mechanisms of PVD in order to create evidence-based differential diagnoses of subtypes of PVD for more therapeutic and cost-effective management options.
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Zingone Receives PLS Alumna Award

Michelle Zingone, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, was presented with the PLS Alumna Award on March 12, 2011 at the Rho Chi & Phi Lambda Sigma Initiation Banquet. The purpose of the award is to recognize an alumnus of Phi Lambda Sigma who has exemplified leadership qualities in support of the profession of pharmacy. Dr. Zingone joined the faculty of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy’s Knoxville campus in 2007. She practices in primary care within both a private physician practice, and an academic internal medicine practice. She currently serves as a PLS advisor and as the Director of the University of Tennessee Pharmacist Practice Based Research Network (UT Pharm Net). Dr. Zingone (far left) is pictured receiving her award from PLS President, Becky Young.

Boucher Elected to Rho Chi Executive Council

Bradley Boucher was elected to the Rho Chi Society Executive Council at the American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting and Exposition in Seattle, WA. His term as Regional Councilor from Region III is two years, with eligibility to serve a second consecutive term.

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Rho Chi Achievements Best in Region

The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Alpha Nu Chapter won the Region III Chapter Achievement Award at the Rho Chi Annual Meeting on March 27 in Seattle, WA. This award is determined by the Rho Chi Society Executive Council. The council reviews the Annual Chapter Reports and ranks chapters within each of the eight regions based on the activities described within the respective reports. Alpha Nu was also the recipient of the 2010 Summer Chapter Proposal Award. Region III (Mid-Atlantic) Rho Chi chapters include: Campbell University, Hampton University, Shenandoah University, South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Appalachian College of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina, West Virginia University, Wingate University, Virginia Commonwealth University, in addition to UT. Chapter advisors are Drs. Brad Boucher and Alex Guirguis on the Memphis and Knoxville campuses, respectively.

Christina York Receives AfterCollege Scholarship

Student pharmacist, Christina York, was selected as one of four recipients of the 2010 AfterCollege Pharmacy Student Scholarship Fund. This honor, along with $500, was awarded based on GPA and an essay detailing the goals and aspirations of the candidate as they relate to education, career, and future plans. Nick Fitzpatrick of AfterCollege, Inc. commented, “We received many applications from qualified students but felt that Christina’s application in particular really stood out.” Christina is a member of the UTCOP class of 2012 and Rho Chi Treasurer.

Rho Chi & Phi Lambda Sigma Initiation Banquet

The Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma 4th Annual Joint Induction Banquet was held on Saturday, March 12th in downtown Memphis. Rho Chi inducted 37 new members from the P2, P3, and graduate student classes. Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) inducted 31 new members from the P2 and P3 classes. The guest speaker was David Stevens, former CEO of Accredo Health, Inc. Dr. Jim Eoff gave the invocation followed by opening comments from Dean Dick Gourley. PLS president, Becky Young (far left) along with Rho Chi president, Nicole McClellan (far right) presents guest speaker, David Stevens, with a plaque.
Gillian Bell (far left) was named Rho Chi Member of the Year. The award was presented by Heather Mullins (far right), Rho Chi’s Memphis Vice President. The Scholar of the Year Award went to Johanna Norman (not pictured), and the Service Award was presented to Daniel Marsh (not pictured). These awards were nominated and voted on by Rho Chi faculty and membership. Membership in The Rho Chi Society is a privilege accorded the very few who distinguish themselves by their academic and professional achievements.

Class of 2012
- Rachael Clark
- Jana Drumright
- Kathleen Fowler
- Wendy Gabriel
- Tyler Madere
- Leila Moore
- Josiah Ryman
- Alda Shepherd
- Michelle Valentine

Class of 2013
- Julie Akin
- Hamilton Borden
- Yiwen Chang
- Sam Davis
- Whitney Elliott
- Sarah Fitzgerald
- Coral Iserhienhien
- Maryam Khaledi
- Rachel Kile

Graduate Students
- Feng Lu
- Melissa Lundberg
- McKenzie McIntire
- Rebecca Miller
- Andrew Nishimoto
- Megan Perry
- Adole Alipoe
- Sonia Bedi
- Suresh Potharaju
- Horrick Sharma
The PLS Member of the Year Award was presented to P4 Rebecca Regen (far left) by PLS President, Becky Young. This award recognizes an outstanding PLS member based on their contributions to pharmacy leadership within their chapter. The purpose of PLS is to promote the development of leadership qualities, especially among pharmacy students. Members are selected by peer recognition. No greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one’s peers. Chapter advisors are Drs. Joe Swanson and Michelle Zingone on the Memphis and Knoxville campuses, respectively.

Class of 2012
- Elizabeth Ackerman
- Ada Cheng
- Sara Harper
- Shanise Jamison
- Nicole McClellan
- Leila Moore
- Michelle Washington
- Brittany White
- Michael Winkler

Class of 2013
- Drew Armstrong
- Haley Armstrong
- Rachel Bauer
- Hamilton Borden
- Brittany Chinn
- Brooke Crocker
- Alftan Dyson
- Whitney Elliott
- Jocasta Gee
- Justin Griner
- Rachel Kile
- Tiffany Kissling
- Jonathan Lister
- Rebecca Miller
- Ian Morris
- Grayson Peek
- Megan Perry
- Amy Richardson
- Brandon Sipe
- Jana Sterling
- Neka Thaxter
- Lindsey Wells
Pesterfield Supports Continuing Education Program

David Pesterfield (center) presents a check to Dean Dick Gourley (right) and Associate Dean for Continuing Education, Glen Farr (left) to support the College's 2011 Pharmacy Update. UT’s Pharmacy Update is a continuing education program presented at eight sites across the state. Mr. Pesterfield and Pharmacy Plus Programs have generously supported the College and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association for many years. Mr. Pesterfield is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, as well as the Executive Management Program at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. Currently, Mr. Pesterfield is President of Pharmacy Plus Programs, LLC, a National Group Purchasing and Marketing Network for Independent Pharmacies.

Yang Co-Edits *Understanding Pharmacoepidemiology*

Yi Yang completed her PhD in Health Science Administration at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2009. She co-edited and authored a chapter in the recently published book *Understanding Pharmacoepidemiology*. Dr. Yang is currently an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Administration at the University of Mississippi.

Alumni Ford and Nunn Retire

Hadley K. Ford (’66) recently announced his retirement. After graduation from UT, he joined the US Public Health Service and was detailed to the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, DC. He then moved to Staten Island, NY where he worked at the local hospital. In 1970, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the College of Pharmacy at Purdue University. In 1975, he joined St. John’s Hospital in Springfield, MO where he currently resides today. Dr. Ford and his wife have three children. His eldest son is an Executive Assistant in Pharmacy Administration at St. John’s. His middle son is a Major serving for the National Guard in Jefferson City, MO and his daughter is a physician in Lexington, KY. He also has three exceptionally intelligent and talented grandchildren.

Oliver J. Nunn (’70) has also announced his retirement. He has worked at CVS pharmacy for the past 40 years. He is married to Phoebie Nunn, and he loves sports, history, and politics.
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