TOP STORIES
Students meet with Senators and staff

Over forty APhA-ASP student pharmacists and faculty attended “Tennessee Tuesday” on Capitol Hill to discuss the pharmacists’ roles in upcoming healthcare reform with Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker. Mark Dunnenberger (P2), APhA-ASP VP of Legislative Affairs and organizer of the visit said, “This opportunity is very important on many different levels. Not only does it advocate for both our patients and our profession, but it allowed Senators Alexander and Corker to have valuable insight into what pharmacists can do both in Tennessee and across the nation.”

National Academies of Practice (NAP)

The NAP held its Forum on Public Policy and gala on March 20, 2010 in Arlington, VA. Dr. Peter Chyka was installed as a distinguished practitioner member of the Pharmacy Academy and Dr. Stephanie Phelps was installed as chair of the Pharmacy Academy. The NAP was founded in 1981 in recognition of the need for inter-disciplinary collaboration in healthcare. It is comprised of distinguished practitioners and scholars from 10 of the primary health professions. Only 150 distinguished members can be elected to a specific academy. Drs. Brad Boucher, Rex Brown and James Hoffman as also members of the Pharmacy Academy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3rd (Monday)
PharmSci Faculty Candidate - Patrick Woster, PhD
Small molecule inhibitors of lysine-specific demethylase 1 as epigenetic modulators for the treatment of cancer
4 pm; GEB-A204 (Memphis)

May 10th (Monday)
Adherence and Pharmacists’ Services in Renal Transplant
Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, FCCP
4 pm; GEB-A204 (Memphis)

May 11th (Tuesday)
White Coat Ceremony
First Baptist Church
4 pm (arrive 3:30)

May 12th-14th (Wednesday-Friday)
Student Leadership Retreat
SAC 305
Starts 2 pm on the 12th; end noon on the 14th

May 20th (Thursday)
Pharmacy Grand Rounds
SAC
Noon

May 26th and 27th (Wednesday, Thursday)
Faculty Retreat
GEB104 (WED) and SAC 305 (Thur)
2 pm – 5 pm Wed (dinner to follow); 8-12 am (Thursday)

May 27th (Thursday)
Honors and Awards Convocation
First Baptist Church
3 pm (arrive 2:15)

May 28th (Friday)
UTHSC Commencement Exercises
FedEx Forum
1:30 pm (arrive 12:45)

* All times are Central Standard Time
**SGAEC TEACHING AWARDS**

**Shaunta’ M. Ray, PharmD, BCPS** is Assistant Professor, Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and also serves as the Director of the Chattanooga Clinical Education Center. Dr. Ray practices in inpatient and outpatient Family Medicine with University Family Physicians at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Dr. Ray received her PharmD from the Un of Ok (2004). She completed an ASHP – accredited Residency and an Internal Medicine Specialty Residency at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and OU Medical Center. Dr. Ray is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist and serves as the Pharmacotherapy Residency Director at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. She co-directs the Therapeutics II course and an elective course in Drug-Induced Disease. She is a member of the Annals of Pharmacotherapy editorial board and serves as a reviewer for other pharmacy journals. Dr. Ray’s areas of interest include heart failure, asthma, COPD, Family Medicine and pharmacy education.

**Katie Suda, PharmD** received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Following graduation, she continued her training by completing a pharmacy practice residency at Baptist Memorial Health Care in Memphis, a pharmacokinetics fellowship at the Clinical Pharmacokinetics Laboratory, and an infectious diseases and outcomes fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago. After Dr. Suda’s post-doc, she accepted a position as Coordinator of Medication Use Policy at Baptist Memorial Health Care in Memphis. During this time she also served as part-time faculty at the Universities of Mississippi and Tennessee. Currently Dr. Suda serves as Associate Professor and Director of the Drug Information Center at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She instructs in the area of medical literature evaluation and infectious diseases and coordinates the Drug Information and Medical Literature Evaluation course. Her research interest is infectious disease epidemiology and outcomes. Dr. Suda has written more than fifteen articles in the professional literature and presented more than fifty papers/speeches locally, nationally and internationally.

**Pharm.D./M.B.A. Program** - The UT College of Pharmacy and the Fogelman College of Business and Economics of the University of Memphis have announced the offering of an MBA degree with a Pharmacy Practice Management Concentration. The 45-hour program is designed for current and future pharmacists who face the challenge of leading and managing large pharmacy operations, such as those in hospitals and community pharmacies, as a business enterprise. The MBA program can be taken on a part-time or full-time basis, with classes offered in the evenings and online. Of the 45 credit hours, 30 consist of standard MBA core courses taken at the University of Memphis, and 15 are targeted pharmacy practice management courses taken at the University of Memphis or the UT Health Science Center, depending on the course. These include required and elective courses chosen from among Healthcare Economics, Seminar in Human Resource Management, Self-Leadership for Executives, Pharmacoeconomics, Health Informatics and E-Health, and Strategies for Health Policy Formulation and Planning. Included in the 15-credit hour concentration is a required, 3-credit hour internship or practicum in which the student will put the material being taught into practice in a pharmacy work environment.

For further information, visit [www.memphis.edu/professionalmba](http://www.memphis.edu/professionalmba) and click on “Curriculum” and “Concentrations,” or contact: Dr. Mark L. Gillenson, Director of MBA Programs Fogelman College of Business and Economics, University of Memphis, (901) 678-3721 Mark.Gillenson@memphis.edu
Grants

Federal
- Rogers, Phillip-NIH, “Novel Azole Resistance Mechanisms in Candida albicans”, 05/01/2010 – 04/30/2011, total costs $370,000

Other
- Brown, Candace-Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, “A twenty four week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, safety and efficacy trial of filbanserin (100 milligrams) administered orally once daily in naturally postmenopausal women with hypoactive sexual desire disorder in North America”, 04/01/2010-03/31/2011, total costs $114,592
- McKibbin, Trevor-UT Cancer Institute, “Evaluate changes in proteins within the P13K-Akt-mTOR and EGFR pathways”, 03/01/2010-02/28/2012, total costs $9,380
- Storm, Mike-UT Research Foundation, “Development of a Prototype Flavored, Pharmaceutically Elegant, Liquid Emulsion or Suspension of De-odorized Omega-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids Appropriate for Pediatric Patients”, 05/01/2010-04/30/2011, total costs $15,000
- Thoma, Laura – Private study for Inhalation, 1/7/2010 – 11/14/2010, total costs $168,955
- Thoma, Laura – Private study for Inhalation, 2/10/2010 – 2/10/2011, total costs $33,000
- Thoma, Laura – Private study for Inhalation, 1/7/2010 – 1/6/2011, total costs $145,555
- Zingone, Michelle-State of TN, “Pharmacist-Physician Collaboration for Diabetes Care: The Diabetes Initiative Program”, 1/1/2010-6/30/2010, total costs $125,000
STAFF

STEWART-OUTTEN RECEIVES BS DEGREE – Jennifer Stewart-Outten (Administrative Specialist I in the Office of Academic Affairs) will graduate on May 8, 2010 from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor’s degree in Organizational Management and Leadership. She is graduating with Cum Laude Honors.

STUDENTS

MARLOW RECEIVES NATIONAL ASHP LEADERSHIP AWARD – Brain Marlow (P4) was recently notified that he is the recipient of the ASHP Student Leadership Award Program. This award recognizes four student pharmacists with an interest in pharmacy practice in health-systems who have demonstrated leadership ability. This program recognizes and celebrates the contributions of students who represent the very best attributes and accomplishments of ASHP student members. ASHP offers up to twelve awards annually. Pharmacy students in the second through fourth professional years are eligible to apply. The award consists of: an award plaque, an ASHP drug information reference library, and a $2500 cash award provided by the ASHP Research and Education Foundation through the Walter Jones Memorial Pharmacy Student Financial Aid Fund. Brian Marlow is from Jaksboro, TN and is the son of Dexter and Ann Marlow. He is engaged to Kendall Grizzard (P4).

WINGATE AWARDED DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP – Dr. La’Marcus Wingate (Ph.D. candidate) has been awarded a $28,000 dissertation fellowship through the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Dr. Wingate’s dissertation proposal was one of five chosen nationwide to receive this award in recognition of outstanding research proposals in the area of retirement research. The dissertation focuses on assessing the relative importance seniors place on different attributes within the Medicare Part D prescription drug plans and evaluating the economic value that seniors place on having these benefits in their prescription drug plans. Born and raised in Cheraw, South Carolina, Dr. Wingate was a 2007 graduate of the UT Health Science Center College of Pharmacy where he served on the honor council all four years. Currently, Dr. Wingate is a Ph.D. candidate in the Health Outcomes and Policy Research graduate program within the UT College of Pharmacy.

HOPKINS HOSPITAL PHARMACY INTERN - Grayson Peek, first year student pharmacist, has been selected to take part in The Johns Hopkins Hospital Pharmacy Internship Program for the summer of 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland. The Pharmacy Internship Program was established in order to provide pharmacy students with a structured learning experience and exposure to Hospital and Health system pharmacy practice. This year’s program has accepted 14 student pharmacists from outside of the state of Maryland to comprise a total of 25 pharmacy interns nationwide. He will spend the majority of his summer at The Johns Hopkins Hospital learning about a number of different practice settings devoted to medication use policy, distributive functions, technical proficiency, and clinical practice experience. Grayson was born and raised in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee and is the son of Tony and Lori Peek.
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**GARRETT SCHOLARSHIP** - In the spring of 2006, students at the UT Health Science Center College of Pharmacy established a scholarship in the name of Melinda Rhea Garrett. The endowment is now funded and the first scholarship will be presented this year.

Melinda was a first-year pharmacy student at the UTHSC College of Pharmacy, when she died suddenly on March 28, 2006 following a brief illness. She was a member of Kappa Psi and the Academy of Student Pharmacists Executive Committee. Born December 1, 1982, to Dale and Fay Garrett of McKenzie, Tenn., Melinda was a 2001 graduate of McKenzie High School, where she was an honor student and a member of the cheerleading squad. She graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM), where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. While an undergraduate student, she was a University Scholar and president of the Panhellenic Council, as well as a member of both the homecoming court and the Miss UTM royalty. Those who knew Melinda will always remember her beautiful smile, genuine laugh, and sense of humor. Melinda’s doctor of pharmacy degree was posthumously awarded to her family in 2009.

If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship fund you should e-mail lmurphy8@uthsc.edu.

**ALUMNI**

**WELLS RECEIVES FRANCKE AWARD** - Barbara G. Wells, PharmD, Dean, Professor and Executive Director of the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, received the 2010 APhA Gloria Niemeyer Francke Leadership Mentor Award during the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition, in Washington, DC, March 12-15, 2010. The award, named for the noted pharmacy leader and former APhA staff member Gloria Niemeyer Francke, was established in 1993 to recognize an individual who has promoted and encouraged pharmacists to attain leadership positions through example, acting as a role model and mentor.

For the past three decades, Dr. Wells has been at the forefront of pharmacy education and practice. While an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy she pioneered a certificate program in Mental Health Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Wells entered practice during the early development of hospital clinical pharmacy. Her ability to cultivate relationships and her expertise as a practitioner were validated by her election as a fellow in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. In 2002, Dr. Wells was installed as President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). She determined that the development of a new generation of leaders in the profession was critical, and she made it a priority of her tenure. As a result, AACP created the Center for Academic Leadership and Management and several leadership development programs were established. Today more than 150 new leaders have been cultivated out of the hallmark program of the Center -- the Academic Leadership Fellows Program. She has received numerous honors, awards and recognitions including the APhA Clinical Pharmacotherapeutic Practice Award. In addition to training dozens of residents and fellows, she has published greater than 100 peer reviewed articles, books and book chapters and received several million dollars in construction and research grants.

In a nomination letter, one of her colleagues said Dr. Well’s academic career called upon her abilities as both a leader and mentor of early, mid and late career faculty. She added, “It is fair to say she has influenced the lives of hundreds of faculty and thousands of students. As a role model, especially for young women, she has no doubt touched even more individuals as she demonstrated her ability to balance a stellar career with the demands of family and other priorities.”

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