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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

As you know, pharmacists play a critical role in the nation's health care and that role is celebrated every year during National Pharmacy Week. This year, National Pharmacy Week will be celebrated during the week of October 20-26 and the observance provides a great opportunity to promote the pharmacist's expertise and to publicize ways that the community can benefit from that expertise. The theme for National Pharmacy Week this year—"Know your Medicines – Know your Pharmacist"—is very appropriate in light of the continuing need to improve effective and safe utilization of drugs. As the drug expert on the health care team, the pharmacist is vital to that improvement. Pharmacists are increasingly viewed by the public as well as by other members of the health care team as major contributors to ensuring optimum health outcomes based on sound medication management leading to an improvement in medication effectiveness and medication safety, as well as health care cost savings. Therefore, it is important to encourage the public to learn more about their medicines through their pharmacists. National Pharmacy Week provides a means of heightening awareness about pharmacy services available just a short distance from home.

National Pharmacy Week was first celebrated by the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) in 1925 as a way to promote the value of pharmacy services. APhA continues to provide materials and information for use during pharmacy week and the 2002 National Pharmacy Week Planning Guide is available at <http://www.aphanet.org/news/pharmweek/main.html>.

I would also like to draw your attention to a recent donation to The Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum received from Dr. Jodie Stark, a 1953 graduate of the OU College of Pharmacy. Dr. Stark recently donated his collection of *The Medallion History of Pharmacy*, a set of 36 solid sterling silver medals issued by the Medical Heritage Society. Each medal depicts and briefly describes a milestone event in the history of the profession, dating as early as 2100 B.C. This set is currently on display in The Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum located in the College of Pharmacy area of The Schusterman Center at 41st and Yale Avenue in Tulsa. Dr. Stark also received the Doctor of Medicine degree from OU after he completed the pharmacy program and practiced anesthesiology at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa for several years before his recent retirement.

Dr. Stark's donation is truly exceptional and we are extremely grateful to him for his interest in enhancing the learning environment of the college through this gift. I hope that you will be able to visit to The Dorrance in Tulsa to view the exhibit. Of course, you are also welcome to stop by the museum in Oklahoma City and visit <http://oupharmacy.com/museum/> as well.

Sincerely,



College News

▪ Dr. A. M. Chakrabarty Delivers Loyd E. Harris Lecture

Dr. Chakrabarty, currently Distinguished Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, spoke on "Microorganisms and Cancer: Development of Potential Anticancer Agents from Microbial Sources" on October 8 in the OU College of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City.



The lecture was transmitted via videoconferencing to The Schusterman Center in Tulsa. The Harris Lecture Series brings to the college widely recognized experts to present to the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends current information and ideas that shape the profession of pharmacy. Dr. Chakrabarty's talk this year brought to the forefront data suggesting that bacterial products may possibly have future utility in the treatment of cancer.

▪ Mosier Scholarship Recipients and Scholars

A highlight of the [2002 White Coat Presentation Ceremony](#) included recognition of all Mosier Scholarship recipients and Mosier Scholars for 2002-03. Approximately \$90,000 is awarded each year from the [Henry D. and Ida Mosier](#) scholarship fund to students at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. These scholarships have been made available through the dedication and generosity of this fine couple to the academic expenses of approximately 20% of the student body each year.



Returning Mosier Scholars for 2002-03 include fourth year (P-4) students Kerry Mose and Winter Gibbs, third year (P-3) students Labinot Avdiu and Leigh Adams, and second year (P-2) students Deborah Poland and Amanda Humble. Two Mosier scholars are selected each year out of the entering class based on demonstrated scholarship and leadership potential.

Eighteen first-year (P-1) students were presented with their first Mosier Scholarship check. The recipients are as followed:

David Donald
Alana Downs
Kiah Dunehew
Larissa Tishkova-Dygert
Becky Fisher
Amanda Flowers
Rory Forinash
Julie Heck
Lacy Henry
James Nguyen
My Nguyen
Trinh Nguyen
Carol Sparks-McKissick
Lindsey McNeal
Deena Miles
Prisca Standard
Chad Yandell
Vanessa Yang



Twelve second-year (P-2) students were recognized as 2002-03 Mosier Scholarship recipients. The recipients are as followed:

Emily Babcock
Margarita Chebakova
Randa Cox
Cari Denson
Jordan Hill
Gina Humble
Gretchen Imel
Sarah Myers
Lindsey Ray
Hao Tran
Amanda Tunell
Brandi Widowski

Eleven third-year (P-3) students were recognized as 2002-03 Mosier Scholarship recipients. The recipients are as followed:

Jacqueline Beers
Erica Branham
Erin Burden
Christopher Holmes
Kris Hunley
Chris Monnot
Timothy Pickens
Kiet Vuong
Sheri Wahrmund
Gretchen Williams
Kristin Williams



Sixteen third-year (P-4) students were recognized as 2002-03 Mosier Scholarship recipients. The recipients are as followed:

Sarah Brewer
Shala Devlin
Chad Douglas
Ryann Downard
Mark Hill
Jennifer Taylor-Holbrook
James Hughes
Ann Marie Lee
Kari McCracken
Kyle McMurphy
Rebecca Ross
Ashley Sparks
Jennifer Sipols
John Walker
Mia Wirtges
Julie Whitmire





▪ White Coat Ceremony

The College of Faculty, with the help of alumni, returning students, family and friends of the university welcomed the 2002 entering class by presenting each entering student with a white laboratory coat on Tuesday, September 24, 2002. This event symbolically marked the entry into the pharmacy profession for the 126 first-year (P-1) students and provided a visible sign of their status as a pharmacy student.



The need for an official recognition of each entering class has been a consistent suggestion during recent annual faculty retreats. The faculty recommended in May 2002 that the college look for a way, such as a "White Coat Event", to enhance the professional development of students. Final approval for initiating the event in 2002 came when a group of students representing the OU chapter of the Academy of Students of Pharmacy met with Dean Buckner in August to volunteer to spearhead the college's efforts. Students from the ASP chapter provided many hours of service to assist the Office of Pharmacy Student Services in hosting the event.

Highlights of the day's events included recognition of [all Mosier Scholarship recipients for 2002-03](#), including eighteen first year students who were presented with their first Mosier Scholarship check. The event also provided the opportunity for all 126 first year students to meet as a class for the very first time. The 41 students completing the program at the OU Tulsa - Schusterman Campus traveled by bus to meet with their 85 counterparts from the Health Sciences Center Campus in Oklahoma City. These future pharmacists were 'coated' by Associate Dean Mark Britton, Associate Dean Lester Reinke, and Interim Assistant Dean Jack Coffey and then received congratulations from Dean Carl Buckner. Lunch for the over 200 students, faculty, staff, and special guests was sponsored by the College of Pharmacy Student Executive Council. Dean Buckner also offered his sincere thanks to the many alumni and faculty who provided monetary gifts to underwrite the cost of the event. To date, nearly \$2,400 in support has been provided toward the event. A list of these donors can be seen at <http://oupharmacy.com/news/pdf/843.pdf>.



Following the formal festivities, the Class of 2006 held their first class meeting to elect class officers. Officers for the Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2006 include, David Donald, President; Chad Yandell, Vice-President-OKC; Jared Wileman, Vice President-Tulsa; Rebecca McNeal, Secretary; and Molly Adams, Treasurer.

▪ Preceptors 2002 Conference

The annual preceptors conference was held on September 25, 2002 in Oklahoma City. The conference theme was "The Value of Preceptors in Education and Training," and 147 preceptors were in attendance.

Lecture topics included:

- how to discern reasons for learning or performance difficulties,
- methods to motivate students toward learning,
- teaching characteristics and methods that recent graduates report as most valuable in their experiential training, and
- the importance of preceptors as role models.



Small group discussion sessions also focused on sharing ideas and best practices in experiential training. The conference is held during September each year and jointly hosted by the University of Oklahoma (OU) College of Pharmacy and Southwestern Oklahoma State (SWOSU) School of Pharmacy.

Both OU and SWOSU recognized outstanding preceptors for contributions in the educational development of future pharmacists. Plaques were presented by the deans of both institutions.



Important Healthcare Information

▪ Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response

The CDC regularly updates a section on its web site with information about biological, chemical and radiological agents that can be used as weapons of mass destruction. The section, designed for laboratory and healthcare professionals, includes protocols for testing, cleanup, and treatment for exposure to these agents, as well as information about preparation and planning, training, and related resources. To access the latest information, go to <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/healthprofessionals/index.asp>.

Alumni News

▪ E-Mail Address for Tami Krise ('93,'97)

Tami sent along her e-mail address in order for classmates and friends to communicate with her. She can be contacted at tamara.krise@hcahealthcare.com.

▪ New Baby Girl for Lauri Gormley ('95)

A new member of the Gormley household arrived on September 15, 2002. Casey Marie was 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Congratulations Lauri and family.



Pharmacy News

▪ NCPA Returns to Court to Block Bush Card II

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) is back in federal court, fighting to kill the Bush administration's second attempt to impose a Medicare-endorsed discount card plan run by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) without congressional authority. NCPA and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) last year successfully blocked the administration's first effort.

"Even a cursory examination of the 2002 card program reveals that this new version is not new at all, but is essentially the same Medicare endorsement program as the 2001 version, with no new legal authority," said a filing by NCPA and NACDS. "For example, the 2002 card program remains a program whereby HHS (Department of Health and Human Services) and CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) will grant a Medicare endorsement to approved prescription drug card issuers, permitting them to use the Medicare name. Just like the 2001 card program, it specifies criteria for obtaining this endorsement, such as specific years of experience and numbers of covered lives; limits beneficiaries to one endorsed card; and creates a consortium to administer the program."

▪ National Pharmacy Week, October 20-26, 2002

Pharmacists play a vital role in the Nation's health care, and the National Pharmacy Week Celebration--October 20-26, 2002 --provides a great opportunity to highlight how the community can benefit from pharmacy services, as well as from the pharmacist's expertise.

The American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) first created the observance in 1925 as a way to promote the value of pharmacy services. APhA continues to provide materials and information for use during pharmacy week and the 2002 National Pharmacy Week Planning Guide is available at <http://www.aphanet.org/news/pharmweek/main.html>.

Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum News

▪ Dr. J. A. Stark ('53) Donation of Medals to The Dorrance

The Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum is pleased to announce that Dr Jodie Stark has recently donated, for placement in the Tulsa branch, his collection of *The Medallion History of Pharmacy*. This collection consists of a set of 36 solid sterling silver medals issued by the Medical Heritage Society and is one of only 1527 sets of this type that were manufactured in the one-time issue. Each medal depicts and briefly describes a milestone event in the history of the profession, dating as early as 2100 B.C. *The Medallion History of Pharmacy* is now a part of the permanent collection of the Lemuel Dorrance Pharmacy Museum in Tulsa and is currently on display. "The donation by Dr. Stark is exceptional and enables our museum to present to students and other visitors a synopsis of the history of our great profession in a unique format," said Dean Carl Buckner. "We are very fortunate to have alumni like Dr. Stark who value and contribute to the learning environment of the college."



Dr. Stark received the B.S. degree in Pharmacy and the M.D. degree from The University of Oklahoma. He is originally from Marlow, OK, and practiced anesthesiology at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa for several years after graduation from OU. The college is deeply appreciative of the donation by Dr. Stark.

OUPharmTECH News

▪ OUPharmacy.com Wish List

OUPharmTECH is committed to establishing OUPharmacy.com as a tool which supports all levels of the college as well as our alumni, friends, prospective students and whoever might be seeking information. [Make a wish](#) for the things you would like to see implemented on OUPharmacy.com.

Job Openings

OU MEDICAL CENTER, Children's Hospital

- Clinical Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Schusterman Center, Tulsa

- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Assistant or Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics
- Lan Analyst
- Assistant or Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics
- Assistant or Associate Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

- Staff Pharmacist and/or Assistant Pharmacy Manager
- Staff Pharmacist

USPHS/Indian Health Service

- Staff Pharmacist

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma

- Clinical Pharmacist