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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

This is the season for awards. Many awards to pharmacy students were presented at the Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet held on April 12 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Before that, however, several of our pharmacy students were recognized with campus-wide awards at the OUHSC Multicultural Banquet held a week earlier.

The following pharmacy students received recognition at the Multicultural Banquet:

- Evelyn Nwosu – Outstanding Professional Student Award (African American)
- Jennifer Chonlahan – Outstanding Professional Student Award (Asian)
- Jason Gray – Outstanding Professional Student Award (Native American)
- Simona Ouzounova – Outstanding Professional Student Award (International)
- Winter Gibbs - Walter Mason Award (Professional Student)
- Julie Nguyen – Asian American Professional Student Association Award
- Jennifer Chonlahan – OUHSC Student of the Year Award (Asian)
- Dai Vo – Outstanding Multicultural Pharmacy Student Award

Congratulations are extended to all with thanks for representing our college well.

The annual Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet was extremely well attended this year by students, faculty, staff, families, alumni, and friends. The following students were honored:

- Preeti Tendolkar - John B. Bruce Scholarship
- Tam Bui - Loyd & Maurine Harris Scholarship
- Tara Jenkins - E. Blanche Sommers Award
- Amanda Kay Humble – Mosier Scholar
- Deborah Jeanette Poland - Mosier Scholar
- Shala D. Devlin – Albertson's Scholarship
- Gina Humble - Phil and Fern Ashby Scholarship
- Jacqueline Beers - Phil and Fern Ashby Scholarship
- Mark Hill - Phil and Fern Ashby Scholarship
- Winter Joy Gibbs - Ralph Bienfang Memorial Scholarship
- Jennifer Sipols - V. Jean Brown Memorial Scholarship
- Kari McCarcken - Ralph T. Enix Scholarship
- William Moore - George E. Kirk, Jr. Scholarship
- Chad Douglas - John A. Marik Scholarship
- James Brian Hughes - William E. McIntosh Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- Jennifer Taylor Holbrook – McKesson Scholarship
- Ryann Downard – National Association of Chain Drug Stores Scholarship
- Gretchen Williams - National Association of Chain Drug Stores Scholarship
- Labinot Avdiu – Calvin J. Anthony Award from NCPA and Bristol Myers Squibb
- Kyle McMurphy – Oklahoma County Pharmacists Association Scholarship
- Kristin Williams – Oklahoma Pharmacists Association Auxiliary Scholarship
- Amanda Tunnell – Oklahoma Pharmacists Association District 1 Scholarship
- Kiet Vuong - Oklahoma Pharmacists Association District 1 Scholarship

- John Walker - Oklahoma Pharmacists Association District 1 Scholarship
- Mia Wirtjes – J. H. Owen Scholarship
- Jordan Hill - Pharmacists Mutual Scholarship
- Gena Berish - Stanley M. Reinhaus Foundation Scholarship
- Lea Ann Logan - Stanley M. Reinhaus Foundation Scholarship
- Kendra McConnell - Stanley M. Reinhaus Foundation Scholarship
- Elisa H. Pham - Stanley M. Reinhaus Foundation Scholarship
- Emily Babcock - Roy Sanford Scholarship
- Erica Branham- Roy Sanford Scholarship
- Sarah Brewer - Roy Sanford Scholarship
- Julie Whitmire - Wal-Mart Scholarship
- Chris Monnot - Albert Wehrenberg Scholarship
- Kerry Young - George Xezonatos Memorial Scholarship
- Simona Ouzonova - APhA-ASP Professionalism Award
- Rebecca Ross - ASHP Leadership Award
- Robyn Morris - Facts and Comparison Award
- James Sipols - GlaxoSmithKline Award
- Matthew Baker – AIHP History of Pharmacy Award
- Jennifer Chonlahan - Merck Award
- Stacey Hall – Merck Award
- Gretchen Imel – Mylan Award
- Adela Constantin – Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Award
- Ricky Overton - Oklahoma Pharmacists Association Award
- James Sipols - Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists Award
- Grady Bivins - Perrigo Company Award
- Todd Marcy - Pfizer Community Pharmacy Internship Award
- Jason Thompson - Pfizer Nonprescription Drug Therapy Award
- Leslie Strasia - Roche Pharmacy Communications Award
- Phi Luong - TEVA Pharmaceuticals USA Award
- Jason Gray - Lilly Achievement Award

We are very proud of these students and their accomplishments and wish them the very best for the future.

We are also very proud of our faculty and their achievements. Those that were recognized at the Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet were:

- Dawn Havrda – Roche Preceptor of the Year Award
- Patrick Medina – Teaching Excellence Award

Alumni Association Awards were presented to several prominent alumni as follows:

- Lee Ann Lavender – Outstanding Young Alumni Award
- Yvette Y. Morrison – Outstanding Young Alumni Award
- Kristin C. Klein – E. Blanche Sommers Award
- G. Kimmel Stanton – Ralph D. Bienfang Outstanding Practitioner Award
- Carl D. Lyons – Distinguished Alumni Award
- Tom J. Noles – Distinguished Alumni Award

At the recent Province VII Annual Meeting of Kappa Psi held in Oklahoma City, the Gamma Omicron Chapter at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy received two awards, the Chapter of the Year and the Most Improved Chapter.



While April has been a happy month from the standpoint of honors and awards, we have been very sad to report the loss of one of the college's most prominent alumni and fervent supporters, Ralph Enix. Ralph's life was filled with love for the profession and service to society. He was an icon for Oklahoma pharmacy and will be missed. More about Ralph can be found at <http://oupharmacy.com/partner/lifetime/enix.asp>.

Sincerely,

College News

▪ Pharmacy Faculty Recognized at Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet

Congratulations to our College of Pharmacy faculty who were recognized at the 2002 Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet for excellence.

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▪ Pharmacy Students honored at Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet

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Congratulations to all receiving awards.

▪ **OUHSC Multicultural Award Recipients from the College of Pharmacy**

Congratulations to the following students who represented the College of Pharmacy at the recent OUHSC Multicultural Awards Banquet. Our students were presented with eight awards:

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▪ **Kappa Psi – Chapter of the Year Award**

Congratulations are in order to the members of the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Kappa Psi at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. They were recently honored at the 2002 Province VII Annual Meeting with two awards, the Chapter of the Year and the Most Improved Chapter.



Debbie with Dean Carl Buckner (left) and Assistant Dean Carl Lyons.



Debbie with OU-Tulsa President Ken Levit



▪ **Honors for Debbie Harding**

We are pleased to announce that Debbie Harding, Staff Assistant in the College of Pharmacy, was selected as The University of Oklahoma Health Science Center's (HSC) Employee of the Month for April, 2002. Debbie is based at The Schusterman Center in Tulsa and is completing a year as Chair of the HSC Staff Senate. Her hard work was recognized on April 17th with a reception in her honor. Please join us in congratulating Debbie at Debbie-harding@ouhsc.edu.

▪ **Nancy Ray ('82, '01) – Assistant Director of Experiential Education**

The College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the arrival of Dr. Nancy Ray who has recently accepted the position of Assistant Director of Experiential Education. She is based at the Schusterman Center in Tulsa and can be contacted at Nancy-ray@ouhsc.edu.

Alumni News

▪ **Pharmacy Alumni Honored at Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet**

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Alumni Association recognized the following alumni with awards at the 2002 Pharmacy Day Awards Banquet:

- Lee Ann Lavender ('97) – Outstanding Young Alumni Award
- Yvette Y. Morrison ('93) – Outstanding Young Alumni Award
- Kristin C. Klein ('99) – E. Blanche Sommers Award
- G. Kimmel Stanton ('64) – Ralph D. Bienfang Outstanding Practitioner Award
- Carl D. Lyons ('60) – Distinguished Alumni Award
- Tom J. Noles ('64) – Distinguished Alumni Award

Congratulations to all recipients.

▪ **Debbie Proctor-Teel ('77)**

Debbie sent along her e-mail address and encourages classmates and friends to contact her at ddteel@ttcu.com. She is living in Tulsa and working in Sapulpa.

▪ **Samuel E. Willett ('77) Update**

Sam reports that he has lived mostly in Mayfield, KY since graduation. He worked one year for a chain pharmacy and 24 years in independent pharmacies. He bought his own store in May 1994 and writes, "I am loving every minute of it." If you would like to contact Sam his email is: samwillett@hotmail.com.

Oklahoma Poison Control Center News

▪ **Use Care With Easter Eggs, Poison Center Warns**

Easter egg hunts are a tradition with the Easter holiday, but precautions are needed to prevent food poisoning from improperly handled eggs, warns the Oklahoma Poison Control Center, a program of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and The Children's Hospital at OU MEDICAL CENTER.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the following recommendations should be observed when handling eggs.

- Buy eggs from a refrigerated display case whenever possible. Take eggs straight home and store them immediately in the refrigerator set at 40 °F or below. Keep them in their carton and place them in the coldest part of the refrigerator, not in the door. If the trip home takes more than 30 minutes or it is a hot day, put the eggs in a portable cooler.
- Do not purchase eggs if the expiration date printed on the carton has passed.



- Buy eggs with clean, uncracked shells. Look for the USDA grade shield or mark. Graded eggs must meet standards for quality and size.
- Do not wash eggs before storing them. That could remove the protective mineral oil coating and increase the potential for bacteria on the shell to enter the egg.
- Store eggs in their original carton in the refrigerator as soon as possible and keep them refrigerated until used. Store eggs away from foods with strong odors, such as fish and onions.
- Remove only the number of eggs needed from the carton and return it to the refrigerator immediately.
- Use the eggs within a reasonable amount of time. Raw eggs in shells will keep in the refrigerator without significant loss of quality for up to three weeks.
- Hard cooked eggs – in the shell or peeled – should be eaten within one week after cooking. Hard-cooked yolks should be used within five days.
- Practice good hygiene when preparing eggs. Wash hands, utensils, equipment, and work surfaces with hot, soapy water before and after they come into contact with eggs.
- When preparing and serving eggs, keep them out of the refrigerator no more than two hours, not including cooking time.
- Thoroughly cook eggs to minimize the risk from Salmonella and other harmful bacteria.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture also lists safety tips for decorating Easter eggs:

- **Dyeing eggs:** After hard cooking eggs, dye them and return them to the refrigerator within 2 hours. If eggs are to be eaten, use a food-safe coloring. As with all foods, persons dyeing the eggs should wash their hands before handling the eggs.
- **Decorations:** One Easter bread recipe is decorated with dyed, cooked eggs in the braided bread. Because the bread is kept at room temperature, these eggs should be considered a decoration only and not eaten.
- **Blowing out eggshells:** Because some raw eggs may contain *Salmonella*, you must use caution when blowing out the contents to hollow out the shell for decorating, such as for Ukrainian Easter eggs. Use only eggs that have been kept refrigerated and are uncracked. To destroy bacteria that may be present on the surface of the egg, wash the egg in hot water and then rinse in a solution of 1-teaspoon chlorine bleach per half cup of water. After blowing out the egg, refrigerate the contents and use within 2 to 4 days; cook thoroughly before eating.
- **Hunting Eggs:** Hard-cooked eggs for an egg hunt must be prepared with care to prevent cracking the shells. If the shells crack, bacteria could contaminate the inside. Eggs should be hidden in places that are protected from dirt, pets, and other sources of bacteria. The total time for hiding and hunting eggs should not exceed 2 hours. The "found" eggs must be re-refrigerated until eaten.

For more information go to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's web site at www.usda.gov. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center has pharmacists and nurses available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-222-1222. Visit our web site at www.oklahomapoison.org.

E-mail: Oklahoma_Poison@ouhsc.edu

Job Openings

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Family Medicine Clinic

- Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Everett Tower

- Assistant or Associate Professor
- Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Children's Hospital

- Clinical Assistant Professor

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

- Instructional Design Specialist
- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Pharmacist

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Instructional Design Specialist
- Assistant or Associate Professor
- Assistant/Associate Professor

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center

- Pharmacist Specialist in Poison Information I

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

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

Texoma HealthCare System

- Staff Pharmacist

USPHS/Indian Health Service

- Staff Pharmacist
- Staff Pharmacist