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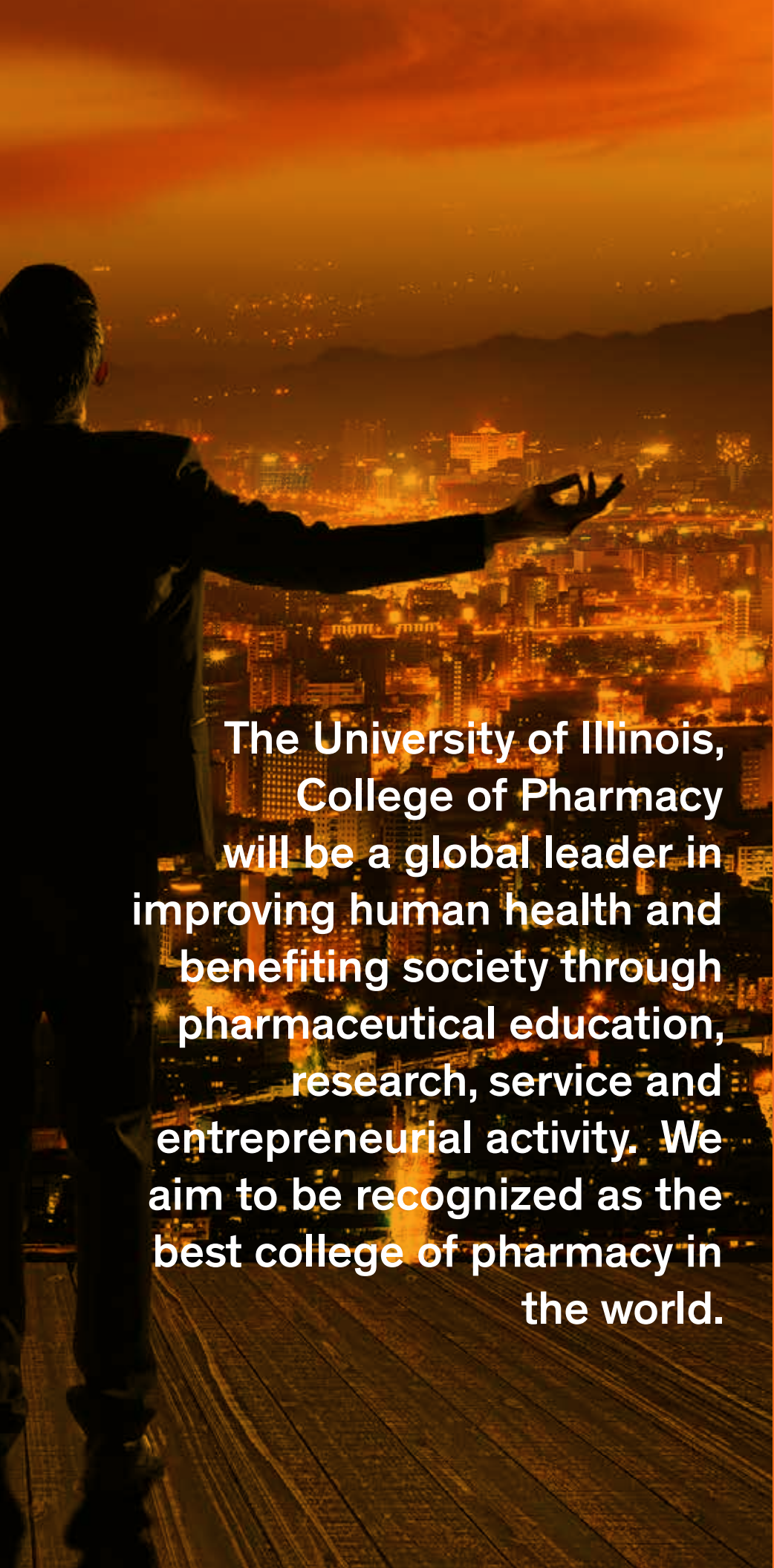
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# MISSION

A person in a dark suit is seen from the side, standing on a wooden deck or balcony. Their right arm is extended, with the hand open, gesturing towards a sprawling city at night. The city is illuminated with warm, golden lights, and the sky is a deep orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of vision and leadership.

The College of Pharmacy produces global pharmacy leaders through its unique contributions and excellence in professional, residency, fellowship and graduate educational programs, research programs, clinical pharmacy practice programs in multiple practice settings, and community engagement in urban and rural environments.





**The University of Illinois,  
College of Pharmacy  
will be a global leader in  
improving human health and  
benefiting society through  
pharmaceutical education,  
research, service and  
entrepreneurial activity. We  
aim to be recognized as the  
best college of pharmacy in  
the world.**

**VISION**







# EDITORIAL

A close-up portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light brown hair, wearing clear-rimmed glasses. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue dress shirt and a dark tie with a light blue and white plaid pattern. The background is blurred.

# **EDITORIAL**



# What A Year!

BY DEAN JERRY BAUMAN, PHARM.D, FCCP, FACC

As I write this this morning, the 2nd largest mortar and pestle in the world (the largest is in Spain somewhere—we checked with Guinness) was gently set into place by a very large crane in the nearly complete Pozen Plaza, fronting our college building in Chicago. Pozen Plaza was funded by an extremely generous gift from my friend and classmate (from two universities including the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy) and his wife, John (BS 1976) and Clare Plachetka, who founded Pozen Pharmaceuticals. Frankly, it's beautiful and will serve as a symbol and signature piece of our college. And for me, it serves as a personal bookend of my nearly 40 years, the last 11 as dean.

What a year! Our college continues to thrive, due in most part to our faculty and students. In contrast to some others, our applicant pool is extremely healthy and we continue to attract the very best students to become leaders in pharmacy and science. We are now one year in to our new PharmD curriculum, which brings experiential education and courses integrating clinical therapeutics and the basic pharmaceutical sciences *early* (i.e., P1) to the PharmD students. Since about 85% of our students enter the College with a BS degree, they are prepared to learn about the proper use of drugs and the practice of pharmacy right away. Once again nearly 100 of our P4 students and residents secured post-PharmD training experiences such as PGY1 or 2 residencies or fellowships. Our match rate was approximately 75%, much higher than the national average. Many of our PharmD students have won noteworthy awards, including Marilyn Gaske P4, who was given the Student Pharmacist of the Year Award from the American Pharmacists Association.

Likewise our faculty continue to excel. This year we were ranked #5 (of 142) in total research funding among colleges of pharmacy. Just a few examples of their

recognition and stature: Greg Thatcher, PhD and Hans Valhiteich Chair of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy was Innovator of the Year Award at UIC and Rob DiDomenico, PharmD, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice was awarded fellow status in the American College of Cardiology and made an inaugural member of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialty Council for cardiology pharmacy. Noteworthy is we were able to attract Kevin Rynn, PharmD to take the leadership position of Vice Dean for our Rockford campus. As a nationally recognized figure in clinical pharmacy practice, Kevin will lead the continued growth of this campus, with further definition of its unique identity. Last we continue to dramatically (yes, I will use that word) impact the practice of pharmacy not just locally but also worldwide. Under the leadership of Alan Lau, PharmD, Professor Emeritus of Pharmacy Practice our faculty have shaped and improved the education of pharmacy students and elevated practice in many countries. I have seen it firsthand (and been humbled by it) in my travels and Alan has the frequent flyer miles to prove it.

The greatest honor of my life has been to serve our faculty and students as dean. But now is the time for refreshed leadership in the College. Again as I write this, rumor has it the search committee for the new dean has whittled down the applicant pool to 3 exceptional finalists, one of which will become the new dean. Besides being a successful full professor, being dean is the very best job in higher education (trust me, I've had a bunch of different positions here) and being dean specifically at the UIC College of Pharmacy is the very best job in pharmacy education. I know our many friends and alums who are reading our 2017 annual report will continue to support this wonderful college, as they have during my deanship.





# SMEIN



# NEWS

## STUDENT NEWS

### APhA-ASP Mission Outreach: Peru



International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) of APhA-ASP partnered with Casa de Salud Peru to perform an eight-day service trip this past summer. Students from different health professions and backgrounds came together to set up multiple clinics in the city of Iquitos, Peru. This included ten UIC pharmacy students representing both the Chicago and Rockford campuses. Daily clinics consisted of a pharmacy where vitamins and medications were distributed, general medicine, reading glass fittings, and fluoride treatment for children. Students rotated throughout different clinics to gain experience. The team then rode a boat down the Amazon River to set up a clinic in the jungle for a day.

### UIC participates in the APhA Institute



The APhA Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies was held this summer because pharmacists have an important role to play in helping remedy the opioid

epidemic affecting many Americans today. Showing understanding and kindness to patients suffering from addiction is of utmost importance. Pharmacists also have a responsibility to educate members of the public about the nature of addiction to dispel the stigma associated with it. The APhA Drug and Alcohol Dependence Institute was a unique experience that gave pharmacists and pharmacy students an in depth look at the struggles of dependence. One of the most powerful parts of the conference was hearing from other healthcare professionals discuss the challenges they faced due to their addiction and taking part in addiction meetings such as Alcohol Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous to better understand the patients. In addition, there were presentations on the treatment of addiction, debates on areas of controversy in addiction, and a hike to help us bond as patient care providers.

### UIC Health Sciences Colleges March in Chicago Pride Parade



The UIC Health Sciences Colleges came together to march in the Chicago Pride Parade this June, including students from the College of Pharmacy. Roughly 70 students, staff and faculty total marchers participated. This was the first time that UIC Health officially participated in the PRIDE Parade - Chicago's largest parade with an estimated 1 million plus spectators. Participants held banners highlighting UIC/UI Health achievements and support for the LGBTQ community. Here are the impressions the march made on the two of our students.

"Marching in Chicago Pride this year made me realize how far I've come in accepting myself for who I am," said Mare Chris Domingo. "This was not my first time going to Pride, but it was the first time I marched in Chicago's parade since coming out to my family. It was an indescribable feeling; being able to dance down the street without having anything to hide. This year, I let my rainbow shine with pride and learned to embrace all the love and good vibes from every person around me."

Edian Banuelos agreed. "After finishing

my 5th year as a UIC student, I was really excited when I heard UIC Health was going to take part in the Pride Parade. UIC means so much to me and it feels great to be supported by the College of Pharmacy as an LGBT student. Many parade goers were excited to see UIC and cheered us on, our school is the largest in Chicago and it only seems fair we have our own float!"

### Work the World – Peru



This summer Helen Sweiss teamed up with Work the World to volunteer in the oncology clinic at Hospital Goyeneche in Arequipa, Peru, a public hospital serving a very poor population. Hospital Goyeneche was the only public hospital in the region which specialized in oncology, meaning patients would travel hours to days to attend their appointments. Since most Arequipians spoke minimal English, Sweiss relied heavily on non-verbal communication and Google translator to overcome the language barrier. She realized early on that the role of a pharmacist was very limited in Peru, and the pharmacist's responsibility was limited to dispensing and scribing medications the physician mentioned during morning rounds. Pharmacists were shocked when I asked why no recommendations to the patient's medication regimen were being made.

In order to gain more clinical experience, Sweiss approached physicians and began discussions on patients. Because of this interaction with physicians, she was given the opportunity to watch oncology surgeries as well as a caesarean section. It gave Sweiss further insight into healthcare in the developing world and a different perspective into pharmacy as a whole.

### Beyond the White Coat

Beyond the White Coat is a fundraising imitative started by the Rockford Class of 2018. This fundraiser gives students and faculty/staff the opportunity to develop and strengthen relationships by doing non-pharmacy activities. Staff members, Deb Fox and Doug Jankowski combined efforts and hosted students for a brewery tour in Chicago. On Saturday, June 24, Doug and the winning students trekked from Rockford and met up with Deb at Lagunitas Brewery



for a tour and an afternoon of fun! Winning students: Jeremy Wilson, Jobin Joseph, Samantha Wheeler, Megan Asher and Maura Sullivan.

## COLLEGE NEWS

**Haneen Ammar, PharmD 2015**, welcomed her second child, Noah Yassin. Noah was born on June 21 at 1:34 a.m., weighing 8lb 7 oz. He joins big sister Sereen.



**Eldred Bell, PharmD 2017**, married Dr. Angela Holliday on June 10, 2017. The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica then went on to the Washington D.C area to start their residencies. Angela is doing her medical residency in pediatrics at Children's National Medical Center and Eldred is a PGY-1 at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus.



**Emma Carroll, PharmD 2015**, is now an Oncology Pharmacist at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

**Sarah Cotner, PharmD 2015**, is now an Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacist at the University of Kentucky.

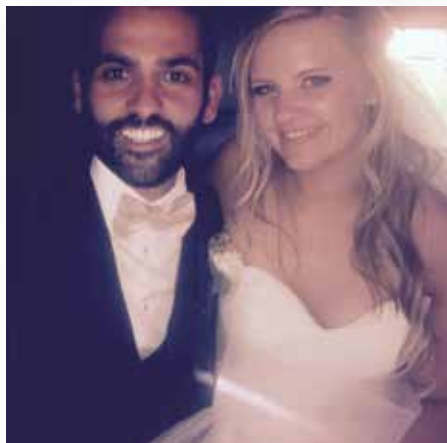
**Eric Goebel, PharmD '16**, married Danielle Ellinger on May 28, 2017.

**Alvin Godina, PharmD 2016**, is now Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Pharmacist at Roosevelt University.

**Kyle Gordon, PharmD 2014**, was recognized as Preceptor of the Year for the PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Program in Emergency Medicine 2016-2017 at Intermountain Medical Center in Provo, Utah.

**Maria (Tangonan) Gordon, PharmD 2014**, is now Pharmacy Clinical Services Manager (PCSM) at Walmart.

**Dan Gratie, PharmD 2017**, married Allie Johnson on June 10, 2017 at Baker Memorial Church and Hotel Baker in St. Charles, IL.



**Natalia Jasiak, PharmD 2013**, is now a Clinical Transplant Pharmacist at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

**Emily Kalusetsky, PharmD 2017**, recently became engaged to Jacob William on May 13 at the Chicago Botanic Gardens.

**Carolyn (Sharpe) Leonard, PharmD 2011**, is now a Medical Science Liaison at AbbVie.

**William T. Lee, BS 1972**, was published in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacists. His report was titled "Improving Health of At-Risk Rural Patients project: A collaborative care model (IHARP)." Lee is also serving on National Advisory council for Virginia Commonwealth University, College of Pharmacy.

**Yijia Luo, PharmD 2015**, recently moved to Cambridge, MA and is now the Senior Associate, Global Regulatory Affairs Development – Neuroscience at Takeda.

**Antonett Madriaga, MS 2013**, is now a Senior Research Associate at Corvus Pharmaceuticals.

**Scott Meyers, BS 1976**, and wife Lana welcomed their second grandchild, Mason Meyers on May 25, 2017.

**Anna Nowobilski-Vasilios, BS 1979**, passed the BCNSP recertification exam and will continue to be board certified in nutrition support pharmacy through 2024.

**Latha Radhakrishnan, PharmD 1998**, got engaged on July 26 to Mill Flax.



**Mark Pilkington, BS 1984, MS 1988**, is now President and CEO at ClaritasPSM.

**Zeina Samara, PharmD '09**, and husband Philip Bertulfo, welcomed their second child, Apollo James Bertulfo was born in late May. He joins big brother Nathaniel.

**Frank Saracco, PharmD 2005**, is now the Director of Medical Affairs at SB Pharma Solutions.

**Jelena Saric, PharmD 2016**, is now a Pharmacist at Rush University Medical Center.

**Shivani Salvi, PharmD 2017**, recently became engaged to Max Woolf. The big day is set for September 2, 2018.

**Chris Schumpp, PharmD 2016**, is now Clinical Pharmacist/Clinical Instructor in Specialty Pharmacy at UIC.

**Kyle Shick, PharmD 2007**, and wife Heather welcomed their third child daughter, Stella on May 31. She was 7 pounds and 21 inches long. Stella joins big brother Benjamin and big sister Charlie.

**James Stock, PharmD 2015**, is now a Pharmacist at divvyDOSE.

# NEWS

**Taha Taha, PharmD/PhD student, married Lana Aziz, Rockford P2 Student, on July 8.**



**Tom Temple, BS 1975, and wife Cathy welcomed their second grandchild, Tori Ann in July.**

**Dennis and Lee West, BS 1967 and BS 1968, welcomed their first grandchild, Elena Lorraine West. She was born on May 10, 2017.**

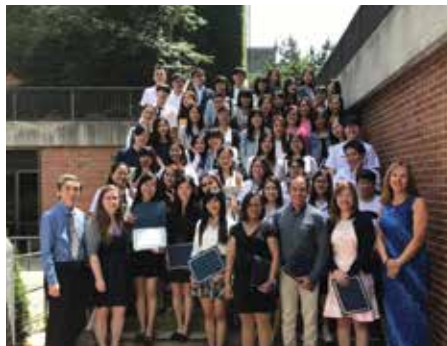


**Jeff Wojtowicz, BS 1983, PharmD 1994, and wife Patricia became grandparents to baby Andre.**



**Steven Zielinski, BS 1977, is currently assisting with issues related to Duplicate Discounts and the 340B Dispute Resolution process.**

## International Pharmacy Summer Program



This year marked the 5th anniversary of the International Pharmacy Summer Program, which is organized by Drs. Alan Lau and Nancy Shapiro. Fifty-four international pharmacy students, faculty members, and practicing pharmacists joined us from China, Hong Kong, Macau, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand for a month-long program to learn about pharmacy education and practice in the U.S. Participants learned basic skills needed for clinical practice, such as patient education and counseling, medication history, patient case analysis and assessment, as well as literature retrieval and evaluation. Many UIC faculty members took time to come share their knowledge and experience with our visitors. A few of the many faculty members were Drs. Henry Manasse, Nick Popovich, Jennifer Pham, Christina Haaf, Shiyun Kim, James Lee, Charles McPherson, and Nina Huynh. Outside of the classroom participants enjoyed weekly dinners with faculty members and exploring all the sights and sounds the city has to offer, including museums, the beach, baseball games, Navy Pier, the Lincoln Park Zoo, Millennium Park, and lots of shopping.

## OBITUARIES

**Robert S. Levinson, BS '66, MS '70, passed away on April 10, 2017.**

**Berj M. Varzhabedian, BS 1947,**



passed away on December 21, 2016. For more than 30 years, Berj was owner of the Oriole Park Pharmacy in Chicago, providing pharmacy services to the the Oriole Park neighborhood. He subsequently joined the pharmacy staff at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, and worked there as a hospital pharmacist till he retired at the age of 83.

**Robert Lucarelli, BS 1949, passed away on June 1, 2017. As a pharmacist Robert worked for independent pharmacies as well as Walgreens and Marshall Fields before purchasing his own pharmacy. He operated that pharmacy for 11 years.**



# The Chicago Campus plaza, circa 1980









**STUDENTS**



# STUDENTS



## Is Pharmacy For Me?

BY MANDAR KANDIL

Three years ago, a group of pharmacy students on the Rockford campus decided to initiate a pharmacy camp catered to high school students—in hopes of shedding some light on the true profession of pharmacy. The student-led camp provided inquisitive high school students a fun opportunity to experience multiple career paths in pharmacy, such as research, retail, and clinical pharmacy. Over 40 students from across the state

spent the day inputting prescriptions using a mock pharmacy dispensing program, compounding capsules and suspensions, and counseling patients on proper medication safety and use. Students also had the opportunity to visit the PhD labs to learn about the latest advances in drug discovery.

The pharmacy students that helped run the camp had a wonderful time overseeing

the activities, mentoring the high school students, and offering their insights on life as a pharmacy student. While not everyone attending was dead set on a future career in pharmacy, attending the camp provided the students with many new perspectives on pharmacy. Many of the students attested that they never knew that so many career options existed in the field of pharmacy, or that so much schooling was required! Still others inquired about how they could



shadow a local pharmacist in the future, or asked for tips for applying to pharmacy school and becoming a standout candidate.

Some of the students enjoyed the camp so much that they have returned for a second time, while others have considered exploring non-traditional pharmacy career paths because of attending the camp. Others have decided that perhaps pharmacy isn't a career for them, but it

has helped them better appreciate the role of pharmacists in the healthcare field. This camp was not only an opportunity to educate high school students, but their parents as well. Many of the parents were not familiar with the application process involved with pharmacy school, but were directed towards helpful resources for future purposes. Surprisingly, I even had a parent inquire about the possibility of enrolling in pharmacy school after hearing

such positive feedback from their child! Overall, the high school camp has been a great success for the past three years, and I encourage any high school students that are interested in the healthcare field to attend—I guarantee they will learn something new while having fun.



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## A Global Perspective

BY HELEN SWEISS

Each year more than 900 students worldwide participate in the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) Student Exchange Program (SEP), and the selection criteria are strict. Only 16 placements are offered in the United Kingdom.

In the summer of 2016 I was fortunate enough to participate in a research placement in the United Kingdom. My placement was at Kingston University College of Pharmacy in Surrey. I worked with Dr. Shereen Nabhani assisting on a project which entailed compiling

information regarding interprofessional education (IPE) from universities across the UK. The goal of the project was to recognize learning needs for IPE facilitation with the purpose of creating uniform IPE training materials.

Since my time in the UK was limited to 3 weeks, my preceptor was very flexible and willing to provide me the experience that I wanted. Although assisting on the research project remained my main priority, Dr. Nabhani allowed me the opportunity to work closely with her, following her to grant meetings, participating in campus-

wide events, as well as attending a town-hall meeting on the recent Brexit vote.

Having arrived in the UK on the day Brexit was announced, my experience was certainly unique and allowed me to evaluate firsthand not only the UK healthcare system, but the impact Brexit would have on the pharmaceutical industry. Participating in this program has provided me with the invaluable experience to take my pharmacy education to an international level and to expand my knowledge on global healthcare systems.



# STUDENTS



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### **Marilyn Gaske Wins Student Pharmacist of the Year Award from APhA**

Student Marilyn Gaske received the “Good Government Student Pharmacist-of-the-Year Award” from the APhA. Her nomination citation reads: “Marilyn Gaske was selected in recognition of her innovative efforts and unique ability to engage her classmates at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Pharmacy in policy advocacy. Gaske founded the Student Pharmacist Advocacy Coalition (SPAC) through which she has united nine student and professional pharmacist organizations in the name of advocacy. SPAC hosts advocacy training, voter registration initiatives, and debates on controversial issues such as provider status and residency training. As policy vice president of UIC’s APhA-ASP chapter, Gaske coordinated students in a letter writing campaign in support of HB509 to grant pharmacists authority to prescribe birth control. Gaske utilizes health fairs as an opportunity to educate the public about policy and survey them on their perceptions of pharmacists as providers. She serves as a liaison between her ASP chapter and IPhA, where she is a member of the board of directors and House of Delegates.”





## A Simple Question Stirs a Student's Art Project

A simple commute has turned into something much bigger for UIC Pharmacy P3 Student Myron Laban.

"I take the train every day, and you sit by this other commuter, and I don't think we acknowledge the fact that we're humans or people," Laban said.

So Laban, and friend Alex Myung, turned a daily necessity into a three-month long art project. Between June and August Laban would ask fellow CTA passengers a deceptively profound question, "If you could go back in time and give yourself advice, what would you tell yourself?"

Laban noted, "this was just a way to connect with people in the city who

otherwise you think are different, but at the same time we have a lot of similarities."

Over 100 CTA riders talked to Laban, and Myung filmed the resulting conversations. Laban then used the conversations as inspiration for a painting. Myung filmed Laban painting and edited it into the CTA conversations. The resulting film, titled "CTA Project Short Film" was released in June of 2016.

"People are interesting in general," Laban said. "And on the CTA in particular, I feel that's the most diverse space in the city. You'll get every kind of person there. Some people would be very vague with answers, but some people would get very deep."

Myung said. "It was amazing to see Myron's positive energy create a space where people felt safe to be honest and vulnerable, especially in a city that can be overwhelming at times."

In 2015 Myron's work was featured in a show sponsored by Red Bull. In 2016 the CTA project attracted the attention of the Chicago Reader's. In their annual poll the Reader nominated Myron in New Artist category. After weeks of hard campaigning, Myron was awarded the title of Best New Artist of 2016. Capitalizing on that success, Myron held a gallery show of his work in March of 2017 called "Unapologetically Weird."



# STUDENTS



## Fall 2016 Dean's List

Alyshia Accardi  
Adeola Adediran  
Nimah Ahmed  
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Omar Al Shaya  
Tanja Alavanja  
Mohammed Alchaar  
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Mehmet Alegoz  
Quratulain Ali  
Ramsha Ali  
Rana Aljadeed  
Raniah Aljadeed  
Ali Alobaidi  
Bashayer Alshehri  
Nada Alsuhbany  
Reem Alsultan  
Kyle Andrews  
Nneka Anizoba  
Emily Armgardt  
Patricia Asonye  
Raya Atshan  
Elnaz Azimzadeh  
Mateusz Baczek  
Karen Bae  
Eric Baehr  
Jacqueline Baker  
Ioana Balta  
Zachary Bannor  
Brandon Barringer  
Busola Bawala  
Eldred Bell  
Lillian Bellfi  
Daniel Benedict  
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Hannah Brennan  
Mitchell Broderick  
Kasey Brown  
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Kenneth Capulong  
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Yu-Han Chen  
Han-Wen Cheng  
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Meagan Conrath  
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Kaitlyn Dalton  
Joseph Dang  
Richard Daniel  
Zena Darhoom  
Patrice Davis  
Crystal Dedes  
Matthew Deraedt  
Sanket Dholaria  
John Dicristofano  
Ryan Digiovanni  
Julie Do  
Mare Chris Domingo  
Adam Doorn  
Shelby Duncan  
Hoanghuy Duong  
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Mariet Eivazi  
Haytham Eleissawy  
Lauren Endriukaitis  
Sandy Ezzet  
Kristina Falk  
Sviatlana Ferri  
Mark Florzak  
Katarzyna Fortuna-Garcia  
Haley Fox

# FALL 2016 DEAN'S LIST



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Yan Gao  
Madeline Gault  
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Gergana Georgieva  
Thomas Gintjee  
Roman Godzhur  
Daniel Gratie  
Dylan Grillaert  
Sara Gubala  
Leena Hamadeh  
Kent Hanson  
Jenna Hashimoto  
Craig Hernandez  
Maria Hernandez  
Ian Hesch  
Brittany Hickey  
Niveen Hilal  
Ryan Hill  
Matthew Holderly  
Albert Hong  
Samuel Hong  
Kevin Hoshizaki  
An-Li Hsu  
Norman Huang  
Shirley Huang  
Benjamin Hung  
Quoc Huynh  
Hanna Hwang  
Dawn Hyatt  
Sabrin Jaber

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Jacob Johnson  
Charles Jonathas  
Iyoung Jung  
Amir Kagdi  
Emily Kalusetsky  
Manar Kandil  
Weiliang Kang  
Justin Kapke  
Michelle Kapugi  
Natalia Kapusciak  
Parzhak Karimi  
Angelica Karpinski  
Katherine Katsivalis  
Kelly Kawabata  
Miriam Kazbour  
Farah Khan  
Betty Khilevich  
Stephanie Khin  
Ashley Kim  
Bryan Kim  
Hannah Kim  
Joolia Kim  
Justina Kim  
Timothy Kim  
Bikgwen Ko  
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Marina Koval  
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Rebecca Kozuck  
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Meghan Kross

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Ryan Kurlak  
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Malgorzata Labedz  
Johan Laker  
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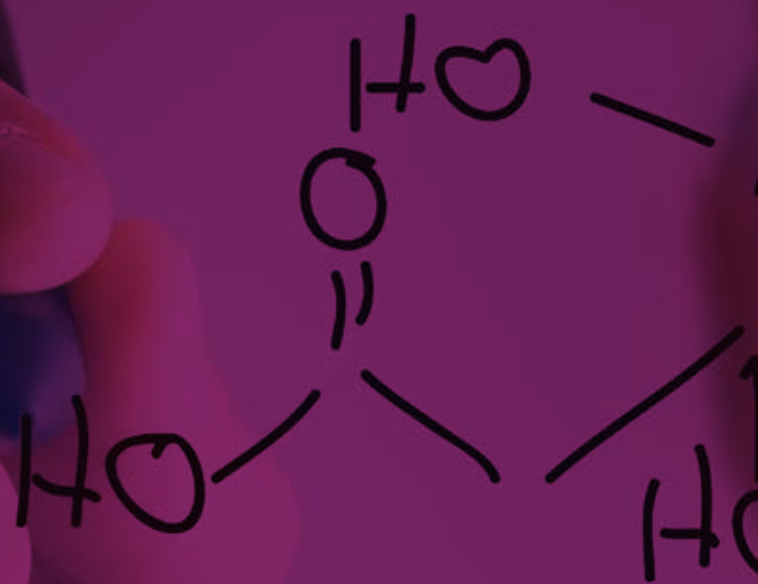
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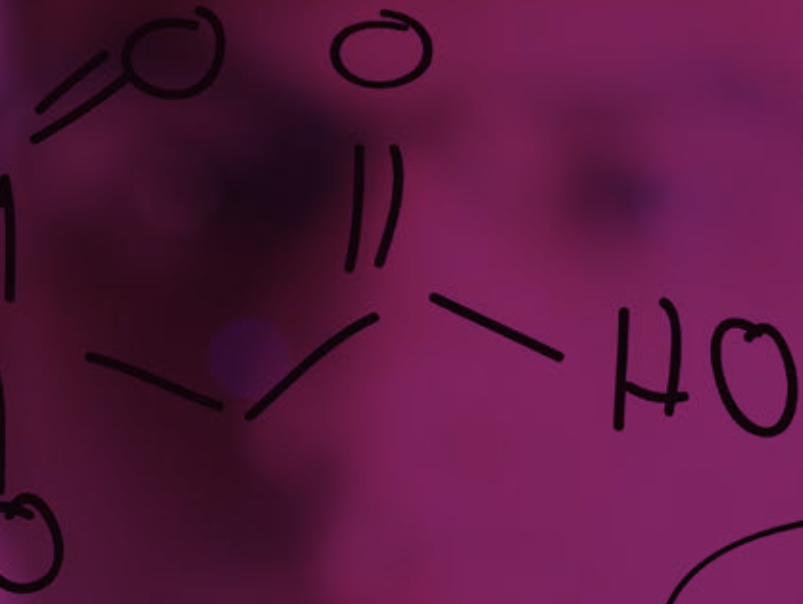
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# Manipulating Signals in Bacteria Could Reduce Illnesses

BY SAM HOSTETTLER

The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy has received a five-year, \$1.25 million federal grant to continue its research into how bacteria that cause streptococcal infections can be manipulated.

By studying the chemical signals of bacteria, Michael Federle, associate professor of medicinal chemistry and pharmacognosy, is learning how bacteria cells communicate with one another. The research goal is to convince sickness-causing microorganisms to remain in a nonhostile state.

Every antibiotic to fight bacteria has in some instance seen a method of resistance develop against it, he said.

"In recent years, the urgent need to identify new alternatives to antibiotics that fight bacterial infections has inspired the concept of inhibiting fundamental mechanisms of pathogenesis, rather than inhibiting processes essential to bacterial growth," Federle said.

Federle's research centers on streptococci, a group of bacteria responsible for infections such as strep throat, meningitis, bacterial pneumonia, endocarditis, erysipelas, and the "flesh eating" disease, necrotizing fasciitis. He is exploring ways to disrupt biofilms—communities of bacteria that live on a surface that are extremely resistant to antibiotics.

Federle and his colleagues have studied the molecular mechanisms of the signaling pathways in streptococci. The bacteria use small peptides—a chain of amino acids that are the building blocks of protein—that are

secreted into the bloodstream and can turn on different genes. Such peptides function as pheromones and can turn on the genes that may contribute to illnesses.

"We found several examples of these peptides, which are detected by receptors of a family of proteins called Rgg," Federle said. "We know they turn genes off and on, but we're expanding our research to discover what exactly their functions are.

"We're trying to find out if the signals—the small pheromones—of all the bacteria can be manipulated. If the bacteria are using these signaling pathways to colonize, that contributes to making a person sick. We want to see if they can be manipulated so they won't do that."

Federle's latest research will focus on understanding how pheromones interact with the Rgg proteins and how those proteins interact with DNA. He is also working to identify small molecules and peptides that specifically inhibit Rgg function. Determining the mechanistic basis of inhibitor function and identifying the structural features of those compounds will guide anti-infective drug development in the future, Federle said.

"If we can manipulate bacteria by understanding the chemical signals they use, then we can interfere with the bacteria's ability to make people sick," he said. "We'll try to fool the bacteria by artificially stimulating them."

The grant is funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, one of the National Institutes of Health.



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## Agreement saves spots for City Colleges students in UIC College of Pharmacy

BY SAM HOSTETTLER

The University of Illinois at Chicago and City Colleges of Chicago have reached an agreement that will guarantee admission of talented CCC students into the UIC College of Pharmacy, one of the nation's premier pharmacy programs.

Beginning next fall, five places will be reserved each year for qualified students who intend to complete a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Applicants must maintain a full course load at CCC and have at least a 3.5 grade point average, have completed all pre-pharmacy coursework at CCC, and receive at least a "B" in all pre-requisite pharmacy courses.

City Colleges of Chicago is the largest community college system in Illinois and one of the largest in the nation, with 5,500 faculty and staff serving more than 100,000 students annually at seven colleges and six satellite sites across the city. Colleges include Harold Washington; Harry S Truman; Kennedy-King; Malcolm X; Olive-Harvey; Richard J. Daley; and Wilbur Wright.

"Our goal is to train professionals in a wide range of public service disciplines, serving Illinois as the principal educator of health science professionals and as a major healthcare provider to underserved communities," said UIC Chancellor

Michael Amiridis. "We have a great relationship with City Colleges and we are excited about this new partnership."

UIC College of Pharmacy Dean Jerry Bauman said he considers the new agreement to be "a landmark partnership, mutually important to the UIC College of Pharmacy and the City Colleges of Chicago. "Pharmacy is a wonderful profession and we are committed to improving access for talented students from Chicago to gain admittance to one of the very best colleges of pharmacy in the nation, and eventually join the profession," Bauman said. "The partnership is congruent





with UIC's undergraduate program's overall relationship with Chicago's City Colleges and with Chancellor Amiridis' commitment to the citizens of this city: The University of Illinois for Chicago."

The pact was signed today at UIC. This is the fifth partnership that the College of Pharmacy has entered into with other institutions throughout the state. The CCC joins Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Western Illinois University and Eastern Illinois University.

"Through this agreement, we are further expanding a strong relationship with

UIC, which enables our students to move on to a bachelor's degree and beyond without all of the debt," said City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Cheryl L. Hyman. "This partnership will further enhance the programs that we have developed with industry leaders to prepare our students for tens of thousands of jobs coming to our region in the healthcare sector"

In 2015, UIC and CCC began a collaboration that allows at least 250 Star Scholars who transfer from CCC to UIC with an associate's degree and at least a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible to receive a \$5,000 award over two years.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the field of pharmacy is projected to grow 3 percent from 2014 to 2024. Increased demand for prescription medications will lead to more demand for pharmaceutical services. Pharmacists work in pharmacies, including those in grocery and drug stores. They also work in hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

To practice, pharmacists must have a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), a four-year professional degree. They must also be licensed, requiring passing two exams.





# Heroin's Use Rising, Costing Society More Than \$51 Billion

BY SAM HOSTETTLER

Heroin use in the United States was estimated to cost society more than \$51 billion in 2015, according to new research at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Made from morphine, heroin is an opiate commonly used as a recreational drug for its euphoric effects. According to the World Drug Report 2016 from the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, heroin use has reached the highest level in 20 years in the U.S. and is the deadliest drug worldwide.

UIC pharmacoeconomists led by Simon Pickard and Ruixuan Jiang created a cost-analytic model to determine how heroin impacts society using several variables: number of imprisoned heroin users and their crimes; treatment costs of heroin abuse; chronic infectious diseases contracted through heroin abuse (HIV, Hepatitis B and C, and tuberculosis), and cost of their treatments; cost of treating newborns with medical conditions associated with heroin; lost productivity at work; and heroin overdose deaths.

The study, published in the journal PLOS ONE, found that heroin users are less productive than others due to premature death; spend more time away

from work due to seeking treatment for drug dependence and for drug-related hospitalizations, and have high rates of work absenteeism and unemployment. On average, the societal cost per heroin user per year is \$50,799. An estimated 1 million people are active heroin users in the United States, putting the total societal cost at approximately \$51 billion, said Pickard, professor of pharmacy systems, outcomes and policy. The cost per user is significantly higher than for patients suffering from other chronic illnesses, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (\$2,567 per patient in 2015 dollars, or \$38.5 billion for 15 million patients) and diabetes (\$11,148 per patient in 2015 dollars, or \$248.59 billion for 22.3 million patients).

"The opioid crisis didn't happen overnight," Jiang said. The number of heroin users doubled from 2000 to 2013, rising from one per 1,000 individuals in 2000 to two per 1,000 individuals in 2013, she said.

Pickard has monitored the rise in heroin use for several years, noting that users often start taking the illicit drug after becoming dependent on prescription opioid painkillers. Due to the high cost of opioids and difficulty in obtaining

prescriptions, opioid abusers often turn to heroin, which is cheaper and easier to get. As heroin use has increased, so have overdose deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Heroin-related overdose deaths have more than quadrupled since 2010. From 2014 to 2015, heroin overdose death rates increased about 21 percent, with almost 13,000 people dying in 2015. And today, research has shown that heroin use is not confined to urban areas, but has reached rural America as well.

Without meaningful public health efforts, the number of heroin users is likely to continue to grow, Pickard said.

"The downstream effects of heroin use, such as the spread of infectious diseases and increased incarceration due to actions associated with heroin use, compounded by their associated costs, would continue to increase the societal burden of heroin use disorder," Pickard said.

Co-authors on the study were Inyoung Lee and Todd Lee of the UIC Center for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics Research.





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# Innovator of the Year Mixes Science, Business

BY SAM HOSTETTLER

*Each year, the Office of Technology Management celebrates UIC faculty inventors. The Innovator of the Year Award recognizes researchers who have advanced their inventions toward commercialization. The Inventor of the Year Award honors researchers whose discoveries have the potential for significant impact. The awards include a \$3,500 prize and a plaque, which is prominently displayed in the hallway of the UIC Office of Technology Management.*

Alzheimer's disease, neurodegenerative disorders, cancer, sleep disordered breathing. The illnesses may seem dissimilar but they have one commonality: Greg Thatcher is working to find a cure for them all.

Throughout his career, Thatcher has melded his expertise in academia and science with business. His numerous patents have led to the launch of several start-up companies whose goal is to bring drug candidates to clinical trials.

Innovation does not just come from time and effort, Thatcher said, but also money. "Venture capital financiers will tell you that ideas are 10-a-penny. In drug discovery, it will take \$5 million to \$10 million and two years to take an idea from bench to a signal that the drug has any effect in humans, and the cumulative risk of failure is over 90 percent," said Thatcher, Hans Vahlteich Endowed Chair of Medicinal Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy.

"But for an idea to have value, we must try to move the idea beyond the academic setting to become a translational technology that can potentially provide real benefit to society at large and relieve the suffering of disease, even if the risk and effort is very high."

A prolific scientist, Thatcher's expertise bridges chemistry and biology, and includes nitric oxide chemical biology, oxidative stress, protein covalent modification, and estrogen receptor modulation focusing on Alzheimer's disease and breast cancer. He has been involved in several start-up companies, the latest, TTC Oncology, with Debra Tonetti, associate professor of pharmacology.

The new company licenses agents for therapy of treatment-resistant breast cancer and an

alternate family of agents for breast cancer that have also been out-licensed. He also has several Alzheimer's disease technologies currently licensed to biotechnology companies. Both approaches to treating breast cancer were pioneered by a graduate student, Rui Xiong, proving Thatcher's mantra that smart, young trainees drive innovation.

Thatcher is also the founding director of a campus-wide center for drug discovery. The UICentre engages biomedical researchers in collaborative teams to translate ideas and inventions to small molecule, proprietary lead compounds for further drug research and development. A faculty member since 2003, Thatcher has supervised or co-supervised more than 45 graduate trainees and has been involved in pre- and postdoctoral training and education, mentoring trainees who have proceeded to leadership positions in the pharmaceutical industry, bioventures and academia.

In addition to being named Innovator of the Year, Thatcher has also been named UIC Graduate Mentor of the Year and a University Scholar.

Thatcher is currently principal investigator or co-investigator on nine active grants, funded by either the National Institutes of Health, private industry, or the Chicago Biomedical Consortium.

Jerry Bauman, dean of the College of Pharmacy, said Thatcher's work is "truly translational."

"It is extremely clear that Greg is an innovator, and I can think of no one more deserving of this award," Bauman said. "We are proud to have him at UIC and in our college."

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# UIC College of Pharmacy Selected for Industry Internship Program

BY SAM HOSTETTLER

More pharmacy students at the University of Illinois at Chicago will have the opportunity to gain practical experience in an industry setting, thanks to a grant from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics to create a new internship program at the UIC College of Pharmacy.

UIC, Duke University Medical Center and the University of California San Diego School of Medicine are the only academic institutions chosen by ASPET to establish a Pharmacology Industry Internships for Ph.D. Students (PIIPS) program. UIC is the only school selected to establish an eight- to 12-week summer program.

Since 2013, 29 students from the UIC College of Pharmacy have participated in industrial internships around the U.S., said Lindsey McQuade, director of research and graduate resources and project coordinator. An organized fellowship, such as the PIIPS program, to connect graduate students with pharmaceutical companies will increase this number and strengthen the partnerships with those companies, she said.

"Because over one-third of our students (36 percent) who graduate with a doctoral degree seek employment in industry, and 50 percent of students who performed internships during their degree are currently employed by pharmaceutical companies, the networking opportunities afforded by internships, along with the training in transferrable skills such as communication, management, operations and decision making, make the PIIPS fellowship an invaluable resource for the college and its trainees," McQuade said. Joanna Burdette, associate professor of medicinal chemistry and pharmacognosy and associate dean for research and graduate education, will serve as program director.

Pharmacology doctoral programs have a long and honored history of training

scientists who enter non-academic careers, including the biotechnology/ pharmaceutical industries and regulatory agencies, according to ASPET. Students increasingly embrace the view that their scholarship can have a positive impact on people's lives.

This "culture of impact" has led to a new generation of students who are academic entrepreneurs, and who need both academic and industry mentors to succeed. Short-term internships in pharma/biotech during training have always been attractive to students interested in these careers. The attraction has only increased in recent years, as full-time academic positions have become more difficult to obtain, the organization said.

Each of the three UIC students selected for the PIIPS program will receive \$7,000 (\$5,000 from ASPET, \$2,000 from the college) over the course of the internship. UIC is currently in discussions with several pharmaceutical companies that may wish to partner, McQuade said.

Pharmacy Dean Jerry Bauman said the college's goal is to provide the best possible education to its students, both inside and outside the classroom. Part of its mission is to be a global leader in improving human health and benefiting society through pharmaceutical education, research, service, and entrepreneurial activity, he said.

"The PIIPS program will enhance our students' experience and professional opportunities in the marketplace," Bauman said. "This opportunity, along with our expert and successful faculty, will be another attractive feature in recruiting talented students to our graduate programs. We're extremely excited to be one of only three institutions selected nationwide."

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## The World Traveler

BY DANIEL P. SMITH

*College of Pharmacy dean emeritus Dr. Henri Manasse Jr. represents UIC around the world and champions the pharmacist's key role in the healthcare ecosystem*

In the name of pharmacy, Dr. Henri Manasse Jr. is happy to be a globetrotter.

Over the last year, Manasse, dean emeritus of the UIC College of Pharmacy and professor emeritus in the College's Department of Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes and Policy, has racked up thousands of airline miles, crisscrossing hemispheres and continents pressing for greater accountability and challenging the profession—its current practitioners, industry leaders, educators, universities and others—to be the best versions of themselves.

"Professions exist because society grants special privileges to qualified people with skills, capacity and knowledge," Manasse says. "That social accountability must be respected and we have to deliver."

An unapologetic advocate for the pharmacist's role in direct patient care and a spirited representative of UIC's heralded College of Pharmacy, Manasse carries that message of social accountability with

him everywhere he goes. It is the swift current underlying every keynote talk, every strategic session, every conversation.

"The pharmacy profession and pharmacy education is in immense flux around the world and we can't take our responsibility lightly," Manasse says. "No matter where we are, pharmacy matters."

Last September, for instance, Manasse ventured to Argentina, where he coordinated and chaired a three-day strategic planning session with university faculty, practitioners and government officials at the National University of Córdoba, Argentina's oldest university. Manasse helped the group sort through academic priorities and community needs to find areas of opportunity and transformation.

Thereafter, Manasse skipped to Buenos Aires, where he delivered a pair of presentations at the globe's preeminent gathering of industry professionals and scientists – the International Pharmaceutical Federation's

(FIP) annual World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Manasse's first presentation examined how pharmacy might structure its practice and professional responsibilities to address the global burden of disease, while his second presentation focused on empowering patients, spotlighting the essential ingredients of effective disease state management.

In October, the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), an urban-based public institution much like UIC, hosted Manasse as a visiting professor and consultant. Manasse offered several lectures to faculty and students, visited local hospitals and offered a webinar for members of The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia. He also laid the groundwork for a potential partnership between UTS and UIC, later returning to Sydney in May 2017 alongside UIC director of international clinical pharmacy education Dr. Alan Lau to further discuss the prospective alliance.

As the calendar turned to 2017, Manasse





accepted an invitation to speak at a conference hosted by Future University in Cairo, Egypt. There, he championed pharmacy practice and education reforms, advocating for a sharper practice model and better alignment between academic priorities and the evolving healthcare system.

"We need to prepare people to practice at a high level while interfacing with other healthcare pros," Manasse says.

Following the talk, a group of university students approached Manasse. Inspired by his ideas, they asked how they might campaign for a revised curriculum at their institution, a course of study that would be more responsive to the contemporary healthcare marketplace and patient healthcare needs.

"Their energy, passion and curiosity reminded me a lot of the students I see in the U.S. and at UIC and that's encouraging for our future's profession," Manasse says. "They'll find a better mousetrap."

Manasse's globetrotting work stands a perfect combination of his 50-year professional career that spans academia as well as a 15-year run as the CEO of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), where he actively worked to promote the profession's role in patient care at hospitals and health systems.

"Health priorities around the world are going to rely on the use of medications, so our profession plays an absolutely critical role, and that needs to be known," says Manasse, a former recipient of the ASHP's prestigious Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award, a prize widely considered health-system pharmacy's highest honor.

And at nearly 72 years young, Manasse shows no signs of slowing. The message, after all, is too important.

This August, Manasse will visit the University of Costa Rica to help that institution's pharmacy school celebrate its 120th anniversary. While there, Manasse

will offer a program highlighting the reciprocal relationship between society and universities, specifically noting how education impacts practice and patient care.

In September, then, Manasse will again be at the FIP's annual conference —this time in Seoul, South Korea—to recognize the 10th anniversary of FIPed, an initiative he helped launch in 2007 that brings together pharmacy school deans and other academic leaders from around the world to discuss leadership, curriculum and supporting transformation in pharmacy education.

"A passion for patient care was instilled in me during my time as a UIC student and that passion remains very much alive today," Manasse says. "I'm interested in seeing countries lift themselves up and pharmacists playing a valuable role in creating a healthier world."







# Dr. Kevin Rynn Named Vice Dean For Rockford Campus

BY SAM HOSTETTLER

Dr. Kevin Rynn rejoined the UIC College of Pharmacy as the new Vice Dean for the Rockford Regional Campus. Dr. Rynn received his BS in Pharmacy from Rutgers University and his PharmD from Duquesne University. He went on to complete his ASHP Clinical Pharmacy Residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh and his Emergency Medicine/Clinical Toxicology Specialized Residency and Fellowship at UIC. He currently holds board certification from the American Board of Applied Toxicology.

Dr. Rynn has extensive experience in pharmacy education, holding faculty appointments as Assistant and Associate Professor practicing in Emergency Medicine at UIC and Rutgers prior to his

time at Rosalind Franklin. He has educated numerous students, PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residents, and PGY-2 Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Residents. Kevin was the Director of the Rutgers/Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Emergency Medicine PGY-2 residency program for 11 years. Most recently he has been serving as Vice Dean and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice for the College of Pharmacy at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

Dr. Rynn's research has focused on the role of the pharmacist in emergency medicine and clinical toxicology. Being a board certified clinical toxicologist, his research and publications have focused on overdose management. His experience

has allowed him to mentor emergency medicine and pharmacy practice students on the benefits of pharmacy services to the emergency department team.

Kevin is a nationally visible figure in pharmacy and healthcare. He also gives back to the community through local, national, and international venues having gone as far as Ndejje, Uganda to provide HIV and Blood Pressure Screening for the Hope of Women and Children Victims of Violence. He continues to be an active leader in NABP, ASHP, AACT, and as a fellow of ACCP. His service and dedication have led to him earning the Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award from ACCP, Emergency Medicine PRN.



## FACULTY

# Two antibiotics fight bacteria differently than thought

BY SAM HOSTETTLER

Two widely prescribed antibiotics—chloramphenicol and linezolid—may fight bacteria in a different way from what scientists and doctors thought for years, University of Illinois at Chicago researchers have found. Instead of indiscriminately stopping protein synthesis, the drugs put the brakes on the protein synthesis machinery only at specific locations in the gene.

Ribosomes are among the most complex components in the cell, responsible for churning out all the proteins a cell needs for survival. In bacteria, ribosomes are the target of many important antibiotics.

The team of Alexander Mankin and Nora Vazquez-Laslop has conducted groundbreaking research on the ribosome and antibiotics. In their latest study, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, they found that while chloramphenicol and linezolid attack the catalytic center of the ribosome, they stop protein synthesis only at specific checkpoints.

"Many antibiotics interfere with the growth of pathogenic bacteria by inhibiting protein synthesis," says Mankin, director of the UIC Center for Biomolecular Sciences and professor of medicinal chemistry and pharmacognosy. "This is

done by targeting the catalytic center of the bacterial ribosome, where proteins are being made. It is commonly assumed that these drugs are universal inhibitors of protein synthesis and should readily block the formation of every peptide bond."

"But—we have shown that this is not necessarily the case," said Vazquez-Laslop, research associate professor of medicinal chemistry and pharmacognosy.

A natural product, chloramphenicol is one of the oldest antibiotics on the market. For decades it has been useful for many bacterial infections, including meningitis, plague, cholera and typhoid fever.

Linezolid, a synthetic drug, is a newer antibiotic used to treat serious infections—streptococci and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), among others—caused by Gram-positive bacteria that are resistant to other antibiotics. Mankin's previous research established the site of action and mechanism of resistance to linezolid.

While the antibiotics are very different, they each bind to the ribosome's catalytic center, where they were expected to inhibit formation of any peptide bond that links the components of the protein chain into a long biopolymer. In simple enzymes, an

inhibitor that invades the catalytic center simply stops the enzyme from doing its job. This, Mankin said, had been what scientists had believed was also true for antibiotics that target the ribosome.

"Contrary to this view, the activity of chloramphenicol and linezolid critically depends on the nature of specific amino acids of the nascent chain carried by the ribosome and by the identity of the next amino acid to be connected to a growing protein," Vazquez-Laslop said. "These findings indicate that the nascent protein modulates the properties of the ribosomal catalytic center and affects binding of its ligands, including antibiotics."

Combining genomics and biochemistry has allowed the UIC researchers to better understand how the antibiotics work.

"If you know how these inhibitors work, you can make better drugs and make them better tools for research," said Mankin. "You can also use them more efficiently to treat human and animal diseases."

James Marks, Krishna Kannan, Emily Roncase, Dorota Klepacki, Amira Kefi and Cedric Orelle, all of UIC, are co-authors on the publication. The research was funded by National Institutes of Health grant AI 125518.





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# GIVING





Christopher J. Shoemaker  
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## LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT DEAN FOR ADVANCEMENT

At its core, fundraising is all about people and relationships. Any project, no matter how small, is a result of the unique dynamics of the people who undertook it. Take the plaza renovation project at the Chicago campus. It began life as a run of the mill capital project funded by the college. But, after a few meetings with a willing donor, the project became POZEN Plaza. Not only did donors John and Clare Plachetka make a large gift to help us renovate the entrance to the building, the plaza will also be maintained by an endowment created by the Plachetkas. (You can read more about the Plachetkas and their amazing gift on the next page.)

That gift freed up our office to create a campaign to offer engraved bricks to friends of the college that, as of the writing of this article, are currently being laid in the plaza. The project was so well-received that we were forced to extend the deadline for submissions twice. The support from all corners of the pharmacy world was tremendous. Through your generosity, the brick project raised over \$100,000. This money is now also part of the endowment that is paying for the maintenance of POZEN Plaza.

Thanks to the Plachetkas and our hundreds of individual brick donors POZEN Plaza will

significantly enhance the experience for all faculty, staff and friends of the UIC College of Pharmacy. But its greatest impact will be on the students. And that's the singular mission of our Office of Advancement; to enhance the student experience. That comes in many forms: creating a gorgeous plaza space for them to study in, helping to make their experience more affordable through scholarships, retaining a cutting-edge clinical pharmacist or scientist with professorships and chairs, recruiting a world-class speaker, enhancing classroom technology or sending them to a conference.

It may sound trite, but Dean Bauman has said for years, what makes a great college is getting the best students and the best faculty. And some of those people you'll never even know. This year we received a \$2 million anonymous estate gift. Can you imagine that? A couple left a sizable portion of their estate to the college and want to remain anonymous.

Each year, I'm stunned by the generosity of our alums and friends. If you'd like to become one of those people, contact me at 312-996-3376 or [cjshoema@uic.edu](mailto:cjshoema@uic.edu).



# A boost of curb appeal

BY DANIEL P. SMITH

*The College of Pharmacy's exterior receives a symbolic and dynamic facelift thanks to the generosity of alum John Plachetka and the Plachetka Family Foundation*

There wasn't any moment of epiphany or lightning strike, but **John Plachetka BS Pharm '76** knew just what he needed to do as he looked upon a mailer from his former classmate and current UIC College of Pharmacy Dean Jerry Bauman announcing a brick walkway campaign designed to enliven and personalize the College's West Campus headquarters.

"The walkway was a great start," Plachetka says, "but I thought, 'The original drawing had more features that could be added over time, so maybe the College could use some additional support now to complete the entire vision in one go.'"

Earlier this year, the Plachetka Family Foundation led by Plachetka and his wife, Clare, made a \$500,000 gift to the College, a contribution that immediately elevated the College's beautification plans and spurred the creation of POZEN Plaza outside the College's Wood Street entrance.

"This exterior project really appealed to me because it will be something that everyone can enjoy," Plachetka says.

Slated for completion this fall, the curb appeal-boosting project will replace the College's cold, dated look with fresh greenery and flowers, a new walkway, textured granite pavers in a herringbone

pattern, multiple brick seat walls and a cozy socialization area called "Clare's Corner" that will feature a sloping accent wall as well as tables and chairs for casual interaction. Memorial bricks purchased by College alumni, faculty, staff and friends will lead walkers to the enhanced entryway past the project's showpiece, a nearly five-foot tall mortar and pestle sculpture sitting atop a tiered, circular planter wall. Surrounded by greenery and flowers, LED floodlights will illuminate the symbolic sculpture that pays homage to the pharmacy profession as well as the College's history of excellence spanning more than 150 years.

The POZEN Plaza name, meanwhile, is a tribute to the North Carolina-based pharmaceutical company Plachetka founded in 1996 and took public in 2000. Over its 20-year run, POZEN pioneered a new way to conduct drug development and brought three products to market before Plachetka's 2015 retirement. When subsequent management decided to merge with another company, the POZEN name evaporated. Now, to Plachetka's delight, the POZEN Plaza name preserves the company's spirit and accomplishments for all time.

"This project is really a tribute to all the former employees of POZEN," Plachetka says. "We were, and still are, a family and I'm proud to honor the legacy of

the company, which was filled with so many talented and special people."

As a diehard Chicago Cubs baseball fan, Plachetka notes that POZEN Plaza also sits just over the outfield wall of the former West Side Park that the Cubs franchise called home from 1893-1915. West Side Park housed the Cubs' last World Series-winning team until 2016's magical title run.

"And, I must confess, that's pretty special, too," Plachetka says.

Optimistic that faculty, staff and students will be inspired by the College's modernized look, Plachetka hopes POZEN Plaza becomes a prominent gathering spot and a place for special photos using the sculpture as a backdrop—like the white coat ceremony or other College celebrations—while also serving as a physical manifestation of the College's noble roots, steadfast evolution and energized future.

"Continued sustained excellence in academia is hard to come by and I'm really proud to be a graduate of the UIC College of Pharmacy," Plachetka says. "I wouldn't have been able to accomplish what I did in business without the education and values the College provided me, which is why I'm so proud to be able to join with many other alumni to help make this new entry courtyard a reality."



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Kirsten Ohler  
Heidi Olson  
Jason Orr  
Jamie Ostrem  
Mike Pacini  
Christine Padjen  
Frank Paloucek



# GIVING

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Louise Parent-Stevens  
Lauren Parker  
Danny Patel  
Kunal Patel  
Mansi Patel  
Neil Patel  
Rahul Patel  
Raj Patel  
Reema Patel  
Sajni Patel  
Shilpa Patel  
Shital Patel  
Shivani Patel  
Udeshi Patel  
Vinod Patel  
Gary Peksa  
John Perino  
Adrienne Perotti  
Amy Peters  
Natasha Pettit  
Renee Petzel Gimbar  
Charles Pfau  
Jennifer Pham  
Lina Piech  
Brandon Pierce  
Steven Pinneke  
Rahim Pirani  
Ameen Pirasteh  
Aura Platakis  
Angela Plews

David Plumley  
Paul Pluta  
Marianne Pop  
Nicholas Popovich  
Isabel Porto  
Anna Portokalis  
Lisa Potter  
Michael Poulsen  
Vanessa Prorwicz-Lehnhardt  
Rachael Prusi  
Archariya Puangampai  
Christina Quillian  
Andrea Quinn  
Latha Radhakrishnan  
Don Radtke  
Claudia Rakhman  
Rachel Ralph  
Tara Rapp  
Christine Rash  
Samreena Rasheed  
Sadika Rashid-Langston  
Bernadette Ray  
Bill Reay  
Megan Rech  
Arathi Reddy  
Jane Regalado  
Matthew Regan  
Garth Reynolds  
Kristen Richardson  
Erica Richey  
Edward Rickert

Amanda Ries  
Samantha Rimas  
Alexandra Riskus  
Dan Roche  
Molly Rockstad  
Ryan Rodriguez  
Breanne Roess  
Richard Rooney  
Shannon Rotolo  
Joanne Routsolias  
Delicia Rucker  
Justin Rueff  
Sara Samuel  
Kelsey Sandsmark  
Shilpa Sarabu  
Monazzah Sarwar  
Elizabeth Sauter  
Mia Schmiedeskamp  
Allison Schriever  
Christopher Schriever  
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Glen Schumock  
Tiffany Scott-Horton  
Ryan Seeling  
Brad Seiler  
Kelcey Semple  
Emily Shafer  
Jasmine Shah  
Kanan Shah  
Hanan Shahbain  
Nancy Shapiro





# GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT

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Hilary Sheridan  
Samar Sheth  
John Shilka  
Maggie Sidea  
Steven Silverstein  
Maju Simon  
Pamela Simone  
Nick Sinclair  
Mala Singh  
Sam Skariah  
Wendy Slipke  
James Sluis  
Renata Smith  
Daphne Smith Marsh  
Jennifer Snyder  
Dimmy Sokhal  
Sarah Sokol  
Judy Sommers-Hanson  
Hailey Soni  
Nisha Soung  
Samantha Spencer  
Jennifer Splawski  
Sara Stahle  
Katie Steel  
Chris Steffensen  
Jennifer Steffensen  
Erica Stevens  
Natasa Stevkovic  
Pearl Stier  
Jennifer Stoiner

Paul Stranges  
JoAnn Stubbings  
Nicholas Super  
Rolla Sweis  
Karen Sweiss  
Tolu Taiwo  
Maria Tangonan  
Trupti Tanna  
Anthony Tardi  
Eljim Tesoro  
Arti Thakkar  
Mathew Thambi  
Jim Thielke  
Lida Thimothy  
Allison Thompson  
Lisa Thompson  
Jessica Tilton  
Pete Toke  
Eris Tollkuci  
Judith Toth  
Matthew Toth  
Dan Touchette  
Chieu Tran  
Phuong Tran  
Dimitra Travlos  
Rich Tremmel  
Karen Trenkler  
Lauren Trisler  
Linda Tung  
Caitlin Turnbull  
Ellen Uppuluri

Leena Vajaria  
Mindy Varghese  
Christy Varughese  
Ronak Vora  
Sheila Wang  
Patrick Waters  
Kristen Welsh  
Richard Wenzel  
Patricia West-Thielke  
Angela White  
Sarah Wieczorkiewicz  
Lori Wilken  
Scott Wirth  
Robert Wittenberg  
Anita Wong  
Carl Wright  
David Wyman  
Renee Xamplas  
Charlene Yang  
Deniz Yavas  
Brent Yeager  
Barbara Yim  
Lisa Young  
Jason Yuen  
Shehla Zaidi  
Magdalena Zasadzki Slater  
Martha Zavala  
Kevin Zebarth  
Robin Zhou  
Mike Zidek  
Bryan Zobeck



# GIVING

## Annual Fund

The Annual Fund, also referred to as the dean's fund, is an unrestricted fund that allows us the flexibility to cover all manner of unexpected expenses for students and student

organizations. The accompanying list shows the effect the Annual Fund made in the 2016-2017 school year.

### ICHP Student Leadership Retreat

Co-sponsored the retreat along with ICHP chapters from Chicago State University, Midwestern University, Rosalind Franklin University, Southern Illinois at Edwardsville, Roosevelt University and St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

### SNPhA Annual Meeting

The Annual Fund paid for the hotel accommodations that allowed a student to attend this meeting in Atlanta.

### MuPhSA's 2017 Fast-a-Thon

As part of the Muslim Pharmacists Associations' annual Fast-a-Thon an event was held to address misconceptions about mental illness. The event was called "Paint Your Mind" and featured individual students paintings on what depression looked like to them. The Annual Fund paid for the art supplies that made the event possible.

### NCPA Business Plan Competition

The Annual Fund provided parking passes for the judges of the event.

### ICHP Internship Fair and Residency Roundtable

These two events, sponsored by the Annual Fund, were a chance for students to network and share information on the topc of the day.

### SNPhA Banquet

The cost of the venue was offset by the Annual Fund.





# ANNUAL FUND



# Legacy Achievement Award Winners

The Legacy Achievement Awards honor individuals who have left an invaluable and lasting impression on the college and the pharmacy profession as a whole. The awards will honor the longstanding history of the college by celebrating its tradition of

excellence in research, pharmacy education, pharmacy practice and administration at the college, state and national level—and beyond. In order to recognize all the parts that make the college whole, nominees can be—but are not limited to—alumni, donors

and faculty (current and former) of the college. Those inducted into this select group are memorialized within the college on the “Wall of Fame”.



## **Robert Atkins, MD and Connie Atkins**

AA retired surgeon in Champaign and alumnus of the College of Medicine, Dr. Atkins established The Dorothy Bradley Atkins Medicinal Plant Garden, a memorial to Robert's late wife Dorothy as a benefit to the college and City of Chicago. Dorothy loved plants and had a longtime interest in pharmacognosy as a daughter of a pharmacist and graduate of the College.

## **William Baker Day, PhD**

A 1872 graduate of the Chicago College of Pharmacy, which would later become UIC College of Pharmacy, the former dean helped convince the University of Illinois Trustees to re-locate the college to the West Side of Chicago with the other health disciplines. This ultimately led to the change from a school of pharmacy to the College of Pharmacy.

## **Ludwig Bauer, PhD**

Dr. Bauer was appointed as a faculty member in 1955. He served on our faculty for more than 40 years receiving numerous awards for excellence in teaching. His research focused on the discovery of new medicinal-organic compounds with the aim to synthesize and develop new medicinal agents. His work was honored with the establishment of the Ludwig Bauer

Fellowship in Medicinal Chemistry, an endowed, program-specific competitive fellowship created by Pfizer, Inc. in recognition of his many accomplishments.

## **Robert Dickman, BS**

A 1951 graduate of the college, Mr. Dickman served his country in two wars, WWII (Navy) and Korean War (Army), and a number of communities, in various roles as a pharmacy director as well as volunteer. He generously supported the development of facilities and equipment at the college with the establishment of the Robert M. Dickman Endowment for Pharmacy Fund.

## **Lawrence “Laurie” DuBow**

Mr. DuBow was a 1953 graduate of the College of Pharmacy and was engaged in wholesale drug business and pharmaceutical sale and marketing for 40 years. He has been involved in such diverse activities as consulting at Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals and serving on the Super Bowl XXIX host committee. DuBow was the former partner in the Jacksonville Jaguars football team. Currently he sits at the head of the DuBow Family Foundation.

## **Albert Ebert, PhD**

A beloved Chicago pharmacist, Mr. Ebert solicited aid after the college burned in 1871 due to the Great Chicago Fire. Because of his worldwide reputation, the college received gifts from all over the globe to rebuild. He also led initial efforts to merge with University of Illinois. The Ebert Prize, given by APhA, is the oldest pharmacy award in the nation.

## **Norman Farnsworth, PhD**

Returning to academia with a well-defined approach to achievement, Professor Farnsworth established the Program for Collaborative Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences, a model for research. An international pharmacology expert, he has dedicated his career to investigating plant sources for anti-tumor agents, cancer chemopreventive agents, and anti-HIV agents just to name a few. In 2008, Professor Farnsworth partnered with natural products entrepreneur Tom Chappell of Tom's of Maine to establish the college's first-ever endowed professorship, the Norman R. Farnsworth Professor of Pharmacognosy.

## **Jane Hsiao, PhD, MBA**

Upon receiving her PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from UIC in 1973, Dr. Hsiao's career



# LEGACY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

highlights include significant entrepreneurial and scientific achievements such as numerous executive positions within the pharmaceutical industry. She greatly impacted student lives with the creation of the Jane H. Hsiao National Taiwan University Doctorate Development Fund which utilizes UIC faculty to establish a pharmacy education program in Taiwan.

#### **Richard A. Hutchinson, PharmD**

Richard was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and former Director of Hospital Pharmacy. A 1967 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Pharmacy, Dr. Hutchinson also completed a hospital pharmacy residency there in 1968. Dr. Hutchinson played a critical role in establishing the clinical and hospital pharmacy programs for which the UIC College of Pharmacy is well-known today. His primary area of research in his career was the establishment and audit of the minimum standards of clinical practice.

#### **Henri Manasse, PhD**

Dr. Manasse served as dean for twelve years and then as Interim Vice Chancellor for Health Services. Under his leadership, the college experienced significant growth in research and marked emphasis on clinical education. He

eventually would become the executive vice-president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists where his experience and expertise would serve to heighten medication therapy's safety and efficiency.

#### **Dan Nona, PhD**

A three-time graduate of the college, Dr. Nona was appointed as a faculty member in 1967. He eventually accepted a position as the Executive Director of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. Dr. Nona's 25 year service to ACPE witnessed significant leadership and vision, with these contributions noted by his receipt of the American Pharmaceutical Association Remington Honor Medal.

#### **Fred Siegel, PhD**

With both a MS and PhD from the college, Dr. Siegel was appointed to our faculty in 1958 and served the college until 1992. Dr. Siegel represents the highest caliber of pharmacy education and serves as a lasting example of what this award represents. In addition to his service to our students, he has served as a product development consultant to the pharmaceutical, cosmetic and hospital supply industries.

#### **Jack Stites, BS**

A 1952 graduate, Mr. Stites served Macomb, Ill. as owner and operator of Stites Medicine Shoppe Pharmacies for 45 years. In addition to serving a number of area non-profits, he was elected to the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy by Governor Jim Edgar on which he served for five years as the vice-chairman. The Margaret Stites Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. Stites to honor his wife and serve as a scholarship for students with a demonstrated interest in drug abuse prevention.

#### **Hans Vahlteich, PhC, PhG, PhD**

A graduate who received his PhC in 1917 and PhG in 1918. Dr. Vahlteich spent most of his career at Best Foods, Inc. where he patented work in the selective hydrogenation of domestic vegetable oils that accelerated the development and public acceptance of margarine and mayonnaise. The college's first endowed chair was named in Dr. Vahlteich's honor by a generous gift from Beverly Delaney, Dr. Vahlteich's daughter.



# 2017-2018 Calendar

2017

## Calendar of Events

### October 14

Reunion Maggiano's Oak Brook

### November 12-16

AAPS Annual Meeting and  
Exposition in San Diego, California

### November 28

Giving Tuesday

### December 3-4

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in  
Orlando, Florida

2018

## Calendar of Events

### February 9

Seventh Annual Research Day

### March 16-19

APhA Annual Meeting in Nashville,  
Tennessee

### April 5

Sixty-sixth Annual Honors  
Convocation

### May 10

Commencement

### May 19-23

ISPOR Annual Meeting in  
Baltimore, Maryland