



Year in Review 2008-2009

The University of Oklahoma Office of Pharmacy Student Affairs

Graduation—Class of 2009

Convocation for the 114th class of the College of Pharmacy was held on June 6th at the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City. The Processional and Recessional was provided by the Highlanders of Oklahoma bagpiper ensemble.

The convocation address was given by JoLaine R. Draugalis, R.Ph., Ph.D., Dean of the College of Pharmacy.

Student remarks were given by Amanda Knott, Class of 2009 Valedictorian. Amanda graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and will be moving to Florida where she will begin a PGY1 residency with an emphasis in geriatrics at the VA Hospital in Gainesville.

Also providing student remarks was Oklahoma City class president Rahi Bigdely. Rahi has been president throughout all four years and will be joining CVS Pharmacies after graduation. Nicole Gibe is the Tulsa class president. She has also been president throughout her four years on the Tulsa campus but due to the birth of their daughter, Avery, just days before the ceremony, Nicole asked her husband, Jeff, to present her remarks to the class. Nicole will be employed by the Cherokee Nation in Stilwell, Oklahoma following graduation.

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College garners national attention and awards

During the past academic year, students at the College of Pharmacy have garnered several national awards and honors.

Megan Myers, 2010 Pharm.D. candidate, was presented with a Harriet Harvey Memorial Scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year. This scholarship is open to all OU students (graduate, undergraduate and professional). Awards are based on a nomination process.

Tammy Lambert, 2010 Pharm.D. candidate, was recognized as an AACP/Wal-Mart Scholar for 2009. This competitive selection is based on the recipient's dedication and skills for a career in academic pharmacy. Only 65 students nationwide are accepted each year.

Jennifer Thackray, 2009 Pharm.D. candidate, received the Wal-Mart/*Pharmacy Times* RESPy Award. RESPy stands for respect, excellence, and service in pharmacy, and is presented annually to a student who has made a difference in his/her community by demonstrating pharmaceutical care. As student council president, she led the group to be recognized as the OUHSC outstanding student organization for 2008. A highlight of her tenure was spearheading a silent auction to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Thackray's efforts helped raise nearly \$30,000 for children with terminal illnesses.

Thao Pham, 2010 Pharm.D. candidate, finished in the Top Ten of the National Patient Counseling Competition at the APhA annual meeting in April 2009 in San

Antonio, Texas. There were 114 entrants.

Lida Ryan, 2009 Pharm.D. candidate, was recognized at the APhA annual meeting in April 2009 as one of five students selected for the One to One Patient Counseling Recognition Program. In his nomination of Lida, Dr. Vince Dennis wrote, "As a P-4 pharmacy students beginning rotations in June 2008, Lida completed two independent community pharmacy rotations and both preceptors provided positive assessments of her communication skills and abilities with patients." On one occasion, a geriatric patient required Sunday delivery of an antibiotic. Lida travelled to the home to ensure medication compliance and follow-up on progress. Her involvement produced further adjustment on therapy.

Pharmacy Celebration 2009

The Pharmacy Celebration was held in Tulsa on March 28th (in the midst of a snowstorm) at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Tulsa. This annual event was held in honor of the class of 2009 and was attended by 315 students, staff, faculty and guests. Awards were presented to P4 students, in recognition of service and accomplishments during their time at the college.

Other recognitions included Michelle Condren, Pharm.D. with the Roche Preceptor of the Year Award and Tracy Hagemann, Pharm.D. with the Teaching Excellence Award.



College of Pharmacy Student Ambassadors Program

The College of Pharmacy Student Ambassador Program finished its second full academic year this spring. This year, 103 students from both campuses reported participation in over 400 events and activities and represented the college at events like the white coat ceremony and interviews.

The OKC Student Ambassadors of the Year were Tola Ajai (P2) and Thao Pham (P3). The Tulsa Student Ambassadors of the Year were Megan Andrews (P2) and Elizabeth Urmeý (P3).

Student ambassadors serve for one academic year and then reapply for subsequent years. They report directly to Jennifer Richardson, Assistant Director of Student Affairs (OKC). Students are required to complete Ambassador training and expected to adhere to the roles and responsibilities of the program.

Academic performance, leadership qualities and commitment to service are the foundational qualities of these students.

As a Student Ambassador, students have a visible presence on each campus and are expected to serve as role models to fellow students, faculty and staff by adhering to all college policies and exhibiting a

professional demeanor in not only the classroom, but at all college functions, regardless of whether they are in attendance in their role as a Student Ambassador. They are encouraged to participate in at least four functions per academic calendar year, with no limit on the maximum events that they can participate in. Possible functions may include campus tours, recruit-

ment events and fairs, university and HSC events.

The Student Ambassador program is another means provided by the Office of Student Affairs for students to continue to cultivate professionalism, leadership and service while at the College of Pharmacy.

Students hold silent auctions

In the midst of starting a busy schedule of spring semester classes, OU College of Pharmacy students on both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses pulled together successful Silent Auction events in January to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The total amount raised was over \$14,000 which will go to a fund that specifically helps Oklahoma children and their families.

The Make-a-Wish event in Tulsa took place at Jewel where 60 baskets were available for bidding. In Oklahoma City, the event was at the Skky Bar with 85 packages available.

Pharmacy students solicited donations from local businesses in both cities for the auction events.

Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants wishes to children who have been diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions to enhance the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oklahoma consists of two regional offices; one in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

OU College of Pharmacy students helped to grant wishes of special children in Oklahoma!



American Pharmacists Month—October 2008

This year's American Pharmacists Month at the College of Pharmacy was filled with memorable events that supported college camaraderie between students and also supported worthy community endeavors. The month started with an all-school picnic on Sept. 29 on the OKC campus with free barbecue sponsored by Wal-Mart.

A pharmacy student, Maria Bates, designed a logo for the college's use during the month.



AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

"Passionately Pink" Breast Cancer Awareness was promoted several ways on campus. Students encouraged their peers to sign up for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, which was held Saturday, Oct. 4th. The Friday before the race was designated "Pink" day. Ribbons, pins, pamphlets and donations were organized by the sOSHP and Phi Delta Chi members.

Two seminars were offered during this time. On Oct. 7th, the noon seminar was "The Value of Vaccines" presented by Kelly Showalter, Pharm.D., senior regional medical scientist II at Glaxo/Smith/Kline North American Medical Affairs. This seminar was sponsored by ASCP and ASP. The other seminar, "Check Today, Don't Delay" was presented as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Melanie Edwards, Education Grants Coordinator from the Susan G. Komen Foundation-Central Oklahoma. This seminar was sponsored by sOSHP and Phi Delta Chi.

On Oct. 16, a group of pharmacy students worked on a "build" for Habitat for Humanity. A similar build was worked in Tulsa. Students volunteered for shift work around the clock.

For the second year, the College of Pharmacy was involved with a Health Fair at the City Rescue Mission in Oklahoma City. Pharmacy students, in collaboration with other HSC students, performed blood glucose screenings and children's health education. Students also participated in a clothing and bible drive. The Health Fair was a huge success. It was sponsored by CVS, Phi Lambda Sigma and NCPA.

The American Pharmacists Month activities ended with a "Pharm-Fest" for students and faculty on the OKC

campus October 24th. This event was sponsored by the College of Pharmacy Student Council.



Book drive was conducted by the Pre-Pharmacy Club on the Norman campus.



Pharmacy students worked with City Rescue Mission visitors in blood glucose screenings.



The College of Pharmacy went "pink" Friday, Oct. 3 on the OKC campus, for their Breast Cancer Awareness Day. This was one of several events in October scheduled for American Pharmacists Month

Keeping busy during vaccination and immunization season



OU College of Pharmacy were extremely busy during the vaccination and immunization season. Faculty, students and residents had plenty of practice administering injections to the public through different venues.

The Tulsa Health Department donated 300 doses of flu vaccine (valued at approximately \$4200) for use at a church in north Tulsa. This flu drive targeted an underserved community. Along with faculty, several first and second year pharmacy students coordinated intakes. Eight P4 students helped to administer vaccinations.

Dr. Josh Sheffield and Dr. Tracy Hagemann, pharmacy residents and P2-P4 students participated in two flu shot

Clinics held at the YMCA. For the 400 vaccinations given, seven people took billing information and five trained personnel gave shots.

The Oklahoma County Health Department donated 350 doses of flu vaccine to the College of Pharmacy's ASP chapter to help with Operation Immunization. Dr. Tracy Hagemann, faculty advisor, with Julie Beller (P3 student) and Ashley Nebbia (P4 student) led the program to provide free flu shots to HSC students (medicine, dental, nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant) as well as faculty, staff and administrators from across campus. This was the second year of this successful activity at the OUHSC campus.

Pharmacy students recognized at campus awards ceremony

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center conducted its 2009 Campus Awards ceremony April 20 and several pharmacy students were recognized.

2009-2010 Crimson Club (new members)

Students selected for Crimson Club have held leadership positions at OU, perform well in the classroom and have made contributions to or have been involved with the University and/or the community. Students named included **Tara Hutchinson, Pinkey Patel, Bethany Wilson and Amulya Vanguri.**

Walter Mason Scholarship

Students nominated for this scholarship are from underrepresented minority groups who have exemplified academic excellence and proven involvement in community, church and cultural activities. **Lauren Harris** received this scholarship.

Outstanding First Year Student Award

This award recognized an emerging

leader on the HSC campus. Selected by a committee composed of students, faculty and staff, this award is based on leadership, campus involvement, professional development and community service within the first year of students at the HSC campus.

Amulya Vanguri received this award.

Willie V. Bryan Multicultural Service Award

This award is given to a student who demonstrated a combination of academic excellence, leadership qualities and service to their ethnic community, their college and the Health Sciences Center. The student must have made significant contributions toward the positive recognition and development of their respective culture. **Phong Hoang** received this recognition.

Multi-Cultural Student Awards

The following students were recognized for their achievement of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and their noted involvement in com-

munity and campus life:

- **Tony Alonso** (outstanding hispanic student)
- **Phong Hoang** (outstanding asian student)
- **Kavita Trivedi** (outstanding international student)

