We put more into each prescription than just the medicine.

Care for the Community
Greetings from the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy! It is my pleasure and honor to share with you the accomplishments and events taking place here at the school in this inaugural issue of the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy Annual Report.

I would like to start by providing you with a bit of history about the school. Our founding class of 76 students graduated in May 2014. Two months later, we were awarded Accreditation Status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). It seems like yesterday that we came together as an administration, founding faculty and staff temporarily located in the President’s Home, while the Pharmacy School was being completed. I believe that original close-knit environment helped foster the “family-like,” caring nature that has permeated our program.

We have now grown our family to thirty faculty, eleven staff, and more than 300 students over the past four years. Our family is also made up of preceptors, donors, our colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences at Presbyterian College, and of course our first class of alumni.

We have an amazing group of people here who have worked overtime to provide our students with an outstanding education. Our faculty not only teaches, but mentors our students, including them in research and working side-by-side on service projects in the community.

The school’s staff works tirelessly to ensure the student services, functions, events and the day-to-day management of the school provides all of us with an organized and pleasant environment for us to learn, work, and serve.

The pharmacy communities of South Carolina, and many other states across the country, have provided their services to assist in educating our talented group of students. The support of fellow pharmacists who give their time and expertise to precept our students are an instrumental part of our family. Without their service and dedication, we would not be able to fulfill the dreams of these bright young professionals.

As dean, I could not be more proud of our students who are focusing on their pharmacy education, professionalism, and assisting others through their service. We are blessed that our students here at PC are the most caring group of individuals I have ever worked with.

We all have worked diligently to develop a pharmacy program that represents the best of what our fellow citizens expect from a pharmacist – professional, trustworthy, ethical, knowledgeable, competent, and caring service. As Theodore Roosevelt said, “Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” The Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy has embodied that statement from the day it was founded.

I hope you enjoy our inaugural issue as you learn more about the wonderful accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff. I encourage you to keep up with our successes at pharmacy.presby.edu.

Best regards with Blue Pride,

L. Clifton Fuhrman, RPh, PhD
Dean and Professor
Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy
Mission, Vision, and Values

The mission of Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy is to improve the health of South Carolinians and society in general by developing students with an unwavering ethical foundation who will positively impact the delivery of quality equitable pharmacy care; who will dedicate their lives to community service; and who will provide enlightened leadership in addressing the health care needs of a diverse patient population.

Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy will be recognized as a national leader in education, scholarship, and community service. The School of Pharmacy will be known for graduating high quality pharmacists who have been trained in team-based delivery of health care and compassion for the patient through experiences in community service. Our faculty and graduates will positively impact the delivery of pharmacy care and will be known as servant leaders in the communities in which they work and live.

Delivering QUALITY education
Cultivating a commitment to SERVICE
Providing SCHOLARLY activity
Learning through TEAMWORK
Fostering a culture of INTEGRITY
Developing COMMUNITY
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The Evolution of the School of Pharmacy

2009
- January – Dr. Richard Stull named founding dean of Presbyterian College’s School of Pharmacy
- April – Groundbreaking ceremony
- September – PC receives $1 million challenge grant

2010
- January - Awarded pre-candidate accreditation status
- August – 1st new student orientation for 78 students
  - Opened PCCCP (PC Community Care Pharmacy)

2011
- June – Awarded candidate accreditation status
- August – Admitted 80 new students as part of the school’s 2nd class

2012
- February – Founded PC Center for Entrepreneurial Development
- August - Admitted 79 new students as part of the school’s 3rd class

2013
- May – Dr. Cliff Fuhrman appointed dean of the School of Pharmacy
- June – Awarded continued candidate accreditation status
- August - Admitted 81 new students as part of the school’s 4th class

2014
- May – Inaugural hooding ceremony for class of 76 graduates
- June – Awarded accreditation status
- August - Admitted 84 new students as part of the school’s 5th class
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Inspiring progress and collaboration within the walls of the school of pharmacy
Mimi Sadik Memorial Scholarship at Presbyterian College
School of Pharmacy inspires pharmacy education

Dr. Farid Sadik, a pharmacist and current Presbyterian College professor, and his family have endowed a $25,000 scholarship in memory of his daughter who was also a pharmacist. The Mimi Sadik Memorial Scholarship helps students in need of financial assistance and promotes pharmaceutical education. The scholarship provides a student the resources to pursue his or her passion in pharmacy all while celebrating the memory of their daughter.

“This scholarship that bears Mimi’s name symbolizes her devotion and dedication to the pharmacy profession and education,” said Dr. Sadik. “We are pleased to have the scholarship at Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy.”

Dr. Sadik’s longstanding professional mentor/mentee relationship with Dr. Cliff Fuhrman, dean of the School of Pharmacy, was the motivation behind the Sadik family’s decision to endow this scholarship. Sadik, a professor at the University of South Carolina at the time, was Fuhrman’s mentor while Dr. Fuhrman attended school there. He greatly influenced Fuhrman’s decision to begin a career in pharmacy and education. While serving as the dean of the USC School of Pharmacy, Sadik went on to select Fuhrman to join his administration team in 1998.

“As a mentor, Dr. Sadik had the ability to identify key strengths and talents in a person and then help them to advance or strengthen that gift without even knowing it,” said Dr. Fuhrman. “He saw something in me that I didn’t, and he encouraged me to rise up and meet the challenge.”

Fuhrman worked alongside his mentor for seven years in various capacities. The two would begin working together again in 2013, when Fuhrman recruited Sadik to teach pharmaceutics lectures at PC’s School of Pharmacy.

“All these years later, I’m so grateful for the continued professional relationship we have,” said Fuhrman. “We have always worked well together, and we are thrilled to have him as part of our program at School of Pharmacy.”

For many students, a scholarship is the only way they’re able to attend an institution like PC. Through gift and estate planning, you can help young men and women attend the School of Pharmacy and fulfill their educational and career goals. With a bequest, a gift annuity or charitable trust, you can help aspiring pharmacy students attain their goal of attending PC. For more information on giving opportunities, please visit my.presby.edu/givenow.
Dr. Romero-Sandoval Awarded $330,000 NIH Grant

School of Pharmacy Associate Professor and Director of Research, Dr. Edgar Alfonso Romero-Sandoval, was recently awarded a $330,000 National Institutes of Health (NIH) R15 grant, an Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) grant awarded by NIH’s National Institute of General Medical Sciences. His research focuses on postoperative pain and his research project entitled “Cell-directed therapy using nanotechnology for the prevention of chronic postoperative pain” presents significant opportunities for PC undergraduate students.

Romero-Sandoval believes in the importance of involving undergraduate students in significant biomedical research and knows this involvement may have a strong impact on the students’ future study and careers. Dr. Romero-Sandoval said, “Over the next three years through this NIH-funded research, we will have the opportunity to expose PC undergraduate students to biomedical research, research mentorship, and careers and opportunities in biomedical sciences. Students will be actively involved in each step of the project and will have opportunities to present their research at regional and national meetings, and to assist in manuscript publication of their data.” Romero-Sandoval is passionate about his work, noting that “many
common surgical procedures are known to induce a chronic pain state in humans. Due to the substantial economic and social impact of persistent postsurgical pain and because there are limited treatment options for this condition, the medical community needs novel and more effective therapies to prevent the development of chronic postoperative pain. Our proposed studies will provide the foundation for a new therapeutic strategy that has the potential to reduce the incidence of chronic pain following major surgery.

He continues by stating that “one of our primary goals for this project was to provide support for an independent high quality research project with the goal of strengthening the biomedical research environment at PC and increasing student led research projects. To this end, we are fortunate to have working with us a team of experts from major institutions that adds expertise in nanotechnology applicable to biological systems in vitro and in vivo (Jose Conejo-Garcia, MD, PhD, The Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.), and in pre-clinical models and human clinical trials for the study of postoperative pain (James Eisenach, MD, and Christopher Peters, PhD, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.).”

Dr. Romero-Sandoval received his MD in 1999 from the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala and his PhD (2003) in neuroscience and pain from the Universidad de Alcala in Madrid, Spain. He completed two postdoctoral fellowships, the first at Wake Forest Medical Center and the second at Dartmouth Medical School. Upon completion of his Dartmouth fellowship, he served as assistant professor in the departments of anesthesiology, pharmacology, and toxicology prior to his arrival at PC’s School of Pharmacy.

Since his arrival at PC, Dr. Romero-Sandoval has embraced the PC mission of While we live, we serve, including service to the community among his many interests. He now serves as Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy’s director of research and began a new summer research-based exchange program at Presbyterian College with University of Alcala. Dr. Romero-Sandoval is also enthusiastic about the School of Pharmacy’s mission trips, traveling with students and faculty on several mission trips to Central America. “I not only enjoy the possibility to interact and collaborate with talented students at PC and the School of Pharmacy, but also the many opportunities to serve those in most need.”
Care for the Community is not just something we say, it is the reason for everything we do.
This May, three Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy students, Cynthia Tambou, Brittany Thompson, and Mennie Zoogley, joined PC undergraduate students on a mission trip to Kenya, Africa.

The PC students had the opportunity to work in the PCEA Kikuyu Hospital alongside the pharmacist and attending physician. Days were spent serving the patients in the pharmacy dispensing medications with the pharmacist on duty or working in the clinic, observing patient consultations, rounding with doctors, and observing surgery.

The trip to Kenya offered students the opportunity to engage with the local community and allowed these students an inside glimpse at healthcare in an entirely different part of the world. The experience was an eye-opening one, showing PC students the reality of health services in developing countries. Brittany Thompson, School of Pharmacy Class of 2016, explains, “In Kenya there is no Medicaid; therefore, if you don’t have enough money you cannot receive services. This experience made me realize how many people in the world don’t have access to basic medical needs. It has shown me that I can reach past my own country and use my education and resources to help other countries.”

Students also saw first-hand the limited access that Kenyan doctors and surgeons had to medical tools and resources. “I witnessed several surgeries including hip and femur replacements,” recalled Mennie Zoogley, a native Liberian and School of Pharmacy Class of 2016. “I was impressed and amazed at how surgeons skillfully utilized limited resources in providing adequate patient-care.”

The students’ time in Kenya was dual-purposed. The trip abroad gave Zoogley, Tambou, and Thompson a chance to serve the Kenyan community and to gain insight into their future careers as pharmacists.

“I feel the mission trip enhanced my academic and career plans by exposing me to a different aspect of pharmacy,” explains Thompson. “Going to Kenya will impact the remainder of my pharmacy career because it has taught me to be humble and thankful. I can empathize with patients and use my experience to help my community. This experience will make me a better pharmacist because it has allowed me to see the pharmacy field in other countries and the roles that pharmacists can potentially play in the future of healthcare.”

This trip allowed students to truly live out the School of Pharmacy’s mission, Care for the Community. Thompson would like to return and serve the Kenyan community in the future. Zoogley summed up her experience in Kenya this way, “This trip validated that I am on the right career path. I plan to continue serving, learning, and growing as I work to become a pharmacist.” She is even more passionate about the pharmacy profession and says the trip helped her become attuned to the needs of her community. She concluded, “This trip has motivated me in striving to do my best daily.”
Dr. Gene Reeder once served as the associate dean of the USC Pharmacy School. Back then, Dr. Scott Asbill, a current Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy faculty member, was enrolled as a graduate student at the University of South Carolina. It was there that he and a fellow student organized a National Graduate Students in Pharmaceutics meeting — what he calls a “significant undertaking.” Dr. Gene Reeder was one of the first individuals to give Asbill “a real pat on the back” for his efforts. Dr. Asbill says he realized early on that Dr. Reeder is “a man of integrity, character, and class.”

Given his reputation on campus, it came as no surprise when Dr. Reeder was nominated for and was presented the Bowl of Hygeia Award by the South Carolina Pharmacy Association (SCPPhA) in June 2014. Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes one pharmacist each year from participating states for his or her record of outstanding civic leadership and his or her work to encourage fellow pharmacists to take active roles in their communities.

When Dr. Reeder received the call from a colleague telling him he had won the Bowl of Hygeia Award, he admits he “had to sit down.” And when asked about winning the award, he responds, “I said it, and I meant it. I was honored and humbled.” He continues, “I look at the people who won that award before me, and I would never place myself in their company.”

But Dr. Asbill disagrees. “There is no better example of the essence of the Bowl of Hygeia Award than Dr. Reeder. His professional lifetime of service has spanned pharmacy and medical organizations at the national, state, and local levels.”

A graduate of USC College of Pharmacy and Darla Moore School of Business, Dr. Gene Reeder has served as a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry, government agencies and various health plans, as well as working as a full time professor. He has worked as a community pharmacist and nursing home consultant and has held active pharmacist licensure in South Carolina since 1973. Dr. Reeder is a past president of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science of the American Pharmacists Association, as well as the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy. He is also a fellow of both associations.

Dr. Asbill explains, “Most people don’t know that Dr. Reeder was born and raised just a few miles down the road in the then bustling mill town of Joanna.” For Dr. Reeder, involvement in his community is a natural extension of the field of pharmacy. He explains, “Being part of this profession, it was a natural thing to be involved with the community like working in the free clinics, the pharmacy, serving on the board [and] being involved in the rotary clubs.”

And that’s why the School of Pharmacy’s relationship with the South Carolina Free Clinic Association (SCFCA) has become so important to Dr. Reeder.
Dr. Reeder first became involved with the SCFCA when he was asked to help with their survey development and performance measures for the clinic, which led to him being asked to serve on their board of trustees. “Then,” he said, “it was more than just the survey, it was about the vision and the strategic planning for the association.” Dr. Reeder’s one-year term as board member will end in November 2014.

The vision for the partnership between the SC Free Clinic Association and the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy started with the founding dean of the school, Dr. Richard Stull. When the school was being conceptualized, part of Dr. Stull’s mission was to address issues of underserved populations in Clinton, S.C., and surrounding areas. The founders of the school of pharmacy wanted to give students an opportunity to live out PC’s motto, While We Live, We Serve.

With 52 member clinics, the SCFCA operates free clinics that “provide a necessary and critical safety net” for those who might otherwise not have access to adequate healthcare.

PC’s in-house pharmacy serves SCFCA clinics like Good Shepherd and Clinica Gratis, providing not only medications, but also diabetes education and management programs for patients. Dr. Gene Reeder believes the school of pharmacy’s relationship with the free clinics has grown from providing medications to being involved in their constituents’ healthcare.

He understands that he has a unique perspective when it comes to healthcare in South Carolina. “I grew up here,” said Reeder. “I grew up in an environment where people struggled to make a living and with those sorts of experiences – you don’t think about service as something you have to do; it’s something that comes natural to you.”

One of the most impactful memories he has from his work with the SCFCA is having a student “witness for the first time what it’s like for someone to struggle – to make the conscious decision between buying their medicine and buying groceries.” Working in the free clinics provides sites for PC students to gain experience, and that, according to Dr. Reeder, is the real benefit of the partnership.

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice Dr. Rebecca Bickley coordinates many aspects of PC’s partnership with the Clinica Gratis Free Clinic. She says, “The free clinic setting provides valuable learning opportunities to see a real world prospective on a very unique population. Also, the students get exposure to counseling in another language, Spanish, and to a diverse population in which they can learn the value of communication skills, especially for patient comprehension.”

Dr. Bickley explains, “Historically, patients who come to the free clinic do not have routine access to healthcare services. In order to prevent these patients from utilizing the hospital emergency room as their primary care provider, the free clinic can provide healthcare services [and] medications.”

Dr. Reeder strongly believes that there’s “only so much you can teach in a classroom from a textbook. These kinds of things help round out being a healthcare professional.” A friend and mentor of Dr. Reeder used to tell him that the caring a person does as a health professional is sometimes more important than the curing they do.

It’s this kind of mentality that inspires Dr. Asbill. “If a student asked me to recommend a mentor and role model, I would quickly point to Dr. Reeder. His passion for the practice of pharmacy complements his life-time of experience. Coupled with his integrity, wisdom and professionalism, Dr. Reeder is exactly the type of pharmacist that our students should model.”

Dr. Asbill is thankful that Reeder chose to get involved with PC. He says, “His experience and sterling reputation in pharmacy education and industry made him a perfect choice for a founding faculty member. PC brought him back to where his life started, and we all are the better for it.”

According to Dr. Reeder, “Presbyterian College and the School of Pharmacy have that sense of community and caring,” said Reeder. “I taught at the University of South Carolina for 33 years, worked in the private sector, but being here is really a great thing.”
Education

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In May of this year, the School of Pharmacy graduated their first class of students, 76 in all. As the first class of graduates, these pharmacists truly set the bar for the many classes to come at the School of Pharmacy. More than a month before graduation, over three-fourths of these 2014 graduates had received at least one job offer, and 68 percent of these future pharmacists planned to accept full-time positions in Upstate, South Carolina.

Shortly after this first graduation and hooding ceremony, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Board of Directors granted full accreditation status to the Doctor of Pharmacy program at PC.

As the national agency for accrediting pharmacy education programs, ACPE began the accreditation review process at PC’s School of Pharmacy in January of 2010 when they granted the School of Pharmacy pre-candidate accreditation status, allowing the school to admit its first class in the fall of 2010. In June 2011, PC was awarded candidate accreditation status allowing PC students to graduate and sit for the board exam. Two years later, the ACPE awarded the PC School of Pharmacy continued candidate accreditation status. Finally, in July of this year, the School of Pharmacy was granted full accreditation status with all its rights and privileges.

“This has been a long process, and we’re very proud of our recent accreditation status,” said Dean of the School of Pharmacy Dr. Cliff Fuhrman. “We owe a tremendous thank you to our faculty, staff, students, and preceptors who have provided the hard work and dedication needed to ensure the success of this program. Watching our first 76 graduates receive their pharmacy hoods was a proud moment that I’m confident none of us will forget.”

Presbyterian College President Dr. Claude Lilly shared in Dr. Fuhrman’s excitement about the accreditation of the School of Pharmacy. “This newly acquired accreditation status will only bolster the incredibly strong reputation the PC School of Pharmacy has established over the last few years. To be the first four-year pharmacy program accredited in Upstate South Carolina is a huge honor, and we hope to set a standard of quality education for other programs across the state.”

The Office of Admissions hosted the first annual PC Discovery Day at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy this fall. Each prospective student was offered the chance to meet current pharmacy students who also received their undergraduate degree at PC. If you’re interested in learning more about the PC experience and participating in one of our personalized PC Discovery Days, please call (864) 938–3900.
Presbyterian College has been recognized at the local, state, and national levels for its rigorous academics, innovative research, and exceptional service to the community.
Dr. Sean Tran

Preceptor of the Year Award

The Preceptor of the Year, Dr. Tran, exhibits a strong commitment to excellence and has made outstanding contributions to the educational development of future pharmacists graduating from the PC School of Pharmacy. Nominees for this award must have precepted a minimum of 6 students during the previous academic year and must not have received the award within the last five years. He was the guest speaker at this year’s School of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony in August. Dr. Tran demonstrates high standards of professionalism through:

- pharmacy leadership, service, and involvement
- expression of genuine concern for patients
- development of innovative or progressive practice
- employment of mutual respect, patience, and constructive/positive attitude with students, fellow practitioners, and other health professionals
- consistent exhibition of professional ethics within the constraints of professional standards and the federal and state laws that govern the profession

Dr. Jennifer Clements

School of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year

Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Dr. Jennifer Clements received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Campbell University. Dr. Clements is a certified diabetes educator and board certified in pharmacotherapy. She will travel to this year’s American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy meeting in Grapevine, Texas and be recognized at a luncheon for Teachers of the Year from across the country. The School of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year is chosen based on a number of criteria including: encouragement of student participation in the learning process; concern for student learning; ability to stimulate learning and respect for students. These are a few words used to describe Dr. Clements by her students:

- “Takes that extra step and goes above and beyond as a professor, preceptor, and mentor to ensure that students are successful.”
- “Is encouraging, motivational, well-organized, and challenging, while being respectful of the students’ time and other responsibilities.”
- “Leads our students by example and is a great role model.”
- “While challenging students to grow personally and professionally, has a great spirit and truly displays what a pharmacist should be.”

Ms. Rebecca Laura

Student Advocate Award

Rebecca Laura was chosen as the recipient of the Student Advocate Award because of her concern and respect for students and for positively impacting students’ experience at the PC School of Pharmacy. This award recognizes her willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in her job responsibilities. Students described Rebecca as:

- “Always goes above and beyond the responsibilities required of the position.”
- “Willing to do anything to promote and further represent the good name of PC’s School of Pharmacy.”
- “Always there to help, always available with a smile.”
- “Totally dedicated to students.”
Michael Cohen  
Outstanding Student Service Award

Michael approached administration and faculty his first semester with the desire for the School of Pharmacy to host a 5K to reach out to the community. He worked tirelessly with community leaders and faculty to organize a 5K and tie it in with a community health fair. Last year, his efforts were realized with the first annual March on Health 5K. This year, the event grew to over 100 participants and raised over $2,000 for the Clinton YMCA to send children to YMCA summer camps.

Jean Whyte  
Outstanding Student Leadership Award

Jean has served in leadership roles in the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SSHP) and as president of the Pharmacy Student Governance Association (PSGA). She led PSGA through some difficult decisions and was able to take charge of the student-led and student-run entity. She also represented the student body on the School’s Experiential Program Review Committee, Accreditation Self-Study Committee, and Dean’s Council, providing valuable insight from a School of Pharmacy student’s perspective. Jean represented the School of Pharmacy student body while she served on the Dean Search Committee and currently serves on the Pharmacy Honor Council, upholding the College’s longstanding tradition of integrity. Jean is also a member of the South Carolina Pharmacy Association and served as a SCPhA Junior Board Member last year.

Kemper Booth  
Outstanding Professionalism Award

The School of Pharmacy spends considerable effort in developing our students as professionals and is proud of the way our students’ represent our program and demonstrate their commitment to the pharmacy profession. Whether in his leadership roles at the state or school level, talking to a professor after class, at professional meetings, or working with patients and other healthcare providers on a mission trip, Kemper maintains a professional demeanor in all his dealings with others. Professionalism is not simply reflected in one’s behavior and demeanor; it is also reflected in a person’s advocacy for and involvement with the profession of pharmacy. Kemper has demonstrated his dedication to professional advocacy by attending the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) summer leadership institute to learn about leadership and advocacy at a national level and by serving as a South Carolina Pharmacy Association (SCPhA) Junior Board Member.

Student Organization Past President Awards 2013-14

- Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy - Marketta Eason
- Academy of Student Pharmacists of the American Pharmacists Association - Shuler Spigener
- Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International - Allison Whitney
- College of Neurologic and Psychiatric Pharmacists - Lauren Linder
- Kappa Epsilon Professional Pharmacy Fraternity - Samantha Hill
- National Community Pharmacists Association - Jessica Anderson
- Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society - Jessica Anderson
- Student National Pharmaceutical Association - Shavonda Green
- Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy - Kayla Lewis

Admissions Awards 2013-2014

- Pharmacy Student Ambassadors Extra Mile Awards - Becca Conley & Dylan Porter
- Exemplary Service to Admissions Faculty Award - Dr. Scott Asbill
Scholarships Awarded

**CVS Caremark Charitable Trust Scholarship** - Marija Betejeva, Jenny Goetzmann, Daniel McLawhorn & Arath Pillay

**David Marion Cullum Scholarship** - Courtney Daniel

**J.M. Smith Foundation Scholarship** - Nicole Rhinehart

**Mutual Drug Pharmacy Student Scholarship** - Dean Koskinas

**PC Care for the Community Scholarship** - Chandler Adkins, Nikki Dominick, Emmanuel Evuarherhe, Becca Foster, Judith Gomes, Sara Harling, Kevin Hopes, Meagan Jenkins, Jason Jones, Paige Street & Aurezu Zareei

**Rufus Sadler Rotary Pharmacy Scholarship** - Morgan Fleming

**Walgreens Diversity Scholarship** - Elvira Ebini & Sarah Goines

**Walgreens Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Scholarship** - Tramaine Young

Grants Awarded

Drs. Scott Asbill, Alfonso Romero-Sandoval, and Sarah Sweitzer received a $10,000 grant from the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) for “Evaluation of Compounded Pain Gels in an In Vivo Preclinical Pain Model.”

Funding of SC INBRE grant entitled “Identification of unregulated genes of the cdc42 pathway in breast tumors with overexpression of FGD1” for 2013-2014 was awarded to Professors Chris Farrell and Nancy Pedigo.

Academic Achievements

**Walmart Scholars Award** - Jennifer Carter (P3) & Dr. Nancy Goodbar

Best oral presentation at the Carolinas Pain Society Annual Meeting - Dr. Alfonso Romero-Sandoval, “Implication of the phosphatase MKP-3 in the transition from acute to chronic postoperative pain”

APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Award

Drs. David Eagerton, Kayce Shealy & Gene Reeder, “Development and Implementation of a Medication Take-Back”

2nd Place 1st annual Self Care Bowl competition at the SC Pharmacy Association convention

Students Paula Bamis, Jean Whyte, Jenell Moore, Stephanie Adams Smith & Lauren Linder (Coached by Dr. Tiffany Threatt & Dr. Kayce Shealy)

2013 Pharmacy COI Best Practice in Diabetes Care for the American Association of Diabetes Educators’ Pharmacy Community of Interest - School of Pharmacy’s diabetes education program
Appointments & Speaking Engagements

- Dr. Nancy Goodbar was appointed by the ASHP President to serve on the ASHP Council for Education and Workforce Development.
- Dr. Nancy Goodbar was elected as president-elect of the South Carolina Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. Dr. Kathryn Freeland was elected as Region 1 Director. Both will be installed at the annual meeting March 7-9 in Hilton Head, S.C.
- Dr. Tommy Johnson was recently elected to serve as board member for National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE). He will serve a 4-year term and is the only pharmacist on the board.
- Dr. Julie Sease was elected a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Election of a Fellow is a highly competitive process and an applicant is not eligible until ten years after graduating from a pharmacy program. Dr. Sease was elected in her first year eligible.
- Dr. Kayce Shealy has been named Director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Development, effective February 1, 2014.

Publications

- Zach Anderson, “Management of Prediabetes: A Comparison of the Treatment Approaches Utilized by a Family Practice Clinic and an Internal Medicine/Endocrinology Practice” Journal of Pharmacy Practice
- Jennifer Clements, “Description and perspective of an academic learning experience for a pharmacy practice resident” Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning
- Jennifer Clements, “Pharmacotherapy Core rotation” ACCP Ambulatory Care Pharmacist’s Survival Guide
- Jaime Foushee & Lee Fox, “Physical Compatibility of Various Drugs with Neonatal Total Parenteral Nutrient Solution During Simulated Y-Site Administration” American Journal of Health Systems Pharmacists
- Kathryn Freeland, Lyndsay Gormley (P4) & Amber Turner (P4), “IR vs ER: Old Drugs With “New” Formulations” The Mental Health
- Nancy Goodbar, “Statin and Fibrate Combinations: What does the Evidence Say?” Medscape
- Amy Messersmith, “HPV prevalence at enrollment and baseline results from the Carolina Women’s Care Study, a longitudinal study of HPV persistence in women of college age” Dovepress
- Alfonso Romero-Sandoval, “Spinal mitogen activated protein kinase phosphatase-3 (MKP-3) is necessary for the normal resolution of mechanical allodynia in a mouse model of acute postoperative pain” Journal of Neuroscience
- Kayce Shealy, Patrick O’Day (P3) & David Eagerton, “The needs and opportunities for medication disposal programs” The Journal of Pharmacy Technology
To the Freshmen and Pharmacy students of the Class of 2018, I would like to welcome you to Presbyterian College. President Lilly, fellow colleagues, distinguished guests, and especially the Class of 2015, I am honored to be delivering the 135th Opening Convocation address. When I was given the task of providing the keynote address for today’s program, I asked several of my colleagues for advice and what they said was simple: Be profound, but if you can’t be profound be entertaining, if you can’t be profound or entertaining, be brief. So, I have taken their advice and I will be brief.

Let me discuss two areas that will have a lasting influence on you as a student and graduate of PC, and that will continually influence us as a faculty and the college as an institution. The first is tradition and the second is reputation. These two concepts, when combined create excellence. Presbyterian College is steeped in tradition. From the iconic buildings such as Neville to the sounds of the pipes and drums playing “Scotland the Brave” at convocation and graduation, these traditions are hallmarks of this institution. However; other traditions at PC; outstanding educational experiences, loyalty and honor, and service to the community provide the college with a stellar reputation. Over the past five years the pharmacy school has become a part of that PC tradition and reputation. Events like the White Coat Ceremony, held before the start of classes and the doctoral hooding, held prior to graduation have added to the visible traditions on our campus.

As the first graduate professional program of the College, we hope to continue fostering PC’s excellence of outstanding education. We will continue striving to ensure our program meets the standards that the College, its students, faculty, and alumni have come to expect. Honor and ethics are trademarks of a PC experience. Pharmacists, just like the students at PC, are expected to maintain the highest principles of moral, ethical, and legal conduct at all times. PC is known for its student governed honor council. This provides students assurance that they are studying and living in an ethical community. The students in the pharmacy program have adopted the “Blue Book” of honor. We must assure our pharmacy graduates hold true to these ethical principles, since the general public have recognized pharmacists as one of the most trusted professionals in America.

The motto at Presbyterian College While We Live, We Serve also captures the essence of the pharmacy profession and the commitment that pharmacists make to serve their communities and their patients. Service is the motto in action that leads to an enhanced reputation for PC.

As students at PC you will be a part of the longstanding tradition of serving your community and society by bettering the places in which you live or helping others better themselves where they live. You may build homes with Habitat for Humanity, tutor children at local schools, or provide mission work somewhere across the globe. Service to others is what PC is about!

Freshmen, pharmacy students, and the Class of 2015, the reputation of PC will open doors for you. You might say that you are earning a reputation by association. However, it is up to you to carry on the tradition of PC’s reputation. As a student, you represent PC every day. More importantly, you represent yourself every day. Your attitude, work ethic, appearance, and demeanor is not taught in any PC course. There is no college credit given for these attributes. However, your reputation is built by these traits and not just by how well you performed in the classroom.

Be assured that ultimately building your own personal traditions of life-long learning; a strong moral and ethical character; and life-long service will create your own reputation. Add to that a “can do” attitude, treating others (no matter who they are) as you would like to be treated, and you will be excellent in your own eyes and in the eyes of others.

You are now and forever will be a Bluehose. Be proud of that fact as we are proud to have you as one of ours.

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