



Welcome the Class of 2021



On August 18, the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy held its annual White Coat Ceremony and welcomed 62 new students to the PC family. The ceremony reaffirms the pharmacy community's support of the educational commitment as the students pledge to serve their profession and patients.

During the ceremony, Susan Eagerton, the 2016-2017 Preceptor of the Year spoke to the class. The Preceptor of the Year demonstrates high standards of professionalism through pharmacy leadership, service, and a continuous desire to enhance the practice and profession of pharmacy.

"Putting on that white coat for the first time is really exciting," Eagerton told the class. *"You may even feel just a little bit smarter."*

Eagerton served as lead OR pharmacist at Lexington Medical Center and was voted as Preceptor of the Year by students in April.



"Treat every experience as a job interview. There is still something to learn in every experience. Take initiative—do more than is expected of you."

-- Susan Eagerton,
2016-17 Preceptor of the Year



CLASS OF 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

85%

From South
Carolina



63%

Have an
undergraduate
degree



3.21

Average GPA



PharmaCy ScriPts

October 2017



Community Service Day 2017

Every year, as part of the P1 orientation week, one afternoon is dedicated to embracing the Presbyterian College motto of *Dum Vivimus Servimus* or “While we live, we serve.” Students, faculty, and staff devoted time to various locations in the Clinton and Laurens areas to assist local groups and organizations. Activities included yard work at local non-profit buildings, playing BINGO with residents at a nursing home, delivering meals with Harvest Hope, building a deck for a Habitat for Humanity home, and preparing supplies at the humane society.





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141st Annual South Carolina Pharmacy Association Convention Hilton Head, SC

At the 141st Annual South Carolina Pharmacy Association meeting, held in Hilton Head, SC, the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy was well represented by 15 faculty, students and alumni.

Dr. Kayce Shealy was inducted as 2017-18 President of the Association during the Awards Dinner Saturday evening. Dr. Shealy delivered her inaugural speech on “passion.” She emphasized her passion for pharmacy and the need for all of us to be passionate about our profession and association to assure continued success in the future of pharmacy.



“At the end of the day, each of us took the same oath,” Shealy said. “While our passions may lie in different areas of the profession, I hope that we are all passionate about pharmacy.”

Dr. Tiffany Threatt (top) was elected as an upstate region delegate for the association.

Dr. Emily Huneycutt (left), '17, was selected the South Carolina Pharmacy Student of The Year award winner. Emily was selected from over hundreds of eligible students. She was recognized for her dedication to the profession of pharmacy through her leadership at PC and through service as an active junior board member.



Six of the twelve members of this year's junior board were from PC. The members included Chase Board, Emily Huneycutt, Jessica Prestia, John David Scheper, Megan Slimmer, and Adrienne Wright. All of these students did an excellent job being a part of the board.



The PC team defeated MUSC, USC and South University for the second consecutive year to win the student Self Care Bowl. The team consisted of Ashley Chase, Blake Hawkins, Jolly Kuriakose, Maraya Ramdhani, Caitlin Sanders, and team coaches Dr. Eileen Ward and Dr. Kayce Shealy.



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Dr. Jack Fincham named to Canadian Institutes of Health Research College of Reviewers

Dr. Jack Fincham, professor of pharmaceutical and administrative sciences at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy recently accepted an invitation to join the Canadian Institutes of Health Research College of Reviewers.

The invitation was made in recognition of Fincham's accomplished career, demonstrated track record of excellence, and dedication to peer review.

The College of Reviewers works to establish an internationally recognized, centrally managed resource to support excellence in peer review for diverse and emerging health research and knowledge translation activities.

In addition, the College of Reviewers will enhance current peer review practices by systematizing reviewer recruitment to identify and mobilize the appropriate expertise for the review of all funding competitions. By developing customized learning and mentoring programs and implementing quality assurance programs that support continuous improvement at all levels, the College of Reviewers' aim is to provide reviewers with knowledge and resources necessary to conduct consistent, fair, and high quality reviews.

Fincham has researched health outcomes, pharmacoepidemiology, public health, global public health issues, and health policy during his career. Currently, he serves as a special appointee to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee. He has published 250 journal articles and authored or co-authored 13 books.



"Accepting this appointment to the College of Reviewers is important for me, but also for our School of Pharmacy and Presbyterian College," Fincham said. "It will allow me to share new and innovative research areas of interest with many of my colleagues here at PC as well."



FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Accepted publications:

Emily Huneycutt, Chase Board, and Jennifer Clements -- "*Lesinurad, a selective URAT-1 inhibitor with a novel mechanism in combination with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor, for hyperuricemia associated with gout,*" Journal of Pharmacy Practice

Jennifer Clements and Bao Nguyen – "*Obesity management among patients with type 2 diabetes and prediabetes: A focus on lifestyle modifications and evidence of antiobesity medications,*" Expert Review of Endocrinology and Metabolism

Published manuscripts:

Tiffany Threatt and Eileen Ward – "*Developing Telepharmacy Services: Needs, Challenges, and Tips for Success,*" Palmetto Pharmacist

Erika Tillery, Jennifer Clements, and Zach Howard – "*What's new in multiple sclerosis?,*" Mental Health Clinician

Jack Fincham – "*The Crucial Role of Nutrition Support Services for Hospitalized Patients,*" American Health and Drug Benefits



Student Spotlight:

Jolly Kuriakose



Jolly was born and raised in Dallas, TX and graduated from University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) with a BS in Biology. President of her class in 2016-17, Jolly is currently chair of the Student Ambassadors as well as vice president of Phi Lambda Sigma, the pharmacy leadership society. She is also involved in the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SSHP) and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA).

Currently, Jolly works as a pharmacy intern at Walgreens Pharmacy and Greenville Memorial Hospital. Following pharmacy school, she wants to pursue a residency for a career as a clinical pharmacist. Having experiences in both ambulatory care and pediatric pharmacy, Jolly is looking forward to her APPE year to help decide what field she likes best.

1. How did you decide to attend Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy?

There are several reasons why I chose to apply to PCSP, but ultimately the decision to come here all came down to the community. I wanted to grow professionally and personally in so many ways and this move helped me work towards that. Once I interviewed and did my tour, I knew if I were accepted, this was the place I had to be. I could just tell I would be surrounded by support but also pushed to be better and do more.

2. Tell me a lasting memory you have made at PCSP.

That's a tough one because I feel like I've made so many! The first one that comes to mind is the health fair that I did with Mrs. Taylor in Laurens, SC. It was my second professional health fair event where I would be behind the booth directing patient care and counseling. That day, I focused on showing patients the importance of keeping up with their medications, especially knowing what they are taking and why. It sounds boring but I remember leaving that day thinking *"Thank God, I found this profession that I'm so in love with!"* I spent the whole morning talking to patients about various disease states, their lives, recent hospital admissions, etc. I was able to teach patients new things and make a significant impact in their care with even the smallest suggestions. One patient was so moved by our help that she took my phone number that day. I've seen her several times since and it made me feel like I'm where I'm supposed to be.

3. What has been your favorite course and why?

Kinetics was initially my favorite class because I love and understand math. There were set rules that I could follow and rely on. There is a reason for every number and an equation to justify every decision. It was also the first time I felt like we were making therapeutic decisions for patient therapies. But once I started my pharmacotherapy classes, there was no comparison to any of my previous classes. I have a newfound love for pharmacy every time a new segment is completed.



Alumni Spotlight:

Courtney Meade

*PGY-2, Pediatric Pharmacy Specialty Resident
Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, Columbia, SC*



Courtney grew up in a small town in southwest Virginia and graduated from Radford University in 2012. She moved to South Carolina to attend pharmacy school and has remained in SC. She completed a PGY-1 at Palmetto Health Richland and was ecstatic to stay on to complete her PGY-2 pediatric pharmacy specialty residency at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Her main areas of interest within pediatrics include hematology/oncology, general pediatrics, cystic fibrosis, neonatal intensive care, and academia. In her free time, she enjoys baking, exercising, watching the Golden Girls (she owns every season on DVD!), and spending time with friends and family and her dogs, Lilly and Max.

1. How did Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy prepare you for your current career?

PCSP will forever hold a special place in my heart as it's the place where I found my purpose. As a P2 student, I was exposed to pediatric pharmacy during an IPPE experience at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. It was at this point that I found what I wanted to do with my life and the direction I wanted to go with my career as a future pharmacist. I can never put into words the gratitude I have for the mentorship and guidance I was given through PCSP. I spent countless hours with my mentors -- Dr. Clements, Dr. Foushee and Dr. Goodbar (to name a few) -- working to plan my future. Additionally, through leadership experiences in APhA-ASP, SSHP, CPFI and Phi Lambda Sigma, I was able to find my voice for the profession and increase my confidence as a future practitioner. More than anything though, the constant support I felt from everyone at PCSP helped to shape and mold me into the pharmacist I am today.

2. What advice would you give to a current P1 student?

You have been afforded an incredible opportunity to pursue a career in pharmacy and to complete your education at an institution that values you as an individual. Seek out every opportunity presented to you and never set boundaries for yourself. I would have never imagined as a P1 student that I would go on to specialize in pediatrics and work with health care providers every day to help sick children feel better. You are capable of anything you put your mind to and PCSP provides you with the toolset to get you where you want to go and incredible mentorship to guide you throughout that process.

3. What do you think pharmacy education will look like in 10 years?

I anticipate over the course of the next 10 years, pharmacy will continue to evolve and we will be asked as health care providers to take on more interactive roles within the health care setting. I feel pharmacy education will grow to mimic this ideology and challenge students to venture outside of the traditional dispensing role of a pharmacist even more than current practice. I foresee these changes will come in both the inpatient and outpatient/ambulatory care setting and provide additional opportunities for the pharmacist/pharmacy student to voice their values and showcase all we can do in the overall management of our patients. Additionally, as health care changes and new challenges result, I don't think it's out of the question for pharmacists to one day have prescribing rights and function as the primary care provider in certain situations.



ASHP RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS

- **17** students matched for a PGY-1 residency
- **5** alumni matched for a PGY-2 residency
- **74%** matched, compared to national average of 67%
- New residents will be training in GA, SC, FL, TN, NC, PA, MS
- Specialty areas of training include: oncology, pediatrics, critical care, ambulatory care, pain management
- Dr. Jennifer Clements has been named the Coordinator of Postgraduate Education



Department of Pharmaceutical & Administrative Sciences



Solar Eclipse – August 21, 2017



Clinton, SC was in the “Path of Totality” for the historic total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. At 2:39 pm, the town was dark for 2 minutes, 27 seconds. Students, faculty, and staff streamed into the front lawn about 30 minutes before the totality moment to watch the moon start to cover the sun. During the total eclipse, students noted the street lights turning on, crickets chirping, and the temperature dropping a few degrees. It was an awe-inspiring moment shared with the entire Clinton community!



Department of Pharmacy Practice





Welcome New Faculty



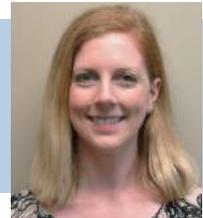
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