

## Honors and Awards

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy is committed to recognizing outstanding academic and professional performance by students. To that end, the College has established a number of student honors and awards. Indeed, what began as individual awards has grown into a complete awards program to recognize excellence in the OU College of Pharmacy.<sup>1</sup>

The following honors have been developed to recognize specific attributes or excellence in specific areas.

### Dean's List

Each semester, those full-time baccalaureate students who have a grade average of 3.0 or above with no grades below a B and who rank in the upper 20% of their class are placed on the Dean's List. The Dean's List is the College's version of the academic honor roll found in most institutions.

### Convocation Awards

During the College of Pharmacy Convocation each year, the College not only exhorts the class with the traditional address from the Class President, Dean, and a distinguished guest, but several students are spotlighted for special recognition. Some are the traditional honors offered at most schools, and some are specialized to the OU College of Pharmacy.

As in other schools and colleges worldwide, the College of Pharmacy's *Valedictorian* is the graduating senior who has maintained the highest total and professional grade-point average. Additionally,

students who complete the baccalaureate pharmacy program with a professional grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.74 are graduated with *Distinction*, and those with a professional grade-point average of 3.75 or higher are graduated with *Special Distinction*. These honors are inscribed on their diplomas and, students wear a gold honor hood at convocation and commencement exercises. Students who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade average in all college course work also receive an OU Seal Medallion on a red and white ribbon.

Besides the strictly academic awards, however, the College also recognizes other attributes at convocation. The *Most Congenial Senior* is selected by a vote of the graduating class. The *Most Congenial Senior* award was established in memory of Jimmie Lee Howard, who died in automobile accident in 1968 while a student in the College of Pharmacy. The *Dean's Award* is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding service to the College and the profession as selected by the Dean; this individual also receives a stipend of \$2,500 as the *Mosier Senior Scholar*. Students who have been elected to membership in Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma Honor Societies are also formally recognized along with those being graduated with distinction.

### Henry D. and Ida Mosier Scholarship Programs

The Mosier endowment provides significant support for pharmacy students. Henry Davis Mosier, who graduated from OU in 1912 with the Ph.C. degree, passed away in 1966; he was followed in death by his wife in 1976. The Mosiers left a major portion of their estate to the University of Oklahoma, and they specified that much of it was to be used for the benefit of pharmacy students. A 1.75 million dollar gift from the Mosier endowment was used in construction of the pharmacy building, and the remainder is still supporting programs for pharmacy students. There are presently three major scholarship programs supported by the Henry D. and Ida Mosier endowment.

The *Henry D. and Ida Mosier Scholar Program* was initiated in 1986. Two individuals are selected as scholars from each entering baccalaureate class on the basis their leadership potential as demonstrated by their prepharmacy record, letters of recommendation, and personal interviews. These two Mosier Scholars receive an award of \$2,500 for each year of their professional study.

The Mosier Scholars receive a specific amount on the basis of academic and leadership potential without regard to need. Under a similar name, a separate program of Mosier scholarships has been

established to assist those in need. The *Mosier Scholarship Program* has provided financial assistance to B.S. in Pharmacy students since 1981. Annual awards of \$500 to \$1,500 are made on the basis of merit and financial need. Approximately \$50,000 is presented each year. Finally, the *Mosier Doctor of Pharmacy Scholarship Program* provides awards of up to \$2,500 a year to qualified students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Between 1981 and 1993, 377 individual received nearly \$575,000 in scholarships from the Mosier Endowment. Thanks to the generosity of the Mosiers, the OU College of Pharmacy has one of the strongest pharmacy student scholarship programs in existence.

### Pharmacy Day Awards

Additional awards are presented each year at a Pharmacy Day Banquet held in the spring to honor student, faculty, and practitioner achievement and recognize those alumni of the College who graduated 25 or 50 years earlier. In any given year, one or more of the awards which was offered the previous year may be phased out, but new awards generally replace them, leaving the total number fairly constant. The scholarships and awards which were presented Pharmacy day in 1993, which are listed below, exemplify the ongoing awards program of the College of Pharmacy.

#### *Pharmaceutical Sciences Student Awards*

*John B. Bruce Scholarship.* Endowed \$500 scholarship to an outstanding student in the Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacodynamics Section

*Blanche Sommers Scholarship.* Endowed \$500 scholarship to an outstanding student in the Pharmaceutical Sciences

#### *Doctor of Pharmacy Student Awards*

*Roy Sanford Scholarship.* Endowed \$500 scholarship to a first year doctor of pharmacy student for outstanding academic achievement

*Sandoz Award.* Engraved plaque and \$200 to a graduating doctor of pharmacy student for superior academic achievement

*Smith-Kline-Beecham Award.* Engraved plaque to a graduating doctor of pharmacy student for superior achievement in patient care

*Upjohn Research Award.* Engraved plaque and \$500 to a graduating doctor of pharmacy student for an outstanding research project

**Pharmacy Student Scholarships**

**Phil and Fern Ashby Scholarship.** Endowed \$500 scholarship to a P-4 student for outstanding academic achievement

**Ralph Bienfang Memorial Scholarship.** Endowed \$1000 scholarship to a P-4 student for outstanding achievement in communication and leadership

**Glaxo Scholarship.** A \$1,000 scholarship to a P-4 student for outstanding academic achievement

**John A. Marik Scholarship.** Endowed \$500 scholarship to a P-4 student for academic excellence and meaningful contribution to the College

**Medco Scholarships.** Four \$1,000 scholarships to P-4 students for academic excellence and professional involvement

**NACDS Scholarship.** A \$1,250 scholarship to a P-3 or P-4 student for academic excellence and interest in community pharmacy

**OPhA Auxiliary Scholarship.** A \$400 scholarship to a P-3 or P-4 student for an outstanding contribution to the profession

**OPhA District 1 Scholarship.** A \$250 scholarship to a P-4 student for academic excellence and interest in community pharmacy

**OPhA District 7 Scholarship.** A \$150 scholarship to a P-4 student for academic excellence and interest in community pharmacy

**J.H. Owen Memorial Scholarship.** Endowed \$500 scholarship to a P-4 student for academic excellence and interest in hospital pharmacy

**Pharmacists Mutual Scholarship.** A \$500 scholarship to a P-3 student for academic excellence

**Roy Sanford Scholarship.** Endowed \$500 scholarship to a P-3 student for academic excellence

**Wal-Mart Scholarship.** A \$1,000 scholarship to a P-4 student for academic excellence, leadership, and interest in community pharmacy

**Pharmacy Student Awards**

**Mylan Award.** Framed certificate and \$500 Savings Bond to a P-3 student for academic excellence and high professional motivation

**ASHP Leadership Award.** Certificate and AHFS Drug Information to a P-4 student for excellence, leadership and interest in hospital pharmacy

**Facts and Comparisons Award.** Four reference books and marble book ends to a graduating senior for academic excellence and excellence in clinical communications

- History of Pharmacy Award.* Certificate and membership in the American Institute of History of Pharmacy for outstanding achievement in the history of pharmacy
- Lemmon Company Award.* Certificate and \$100 to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in pharmaceuticals
- Lilly Achievement Award.* Engraved medallion to a graduating senior for highest achievement in the professional curriculum
- McKesson Award.* Engraved plaque and \$250 to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in pharmaceuticals
- McNeil Award.* Hand-turned revolutionary war period mortar and pestle to a P-5 student for outstanding achievement in pharmacy administration
- Merck Sharp and Dohme Award.* Engraved Merck Manual and Merck Index to two P-5 students for undergraduate research and academic excellence in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacodynamics
- OPhA Award.* One year membership in the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association to a graduating senior for outstanding leadership
- OSHP Award.* Certificate and one year membership in the Oklahoma Society of Hospital Pharmacists to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in hospital pharmacy
- Pfizer Award.* Engraved plaque to a graduating senior for excellence in the community pharmacy externship
- Roche Award.* Engraved plaque to a graduating senior for excellence in the effective communication with patients
- Smith-Kline Beecham Award.* Engraved plaque to a graduating senior for excellence in patient care

### *Faculty and Practitioner Awards*

- Bienfang Pharmacy Practitioner Award.* Engraved plaque to a pharmacist nominated by alumni for an outstanding career of professionalism
- Pharmacy Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award.* Engraved plaque and \$2,000 to an excellent undergraduate teacher selected by the students
- Syntax Preceptor of the Year.* Engraved plaque to an adjunct faculty preceptor for outstanding service to the College