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DEAN'S MESSAGE



New Year's Resolution

The Fall 2003 semester has quickly come to an end and the faculty, staff and students of the UNM College of Pharmacy are anxiously anticipating 2004. The developments we are expecting in the first few months of 2004 include completion of the RIB, which will house our New Mexico Center for Environmental Health Sciences and the labs and offices of Drs. Scott Burchiel, Mary Walker and a new faculty member. We will be holding a curriculum and strategic planning retreat later this month, offering new electives this Spring in managed care, professional presentation skills and sterile products for our Pharm.D. students, traveling with students and faculty to the Roundhouse in Santa Fe for UNM Day and the UNM Reception in January, attending the APhA Annual meeting in Seattle in March with 40 students and recruiting and interviewing candidates for the class of 2008. By the beginning of the Fall 2004 semester, I believe we will begin the implementation of a significantly revised professional curriculum, have new progression and remediation policies in place, have developed a comprehensive recruitment and retention program for all students, have secured funding for a Center of Excellence in Hispanic Pharmacy Education and a Center of Excellence in Native American Pharmacy Education and have begun

construction on a Research Building at the HSC campus. 2004 will be an exciting one for the College of Pharmacy as we continue to grow and evolve into one of the premier colleges of pharmacy in the U.S.

My New Year's resolution will be to provide the leadership and vision for us to attain excellence in pharmacy education and research. I will need your help to keep this resolution. I continue to be amazed at the commitment and excellence of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, practice and research partners and the academic leadership at the University of New Mexico. Let's make 2004 a new year to remember at the College of Pharmacy!

Dean John A. Pieper

CALENDAR

January 13-14, 2004, COP Retreat, Tanoan Country Club

January 18, 2004, NMPhA Mid-Winter Meeting, Albuq. Marriott Pyramid North

January 28, 2004, 1-2pm, Student Open House, COP Administrative Offices

February 2-3, 2004, Pfizer 2004 Summer Internship Interviews

May 14, 2004, 6:30pm, Graduation Banquet, Hyatt Regency, 330 Tijeras NW

May 15, 2004, 9am, UNM General Commencement, University Arena

May 15, 2004, 2pm, COP Commencement, Kiva Auditorium, Albuquerque Convention Center

ACPE has changed its name, but not its acronym or logo. The new name is Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. ACPE is the national agency for accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education, including certificate programs.



back row, l-r: Pete Ridsdale (Albertson's Sav-on), Graham Timmins, Fredine Lauer, Upendra Abhyankra, Nancy Heideman, Susan Quintana & John Pieper; front row, l-r: Billy, Courtney, Shania, Stacey & Wyatt

COP HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy faculty, staff and graduate students adopted a family for the holiday season as a community service project. The family chosen included Courtney, a 5-year-old pediatric oncology patient and her family. In the true spirit of the season, the College's Fiesta Committee organized a luncheon. The College's faculty, staff and graduate students generously provided a number of gifts for the family, who was truly grateful. The catered luncheon was sponsored by VWR and Albertson's Sav-on.

RESEARCH INCUBATOR BUILDING

Several COP faculty will be moving to the new Research Incubator Building (RIB) located on Frontier immediately to the east of the Nursing Pharmacy Building and Surge Building. The RIB is an exciting new development for the COP that represents new and emerging collaborative research partnerships with faculty in the School of Medicine and College of Nursing. Drs. Walker, Burchiel, and their staff will move their offices and laboratories to the 2nd floor of RIB in March 2004. They will be joined by a new COP faculty member later in the year. The RIB will also serve as the new home for the NIEHS Center, a partnership of the COP, Dept. of Internal Medicine and Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute. RIB is an innovative concept in flexible laboratory design with open format areas and shared core laboratory rooms. The purpose of RIB is to develop new teams of researchers for collaborations and program development. The RIB will allow more space for the training of graduate students and post docs, and will provide much needed back fill for new faculty and researchers to be hired in the COP in the coming months.



RIB Under Construction

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

GRADUATION

The University of New Mexico Fall Commencement was held on Friday, December 19, 6pm, in the University Arena.

2003 Fall Graduates

Non-Traditional Doctor of Pharmacy

Greg D'Amour

Bill Dufault

Dawit Kidane

Lorraine Kryle

Deborah Vanderhee

Stefanie Raitt

Eric Stangebye

Pharmaceutical Sciences

M.S. – Pharmacy Administration

Niranjan Konduri

Ph.D. - Toxicology

Andrew Burdick

Leah Freeman

ASHP MIDYEAR MEETING

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting took place December 7-11, 2003 in New Orleans, LA. Dean John A. Pieper led a College of Pharmacy delegation that included faculty, staff, students, residents and alumni. NMSHP and the COP hosted a Friends of New Mexico Reception during the meeting. Dean Pieper also conducted a satellite symposium on hypertension. Several faculty, students and residents hosted a residency information booth.

NMSHP & COP Reception



l-r: Stuart Warren (Class of 2001), Janet Schretlen-Doherty (Class of 1995), and Kelly Reed (Class of 2003)



l-r: Dennis Pena (Class of 1957) and John Scott (Class of 1977)

ASHP Midyear Meeting



COP faculty, staff, students, residents and alumni with Dean John A. Pieper, Pharm.D.



l-r: Jennifer Petrie, Pharm.D. (Class of 2003 & Resident), Katherine Werner, Pharm.D. (Resident), Alissa Segal, Pharm.D. (faculty), Deborah McNutt (Pharm.D. student), Cara Leos (Class of 2003 & Resident), and Pharm.D. students Brandi Beyhan & Andrew Harmon



l-r: IHS Residents and Class of 2003 alumni, Gina Jorgenson & Jefferson Fredy

FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to Drs. Nancy Heideman, Amit Pai and Amy Pai on the recent passing of the Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) Exam. Pharmacotherapy is that area of pharmacy responsible for ensuring the safe, appropriate and economical use of drugs in patient care. The pharmacotherapy specialist has responsibility for direct patient care, often functions as a member of a multidisciplinary treatment team, may conduct clinical research, and is frequently a primary source of drug information for other health care professionals.

Dr. Amy Pai has been awarded a joint appointment with the UNM School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

Dr. Manjunath “Amit” Pai is an assistant professor at the College of Pharmacy. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Texas at Austin and completed a pharmacy practice residency at Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, New York. Dr. Pai also completed a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois. His research focus is antifungal pharmacodynamics and

pharmacokinetics of antimicrobials in special populations. He serves as an editor on the Infectious Diseases panel for the journal Annals of Pharmacotherapy. Dr. Pai is also the recipient of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy New Investigator Award. He currently serves as a co-director of the specialized residency in Infectious Diseases pharmacotherapy. Dr. Pai also serves on the College's Admissions Committee.

STAFF NEWS

The College is pleased to welcome Carol "CJ" Laselute as an Administrative Assistant 3. CJ will work with Pharmacy Practice, including Pharmacy Administration faculty. She has extensive experience with UNM and is excited about working in the academic arena.

FOCUS ON STAFF

Originally from Santa Fe, Cody Wiley received an Associates in Sciences in Engineering Technology and a B.A. in Philosophy from New Mexico State University. After living in Brazil and Seattle, he returned home to New Mexico. Now, he is a staff-as-student, working towards a Master's of Water Resources degree and working in the Pharmaceutics lab as a Research Tech II. His responsibilities in the labs of Drs. Linda Felton and Donald Godwin include activities from experiments to equipment repair and arsenic to Zyban.

Research for Drs. Felton and Godwin includes studies of novel methods to reduce UV-induced damage to the skin. One such technique involves the use of auxiliary compounds that interact with sunscreens and increase the time the active remains on the skin surface. Other major areas of focus include the characterization of new drugs and drug delivery systems, the development and testing of solid and topical formulations, and the compounding of active and placebo formulations for clinical trials.

Other things Cody enjoys include working out, outdoor activities and reading, especially mysteries and sci-fi. He has also recently joined the College of Blaidwyn, the UNM student chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Cody is creating a character who will be a heavy arms fighter from a time and place when the costumes were simple to make and not too hot for a desert climate!

STUDENT NEWS

Representatives from Pfizer Global Research & Development will be visiting the College on February 2-3, 2004, to present an informational overview. They will also be recruiting participants in the Pfizer Summer Internship Program. To participate in an interview, please contact Linda Jurey no later than January 28. Interview reservations are limited and are available on a first come – first served basis.

FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Fourth-year Pharm.D. student, Niki Valdes, is a native New Mexican, having graduated from Onate High School in Las Cruces. As a young child, Niki was always fascinated with the medical field and the human body. Niki experienced a very rare adverse reaction to a medication when she was 14 years old. Her uncle, a pharmacist, explained what was causing the reaction and she was amazed at how much he knew. She wanted to have that knowledge, too, and so Niki decided to become a pharmacist. Her uncle, Robert Bennett, is an alumnus, Class of 1978. While a student, Niki has been active in the College by serving as a Kappa Psi 2nd Vice Reagent, SRC Treasurer and the Class of 2004 Treasurer. She was also recently inducted into Phi Lambda Sigma. Examples of Niki's community service include the organization committee for the annual UNM Blood Drive, fundraising for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and

participating in the toothbrush drive and Vials of Life program. Becoming a better golfer is one of Niki's plans following graduation! Niki's advice to students is: "School comes first, but if you get a chance, intern in at least two different areas of pharmacy in addition to what you do in experientials and rotations. It will give you a broader base to apply what you have learned. Working as an intern at Presbyterian Hospital, NM Poison and Drug Information Center, and Dr. Craig Marcus' lab has given me an appreciation of the versatility of our profession. We can do anything!"