It is hard to believe that I have started my second year as the Director of the Office of Experiential Education! We conducted our Rotation/Residency Day Programs in both Knoxville and Memphis last August with record numbers of preceptors attending. Preceptor education programming occurred in Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis in late summer and early fall. Well over 120 preceptors attended one of these programs. I really appreciated the feedback and the opportunity to talk to so many preceptors about a wide range of topics during these programs. During 2009 site visits, our office visited 50 pharmacies that included nearly 130 faculty preceptors. Our current P3 class (class of 2011) has begun rotations and monthly electives in January, 2010. This followed the scheduling of rotations last fall for this class, the largest in our College’s history.

We will launch our new Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) rotations in June, 2010. These are described in more detail in the column by Laverne Jones in this newsletter. The request for availability for these rotations has gone out recently and our Office will soon begin working with the current P2 class (class of 2012) regarding education, orientation, and assignment of these rotations.

I would like to thank all of our preceptors across the state for working with our students in experiential education. Many of you increased your availability for us last year because you knew we were about to schedule a very large class. Your desire to participate with our students in this labor-intensive process of education made all of this possible. I sincerely hope that the rewards for helping educate student pharmacists are immense. I would also like to acknowledge the help we received from Drs. Debbie Byrd and Shaunta’ Ray in east Tennessee, Dr. Todd Bess in middle Tennessee, and Ms. Melissa Smith in east Tennessee. Please consider the Office of Experiential Education an office with an open door. Your emails will be answered, telephone calls returned and personal visits welcomed.

THE MINUTE PRECEPTOR

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UT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE!

As of March 1, 2010 any email addresses ending in UTMEM.EDU will cease to work due to the expiration of the UTMEM.EDU domain.

The OEE is currently notifying all program correspondence of our new email addresses, which now end in UTHSC.EDU.

This IT email change is mandatory and affects all UT campuses.

If you experience any difficulties in attempting to contact our staff via email, simply call us or contact the UT Helpdesk at 901.448.2222 or helpdesk@uthsc.edu.
Basic Community and Institutional rotations as you know them are NO MORE! With a nudge from ACPE, we have given them a new name, Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience Rotations (IPPE). Effective June 2010, our students will begin taking their (IPPE) rotations in blocks of 2 weeks.

These changes to the IPPE rotations were developed by an ADHOC committee of preceptors. We have already begun requesting full months of availability and will make every effort to assign students across the entire month. To our surprise, the IPPE rotations on second shift in institutions have been quite successful, and we are very excited about this.

Thank you for helping educate our students. Also I would like to thank all of our preceptors across the state for working with our students in experiential education. Many of you increased your availability for us this last year because you knew we were about to schedule the largest class ever.

Thanks again for all you do to provide an excellent learning experience for our students.

OEE WELCOMES NEW PRECEPTORS!

Apple, Victoria B.
Baker, Jennifer W.
Balderson, Brett J.
Dick, C. Beauman
Doyal, James B.
Dyer, Angela
Eckrich, Sarah B.
Eddlemon, Benjamin
Foster, Megan
Holt, Heather M.
Hunt, Erika M.
Johnson, Wendy L.
Milliken, Allison
Newton, Tara

Nolte, Kathleen
Oleis, John Y.
Rakocz, Ann Marie
Regen, Elizabeth Betts
Saltsman, Connie L.
Silea, Joseph A.
Stelts, Sundae D.
Sullivan, Joshua
Thomson, Margaret
Timberlake, Lisa P.
Warner, Amy L.
Winters, Shauna D.
Wittman, LouAnn
The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy (UTCOP) would like to acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Tara Moore for receiving the 2009 Roche Communications Award and Dr. Keith Sargent for receiving the 2009 Preceptor of the Year Award.

Dr. Tara Moore is a Pharmacy Manager at Food City in Knoxville and has been a preceptor for UTCOP for 10 years. She currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy. A past winner of the TPA Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award (1998) and the UTCOP Preceptor of the Year Award (2002), Dr. Moore’s Advanced Community rotation is always a favorite among pharmacy students in east Tennessee.

Pictured here: Drs. Brown, Moore and Dean Gourley

Dr. Keith Sargent is a Pharmacy Manager at Walgreens in Memphis and has been a preceptor for UTCOP for 7 years. He also serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy. Dr. Sargent spent 3 years serving in the Air Force before embarking on his Pharmacy career. One student describes Dr. Sargent’s Advanced Community rotation as “pivotal to my development as a pharmacist.”

We would like to thank Drs. Tara Moore and Keith Sargent for their outstanding service and dedication to the education of our future pharmacists.

Pictured here: Drs. Brown, Sargent and Dean Gourley

USEFUL LINKS

Blackboard courses.uthsc.edu Access to Experiential Education information

PEMS www1.ems-webs.com/Tennessee View Schedule and availability

Grading Form copintranet.uthsc.edu/rotation_grading Submit grade for advanced (APPE) rotation

Grading Form copintranet.uthsc.edu/basic_rotation_grading Submit grade for introductory (IPPE) rotation

College Website pharmacy.uthsc.edu

Centerscope www.uthsc.edu/centerscope University Academic Policies

UT Search oracle.uthsc.edu/directory.php How to find UT Net ID