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## FROM THE DEAN



Recently, a student ambassador who was giving a campus tour to prospective students and parents stopped in front of our building, pointed to it and announced, "This is the College of Pharmacy, which was recently ranked number one in the country." I resisted the inclination to correct her and say, "No, that is just a building. The College is really the students, staff, faculty, and alumni who make up the College." I mean that with all sincerity. It is our people that make us who we are. I and others often refer to our collective being as the Purdue Pharmacy Family. Like any family, we journey together through many life experiences.

Some of the most important moments in any family are those that celebrate special accomplishments. In this issue of *The Purdue Pharmacist*, you will get a glimpse of two very special celebrations that occur each year. The first is the induction of a group of Distinguished Alumni. Celebrating their achievements reminds us of the impact we can have by laying a strong foundation for our students—who then go on to do great things. The second is our graduation celebration for the Class of 2014. Fewer experiences can top the joy of this marvelous academic accomplishment.

Families also have those times when one or more members step up to help other members of the family in need. We profile two couples in this issue who have stepped up to help other members of the Purdue Pharmacy Family through their generous giving. These two couples, Jeannie & Jim Chaney and Chris & Theresa Dimos, are wonderful examples of the incredible generosity of our alumni. They are truly reaching back to help a generation of students coming behind them.

A family also takes time to reflect...to discuss among itself why they do what they do. Herein you will read from three of our preceptors their thoughts on serving as a preceptor for our students. Without the help of individuals like these, our program could not function.

Sadly, a family must also at times gather together to face the reality of loss. We have recently lost three members of the faculty in our family, to whom we pay tribute in this issue. They were taken from us too soon, but their impact continues.

We hope this issue of *The Purdue Pharmacist* helps you feel more connected to the family that is our College. We may be housed in buildings, but it is the lives we represent that really count.

Hail Purdue!

CRAIG K. SVENSSON, Dean

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Leigh Moffet (R) enjoys the Graduation Banquet with her sister

# The Chaney's Make a \$1 Million Gift

## Pacesetter Endowment for Pharmacy

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A Purdue University alumna and her husband have given \$1 million to create the Pacesetter Endowment for Pharmacy to establish scholarships and support future construction or renovation.

JeanAnne “Jeannie” D. Chaney, who earned her bachelor’s degree in pharmaceutical sciences from Purdue in 1961, and her husband, James B. Chaney, made the donation through the Chaney Family Foundation.

“This endowment will help pharmacy students achieve their academic and career goals through both direct financial support of scholarships and enhanced facilities,” Purdue President Mitch Daniels said. “The Chaney’s are longtime supporters of Purdue who have given generously through both service and gifts. Purdue’s pharmacy program is one of the top in the nation, and patronage like that of the Chaney’s makes possible programs and student support that are key to earning such distinction.”

The Pacesetter Endowment for Pharmacy will provide scholarships for undergraduate or professional students enrolled in the College of Pharmacy. The College plans to award the first scholarship in 2015 and is developing its criteria. The endowment also will support construction of a new building for the College or the renovation and expansion of existing structures.

The Chaney’s hope others will add to the Pacesetter Endowment or create their own endowment for the same purpose.

“It is important as you go through life to give forward,” said Jeannie. “I know there have been many times when people went out of their way to help me get a great education at Purdue.”



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## The Chaney's

The dual focus of the Pacesetter Endowment helps the College achieve the important goals of both providing financial support to students and creating a facility that allows Purdue's pharmacy program to fulfill its potential, said Craig Svensson, Dean of the College of Pharmacy.

"The top priorities of Purdue's pharmacy program are to maintain our world-class academic and research status, which is greatly influenced by the facilities in which learning and research take place, and support of our students," he said. "Purdue has the distinction of having the lowest self-reported student debt among Big Ten pharmacy programs, and we intend to keep that distinction. The Pacesetter Endowment allows us to continue in our commitment to these priorities. It also captures the remarkable impact the Chaney's have had on Purdue's pharmacy program through their consistent generosity and tremendous support of students."

The Chaney's are recipients of the President's Council Pinnacle Award, the highest recognition for philanthropic contributions to Purdue. Scholarships established by the Chaney's include the JeanAnne D. & James B. Chaney Scholarship in Pharmacy, the JeanAnne Darr and James B. Chaney Education and Development Fund, the Jim and JeanAnne Chaney Pharmacy Student Support Endowment, and the James Russell Maier Memorial Scholarship. In addition, they created a self-sustaining "pay-it-forward" scholarship program for pharmacy students in Kenya in which the students repay the scholarship after graduation in order to fund future scholarships.

Additional contributions to the College include the Chaney Faculty Scholar Award, the highest research award given to faculty in the College, gifts to enhance technology for the distance-learning classes and renovate the Pharmacy Practice Laboratory, and a conference room. The Chaney's also were matching gift donors for the 2013 Senior Class Gift Challenge, which was used to install on the first floor of the Heine Pharmacy Building a graphic timeline outlining major events that have shaped the College. Jeannie also has served as Chair of the President's Council, a member of the steering committee of Pharmacy Women for Purdue, and as a member of the Pharmacy Alumni Board.

Jim Chaney is President of the Cleveland Syrup Co., which provides sweeteners to food manufacturing companies. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Denison University.

## A Message from the Dean

It has been said that predictions are difficult to make, especially when they involve the future. How then can we reasonably plan? Only if we include flexibility in the plan. That flexibility is exemplified by the Pacesetter Endowment established by Jeannie and Jim Chaney and is why this gift is so important for the future of the College. We have a long term plan to construct a new facility and/or undertake a major renovation for the existing facility to meet the needs of the College. Yet, many elements must come together at the right time to make this a reality. As a consequence, we cannot at present determine when we can move forward with such plans.

A dual purpose endowment allows donors to contribute now to the support of a future capital project for the College, while helping students as we await the ability to move ahead with those plans. By making a contribution to a capital project now, the Chaney's allow us to better assess the feasibility of raising the necessary funds for such a project. As we wait, the interest on their gift provides scholarships to assist our students in the present.

Our hope, and that of the Chaney's, is that others will follow their lead. The endowment is aptly named the Pacesetter Endowment with the express desire that it will spur others to make similar gifts. Donors can make a contribution to this existing endowment or create a new dual purpose endowment named in honor of donors or family members. If you are interested, please contact our Director for Advancement, John Dinkens (JADinkens@prf.org).

Jeannie and Jim have been tremendous supporters of our College and have made a real impact on the lives of our students and faculty. Their contributions, enumerated in the article in which this note is embedded, have and are making a difference. We invite you to join them in helping to secure the future of the College and its students!

— Craig Svensson, Dean



Dean Craig Svensson presented Jim and Jeannie Chaney with a gold plate during the Donor Recognition Brunch on November 2, 2013



To read more about another recent contribution made by the Chaney's, please see page 22, *The Newly Renovated Purdue University Pharmacy.*

# Distinguished Alumni

The College of Pharmacy presented the Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus Awards on April 4, 2014, during a luncheon ceremony in the Spurgeon Room at Mackey Arena. These prestigious awards, initiated in 1984, are conferred annually upon selected alumni in recognition of their outstanding achievement in professional and scientific endeavors. Complete biographies of each recipient and additional photos of the event are available at [www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/advancement/honors/distinguished/](http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/advancement/honors/distinguished/).



2014 Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni recipients (L to R) Jim Bedford, Carl Erickson, Al Fites, and Tim Tracy



*"The Distinguished Alumni Celebration will be a lifetime memory. It was humbling to be honored with my family, friends, and 1981 classmates who attended the event."*

**James W. Bedford**  
(BS 1981)  
Director  
West Monroe Partners,  
LLC



*"There is a palpable bond among Purdue Pharmacy alumni. I feel it among the Purdue alumni at my institution. I feel it when I see another American tourist with a Purdue cap or T-shirt when I travel. And most importantly, I felt it again when I visited Purdue to receive my Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Award. It is a distinct feeling of connection to lifelong friends."*

**Carlton K. Erickson**  
(MS 1963, PhD 1965)  
Pfizer Centennial Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, and Director of the Addiction Science Research and Education Center in the College of Pharmacy  
The University of Texas at Austin



*"The Distinguished Alumni Award is definitely the highlight of my professional career as a pharmaceutical scientist and pharmacist. To receive this honor from the College of Pharmacy and Purdue University for whom I have strong affection and pride makes the award even more special."*

**Alan L. Fites**  
(BS 1964, MS 1968, PhD 1970)  
Consultant, Research and Development  
BioConvergence, LLC



*"My Purdue Pharmacy education opened a world of opportunities for me and instilled in me a true appreciation and love for academic pharmacy. Without the education and mentorship I received during my time at Purdue, I would not be where I am today."*

**Timothy S. Tracy**  
(PhD 1988)  
Dean, College of Pharmacy  
University of Kentucky



## NUCLEAR PHARMACY ALUM

### John Zehner

## *The Road to Success Started Here*

John Zehner (BS 1991) is Executive Vice President and COO of Zevacor Molecular located in Indianapolis. Like so many others, John first became interested in nuclear pharmacy because of Professor Stan Shaw. John started his career in the field in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a student intern with Medi Physics (currently GE Healthcare), and had the fortunate opportunity to get a job with Medi Physics in Washington, DC, upon graduation.

After two years, John started an independent nuclear pharmacy in Sterling, Virginia, near Dulles Airport as a 1/3 owner with his manager from Medi Physics. "We grew this business into a successful three pharmacy chain by 1998 with locations in Baltimore, MD and Winchester, VA," he says. In 1998, they decided to buy a 16 MeV cyclotron to manufacture their own isotopes and radiopharmaceuticals for Positron Emission Tomography (PET). "We were focused on oncology, which was a change from the cardiac focus we had with traditional nuclear medicine."

"We were the first independent nuclear pharmacy in the U.S. to have a PET cyclotron," he says. The cyclotron cost a few million dollars, and John was the person in charge of getting it installed. "It required six-foot thick concrete walls and ceilings. We did not have much help and struggled to get it done. It was a huge learning curve, but we finally figured it out and our company, Eastern Isotopes, Inc. accepted our first 16 MeV cyclotron the day my first daughter was born." John was named by his partners as President of Eastern Isotopes once they started the 16 MeV manufacturing.

John explains that they had great success with PET and decided to expand. He moved to the Chicago metro area to install the next cyclotron in Romeoville, Illinois. "We sold Eastern Isotopes to IBA, a Belgium company who manufactured cyclotrons. We then added several more cyclotrons and a couple imaging devices to our company after IBA purchased us." With IBA, John had responsibilities in Europe and made several trips throughout Europe to assist IBA in growing its network. Eastern Isotopes and IBA became a world leader in PET and one of the largest producers of PET isotopes. He worked with IBA until 2003, then left to start an automation company for nuclear medicine that he later sold to Positron in 2008. That is when John decided to start up his current company, Zevacor Molecular, with a focus once again on 16 MeV cyclotrons.



While a student at Purdue, John spent multiple hours at the Co-Rec and participating in several leagues, especially flag football and basketball. "I still play flag football and pick-up basketball with my college roommate 25 years later, and I have season tickets to the Purdue games." In 2011, he was invited to speak with students at the Dean's Pharmacy Executive Forum. John and his wife, Lori, have been married 20 years and have three daughters: Kayla (15), Paige (12), and Maci (8). He enjoys attending St. Simon Catholic Church with his family, golfing, and boating.

#### **What are your responsibilities in your current position?**

*I have oversight of Zevacor Molecular and am responsible for the strategy of the company. I serve as the quality assurance manager for the FDA regulatory needs since we produce FDA approved drugs. Zevacor operates nuclear pharmacies in Missouri and PET cyclotrons in Illinois, with plans to open additional PET cyclotrons in Missouri, as well as other places around the country. I am also responsible for the radiation safety and am the corporate Radiation Safety Officer.*

*Additionally, I oversee approximately \$75 million in capital spending provided by our parent organization, Illinois Health and Science (IHS). My primary objective is to bring money back to IHS so this money can be used to continue the healthcare mission of Decatur Memorial Hospital, a not-for-profit hospital. Ultimately, the profits from Zevacor will help people who do not have the resources to get the care they need.*

#### **What do you find most interesting about your position?**

*We are installing a 70 MeV cyclotron inside a 71,000 square foot facility in Indiana—the largest cyclotron focused on the full time production of nuclear medicine drugs such as Rubidium 82. This will be the largest, most powerful non-government owned and operated cyclotron in the world and will be able to make a wide variety of radioactive isotopes that are not widely available today. It can also be used in various research on materials that can help with our national security.*



# Giving Back:

## Chris & Theresa Dimos (both BS 1988)

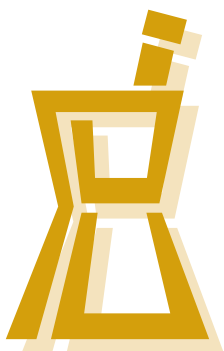
Chris and Theresa Dimos met while pharmacy students at Purdue University. As he tells it, Theresa chased Chris from the halls of the Heine Pharmacy Building to the sidelines of his intramural football games. “I finally realized that anyone who would sit in the cold to watch old football players try to hang onto their dreams was pretty special,” he recalls. After they both received their BS in Pharmacy degrees in 1988, Chris began his career as a staff pharmacist with Syncor Radiopharmaceuticals and Hooks Drugs while Theresa worked at the St. Francis hospital pharmacy in Indianapolis. A year later, Chris joined the Osco Drug chain. The couple married in 1990, and Theresa continued to follow Chris through thirteen moves. After the third state, however, she hung up her hospital pharmacy role for her most rewarding and challenging career yet: Captain of the Dimos Family. The team consists of Chris, the star franchise

quarterback, and sons Drew, a sophomore in college, and Trace, a junior in high school finishing out the team.

Chris held a number of leadership positions prior to becoming President of Supervalu Pharmacies and Non-Foods Merchandising. In September 2013, he joined the corporate strategy and business development team at McKesson Corporation as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Business Development. “It is rewarding to be a part of a team that is enhancing the future of healthcare,” comments Chris.

Chris attended the Indiana University School of Business and completed the Northwestern University Kellogg Executive Program at the J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, as well as the Cornell University Food Industry Management Program. With a passion for representing pharmacy

and making a difference in the industry, he has served on numerous boards and councils including the NACDS, NACDS Foundation Board, and Mirixa Corporation. He is also a member of the Food Marketing Institute Pharmacy Affairs Council, Surescripts Strategic Advisory Council, the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy National Board of Advisors, and the Dean’s Advisory Council at Purdue University’s College of Pharmacy. In 2007, Chris was named a Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus by the College, and in 2012 was invited to speak about personal leadership at the Dean’s Pharmacy Executive Forum. Although the Dimos Team never has an off-season, Theresa and Chris have made it a priority to return to campus often and stay active with Purdue.



*Photography by Art Carrillo/Carrillo Photo*





# SIXTY SECONDS

## With a Graduate Student

### What motivates you both to give back to Purdue?

*We have always believed strongly that we have an obligation to be an active part of our community. Giving of our time, talents, and resources is part of our core beliefs. Our time at Purdue was both challenging and very rewarding. Since graduation, we have been able to stay connected to the College through the Dean's Advisory Council (starting with Dean Rutledge and now through Dean Svensson), providing input on various topics like the design of the ambulatory pharmacy, curriculum, or strategic vision for the profession. The education, experiences, and relationships provided a solid foundation for us to build our life upon.*

*Our parents were and are great mentors and very influential in our lives. In addition to our parents, we were able to develop personal and professional relationships that also provided great value while at Purdue. We met our "best" friend there—each other—as well as lifelong friends [Jeff Howe, MD (BS 1988) and Artie Carrillo (BA 1987, School of Liberal Arts)] who are part of our extended family. We have been truly blessed to have such wonderful professors from various colleges in our lives over the past 30+ years.*

### Why did you choose to establish a Charitable Lead Trust, particularly at this stage in your lives?

*We chose to give back to Purdue because at this time in healthcare, the pace of change is moving rapidly. Particularly, the role of the pharmacist is changing more dramatically than we have ever seen. The timing of our gift is meant to assist Purdue in advancing the profession and educating future pharmacists in their evolving roles in this time of rapid change.*

To learn more about Charitable Lead Trusts, please visit [www.purdue.edu/giving/planned\\_giving/lead\\_trust.html](http://www.purdue.edu/giving/planned_giving/lead_trust.html).



### Kourtney M. Fultz

**BS Biological Sciences**  
(Departmental and University Honors), 2011,  
Wayne State University

**Doctoral Student, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology/  
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Science Program (PULSe)**

**Anticipated Graduation Date:** May 2016

**Hometown:** Waterford, MI

**Major Professor:** Dr. Tony Hazbun

**Research Interests:** My research is focused on developing Hsp90 inhibitors as therapeutic anti-cancer agents.

#### Briefly describe your involvement with Dr.

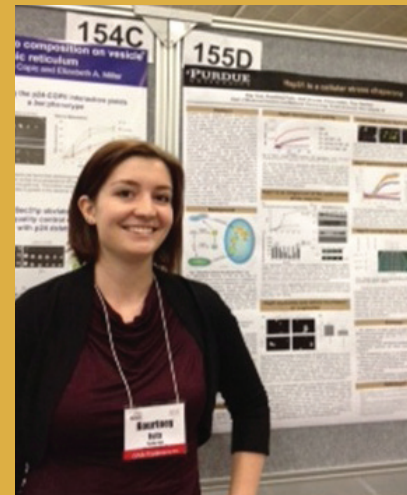
**Hazbun's laboratory:** As a third year graduate student in Dr. Hazbun's lab, my project is focused on development of small molecule Hsp90 inhibitors as anti-cancer agents. I joined the lab in 2011 and have had the opportunity to mentor both undergraduate and graduate rotation students, as well as collaborate with multiple other labs on campus. It's all very exciting.

#### Briefly describe your experience as a graduate

**teaching assistant:** My experience as a GTA in MCMP courses has been amazing. I've been lucky to TA two brand new courses within the department and experience a little bit of what curriculum development and course planning is like. I've also had the opportunity to give guest lectures and gain a lot of experience with teaching undergraduate (BSPS) students. It's been very hands-on and I've learned a lot!

#### Post-graduation plans:

I see myself pursuing a post-doctoral teaching fellowship. I want to continue my training in both research and education so that eventually I can achieve my long-term goal of accepting a tenure-track faculty position at a mid-size university.



*Kourtney presenting at the Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology Meeting, July 2012, Princeton, NJ*

**"Being in PULSe and the College of Pharmacy has been a unique experience. The combination of my interdisciplinary program with the highly collaborative environment within MCMP has allowed me to broaden my research horizons and work with scientists from a multitude of backgrounds. I feel this has greatly helped prepare me for my future as I have learned communication, collaboration, and education all in one place."**

# Dean's Pharmacy Executive Forum

The Spring 2014 Dean's Pharmacy Executive Forum hosted several outstanding alumni and friends of Purdue Pharmacy. The Forum, designed to introduce students to emerging trends and career opportunities in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences through exposure to leaders in professional and corporate environments, provides an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and promotes greater understanding of leadership in the profession of pharmacy. Students benefit from the varied experiences of the guest lecturers, and the lecturers enjoy the lively exchange of questions and answers by well-informed students. The College of Pharmacy is pleased to recognize the following guest lecturers who spoke during the past academic semester.



**Kyle Allen (BS 1981)**

Chief Practice Officer, IU Health Arnett  
*"Practical Advice for Getting Things Done in a Large Health System"*



**Louise Johnson (BS 1973)**

Global Head of R&D Quality Assurance, Takeda Pharmaceuticals  
*"Industry—The Patient is Waiting"*



**Denise Dickson (PharmD 1979)**

Retired, Senior Director, Eli Lilly & Company  
*"The World is Your Oyster"*



**Winnie Landis (BS 1981)**

Pharmacy Manager, CVS/Caremark Corporation  
*"Leadership: Ensuring a Viable Practice for Tomorrow"*



**Eileen Dolan (PhD 1983)**

Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago  
*"Implementation of Pharmacogenomics: The Role of the Pharmacist"*



**Katie Malloy (PharmD 2008)**

Clinical Pharmacist, Neonatal Intensive Care, Riley Hospital for Children IU Health  
*"Leading Quietly in a Noisy World"*



**Susan Graf (BS 1995)**

Vice President of Corporate Development, NPS Pharmaceuticals  
*"Careers for Pharmacists in the Pharma/Biotech Industry"*



**R'kes Starling (BS 2002)**

Vice President of Operations, CORAM  
*"Value-based Leadership During Turbulent Times"*



**Stephanie Hammonds (PharmD 2004)**

Health Insurance Specialist, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
*"Pushing Envelopes, Not Pills"*



**Brad Wasson (BS 1985)**

Vice President, Healthcare Solutions Group Walgreen Company  
*"The Patient's Journey"*



**Kyle Hultgren (PharmD 2006)**

Director, College of Pharmacy's Center for Medication Safety Advancement, Purdue University  
*"Your Life Story: Make it Worth Reading"*

# Eaton Entrepreneur of the Year Award

## Hamid Abbaspour (BS 1985)

Owner, Dr. Aziz Pharmacy

*"Think Outside the Box"*

Lyman D. Eaton II (BS 1974) and Joyce A. Eaton established the Eaton Entrepreneur of the Year Award for an alumnus/a of the College who has excelled in entrepreneurial activities during his/her career. The recipient delivers a lecture relating to entrepreneurial activity to the Dean's Pharmacy Executive Forum.

The 2014 Eaton Entrepreneur of the Year Award was presented to Hamid Abbaspour. In 1988, Hamid established Dr. Aziz Pharmacy, located in Indianapolis, named in memory of his brother, Aziz Abbaspour, PhD. Dr. Aziz Pharmacy has been a leader in providing advanced pharmacy services in the community setting. The focus of the pharmacy has been to take care of the terminally and chronically ill patient. During the early 1990s, the pharmacy expanded to include home infusion services, as well as home health/nursing services, and was accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Since 2012, Dr. Aziz Pharmacy has evolved from a pharmacy to a full service medical practice and health and wellness company. The staff—consisting of four pharmacists, a physician, nurse practitioner, and medical assistants—offers a multidisciplinary approach to healthcare.

In October of 1997, Hamid was selected as one of the top 50 pharmacists influencing pharmaceutical care by *American Druggist Journal*. He is a member of the Purdue University President's Council and a life member of the Purdue Alumni Association.



Dean Craig Svensson presents the Eaton award to Hamid Abbaspour

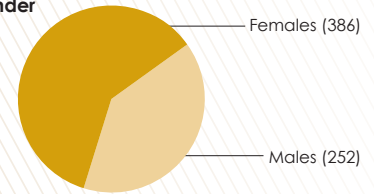


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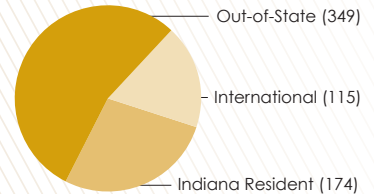
## 2014 Applications

<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>638</b>
<i>Purdue/WL</i>	173
<i>Indiana/Regional Campuses</i>	71
Ball State	2
Depauw	3
IPFW	4
IU/Bloomington	8
IU-Kokomo	1
IU-SE	1
IUPU /Columbus	1
IUPUI	14
IU-SB	3
Ivy Tech-Bloomington	1
Ivy Tech-Indianapolis	1
Manchester	1
PU/Calumet	8
PU/NC	6
Triton	1
U. of Indianapolis	3
U. Southern Indiana	2
U. St. Francis	1
Valparaiso	1
Vincennes	1
Wabash	1
U. IL-Urbana/Champaign	7
<i>Out-of-State Colleges</i>	394

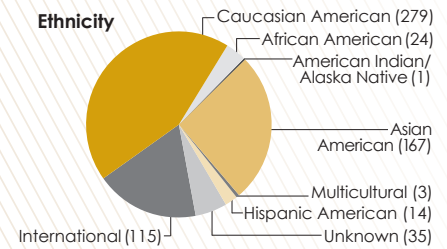
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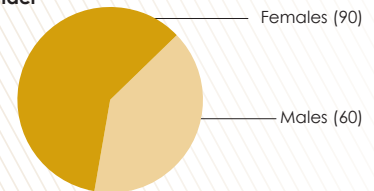
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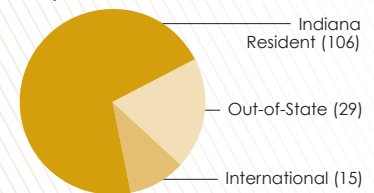
## 2014 Admissions

<b>Total Admitted</b>	<b>150</b>
<i>Purdue/WL</i>	105
<i>Indiana/Regional Campuses</i>	32
Ball State	2
IPFW	2
IU/Bloomington	5
IU-Columbus	1
IU-Kokomo	1
IU-SE	1
IUPUI	8
Ivy Tech-Indianapolis	1
PU/Calumet	4
PU/NC	3
U. of Indianapolis	2
Vincennes	1
IUPUI	8
<i>Out-of-State Colleges</i>	13
<b>Average Age</b>	22 (Range 19 - 46)
<b>Cum. GPA Average</b>	3.53 (Range 2.91 - 4.00)

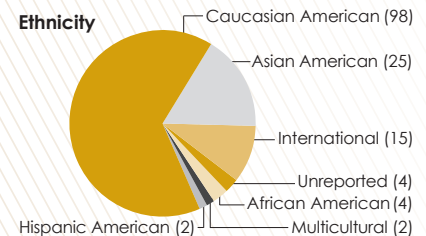
### Gender



### Residency



### Ethnicity



# Purdue Kenya Program

# Celebrates

*I*n 2003, The Purdue University College of Pharmacy joined the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) consortium in Eldoret, Kenya, and established the Purdue Kenya Program (PKP). PKP's mission is to build sustainable access to high quality care for the more than 3.5 million people in the AMPATH catchment area while fostering development of globally engaged students.

Over the past decade, PKP has grown under the leadership of two Purdue faculty who reside full-time in Kenya, as well as two faculty who coordinate the program from within the U.S. More than 200 pharmacy students have had the opportunity to travel abroad and participate in this outstanding program. PKP has also established the first global health pharmacy residency based in this setting in which American and Kenyan pharmacists participate.

In November 2013, the College of Pharmacy celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Purdue Kenya Program. Alumni, faculty, and students participated in programming events, as well as a reception and dinner. Guests had the opportunity to reminisce about their collective experiences. They also spent time networking and attending focus groups to discuss where the program is headed over the next 10 years. The celebration allowed everyone to renew friendships and strengthen their commitment to the future of the Purdue Kenya Program.



Guests enjoy the dinner celebration



(L to R) January-February 2014 Pharmacy Kenya Program participants Kim Bell, Ethan Neilssen, Kristen Abbott, Dante Golston, Leigh Moffet, and Audrey Harbeson

"My experience in Kenya has clarified my priorities and shown me what lengths I am willing to go to support my patients. This is not an experience easily comparable to any that I would experience in America. It has taught me many invaluable lessons on responsibility, resourcefulness, and compassion that will surely resonate in my future career as a pharmacist.

It seems like my whole life has been teaching me lessons in anticipation of my experience in Kenya. I felt such a sense of purpose and humility every second I was there. I became so committed to my patients that it was truly painful when it came time for me to leave. I would encourage anyone to participate in a medical exchange program of some sort, not only because we have so much to offer through our education at Purdue, but because we have so much to learn from this invaluable partnership with the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital."

**Kristen Abbott**

4TH YEAR PROFESSIONAL PHARMD STUDENT  
2014 PKP Participant

"The Purdue Kenya Program Celebration provided the perfect opportunity for fun and fellowship! Not only was I able to reconnect with the students from my group, but I was able to talk with previous program participants. It was also an awesome surprise to see Dr. Sonak Pastakia and Beatrice Jakait there! Since returning from Kenya not two months prior to the celebration, I experienced some reverse culture shock. I was still struggling with this, and it was comforting to share with others our similar experiences. They knew what it was like in the wards, living in the IU House, and walking into town. It was also fun to talk about how the program and the city have changed, not only over the past 10 years but in just the past few months. I was able to make such strong connections with individuals in such a short amount of time, so the benefit I received from having attending this celebration was much greater than I expected."

**Stephanie Kasten**

4TH YEAR PROFESSIONAL PHARMD STUDENT  
2013 PKP Participant and Focus Group Participant

# 10 Years



Current Purdue Pharmacy students walking home from work in Kenya



(L to R) Purdue Kenya Program leaders Steve Abel, Beatrice Jakait, Sonak Pastakia, Ellen Schellhase, and Monica Miller enjoy the celebration

## Program Update

Our Purdue Kenya Program Pharmacy Team (Drs. Rakhi Karwa, Monica Miller Sonak Pastakia, and Ellen Schellhase) have been selected as a regional winner and finalist for the C. Peter Magrath Engagement Award by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). The final judging for the award will take place at the National Engagement Scholarship Conference in October 2014 in Edmonton, Alberta. They will be competing with finalists from three other regions.



Our Purdue Kenya Program Pharmacy Team at the 2014 Strategic Retreat in Naiberi, Kenya

"The Purdue Kenya Program gave me the chance to grow, both as a pharmacist and young professional. This unique experience empowers its students to practice pharmacy as patient advocates in a comprehensive, innovative, compassionate way. It also provides the opportunity to build relationships and serve those around you by becoming part of the community. The skills learned and traits developed enrich students to be successful in whatever their futures bring."

**Chelsea Pekny**  
 (PHARM 2013)  
 PGY2 Global Health Pharmacy  
 Resident - Eldoret, Kenya  
 2012 PKP Participant



Chelsea Pekny (pictured second from left)

"In 2008, I spent six weeks implementing a pharmacy dispensing system in several outpatient clinics as well as rounding at Moi Teaching and Referral in the Adult and Pediatric wards. I learned so much about providing care in a resource-constrained setting and how to troubleshoot drug availability issues.

At the reunion, I was very humbled and inspired by the work that is done for patient care and the innovation that is being accomplished with both expansion of chronic diseases state management and implementation of technology to best serve patients."

**Lisa (Caudell) Fletcher**  
 (PHARM 2008)  
 IU Health Methodist Clinical Pharmacist  
 2007 PKP Participant

"I came to the Purdue Kenya Program alumni event as a participant from the Kenya side. I was impressed with the enthusiasm exhibited by everybody at the event. I realize there aren't many schools that take the bold step Purdue has taken to invest in this program."

**Beatrice Jakait**  
 BS, PHARM  
 AMPATH Pharmacy Manager



# Commencement Celebrations

*“Tell me and I forget...  
Teach me and I remember...  
Involve me and I learn.”*

- Benjamin Franklin

The College of Pharmacy celebrated the remarkable accomplishments achieved by our Class of 2014 during the month of May. It is with great pride that we send our graduates out into the world to make a positive impact in their future endeavors. Best wishes and congratulations!



The Graduation Committee takes a group selfie with Dean Craig Svensson at the Graduation Banquet



Mark Bunton (far L) and Diana Poledna (far R), representatives from our sponsor CVS/Caremark, pose with our students at the Senior Class Gift Luncheon



Tara Driscoll enjoys the Graduation Banquet with her family



Senior Class Gift Officers pose during the Class Gift Luncheon



*Ebenezer Ojo and Dante Golston enjoy the Graduation Banquet*



*Graduating students pose at the BSPS Dinner*



*Mark Elsner and Stephanie Jaward take a swing at the Purdue drum during the Graduation Banquet*



*Senior Associate Dean Holly Mason presents Katelyn Headings with the 2014 Pharmaceutical Science Academic Achievement Award at the BSPS Dinner*

The **Senior Class Gift Luncheon** was held on May 2, 2014, in the Spurgeon Club in Mackey Arena. Congratulatory remarks were made by Mark Bunton (BS 1995), District 3406 Pharmacy Supervisor for CVS/Caremark, as well as Brandi Nichols Farrer, Director of Student Programs for the Purdue Alumni Association. The Class of 2014 chose scholarships as their focus for raising funds, and so far over \$2,132 has been secured. Most importantly, the class boasts a 53% participation rate for giving, the highest yet for any pharmacy class gift. Mary Baker (BS 1979) graciously matched the funds. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually, with hopes to endow the fund in the future. Special thanks is extended to the students who served on the 2014 Class Gift Committee: Co-Chairs Justin Butler, Tara Driscoll, and Linda Huang; Committee Members Alyson Clough, Noah Franz, Audrey Harbeson, Holly Kampenga, Leigh Moffett, Pooja Patel, Hannah Smith, and Lacie Woodall.

The **Graduation Banquet** held on May 2, 2014, in the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms. This year's guests were entertained by student emcees Nate Cecil, Alex Matushek, William Nelson, and Tommy Tran. The College is grateful to the Graduation Banquet Committee members for hosting such an outstanding event: Michael Bocek, Joe Bodkin, Nate Cecil, Tara Driscoll, Sarah Harding, Andrea Hostetter, Holly Kampenga, Michael Knabel, Jacob Mattox, Alex Matushek, Nick McBride, William Nelson, Chalonda Richardson, Rushabh Shah, Amanda Sturges, Tommy Tran, and Heather Weidenbenner.

On May 3, 2014, the College hosted the **BSPS Dinner** in the Anniversary Drawing Room of the Purdue Memorial Union. Guests at the event were welcomed by graduate Rushabh Shah, and all graduates had the opportunity to introduce their family and friends and share their future plans. Dr. Eric Barker, Associate Dean for Research, addressed the graduates, and academic awards were presented by Senior Associate Dean Holly Mason.

The **Pharmacy Graduation Reception** was held on May 11, 2014. Over 500 attendees gathered outside the Heine Pharmacy Building to snack on appetizers while spending time posing for pictures and visiting with faculty, staff, friends, and family members.

**The College appreciates the generosity of our Corporate Sponsors, CVS/Caremark and Kroger Company, for supporting these celebratory events.**

# Spring 2014 Graduates



## BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Colin Abbott  
Aaron Amick  
Andrew Andis  
Alexander Chen  
Eunbi Cho  
Jennifer Chough  
Ian Dilley  
Zachary Golden  
Xin Gu  
Musie Haile  
Collin Hanson  
Katelyn Headings  
Pedro Jofre  
Blaire Kinslow  
Emily Klatt  
JiAe Lee  
Supakorn Lorhpiapat  
Xinshuo Ma  
Steven Maniago  
Taylor March  
Deann Reynolds  
Noelle Schickling  
Yang Shen  
Douglas Shepherd  
Stefanie Tassarò  
Jason Taylor  
Arthur Williams  
Nathan Wilson  
Kelsey Witbrodt  
Rui Wu  
Kia Xiong

## PharmD

Kristen Abbott  
Anthony Anastasia  
Matthew Arvin  
Jennifer Balbach  
Tyler Barnes  
Katanna Baumgartner

Kimberly Bell  
Shennae Blackwood  
Michael Bocek  
Joe Bodkin  
Jaleesa Bragg  
Shane Branscum  
Karen Burgos  
Jennifer (Fellmy) Burton  
Justin Butler  
Nathan Cain  
Maureen Campion  
Nathaniel Cecil  
Kyung Choi  
Nathan Class  
Alyson Clough  
Eric Coons  
Rachael (Faulkner) Cox  
Adam Craig  
Baely Crockett  
Claire Dalder  
Maame Owusua Dankwa  
Erica Depue  
Lara Dilanjan  
Huy Do  
Tara Driscoll  
Kevin East  
Shannon Eaves  
Annalise Eckberg  
Jason Eckstein  
Ilynas Elfadil\*  
Christopher Farmer  
Joseph Fox  
Noah Franz  
Michelle (Woodard) Freeman  
Jordan Fullove  
Ciara Glaser  
Dante Golston  
Kimberly Gomez  
Cheri Grant  
Jordon Greene  
Chelsea Gustafson

Brittany Haller  
Noura Hamoui  
Audrey Harbeson  
Sarah Harding  
Allison (Hart) Held  
Heather Hemmeger  
Zachary Henney  
Omar Hernandez\*  
Felicia Hoehn  
Priscilla Hong  
Anastasia Hoover  
Andrea Hostetter  
Linda Huang  
Shuting Huang\*  
Beatrice Jakait  
Sarah Johnson  
Holly Kampenga  
Stephanie Kasten  
Ashley Kempfert  
Haesoo Kim\*  
Jeongmin Kim  
Yu Jin Kim  
Megan Kline  
Sarah Klink  
Michael Knabel  
Christopher Knefelkamp  
Paul Knott  
James Kocher  
Katrina Korn  
Bethany Krupski  
Emily Lamb  
Lauren Leimgruber  
Paul Lim  
Erin Little  
Danielle Locke  
Jeffrey Luke  
Andrew Mallory  
Kendra Malone

Philip Martin  
Thomas Mast  
Jacob Mattox  
Alexander Matushek  
Nicholas McBride  
Katherine McCallin  
Colleen McGrath  
Katherine McLean  
Leigh Moffett  
Adham Mohamed  
Klimentina Muvceski  
Victoria Nazarov  
Maryam Nazir  
Tahmida Nazreen  
Brittainey Neese  
William Nelson  
Kytara Neustadter  
Jenny Newlon  
Annhein Nguyen  
Ethan Nilssen  
David Norris  
Tolulope Obajuluwa  
Guinevere (Summerton)  
Ogburn  
Ebenezer Ojo  
Joonyoung Park\*  
Dharaben Patel  
Pooja Patel\*  
Puja Patel  
Resha Patel  
Erin Paynich  
Lisa Piepenburg  
Erika Podzielski  
Latosha Preston  
Tyler Reese  
Rico Renninger  
Chalonda Richardson  
Anna Rickard

Ashley Rogala  
Brenton Ruder  
Daniel Rushton  
Rebecca Schoen  
Lauren Schuler  
Scott Schutte  
Rushabh Shah\*  
Sarah Shields  
Sarah Sienko  
Amanda Skibowski  
Hannah Smith  
Jennifer Smith  
Rachel Stapert  
Amanda Sturges  
Chenyun Tan  
Depoura Tawdrous  
Tiffany Taylor  
Brian Tran  
Tommy Tran\*  
Erica Treadway  
Lauren Turner  
Sarah Verkamp  
Emilee Waldron  
Alicia Waters  
Heather Weidenbenner  
Megan (Higgins) Werner  
Michael West  
Jessalynn White  
Daniel Wilson  
Lacie Woodall  
Jian Xiao  
Yoonsung Yang\*  
Ellen Yin  
Xiaoyi Zhang  
Jessica Zink

\*PharmD/BSPS Dual Degree

*Congratulations, Class of 2014!*





# 2013 Varro E. Tyler Distinguished Lectureship

## Dr. Philip Portoghese

Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

The College of Pharmacy, along with the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology and Mrs. Virginia Tyler, was pleased to present the *Varro E. Tyler Distinguished Lectureship* on November 8, 2013.

The lectureship featured Dr. Philip Portoghese, Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He presented on "Targeting Putative MOR-mGluR5 Heteromer in the Design of Highly Effective Analgesics for Treatment of Pain Arising from Tissue or Nerve Damage." A recurring theme of his research is the utilization of novel concepts for design of biologically active compounds. In studies dating back to 1965, he proposed that multiple opioid receptors mediate analgesia produced by commonly employed analgesics. Over a decade later, this research led others to the discovery of three opioid receptors that have been targets for development of new analgesics. In 1982, his group reported evidence for opioid receptor pairs (dimers). Nearly two dozen opioid receptor dimers have been reported by others since 1999. Because the signaling pathways of opioid receptor dimers differ from one another, he and his colleagues have recently been able to design opioid analgesics to target specific dimers that are effective against pain without the adverse effects of morphine and related analgesics. Using the approach of targeting dimeric receptors, his group has developed highly potent analgesics for treatment of inflammatory and neuropathic pain.

Dr. Portoghese is well-recognized for developing most of the pharmacologic tools employed by opioid researchers. These tools have been responsible for advances in the field spanning more than 40 years. He is author or co-author of nearly 400 scientific publications. His broadest impact on the field of medicinal chemistry has been as Editor-in-Chief (1972-2011) of the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* (impact factor, 5.6), the most highly cited periodical in the field. He is the recipient of ten research awards from national and international scientific societies, two honorary doctorate degrees, and is a member of the Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame.



Following his lecture, Dr. Portoghese is presented a plaque by Dean Craig Svensson



## Pharmacy Days

With over 500 students attending, Pharmacy Days is a great opportunity for employers to establish a company presence with the Purdue University College of Pharmacy and our students. The Career Fair is targeted to Pre-Pharmacy, BSPS, and PharmD students, allowing them access to employment information for internships, residencies/fellowships, full-time positions, and co-op opportunities. The Career Fair is followed by two days of interviewing hosted by the Center for Career Opportunities for summer, internship, and full-time opportunities. This event is proudly sponsored and hosted by Purdue Pharmacy Ambassadors who strive to include employers from all areas of the profession, ensuring something for everyone.

For program details, registration information, and highlights from last year's event, please visit [www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/pharmacydays](http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/pharmacydays).

### ■ Employer Roundtable Discussions

December 2, 2014  
9:00-11:00 AM  
PMU North Ballroom

### ■ Career Fair/Residency & Fellowship Forum

December 2, 2014  
12:30-4:30 PM  
PMU North/South Ballroom

### ■ Summer & Professional Interviews

December 3-4, 2014  
8:30 AM-5:00 PM  
CCO Suites – Young Hall

All interviewing arrangements are coordinated and scheduled by the Center for Career Opportunities.



# Preceptor Perceptions

On May 2, 2014, the College of Pharmacy recognized three outstanding preceptors at the Graduation Banquet. **Ed Battjes** received the *Robert K. Chalmers Award for Distinguished Service to Experiential Programs*, **Cindi Koh-Knox** received the *Chaney Family Preceptor of the Year Award*, and **Janine Talbert** received the *Patty Elsner Memorial Volunteer Preceptor Award*. Please help us congratulate these fine individuals for their dedication to serving our students and the betterment of the pharmacy profession.



**Edward Battjes**  
**ROBERT K. CHALMERS**  
**AWARD FOR**  
**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO**  
**EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS**

Ed Battjes (PharmD 2010) is the recipient of the *Robert K. Chalmers Award for Distinguished Service to Experiential Programs* which recognizes those who demonstrate continued support of experiential learning at Purdue. The award is in memory of Dr. Chalmers (1937-2000), Professor of Pharmacy Practice, whose vision, passion, and dedication greatly enhanced experiential education. Ed is Associate Director of the Pharmacy Residency Programs at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC) in Mishawaka, Indiana. At SJRMC, he serves as Associate Director of the Ambulatory Care PGY-1 and PGY-2 Residency Programs, precepts the Family Practice Medical Residents for the Medical Residency Program, serves as the Diabetes Educator for Graduate Medical Education, and precepts Purdue pharmacy students who take the Diabetes Education Elective that he offers. He also serves as Regional Faculty Coordinator for North Central Indiana for Purdue University's College of Pharmacy, coordinating APPE and IPPE clinical rotations, as well as supporting and cultivating diverse practice sites in the South Bend/Southwest Michigan/Warsaw region.

Ed has been involved with both Experiential Learning and precepting students for three years and says for him, it's all about the people. "We are in a profession that is based on service to the people in our communities, but so often I feel students miss this important point because they have been so focused on learning drug mechanisms, ADEs, and half-lives. While these are certainly important, being able to relate to the patient is a part of ambulatory care that no lab or class can adequately teach. I enjoy helping students realize the impact they can make now and when they are in their own practice."

"I am not sure if I will ever be able to fully appreciate the impact Dr. Chalmers had, not only on Purdue Pharmacy, but Pharmacy Practice Experiences for all colleges of pharmacy across the nation," comments Ed. "Dr. Chalmers transformed the way students experience practical application of their

knowledge—bridging the gap between didactic lectures and licensed practice. I enjoy precepting students and working with pharmacists and other medical professionals, not only within my organization, but within my community. There is an innumerable amount of pharmacists who share my same passion, so to be selected among such strong peers makes receiving the Chalmers Award a huge honor."



**Cindi Koh-Knox**  
**CHANEY FAMILY**  
**PRECEPTOR OF**  
**THE YEAR AWARD**

Cindi Koh-Knox (PharmD 1997) serves as Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the College of Pharmacy. She is also Faculty Liaison for Pharmacy Continuing Education and Professional Development and Director of the Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy Program at Purdue. She teaches elective courses on Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Beyond Ecstasy: Street Drugs, Interdisciplinary Case Discussions in Health Care, Dietary Supplements, and Professional Communications. She also lectures on substance abuse, medical marijuana, abuse of prescription and over the counter medications in the Public Health courses in Pharmacy and Health Science. She regularly assists and facilitates in many Professional Pharmacy Labs in the first three didactic years of the PharmD program. Cindi is coordinating a new course on Intercultural and Global Health Issues to be offered in Spring 2015.

Cindi has been a preceptor for Purdue for 15 years and currently precepts students in community corrections and academia. She is the faculty preceptor at Riggs Community Health Center, St. Elizabeth Advanced Wound Healing Clinic, and Family Health Clinics of Carroll and White Counties. She explains that being a preceptor is a two-way process. "I hope to teach students different ways to approach patient care, and through discussions, I learn about their perspectives on health care," she says. She promotes professionalism in all activities and looks forward to continuing working relationships with the graduates of the program. "One of my primary goals as

preceptor is to help develop compassionate, contributing, and confident team members in our health care system.”

“I am not a faculty member or registered pharmacist for personal gain or professional recognition, so this award was a thrilling surprise,” comments Cindi when asked what it means to receive this award. “I have encountered a major change in my life this year and genuinely feel the support of my peers, colleagues, and students. It is true that the pharmacy profession is relatively small and I have always felt we (pharmacists) are a close ‘family.’ This award reinforces my efforts, and I appreciate the students’ faith and trust in what I strive to do on a daily basis. I have one of the best jobs in the world and I feel very blessed.”



**Janine Talbert**  
**PATTY ELSNER**  
**MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER**  
**PRECEPTOR AWARD**

It is the College of Pharmacy’s great honor to name Janine Talbert as the first recipient of the *Patty Elsner Memorial Volunteer Preceptor Award*. Janine received her BS in Pharmacy from Howard University’s College of Pharmacy in Washington, D.C. She is employed by DailyMed® by Walgreens Pharmacy as Lead MTM Pharmacist in Indianapolis. In that role, she performs Medication Therapy Management encounters with a select group of DailyMed by Walgreens’ patients, coordinates DailyMed’s pharmacy student rotation program, and assists in the operations department of the pharmacy as needed.

This is Janine’s first year as a preceptor, and so far she has enjoyed witnessing the growth and development of the students throughout the rotation. “Most of the students already possess great counseling skills, but it was evident that they all left the rotation much more confident about these skills than when they first started,” she says. She also enjoys mentoring the students regarding which direction they would like to take in choosing their career paths. “It’s wonderful to know that as a preceptor you have the opportunity to play a small—but important—role in cultivating the next generation of pharmacists!”

When asked what it means to receive this award, Janine comments, “I was thrilled, first of all, that my students thought so highly of me; that means so much! As previously mentioned, this is my first year as a preceptor, so this year was not only a learning experience for my students, but for me as well. Also, to receive an award named in memory of Patty Elsner, who I have learned was such a great preceptor and role-model, and to be reminded of her spirit by receiving this award, is truly humbling.”



## Supporting the Patty Elsner Memorial Volunteer Preceptor Award

The *Patty Elsner Memorial Volunteer Preceptor Award* is named in memory of Patricia Elsner



(PharmD 2001), who our community lost unexpectedly on May 30, 2013. Patty served as a preceptor for Purdue for 12 years and had just assumed the role of Director of the Purdue University Pharmacy

where she continued to serve as a preceptor. Prior to that, she was the Pharmacy Manager/Residency Program Director for Walgreens in West Lafayette. She was a member of the APhA, ASHP, IPA, and ACHA (American College Health Association), and served on the advisory board for Rx-SafeNet. Patty is survived by her husband, Mark, and their two children.

This endowment award is made possible through the generosity of Mark Elsner to pay tribute to his late wife for her compassion and dedication to the pharmacy profession. Recipients of the award must: 1) possess a desire for life-long learning; 2) have a passion for teaching and mentoring all students; 3) have an unconditional empathy and compassion for others; 4) have a dedication to the profession of pharmacy; 5) have a loyalty to Purdue’s College of Pharmacy; and 6) be willing to serve as a volunteer preceptor for the University’s College of Pharmacy for a minimum of four years.

If you would like to pay tribute to Patty by contributing to the endowment fund, please send your check made payable to *Purdue Foundation* to the College of Pharmacy with *Patty Elsner Award* written in the memo section. You may also make a gift at [www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/advancement/development/giveonline.php](http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/advancement/development/giveonline.php). Please contact Angela Davis, Manager of Stewardship and Donor Relations, with questions at (765) 494-1370 or [davis174@purdue.edu](mailto:davis174@purdue.edu).



18th Annual

# BoileRx

GOLF CLASSIC



1st Place Team (L to R) Mike Sievers (BS 1979), Ray Calisto (BS 2001), Andy Ault, and Mike Ankenbruck (BS 1984)



2nd Place Team (L to R) Ed McCammack, Joe Stodola (BS 1960), Ernie Presser, and Carl Hudson (BS 1965)



3rd Place Team (L to R) Mitch Love, Andy Campbell, Alan Farkas (BS 1991, MS 1995), and Sean Lombardo

The College of Pharmacy held its 18th Annual BoileRx Golf Classic on June 6, 2014. All of the golfers played the Ackerman Course at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex. We appreciate all of our participants for joining us on a gorgeous day to spend time with friends and raise money for the Pharmacy Alumni Scholarship fund. The College also extends its gratitude to our corporate sponsors, CVS/Caremark Corporation and Kroger Company, for their continued support.

**Thank you to the alumni, faculty, staff, and student volunteers whose time and energy make this event so successful!**

Sue Bousquet (BS 1958)  
Jim Branham (BS 1977)  
Kate Burke (BS 1974)  
Angela Davis  
Cindy Divan  
Gina Haile  
Jane Krause  
(BS 1981, MS 1994)  
Tricia Lohr (PharmD 2005)  
Bill Malloy (BS 1976)  
John Nine  
(BS 1963, HDR 1983)  
Jeff Rattray  
Pam Ringor (BS 1997)  
Mindy Schultz  
Cathy Skidmore



(L to R) Angie Glotzbach (PharmD 2005), Winnie Landis (BS 1981), and Leslie Davis (PharmD 2007) enjoy a beautiful day on the green



Mark Your Calendar!

19th Annual BoileRx Golf Classic  
Friday, June 5, 2015

For more information, please contact Dana Neary,  
Manager of Alumni Relations and Special Events,  
at [nearyd@purdue.edu](mailto:nearyd@purdue.edu) or (765) 494-2632.



# Donor Recognition Brunch

The College of Pharmacy hosted its annual Donor Recognition Brunch on November 2, 2013, at the Four Points by Sheraton in West Lafayette. Guests were welcomed by emcees Katie Harsh and Kate O'Connor, both 3rd year professional PharmD students and officers of Phi Lambda Sigma. Katie Elder, also a 3rd year professional PharmD student and President of Rho Chi, served as student speaker. Dean Craig Svensson and John Dinkens, Director of Advancement, presented brief updates about the College. The College was pleased to have Joanne Barrick (BS 1984) serve as our guest speaker.

She is an advisor for Global Process Validation for the Lilly Technology Center at Eli Lilly and Company.

The generosity of our donors, both individuals and corporations, enhances the overall success of our programs and the future alumni at the College. We strive to provide the best we can for our students, faculty, and staff, and this would not be possible without the dedication and philanthropy of our donors. We appreciate all you do to support the College of Pharmacy!



(L to R) John Dinkens, Yiftusira Wondimu, Kim and Greg Wasson (both BS 1981), Sue Svensson, Dave (BS 1980) and Peggy Smiley, and Latosha Preston



Scholarship recipients and donors enjoy the program



(L to R) Kate O'Connor, Sandra Danford, Brenda Schroeder, Jeffrey Meade (BS 2010), Lauren Behrle, and Hesa Elantably



Guest speaker Joanne Barrick (BS 1984)

# News From Continuing Education and Professional Development



Promoting the enrichment of an interprofessional and collaborative approach to continuing education and professional development has been the tenet of the College of Pharmacy's Continuing Education (CE) Program, with the ultimate goal of improving healthcare systems, practitioner performance, and patient outcomes.

This goal has been accomplished through the following:

- Continuing to work with the alliances that have been established with national medical education companies (MECs) to address disease state practice gaps and associated needs in order to produce quality activities that are healthcare focused.
- Partnering with the School of Nursing's CE department in promoting synergies between the two programs to increase efficiency/productivity through multidiscipline activity creation, development, and deployment with a lifelong learning approach.
- Engaging faculty as content reviewers to broaden the scope of talent from the available pool of experts to assist in ensuring scientific rigor and fair balance of the activities accredited.
- Identifying niche areas, drawing upon the expertise of our Purdue faculty, to develop and provide CE opportunities with a regional, national, and international appeal.

As a result, exciting strides have been made with the College's CE Program that are now being highlighted on the newly revised website with portal capabilities.

The CE website is now available to alumni and can be accessed via <https://ce.pharmacy.purdue.edu>. Below is a list of various topics for which programming has been developed or is being pursued:

- Listings of existing CE activity topics—Spanish for the Pharmacist, Tobacco Cessation.
- Content areas that are currently under development—Preceptor Development, Diabetes, Nutrition.
- Future content areas that are being discussed for inclusion are Oncology and Psychiatry.
- Links to MECs with access to the CE activities available on their sites.

## Medication Safety

The CE website also includes links to our flagship offerings in Medication Safety and Nuclear Pharmacy.

In partnership with the College's Center for Medication Safety Advancement (CMSA), a separate website has been created to address the various aspects of medication safety. This website, <https://medsafety.pharmacy.purdue.edu>, will be available in late summer 2014 and will include:

- Medication Safety Essentials webinar series 1.0 (7 one-hour modules) and 2.0 (8 one-hour modules), which provide a comprehensive introduction to medication safety concepts and tools that aid in teaching safe practices to those associated with the medication use process—learning to create a culture of safety focusing on systems-redesign, as well as outcomes for meeting patient needs. This program is to be expanded to a Certificate Program in 2015 with the addition of a practice-based portion.
- Additional CE offerings, Document Central, Best Practice Standards, toolkits, and news/updates/recommended readings.

## Nuclear Pharmacy

In collaboration with the College's Director of Nuclear Pharmacy Programs, Dr. Kara Weatherman, another website has been developed, <http://nuclear.pharmacy.purdue.edu>, and launched mid-summer 2014. This site provides:

- Access to the Nuclear Pharmacy Certificate Program and Technician Program.
- Over 40 hours of CE addressing various areas of nuclear pharmacy.
- "One Stop Shop" for nuclear pharmacy needs inclusive of information about Isotopes, Nonradioactive Adjuncts, Low Energy Radiopharmaceuticals, PET Radiopharmaceuticals, PET Manufacturing, and Regulatory Updates.
- A way to stay apprised through news and updates along with recommended readings.

For more information, please contact Marlene Heeg, Managing Director, Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, at (765) 494-1474 or [mheeg@purdue.edu](mailto:mheeg@purdue.edu).

# THE PURDUE PHARMACIST

## Celebrates 90 Years!

The *Purdue Pharmacist* has been published continuously since 1924. It has chronicled the history of what was originally named the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences to the events of today's College of Pharmacy.

Over the years, the writers and editors of the magazine have moved from that of students and faculty to professional staff. The early issues, with a photograph of the school building on the cover, provide a historical image of how the campus has changed. Major innovations developed by the faculty were often reported alongside student and alumni achievements and other campus activities pertaining to the school, which continues today. The magazine offers a visual timeline of the long history of the College from the initial use of text and pen and ink drawings to full color photographs.

I have had the privilege of serving as the writer and editor of *The Purdue Pharmacist* since 2003. Some of you might recall that I worked in the Pharmacy Advancement Office on campus prior to this position, but had to hang up my hat as Manager of Development Operations when my husband took a job out of state. So, he and I, along with our infant daughter, moved to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the home of the Little League World Series! It was then that I switched hats and began working on the magazine part time from my new home. Little did I know that 10+ years later I'd still be working and alumni is truly a joy. I've had the opportunity to work with many of you on numerous articles over the years, and I thank you for sharing your stories (and your time) with me.

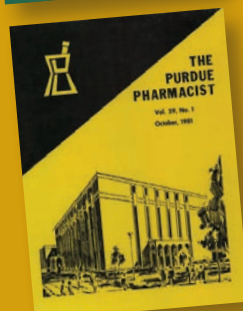
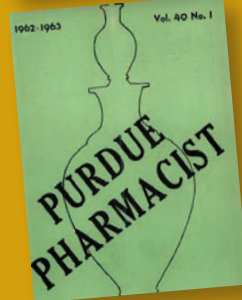
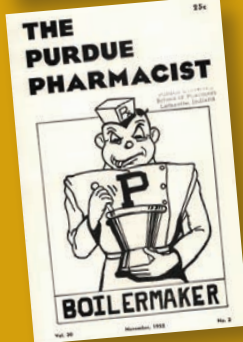
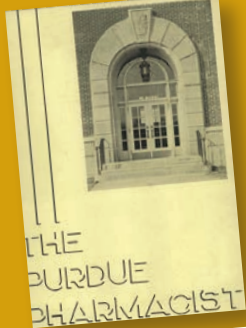
What do you remember about the magazine from past years? How has it changed since you've been reading it? What types of articles do you enjoy reading most? Is there anything that isn't included now that you'd like to see return? Did you ever work on the magazine during your time as a student? I want to hear from you! Please email me your stories and I just might include a few in a future edition of the magazine.

Hail Purdue!

*Amy*



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# PURDUE UNIVERSITY PHARMACY



## *The Newly Renovated* Purdue University Pharmacy

The first apothecary was established on campus in 1929 and dispensed 15,000 prescriptions per year to the students. The current retail pharmacy, located within the Heine Pharmacy Building, fills approximately 35,000 prescriptions per fiscal year. The College of Pharmacy is pleased to present the newly renovated Purdue University Pharmacy.

Last updated in the 1980s, the most recent renovation to the pharmacy began in December of 2013 and was completed on January 24, 2014. The renovation includes the following new items: intake/dispensing windows/counseling stations, counters, a private patient counseling area, carpet, waiting area, display cabinets for over-the-counter items, cabinetry to store completed and bagged

prescriptions, filing drawers for prescription records, and signage.

“The remodel of the pharmacy has been welcomed by pharmacy patrons, students, and staff,” says Nicole Noel, Director of the Purdue University Pharmacy. “Our customers like the new open and modern look of the dispensing area, while our students are able to have the experience of working closely with the patients. The first year pharmacy students are learning to handle the myriad of questions posed by the patients, to which any retail pharmacist can relate.”

The renovation of the Purdue University Pharmacy was made possible by a generous donation from JeanAnne (BS 1961) and James Chaney.







*Before*



*After*



*Before*



*After*





# 11th Annual Garnet E. Peck Symposium

The 11th Annual Garnet E. Peck Symposium was held on March 6-7, 2014, at the Holiday Inn City Centre in downtown Lafayette. Guests who arrived on March 6 attended a tour of the new Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy Ground Floor Laboratories on campus, followed by an evening reception at the hotel. Chaired by Professor Tonglei Li, this year's symposium focused on Pharmaceutical Manufacturing and Regulatory Issues. Eight renowned speakers—from the FDA, industry, and academia—presented talks on topics including quality design, risk assessment, impact by excipients,

and tablet and capsule development. Dr. Garnet Peck attended the special luncheon with three of his children and enjoyed hearing some of his alumni and colleagues recount stories and memories to honor him. The speakers' biosketches and abstracts are available at [www.ipph.purdue.edu/peck/](http://www.ipph.purdue.edu/peck/).

The symposium also gave graduate students and others an opportunity to present 22 posters. The full day finished with a roundtable discussion on "The Future of the Pharmaceutical Industry and Its Impact on Graduate Education," moderated by Dr. Eric Barker, Purdue

College of Pharmacy Associate Dean for Research. Over 100 people were in attendance.

The symposium honors Dr. Peck, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy, and is sponsored by the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy, the College of Pharmacy at Purdue University, the Anderson Lecture Fund, and the Dr. Garnet E. Peck Graduate Scholarship Fund. The symposium's goal is to stimulate interest in the focus areas and to identify opportunities for new research.



*Morning speakers (back row L to R) Christine Moore, Larry Augsburger, William Randolph (BS 1982, PhD 1988); (front row seated L to R) Garnet Peck and Nicholas Cappuccino*



*A reunion of former Peck alumni and colleagues: (back row L to R) Jerry Mincy (BS 1973, MS 1982), Nancy Davis (BS 1980), Tracey Rogers (PhD 1997), Kang-Wen Lin (PhD 1993), Gerard Thone (PhD 1980); (front row seated L to R) Steve Nail (PhD 1975), Garnet Peck, and Karen Nagel Edwards (PhD 2000)*



*Afternoon speakers (back row L to R) Mansoor Khan and Paul Luner; (front row seated L to R) Allen Templeton, Garnet Peck, and Calvin Sun*

**The 12th Annual Garnet E. Peck Symposium will be held on February 25-27, 2015.**

For more information, please contact DeEtte Starr, Communications Coordinator, Industrial and Physical Pharmacy, at (765) 494-1484 or [starrd@purdue.edu](mailto:starrd@purdue.edu).

## News from the Center for Medication Safety Advancement



Greetings!

The first half of 2014 has truly been an exciting time for the Center for Medication Safety Advancement (CMSA), and it has been my sincere privilege to be a part of it. Without question, the most significant success this year, as it has been for many years, continues to be our staff. We have continued our trajectory of growth and have hired new staff to address the ever-growing demand for our time. These individuals and their contributions continue to fuel our innovative spirit and desire to make medication use common practice.

One key enhancement to CMSA has been the evolution of new scholarship and discovery of safe medication use practices. We have continued to expand our partnerships with University faculty and have funded graduate students to help us further our understanding of the medication use process. Additionally, we continue to pursue meaningful innovation as a result of this discovery. We strive to take proven research from the lab to the bedside where it can start saving lives that would otherwise be lost to serious adverse events. All of our scholarship serves the singular purpose of fueling these life-saving innovations.

Later this year, we will be launching our updated CMSA web portal where you will be able to access all things related to safe medication use. We will have continuing education, regular updates on leading publications in medication safety, and a certificate program for medication safety. It is our aim to make this a hub for activity related to our field of expertise for all professionals looking to enhance their exposure to safe medication use practices.

CMSA also continues to advance our work in the field of using simulation to train students and professionals. Our research in this area has led us to the creation of a unique tablet-based training platform that delivers an accurate picture of practitioner performance against a dashboard of currently accepted measures generally regarded as markers of safe practice. This methodology affords us the ability to offer a safe environment for professionals to practice medication dispensing and administration practices without fear of harming patients.

Overall, it is an incredibly exciting time at CMSA and we invite you to visit our website ([www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/cmsa/](http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/cmsa/)) or reach out with your comments, questions, or stories about medication safety. We hope that our work continues to inspire others to innovate and create the next generation of safe medication use practices.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KHultgren'.

**Kyle Hultgren, PharmD**  
**Managing Director, CMSA**  
**(317) 275-6088**  
**khultgre@purdue.edu**



# Faculty & Staff News



The College of Pharmacy expresses its sincere appreciation for the leadership of **Dr. Steve Abel** as Associate Dean for Clinical Programs over the past several years. Dr. Abel relinquished his position in January 2014 to assume the appointment of Associate Vice President for Engagement at Purdue University.

You can read more about this appointment in “Abel to lead Purdue’s engagement office,” *Purdue Today* (1/10/14), at [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/releases/2014/Q1/abel-to-lead-purdues-engagement-office.html](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/releases/2014/Q1/abel-to-lead-purdues-engagement-office.html).



Barker

Sixty-eight Purdue professors were inducted into the Book of Great Teachers on December 2, 2013, which honors outstanding teaching faculty who have demonstrated sustained excellence in the classroom. Of those, two are faculty of the College of Pharmacy. Please help us congratulate

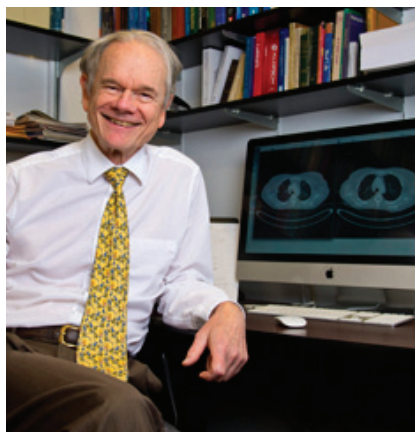


Sowinski

**Dr. Eric Barker**, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, and **Dr. Kevin Sowinski**, Associate Head for Faculty Affairs of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Professor of Pharmacy Practice, on their accomplishments.

Additionally, a suggestion made by Dr. Barker was the inspiration behind a new application, called Convoy, which aggregates PowerPoint slides, class handouts, videos, images, online material, and note-taking functionality into a single, easy-to-use interface.

You can read more about this latest technology in “Purdue-developed Convoy app houses various course materials in single, easy-to-use interface,” *Information Technology* (March 14, 2014), at [www.itap.purdue.edu/newsroom/news/140314\\_studio\\_convoy.html](http://www.itap.purdue.edu/newsroom/news/140314_studio_convoy.html).



Photograph by Steven Yang, Purdue University

In *Purdue Today* (January 21, 2014), **Dr. Mark Cushman**, Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, was profiled about his research and how two of the drugs he’s been working on—byproducts of research that began in 1977—are currently in clinical trials at the National Cancer Institute.

To read the complete article, please visit [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/purdueprofiles/2014/Q1/purdue-profiles-mark-cushman.html](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/purdueprofiles/2014/Q1/purdue-profiles-mark-cushman.html).

**Dr. Robert Geahlen**, Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



The distinction recognizes notable work to advance science or its applications, and fellows are elected by peer members. Dr. Geahlen was selected for his distinguished contributions to the field of receptor signaling, particularly for the discovery of Syk and understanding its central role in B cell signaling.



**Dr. Jasmine Gonzalvo**, Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, is the recipient of the 2014 Award for

*Excellence in Distance Learning* from Purdue’s Extended Campus. The award recognizes faculty and instructional staff who demonstrate excellence in their distance or online projects. Gonzalvo created a resource library for *Introduction to Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience - Pharmacy 867*.



**Dr. Tony Hazbun**, Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, has been selected as a

Discovery Park Fellow. This fellowship, which provides support for his project entitled “Gain of function screening in yeast to identify small molecule probes and genetic modifiers,” runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.



John Hertig, Associate Director of CMSA, presents Jessica Ho with the ISHP Resident of the Year Award

**Dr. Jessica Ho**, a PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, is the recipient of the 2014 *Indiana Society of Health System Pharmacists (ISHP) Resident of the Year Award*. The award was presented on April 16, 2014, at the Indiana Pharmacists Alliance spring meeting in Indianapolis.



On May 1, 2014, the College of Pharmacy appointed **Dr. Tonglei Li** as Associate Dean for Graduate Programs.

Dr. Li joined the College in 2012 and is currently Professor and Allen Chao Chair in Industrial and Physical Pharmacy. He has been engaged in graduate education throughout his academic career and received the Robert Blouin Excellence in Graduate Education Award from the University of Kentucky in 2007. His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, and the National Institutes of Health. He was recently elected as a Fellow in the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.



Purdue University photo

**Dr. Laurie Parker**, Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, is developing a method to detect if cancer-inhibiting drugs are entirely blocking the activity of enzymes, called kinases, in tumor cells. Several kinases are linked to cancer development. If a drug therapy only partially blocks kinase activity, the cells that survive could become a stronger tumor and develop a resistance to the drug.

You can read the full article, "Purdue innovation could detect real-time effectiveness of cancer therapies," in *Purdue Today* (February 18, 2014), at [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2014/Q1/purdue-innovation-could-detect-real-time-effectiveness-of-cancer-therapies.html](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2014/Q1/purdue-innovation-could-detect-real-time-effectiveness-of-cancer-therapies.html).



**Dr. Sonak Pastakia**, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, is the recipient of the *2014 Phi Delta Chi Prescott Award*. The

Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award, first presented in 1987, is given annually to a young pharmacist no more than 10 years into his or her career. The award is coordinated by the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Leadership & Education Institute. Recipients of this award demonstrate exemplary leadership qualities as a young pharmacist indicative of someone likely to emerge as a major leader in pharmacy over the course of his or her career.

The College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Brian Shepler** as Assistant Dean for Experiential Education in January 2014. Dr. Shepler is Clinical Associate Professor



in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and has served for several years as Director of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. He will continue in his

role as Director in addition to the Assistant Dean duties which will provide oversight of the experiential elements of the Doctor of Pharmacy program.



**Dr. Lynne Taylor**, Professor of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy, is the recipient of the *2014 Craver Award from the Coblenz Society*.

The award was created to recognize the efforts of young professional spectroscopists who have made significant contributions in applied analytical vibrational spectroscopy. This award is presented to Dr. Taylor in recognition of her pioneering work in pharmaceutical molecular studies using Raman spectroscopy in both industrial and academic settings.

The College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the following faculty promotions that were approved by the Board of Trustees on April 4, 2014. Please help us congratulate them on this fine achievement.



**Dr. Greg Hockerman**  
Professor,  
Medicinal Chemistry  
and Molecular  
Pharmacology



**Dr. Monica Miller**  
Clinical Associate  
Professor, Pharmacy  
Practice



**Dr. Ellen Schellhase**  
Clinical Associate  
Professor, Pharmacy  
Practice



**Dr. Kellie (Jones) Weddle**  
Clinical Professor,  
Pharmacy Practice



*Dr. Richard Borch is presented the 2014 Dr. Aziz Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by Dean Craig Svensson*

**Dr. Richard Borch**, Lilly Distinguished Professor and Head of the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, is the recipient of the *2014 Dr. Aziz Teacher of the Year Award*. This award is presented by the College of Pharmacy in recognition of the outstanding contributions by the recipient to the students. The award was established by Hamid Abbaspour (BS 1985) in memory of his brother Dr. Aziz Abbaspour. Dr. Borch was presented the award during the Pharmacy Graduation Banquet on May 2, 2014.

# Organic Chemistry

## Makes it to the Silver Screen

If you've seen *The Amazing Spider-Man*, you may have caught (or missed) a cameo made by *Organic Chemistry*, the textbook written by **Dr. Marc Loudon**, Gustav E.



Cwalina Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry. In the film, the textbook can be seen lying on the floor of Peter Parker's messy bedroom in one of the scenes.

Dr. Loudon learned that his publisher is friends with the set designer and had been asked to provide some science books to use as props. No money, however, was exchanged for the product placement of his book. "I'm still waiting for an uptick in sales, but I'm not holding my breath," he jokes. "I've asked my publisher to set up appearances with Oprah and Colbert, but he hasn't pulled that off yet."

On a side note, the book is being used at approximately 90 schools. "One reason is that we priced the book at less than half of the competition," says Loudon. "We were able to do this because I did all the art, and because my publisher has built a company with very low overhead. There has been a lot of negative publicity, much of it deserved, about high textbook prices. The lower price allowed the book to be considered at a number of schools. It's not the best-selling book, but I am very pleased with the quality of the schools that have adopted it, such as Cal. Tech, Yale, Harvard, Duke, and of course Purdue." The book is in the sixth year of its fifth edition, and a

sixth edition is in preparation. There will also be an electronic version. "Actively teaching 'orgo' has provided a lot of valuable input for the text as I see the things that give students trouble and think of ways to help."



# Remembering

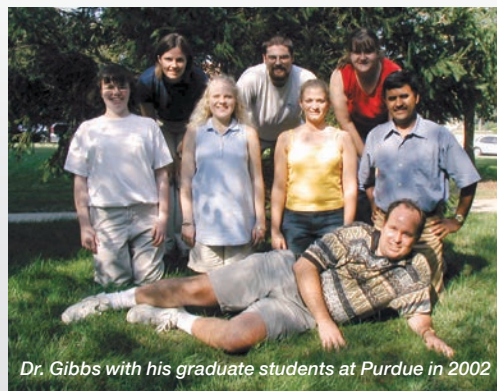
## Dr. Richard A. Gibbs (1961-2014)

It is with deep sadness that the College of Pharmacy shares the passing of Dr. Richard Gibbs, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, on February 10, 2014, after a valiant fight against cancer.



Dr. Gibbs grew up in Riverside, California. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1983 with a BS in Natural Sciences and a MS and PhD from the University of California Riverside in 1988. He was a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at Pennsylvania State University from 1988 to 1991 before becoming an assistant professor of medicinal chemistry in the College of Pharmacy at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

He joined the faculty at Purdue University in 2001. His research focused on Medicinal and Bioorganic Chemistry, Synthesis, and Mechanistic Evaluation of



Dr. Gibbs with his graduate students at Purdue in 2002

Anticancer Drugs. He was a Purdue University Faculty Scholar and a program leader for the Purdue Cancer Center. He contributed to over 90 publications and more than 100 professional presentations throughout his career. He was also a member of the American Chemical Society and served as Chairman and then Academic Councilor of the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the ACS.

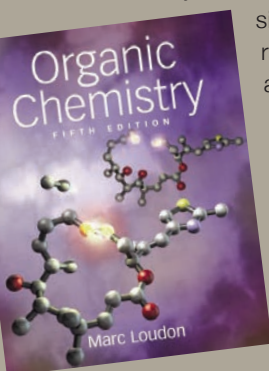
*"It was my pleasure to know Rich as he launched his academic career. He and I spent over a decade together cutting our teeth as young faculty members at Wayne State. Our offices and labs were next to one another, so we interacted on a daily basis. He was certainly a faculty member who cared deeply about his students. He had no airs about him and counted his students as colleagues and friends. He also had a way of listening to people that evidenced his empathy for others. All of us are glad that Rich's life touched ours."*

*Though I wish our journey together lasted longer, I am glad to be able to have had Rich as my colleague and friend. While we will miss him deeply, our lives are better for having known him."*

**Craig Svensson**  
Dean of the College of Pharmacy

*"One of my recent privileges as Department Head is that I have been the recipient of the outpouring of grief, love, and respect from the national medicinal chemistry community. We who know Rich understand well the common themes that came from places around the country: "terrific and accomplished scientist"; "a person of great influence in the scientific community"; "fantastic collaborator and colleague"; and "amazing smile". Imagine, a group of scientists around the country commenting on one of their colleague's smiles! But it is such a striking and characteristic feature of Rich that I think all of us notice. And most of all, over and over again, "this wonderful human being." Of course, we would use exactly the same terms to describe the great contributions that he has made to our department, college, and university as a scholar, mentor, colleague, and friend."*

**Richard Borch**  
Head, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology



Besides his love of chemistry, Dr. Gibbs had many interests. He was passionate about trains and train watching and would often slow down in order to be caught at a railroad crossing just so he could watch a train go by. He was an avid sports fan and particularly enjoyed baseball, hockey, and football. He attending Purdue football games and was a life-long Los Angeles Dodgers fan. He took every opportunity to be outdoors, particularly to hike and garden. He and his loving wife of 24 years, Barbara, liked to travel, and they took every opportunity to visit new places or return to favorite venues throughout the U.S. and in Europe and Taiwan.

### Memorial Service

A memorial service and reception for Dr. Gibbs was held on February 18, 2014, in the East and West Faculty Lounges of the Purdue Memorial Union. "For the past nearly 13 years, I have called Rich Gibbs my colleague, scientific collaborator, and most importantly my friend," commented Dr. Eric Barker, Associate Dean and Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacy, who led the heartfelt eulogy. For those who were unable to attend, the service was recorded and can be viewed at [www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/memorial/](http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/memorial/). You may also view Dr. Gibbs' obituary online, courtesy of the *Journal and Courier*, at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/jconline/obituary.aspx?n=richard-a-gibbs&pid=169689198&fhid=17363](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/jconline/obituary.aspx?n=richard-a-gibbs&pid=169689198&fhid=17363).

### The Richard A. Gibbs Endowment for Graduate Education

An endowment to support graduate education has been established to honor Dr. Gibbs. For those wishing to contribute, please make your check payable to *Purdue Foundation* or visit [www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/advancement/development/giveonline.php](http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/advancement/development/giveonline.php) and add "Richard A. Gibbs Endowment for Graduate Education" on the memo line of your check or online in the drop down box for other instructions. Please contact Angela Davis, Manager of Stewardship and Donor Relations, with questions at (765) 494-1370 or [davis174@purdue.edu](mailto:davis174@purdue.edu).

*"I first met Rich in 2002 when I joined the department. Over the next 12 years, he and I worked very well together, we were great friends, and he was an amazing mentor. I remember with one of my earliest papers, I was really struggling with one reviewer's comments. I mentioned it to Rich in passing—during a holiday lunch of all places—and he wasn't familiar with the paper, but he suggested a response that just nailed it. It made perfect sense, and I'm always grateful for that moment when I think back to that paper.*

*I like to believe that the good deeds that we do, and the kind examples that we show, have an immeasurable impact that extends beyond our lifetimes, through a ripple effect. And if this is indeed true, then I can imagine an oceanful of ripples of positive energy emanating from Rich because of how he touched us all."*

**Chris Rochét**  
Associate Professor of Medicinal  
Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

*"In this life, we meet a lot of people in all kinds of places—some we remember—others not so much. Then there are those people who walk across our heart and leave their permanent stamp on it without even knowing it. They leave an impression that forever carries on from day to day for the rest of our lives, which is what I can say about Dr. Gibbs. He may have taught science, but he also taught all of us lessons in life. His patience, kindness, understanding, and compassion were lessons he taught daily in the way he led his own life."*

**Rhonda Blue**  
Secretary,  
Department of Medicinal Chemistry  
and Molecular Pharmacology



### Remembering Dr. Craig W. Davis (1955-2014)



The College of Pharmacy shares its condolences on the passing of Dr. Craig Davis. Dr. Davis graduated from West Lafayette High

School in 1973. He earned both his BS in Microbiology (1977) and PhD in Industrial and Physical Pharmacy (1981) from Purdue University. Throughout his career he joined Burroughs-Wellcome Company, Bausch & Lomb, and MDS Pharma Services. In 2003, he returned to West Lafayette as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of The Chao Center for Industrial Pharmacy and Contract Manufacturing in the Purdue Research Park. He also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy. "Dr. Davis brought a wealth of experience in the pharmaceutical industry to Purdue and played a critical role in launching The Chao Center. His efforts have sustained access to a life-saving medication for patients with resistant tuberculosis," comments Dean Craig Svensson. Dr. Davis is survived by his wife, Dr. Nancy Davis, and their two children, Katherine and Eric.

### Remembering Dr. George K. W. Yim (1930-2013)



The College of Pharmacy regrets to communicate the passing of Dr. George Yim, Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology and

former Department Head. Dr. Yim was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and attended the University of Iowa where he earned his PhD. He enjoyed teaching and helping students during his 40 year career at Purdue, retiring in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Ramona, and their five children and nine grandchildren. He loved his family, basketball, fishing, bodysurfing, gardening, skiing, and the Boilermakers.

# ALUMNI, STAFF & STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## Pharmacy Alumni News



Greetings from Old Purdue!

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer with your family and friends! This issue of *The Purdue Pharmacist* is filled with exciting information about the College and its faculty, alumni, and students. Please enjoy reading about the events and activities that took place this spring, and mark your calendars for our upcoming events and programs.

During the fall of 2014, the College will host on campus our annual Homecoming activities, our Donor Brunch, and the Class of 1964 Reunion. We will also be hosting several alumni receptions off campus. We will be traveling to California for the AAPS meetings in San Diego and the ASHP mid-year meetings in Anaheim. We will also be hosting an alumni reception at the Indianapolis Zoo on August 28th.

Remember to join us on Facebook (Purdue Pharmacy Alumni) and LinkedIn (Purdue Pharmacy Alumni Group).

Pride, Passion, Pharmacy, Purdue!

Dana Neary  
Manager of Alumni  
Relations & Special Events



## 2014 Pharmacy Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT
August 28	Purdue Pharmacy Alumni Reception at the Indianapolis Zoo
September 7	Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony
September 26	Student & Alumni Chili Supper
September 27	Pharmacy Homecoming Tailgate
September 28	Class of 1964 Reunion Breakfast
October 30	Jenkins-Knevel Graduate Research Symposium
November 2 or 3	Alumni and Friends Reception at the AAPS meetings in San Diego, CA
November 7	Varro E. Tyler Lecture
November 8	Pharmacy Donor Brunch
December 7 or 8	Alumni and Friends Reception at the ASHP mid-year meetings in Anaheim, CA

For more information regarding these events, please visit [www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/events.php](http://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/events.php) or contact Dana Neary, Manager of Alumni Relations and Special Events, at [nearyd@purdue.edu](mailto:nearyd@purdue.edu) or (765) 494-2632.



## ALUMNI, STAFF & STUDENT ACTIVITIES



### Pharmacy Women for Purdue University

*PWFPP participants*

On April 10-11, 2014, the College of Pharmacy hosted its Pharmacy Women for Purdue (PWFPP) annual meeting. We welcomed several guest speakers to campus to share their insight on this year's theme, "Focus on Women's Health."



*Jane Krause (BS 1981, MS 1994) was presented the 2014 Pharmacy Women's Leadership Award by Dean Craig Svensson during the PWFPP annual meeting*

Dr. Veronica Vernon (PharmD 2011), Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Women's Health & STICC, and Dr. Jessica Triboletti (PharmD 2010), Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Primary Care, both from the RL Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, presented on "Women's Health: An Update on Osteoporosis." Dr. Philip Krause, MD, Cardiology, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology at Indiana University Health Arnett in Lafayette, presented on "Women's Health: Heart Health Across the Ages." Participants were able to earn free Continuing Education credits from these presentations.



*Pharmacy students play a vital role in the health fair*

### Pharmacy Students Participate in Local Health Fair

Many students from the College of Pharmacy and Rho Chi participated in the Ayuda y Aprende (Help and Learn) Health and Resource Fair, a community health event aimed at assisting Spanish speaking residents, on April 22, 2014. Rho Chi participated in the event for the first time last year, with the goal of pharmacy students gaining experience as health care professionals in the community while realizing that English is not the native language for many patients. The free health fair was held at the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy (LARA) and offered information and screenings on various topics such as heart health, blood pressure, nutrition and diabetes, early detection of cancer, pregnancy and prenatal care, and dental care.

You may read more about the health fair in *Purdue News* (April 3, 2014) at [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2014/Q2/students-organize-health,-resource-fair-for-spanish-speaking-community.html](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2014/Q2/students-organize-health,-resource-fair-for-spanish-speaking-community.html).

### Brittany Oliver Receives McSoley Scholarship

The Board of Directors of the Pharmacy Education Foundation (PEF) has selected Brittany Oliver (BS 2012, College of Science), a 3rd year professional PharmD student this fall, as the 2014 *Joseph E. McSoley Scholarship* recipient from Purdue University. She was presented the award at the Spring Meeting of the Indiana Pharmacists Alliance (IPA) on April 16, 2014.

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## CLASS NOTES

### 1970-1979

On November 19, 2013, **Sue Cammarata**, MD (BS 1979) was appointed as Chief Medical Officer of Melinta Therapeutics. In this role, she will be responsible for managing the global development and registration strategy for Melinta's product candidates, including delafloxacin, which is currently being investigated in Phase 3 for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI).

### 1980-1989

**Curtis Passafume, Jr.** (BS 1980) shares that he is the 2014 recipient of the Timothy Moore Management Award. Curt is employed as Chief Pharmacy Officer-System Vice President for Pharmacy Services with Ohio Health.

### 1990-1999

**Christopher Creamer** (BS 1996, Health Sciences; BS 1999) and his wife, Anna, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Nicolas "Nico" Vincent.



Elisabeth Smith Photography

**Tracy Perry** (PharmD 1998) and Lora



Alvey-Perry welcomed their third child, Meredith Mary Jean, into the world. Big siblings Nathaniel and Regan are happy to have a new sister.

**Steve Schaller** (BS 1991) participated in the "Day of Healing" on the Purdue campus on January 31, 2014, in the wake of the shooting death of Purdue student Andrew Boldt. Steve is a K-9 handler for the K-9 Crisis Team which specializes in working with college students after tragedies. To learn more, please visit [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2014/Q1/purdue-to-lead-day-of-healing-friday.html/](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2014/Q1/purdue-to-lead-day-of-healing-friday.html/) and <http://wlfj.com/2014/01/28/day-of-healing-for-purdue-university/>.

### 2000-Present

**Daniel Cleveland** (PharmD 2003) and his wife, Sarah, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna, who was born on July 24, 2013. Anna joins her sisters, Olivia (6) and Caroline (4).

**Brian and Teresa (Schuman)**



**Cochran** (both PharmD 2003) are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Daphne Joy, on March 21, 2013. She joins big brother Luke (5).



**Karl "Fritz" Disque** (BS 2002) shares that in an effort to inspire communities to become educated on how to save lives, the Disque Foundation coordinated with St. John's Ambulance to present fundamental information to train those in Malaysia on the most current guidelines surrounding CPR practice and other advanced life support training. Fritz, Executive Director of the foundation, gave a presentation along with hands-on training and shared experiences with the medical school in attendance from the University of Science of Malaysia. For more information, please visit [NHCPs.com](http://NHCPs.com).

**Alice Hemenway** (PharmD 2001) shares that she has a new job in her hometown as Clinical Assistant Professor with the UIC College of Pharmacy Regional Program in Rockford, IL.

**Eric and Jenny (Bryant) Lis** (both PharmD 2009) welcomed their son,



Gabriel Eric, into the world on January 9, 2014

## Marilyn Speedie (BS 1970, PhD 1973) Receives Remington Honor Medal

Dr. Marilyn Speedie is the recipient of the 2014 Remington Honor Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). The Remington Honor Medal, named for eminent community pharmacist, manufacturer, and educator Joseph P. Remington (1847-1918), was established in 1918 to recognize distinguished service on behalf of American pharmacy during the preceding year, culminating in the past year, or during a long period of outstanding activity or fruitful achievement. Dr. Speedie was selected in recognition of the professional achievements, innovations, and advancements she has contributed to the pharmacy profession. She was officially recognized during the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Orlando, Florida, in March 2014.

Dr. Speedie received her BS in Pharmacy and PhD in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy from Purdue University. She is Dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, where she has served since 1996. Prior to this appointment, she served for 21 years on the School of Pharmacy faculty at the University of Maryland.

You can read more Dr. Speedie and her accomplishments at [www.pharmacist.com/marilyn-k-speedie-receives-remington-honor-medal-highest-honor-pharmacy](http://www.pharmacist.com/marilyn-k-speedie-receives-remington-honor-medal-highest-honor-pharmacy).



**Steven Loborec** (PharmD 2013) of Columbus has been appointed by Ohio Governor John Kasich to serve as a student member of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 27,

2014 and ending May 13, 2016. Steve serves as PGY1/PGY2/MS Health-System Pharmacy Administration Resident at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Department of Pharmacy. His research focuses on the impact of clinical credentialing and privileging of health-system pharmacists with an emphasis on cost and quality of medication management for hospitalized patients.

Kyle (BS 2007, Technology Education) and **Danielle (Jones) Mullins** (PharmD



2009) welcomed their second child, Adele Marie, into the world on December

17, 2013. She weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and measured 20 1/2". Their son, Landry (2), is enjoying his new little sister.

**Christopher Buckel** and **Whitney Redding** (both PharmD 2010), were married in Vancouver, WA, on September 14, 2013. The couple enjoyed celebrating their marriage with other Purdue alumni.

Doug (MS 2003, Agricultural and Biological Engineering) and **Valerie**



**(Richardville) Rusch** (PharmD 2008) are pleased to announce the birth of her son, Luke Austin, on March 13, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and measured 20"

Luke was welcomed home by his proud big brother, Jeremiah (2).

**Candice Thorpe** (PharmD 2010) and Tion Thomas (MS 2009, Computer Science) were married on June 8, 2013, at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place, Long Island, NY. **LaSonya Ford** (PharmD 2010) was the maid of honor. Candice is employed by Multnomah



County Health Department as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist and Tion is a Graphics Validation Software Engineer with Intel Corporation. After a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the couple now resides in Portland, OR.

**Joe** (PharmD 2010) and Emily (Kuhr) (BA 2009, Liberal Arts) **Weil** are pleased to



announce the birth of their first child, Graham Donald, born on February 17, 2014. Graham is the first grandchild of **Cynthia** (BS 1979) and Kevin **Weil**.

## IN MEMORIAM

**James L. Beuoy** (BS 1954)

**Lincoln V. Bonen** (BS 1950)

**Joseph R. Broviak** (BS 1965)

**James W. Butt** (BS 1967)

**Craig W. Davis** (BS 1977, Microbiology;

PhD 1981, Industrial and Physical Pharmacy) (see page 29)

**Richard F. Emig** (BS 1959)

**Richard A. Gibbs** (Associate Dean for Graduate Programs & Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology) (see page 28)

**Shirley (Wagner) Judkins** (BS 1950)

**Richard E. Larson** (BS 1969)

**Thomas R. "Dick" Moorman** (BS 1950)

**James V. Palmer** (BS 1960)

**Marie M. (Ritenour) Phillips** (BS 1947)

**Phillip L. Raywood** (BS 1954)

**Charles E. Traitor** (MS 1963, PhD 1965)

**Joseph J. Woenker** (BS 1992)

**George K. W. Yim** (Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology) (see page 29)



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Lance Kruger, now a 3rd year professional PharmD student, served as President of the Paint Crew for the 2013-14 Men's Basketball season. Lance (shown in the yellow curly wig) will be completing a summer research internship at the Center for Medication Safety Advancement at Purdue University...without the wig, of course!

