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## *A Message from Our Dean*

The New Year has started out with a bang at the College of Pharmacy. During the last week of January, the College community hosted a delegation from our sister college of pharmacy, the Facultad de Farmacia from the Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Dean Alejandro Nieto led the delegation that also included a representative from each of the four academic groups of the Facultad. In addition to these representatives, Leticia Rodriguez, senior clinical pharmacy faculty member from the Facultad and an international leader in pharmacovigilance, spent five additional days at the College. She visited the University of New Mexico Hospitals Department of Pharmacy, Albuquerque VA Medical Center Pharmacy, VA Cooperative Studies Program offices and several community pharmacy sites. In addition, she attended patient care rounds and pharmacotherapy lectures each morning. At the conclusion of the visit, Dean Nieto and I agreed to send College faculty to Cuernavaca for lectures in June, to receive Dr. Lourdes Rodriguez Fragoso for a one year sabbatical with Dr. Burchiel, to send two Pharm.D. students for an elective clerkship in Cuernavaca in March and to host graduate students this summer. Several P1 and P2 students were so excited with the visit that they have requested to visit Cuernavaca this summer. The relationship with the Facultad is enriching for both our programs and we are excited about our shared futures.

On February, approximately 40 student pharmacists accompanied me to UNM Day at the state legislature in Santa Fe. Our students conducted cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose screening and administered nearly 100 flu shots. Our students in their white coats were tremendous representatives for pharmacy and really are setting a wonderful example for our legislators. Five students and I were guests of Speaker Lujan on the House of Representatives rostrum and were introduced to the House. We are indebted to two wonderful individuals for this honor, Rep. John A. Heaton, D-55 (Class of '63) and Joni M. Gutierrez, D-33 (daughter of Ralph Gutierrez, Class of '51). Reps. Heaton and Gutierrez are sponsoring important legislation for the College and the profession of pharmacy during this session. I will devote the next issue for discussion of our legislative initiatives. Pharmacy in New Mexico is blessed to have strong legislators with connections to pharmacy and to our Executive Director of the New Mexico Pharmacists Association, Dale Tinker, who continues to be incredibly effective in Santa Fe. Please feel free to contact me at [jpieper@salud.unm.edu](mailto:jpieper@salud.unm.edu) if you have any questions or comments!



John A. Pieper, Pharm.D.



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## 2007 WINTER RETREAT RECAP

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On Wednesday, January 10, 2007, College faculty, staff, students, and friends met at the UNM Roundhouse for the College's Annual Winter Retreat. This year's retreat focused primarily on organizational planning and assessment. Presentations and speakers took a back seat this year to working groups and much discussion. Dean Pieper began the morning's activities with a brief presentation on the need for an organizational planning initiative. Dean Pieper also announced the appointments of Dr. Karen Dominguez to the position of Director of Assessment and Stefani Hines to

Senior Curriculum Specialist. Much of the direction and organization of the retreat's breakout groups was conducted by Dr. Dominguez. Dr. Dominguez also gave a brief presentation on the need for our organizational planning to fit within the standards set by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Dr. Dominguez facilitated breakout groups in the morning that were charged with discussing and providing input on the proposed College vision statement, value statement, and goals. Each breakout group presented their ideas which were discussed by the whole audience and collected by Dr. Dominguez and Stefani Hines. A vision statement was not adopted at the Retreat. The plan is to review all the suggestions from the working groups, draft a few versions and send to COP to vote.

As per our tradition, Dean Pieper presented service pins to several attendees: five-year service pins were presented to Stevie Harvey, Bernadette Pacheco, Dr. Amy Barton-Pai, Dr. Amit Pai, Dr. Graham Timmins, Tara Peterson, Dr. Alissa Segal, and Barbara Stavola; ten-year service pins were presented to Dr.s Don Godwin and Johnnye Lewis.

After the lunch break, Dr. Dominguez presented the findings of anonymous student surveys that asked questions ranging from curriculum and coursework preparedness to professional aspirations after graduation. Data on student progression and our professional program was also shared with the retreat participants.

The afternoon session of the retreat was spent primarily in breakout groups who focused on the College of Pharmacy Core Competencies and Outcomes. The groups were charged with identifying ways to assess individual competencies and also coming up with suggestions for revision of the competencies. The findings of each group were presented, discussed, and collected for future use.

Dean Pieper ended the retreat with thanks to all of the participants.

*Special thanks to  
Linda Jurey for her  
excellent note taking!*





## PHARM.D. STUDENTS VISIT THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE

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Friday, February 16, 2007 marked the fifth annual "UNM Day at the State Capitol." The goal of UNM Day is to showcase the great people and programs at UNM. It is also an event to help UNM stress to the legislature the importance of programs that need funding, like the UNM-NMSU Cooperative Pharmacy Program, the New Mexico Center for Isotopes in Medicine Program, and funding for the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center.

Over 40 student pharmacists were in full force at the Roundhouse as they provided free blood pressure checks, screened blood sugar and cholesterol, provided information on heartburn awareness and tobacco cessation and administered flu vaccines. The students provided this service to legislators, legislative staff and the public.

A total of 100 people received blood sugar and cholesterol screens, and 60 flu vaccines were given by our students. Funding for the cholesterol strips was provided by the New Mexico Pharmacists Association and the flu vaccines were generously donated by Walgreens.

Representative Joni Gutierrez, (D 33) from Las Cruces, the legislator sponsoring the Cooperative Pharmacy Program, invited the Dean and 5 of our students to be introduced on the House Floor by Speaker of the House, Ben Lujan. Speaker Lujan then introduced the remaining students who were sitting in the gallery. It was "an experience not to be forgotten" said one of the students.

Most colleges from UNM and the Health Sciences Center participated, but the College of Pharmacy students stood out amongst the crowd in their white coats. Legislators busily working in the Roundhouse commented on just how many students were there and many of them were surprised to find out they were pharmacy students.

It was a fun-filled day that provided the student pharmacists and the College of Pharmacy the chance to promote our many programs, interact with legislators and to learn the legislative process.





## NEW FACES:

### *Sonya Warwick Joins the COP as Director of Development*



Please welcome our new Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, Sonya Warwick, to the College of Pharmacy. Sonya comes to the College from the UNM Children's Hospital Development Office. Sonya has been at UNM since 1996 working in several Health Sciences areas including the HSC Marketing Office from 1996-1999, the HSC Public Affairs Office from 1999-2000 and the Hospital's development office from 2000 through part of February 2007. She can be reached at 272-3657 or via e-mail at [swarwick@salud.unm.edu](mailto:swarwick@salud.unm.edu). If you want to stop by and see her when you are in her neck of the woods, her office is in the College of Nursing and Pharmacy building on North Campus, in the College's Administrative offices, Room 179.

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### *Dianne Perea Joins the COP as Financial Aid Officer*

Please welcome Dianne Perea, our new Financial Aid Officer / Advisor. Dianne comes to us from the UNM Financial Aid office where she served for three years. Dianne has a BBA from UNM's Anderson School of Management and plans on furthering her education in the medical field. Dianne brings the College of Pharmacy a great deal of knowledge and experience with the Financial Aid process and looks forward to helping our student pharmacists get through the financing of their pharmacy education smoothly. Dianne has been married for sixteen years to her husband Mark Perea and together they have two boys. Dianne enjoys cooking, dancing, and spending time with her family. She says she has found a true family with the College of Pharmacy team and looks forward to helping us to build a continually successful school.



## STAFF COUNCIL NEWS

### Staff Council Officers for 2007

President:  
**Vanessa Garcia**  
President-Elect:  
**Danette Petersen**  
Treasurer:  
**Shawnee Martinez**  
Secretary:  
**Penny Ammerman**  
Admin at Large:  
**Melanie Garcia**  
Lab at Large:  
**Bernadette Pacheco**

Mark Your Calendars:  
COP STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST  
Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 9AM,  
COP Lounge  
Activities:  
Hip Hip Hooray Awards  
Installation of Officers

NEXT STAFF COUNCIL MEETING:  
Wednesday, March 7, 2007, 2PM, Room B85

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March, 2007

#### March 7, 2007

Reception Honoring the Nunzio and Sherolyn De Santis Endowed Chair in Pharmacogenomics  
4PM, RIB Commons

#### March 12-13, 2007

NMSHP Winter Meeting

#### March 14, 2007

College of Pharmacy Staff Appreciation Breakfast  
9AM, COP Lounge

#### March 17-19, 2007

APhA Annual Meeting  
Atlanta, GA

#### March 21, 2007

Match Day Celebration  
4-5PM, COP Lounge

#### March 22, 2007

Annual Awards & Scholarships Ceremony  
6PM, Domenici Education Center Auditorium

#### March 25-29, 2007

Society of Toxicology Meeting  
Charlotte, NC

#### March 26, 2007

UNM's Society of Toxicology Dessert Reception for Alumni & Friends  
8PM, Interstate Tower Blue Ribbon Restaurant, Charlotte, NC

### April, 2007

#### April 19, 2007

Annual Pinning Ceremony  
6PM, Domenici Education Center

#### April 21-25, 2007

NACDS Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ

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### May, 2007

#### May 7-11, 2007

Finals Week

#### May 11, 2007

Class of 2007 Graduation Banquet  
Sandia Resort and Casino

#### May 12, 2007

UNM Graduation  
9:30AM, UNM Pit

College of Pharmacy Convocation & Reception  
4PM, UNM Pit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations to Dr. Scott Burchiel on his recent appointment!** Aside from his work for the COP, Dr. Burchiel will now serve the University as the Associate Vice President for Advanced Studies.

**Dr. Hugh Smyth** received a new, two year research grant from the Oxnard Foundation, entitled, "Advanced Aerosol Delivery System for Lung Cancer Treatment." The award will provide \$40,000 per year. Congratulations Dr. Smyth!!

**Stefani Hines, MS** was recently given a new title. Stefani is now the Senior Curriculum Specialist for the College of Pharmacy and will work closely with Dr. Karen Dominguez, our Director of Assessment. Congratulations Stefani!

### This year's APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition top 3:

1. Kyle Milberger
2. Kim Neff
3. Missy Skelton

Kyle will represent our school at the annual meeting in Atlanta, GA in the Spring where he'll have a chance to win up to \$1000. Good luck Kyle! Thanks to all those who participated and good luck next year!

**Vaccination Prescriptive Authority and Immunization Training Program for Pharmacists** will be offered through NMPHA on Sunday April 23rd or Saturday September 16th. Please contact NMPHA at 265-8729 for more information.