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# Alumni Association Newsletter

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Special thanks to John and Karen Mauger for their continued support!
At the recently held White Coat Ceremony at the College of Pharmacy, I had the opportunity to greet the incoming Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2012. As each one of them came forward to receive their official White Coat, I was pleased to see their enthusiasm and optimism as they assumed their new role as professional pharmacy students. In meeting with these students, I couldn’t help thinking about the exciting opportunity for education, service, and professional development that awaited each one of them over the course of the next four years of formal education and beyond.

Looking back to when I was a first year pharmacy student, I well remember my class’s orientation. While nervous and somewhat uncertain of what to expect, I appreciated the sound counsel and advice my class received from Dean John Mauger. During those first days, he emphasized the great need and growing potential for well-trained pharmacists. He mentioned the numerous opportunities for future graduates of the college to work in a variety of practice sites including hospitals, chain and independent retail pharmacies, academia, industry, government, regulatory and policy agencies, and other venues. He encouraged us to pursue emerging opportunities within our profession and to take advantage of the expansion of clinical knowledge and training that would continue to emerge over the course of our careers. While Dean Mauger never emphasized a specific career path that we ought to follow, he did instill within us an understanding of the power inherent in the pharmacy degree—a degree that combines a strong foundation in science with clinical skill and advanced training found and developed only within a first rate college of pharmacy. In his mind, the power of the pharmacy degree was the power to pursue unlimited opportunity to advance and contribute at multiple levels to the pharmacy profession. He advised us that if we worked hard and were dedicated to learning, we would leave the program well-prepared to deliver high quality pharmacy services within a demanding and ever changing health care environment.

While under the leadership of Dean Mauger, the University of Utah College of Pharmacy has consistently been at the forefront of pharmacy research and education. In large measure this is due to his strong emphasis on exceptional teaching and state of the art research. During his 15 years as Dean, John Mauger has served the College of Pharmacy with honor and distinction. His dedicated service has strengthened the research and academic missions of the college. Advances in research, development, building growth, innovative practice sites, and collaboration with hospitals and clinics for training and scholarship have significantly strengthened and expanded the college over the past decade. During the difficult transition to the all PharmD degree, the College of Pharmacy was able to continuously graduate pharmacists into the workforce each year, unlike other Colleges of Pharmacy who had to skip a year to accommodate the transition. In addition, the College of Pharmacy has consistently been recognized as a top-tier program and its PharmD program is currently ranked #16 among all colleges of pharmacy. And in the most recent rankings, the department of Medicinal Chemistry is listed #1 in Pharmaceutical Sciences by Academic Analytics. Dean Mauger’s contributions to pharmacy education and research have increased awareness of the role of pharmacy services within the health care industry in Utah. Many highly trained and motivated graduates of the college currently work in various areas of pharmacy practice, ensuring safe and meaningful outcomes in the lives of patients throughout the State.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, thank you Dean and Karen Mauger for your advice, leadership and example to past and future pharmacy students. You are right—opportunities for expansion and growth within the pharmacy profession have never been better. Thank you for helping us recognize those opportunities and to develop the determination, courage and skills necessary to pursue them at this time and for many years to come.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The academic year for the University began on a high note with the win over the University of Michigan in the Big House followed by several other big wins. You can also take pride in your College of Pharmacy, which is ranked 16th in the nation for our pharmacy program and 2nd in the nation for NIH funded research.

Another point of pride is the fact that the College has been continuously accredited since its inception in the late 1940's. The College received notification from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that we have fulfilled the accreditation requirements set forth by ACPE for the Professional Degree Program in Pharmacy and that the College has been granted accreditation status through June 30, 2014. My sincere thanks to many of you who serve as preceptors for the pharmacy program. I should also mention that all of the M.S. and Ph.D. programs have recently been formally reviewed and are recognized as being among the top-tier programs in the country in Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology and Toxicology, and Pharmacotherapy.

On September 5th the new pharmacy class was formally welcomed with the annual White Coat Ceremony. Dr. Matt Geraci, class of 2006, was the keynote speaker and Dr. Nannette Berensen was awarded the Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumna Award. The four academic departments held their own events to welcome incoming M.S. and Ph.D. students.

Next, I would like to give you an update on the new pharmacy building. This building will be joined with Skaggs Hall by a beautiful glass atrium, and will allow us to bring our students and faculty back together again. They are now dispersed in six disparate sites across the Health Sciences Campus and Research Park. We are very grateful for a lead gift of $20 million from The ALSAM Foundation and $10 million from Mr. Sam Skaggs. With these extraordinary lead gifts plus many others from Alumni and friends, we now have approximately 60% of the funding needed. Your gifts for this new facility will benefit the next generation of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists who are educated in this new building.

I will close by sharing some personal news with you. First, Karen and I are enjoying our first grandchild! Second, I have asked Senior Vice President Betz to begin a search for the next dean. I would like to thank you for your friendship and support over the years that I have been in the dean’s office. Karen and I plan to stay in Utah and I will continue to serve the University and the College in another capacity.

Best wishes,

John W. Mauger, Dean
NANNETTE BERENSEN RECEIVES THE 2008 COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNA AWARD

At the Annual College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony held on Friday, September 5th, 2008 at the Skaggs Hall auditorium at the College of Pharmacy, the Alumni Association recognized and honored the 2008 recipient of the Dean L. David and Janet C. Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus Award, Dr. Nannette Berensen (PharmD class of 1994).

Dr. Berensen has been actively involved in promoting pharmacy services throughout her career. She is the current Director of Pharmacy Services at Intermountain Medical Center. As director, she oversaw a successful transition of pharmacy services from LDS Hospital to the new Medical Center and played a pivotal role in the opening of the state of the art Intermountain Medical Center in October 2007. Under Dr. Berensen’s leadership, clinical pharmacy practice at Intermountain Medical Center has grown significantly. New service lines have opened, standardization has improved patient safety and simplified work flow, and opportunities for advanced training have increased.

Prior to joining Intermountain Healthcare, Dr. Berensen was a faculty member at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). As a dedicated pharmacist, Dr. Berensen has excelled in the areas of research, teaching, and clinical practice. In 2001 Nanette received the ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Practice Research Award. Additionally, while at MUSC, she was named Preceptor of the Year three times and was also recognized in 2003 as Professor of the Year. In 2006, Dr. Berensen was nominated for the prestigious Health Sciences Foundation Educator Mentor Award. She is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist, and in 2009, Nannette will receive her master of business administration degree from the University of Utah David Eccles School Of Business.

The purpose of the Hiner award is to recognize an exemplary graduate of the College of Pharmacy who significantly contributes to the pharmacy profession and who positively reflects the aims and academic mission of the College. It is named in honor of the College of Pharmacy’s founding Dean L. David Hiner and his wife Janet C. Hiner. This award consists of a plaque and a name plate which is placed at the base of the bust of Dean Hiner in the foyer outside the Skaggs Hall auditorium.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, thank you Dr. Berensen for your meaningful contributions to the pharmacy profession. The Alumni Association is pleased to recognize you as one who has made a difference and positively impacted the future of pharmacy services. Thank you for your excellent example to current and future generations of clinical pharmacists.

To nominate an alumnus for the Dean L. David and Janet C. Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus Award please visit our website at pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni. Nominations are due by July 31, 2009.
MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY AND U OF U ALUMNI BOARD AND ALUMNI WHO ATTENDED THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NABP IN BALTIMORE, MD, IN MAY HAD A PLEASANT SURPRISE. DR. DAVID B. ROLL WAS ATTENDING THE MEETING AS ONE OF THE 2008 RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS HENRY CADE MEMORIAL AWARD. FORMER STUDENTS OF DR. ROLL WERE VERY PROUD AND HONORED TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS EVENT WITH HIM. THEY RENEWED OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND HAD A WONDERFUL TIME REMINISCING ABOUT THE GOOD OLD DAYS AT THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

DR. ROLL AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE PRESENTED THE AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING JOB THEY DID WHEN THE NAPLEX EXAM WAS COMPROMISED, AND TESTING HAD TO BE SUSPENDED. THE TEAM SPENT MANY HOURS REVIEWING THE EXAM AND GETTING IT BACK ON LINE IN RECORD TIME. THIS WAS A GREAT SERVICE TO THE ENTIRE PHARMACY COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THE CANDIDATES LEFT WAITING TO SIT FOR THE EXAM. IN ADDITION TO DR. ROLL, THREE OTHER RECIPIENTS OF THE CADE MEMORIAL AWARD WERE RECOGNIZED.


PRIOR TO TAKING THE DIRECTOR POSITION WITH USP, DR. ROLL WAS EMPLOYED AT OUR VERY OWN UNIVERSITY OF UTAH FOR MANY YEARS AS A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY; AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR FOR THE DIVISION OF FOODS AND NUTRITION, COLLEGE OF HEALTH; AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY. DR. ROLL WAS A FAVORITE PROFESSOR, ADVISOR, AND A MENTOR TO MANY STUDENTS OVER THE YEARS. ALUMNI IN ATTENDANCE AT THE NABP MEETING TEASED HIM WITH THE MEMORY THAT HE WAS MOST KNOWN FOR HIS FAMOUS BLACK TIE WORN ON THE DAY OF EXAMS. CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF MANY ALUMNI AT THE COLLEGE IS THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED EACH YEAR BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN DR. ROLL’S NAME.


IN RETIREMENT, DR. ROLL RECENTLY PUBLISHED AND CO-AUTHORED A BOOK WITH HIS FATHER, CHARLEY ROLL. THE BOOK, WHICH IS ABOUT TEACHING IN RURAL MONTANA WAS ENTITLED THE PEDAGOGUE—EDUCATING MONTANA. IT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.BBOTHW.COM OR THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALUMNI TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED PRICE ON PURCHASE OF THE BOOK. IN ADDITION, A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF THE BOOK WILL GO TO THE DAVID B. ROLL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. ANYONE INTERESTED IN A PERSONALLY AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF THE BOOK CAN CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE ALUMNI BOARD OR MARION LENNBG AT THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE DAVID B. ROLL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND PLEASE CALL (801) 581-8704 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT PHARMACY.UTAH.EDU/ALUMNI.
On September 10, 2008, the alumni and students of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy squared off at Sunnyside Park for the first ever Alumni vs. Students Softball Game. Despite heavy rain in the morning that likely deterred some, several students and alumni still participated in the closely fought contest.

Down 8-5 in the bottom of the final inning, the alumni put together a solid rally using intelligent base running and timely hitting to even the score at 8-8. Unfortunately, other commitments by both alumni and students prevented a winner from being determined in extra innings.

However, the stage is set for a competitive rematch next fall. A special thanks to Dave Bardsley for umpiring the contest (in addition to playing catcher for both teams) and to Marianne Paul for coordinating and preparing the delicious food.

The date and location for the second annual Alumni vs. Students Softball Game will be posted on the Alumni Association website no later than July 2009. All alumni and faculty are welcome and encouraged to participate as part of the alumni team.
SHAKESPEARE AND CE COME TOGETHER IN CEDAR CITY

The University of Utah College of Pharmacy Alumni Association sponsored a continuing education (CE) event in Cedar City, Utah on Friday, August 15, 2008. Attendees participated in an excellent and informative presentation given by Laura Shane-McWhorter, Pharm.D., BCPS, FASCP, CDE, BC-ADM on “Compelling, Appealing, Magical (CAM) Supplements for Diabetes”. Topics of discussion included issues regarding the use of complementary therapies, such as available clinical evidence, safety data and regulatory issues.

Dr. Shane-McWhorter highlighted several dietary supplements commonly used for diabetes, including some that have been used for years (such as milk thistle, chromium picolinate, gymnema sylvestre and ginseng) and others that have become common more recently (such as chia, cinnamon and benfotiamine). In addition to clinical information, she provided updates on clinical controversies, counseling points for patients and useful evidence-based references.

After the education session, participants had a delicious dinner catered by the Garden House Restaurant of Cedar City. They then attended an evening performance of “Cyrano de Bergerac” at the Utah Shakespearean Festival. Before and after the play, attendees were able to participate in Festival activities, including tours and seminars.

The Alumni Association plans to offer a second annual CE program in Cedar City, Utah, in the summer of 2009. The program will include clinical and law CE by Dr. David Young, a faculty member at the College of Pharmacy and member of the Utah State Board of Pharmacy.

Attendees will have the opportunity to attend plays and activities at the Utah Shakespearean Festival (with a discount available on tickets). Next year’s productions include Henry V, As You Like It, Comedy of Errors and the Secret Garden. Please mark your calendars for the weekend of August 1, 2009! Details will be available on the Alumni Association website in coming months.
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he 2008 University of Utah Pharmacy Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at Cedar Hills Golf Club in Cedar Hills, Utah. Several teams (a total of 28 golfers) made their way up and down the fairways of this beautiful and challenging golf course. The weather was ideal. A shotgun start began at 8 AM and play finished just in time for a delicious catered lunch. Vikings Feast provided excellent barbeque ribs and chicken, salads, rolls, drinks, and dessert. Trophies were given to first and second place teams, longest drive and closest to the pin. A number of great door prizes were raffled off as well. This year’s first-place team consisted of David and Brenda Lawlor, Trish Orlando, and Bud Allen.

Please mark your calendars for the 2009 event, which will be held during the first week of June. Check the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association website for registration information. We look forward to seeing you there!
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
ALUMNI WEAR

Show your school pride while wearing these fun and functional College of Pharmacy Alumni Association items. Our on-line store now features:

**Lanyard:**
$7.00

Ute Red, 5/8” woven nylon lanyard with break away clip & split ring hardware for attaching your I.D., flash drive, keys . . . Lanyard has white block imprint: U of U College of Pharmacy Alumni Association “Advancing Pharmacy - Serving Utah”

**T-Shirts:**
$12.00

Ute Red, plain front cotton T-shirt with printed three color back, featuring the U of U Health Sciences logo and College of Pharmacy Alumni Association’s “Advancing Pharmacy – Serving Utah” motto. Shirts are available in men’s sizes Medium to 2-XL.

To order the above items please see the link on our website or call Marion at 581-7503

Want to stay in touch? We need your up-to-date email addresses and contact information!!! The College of Pharmacy Alumni Association now has its own group online at LinkedIn.com. To register please visit our website at pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni and click on register now. We would love to hear from you!
SOME UPDATES ON GRADUATES

Tanya Scalise Manoni (07) received Honorable Mention in the 5th Annual One to One Patient Counseling Recognition Program Awards at the 2008 APhA Meeting in San Diego, CA. Tanya is currently employed by Target in American Fork, Utah.

Todd Capson, (87, Ph.D. Medicinal Chemistry) is an American Association for the Advancement of Science - Science & Technology Policy Fellow. He will be spending a year working in executive and legislative branch offices in Washington. Dr. Capson’s introduction to science policy came in Panama where he was working at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute as a specialist on the isolation of anti-tumor agents from marine organisms. He knew the importance of preserving habitats where new anti-disease agents might be found, including Panama’s Coiba National Park. In contacts with Panamanian officials, including a visit to the President’s home, Capson provided scientific support for successful efforts to establish the park by law (it was previously established by a weaker executive decree) and have it included on UNESCO’s list of World Heritage Sites.

Erica Hermansen (02) married Anthony Hill in October 2008. She works at Alta View Hospital.

Kari Stonely (03) married in August 2008 and is now working at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton, New Jersey.

Nilesh Amin (99) is Manager, Clinical Pharmacy Services; Director, Pharmacy Residency Programs, Yale-New Haven Hospital, CT.

Joshua Walsh (05) recently moved to Colorado and is working at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins.

Ted Simper (07) completed a residency at Children's Hospital and Clinics in Minnesota and is a NICU Clinical Pharmacist in Anchorage, Alaska. Ted will be married in January 2009.

Allen Shih (07) is a Clinical Pharmacist at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, WA.

Benjamin Van Tassel (05) completed a Cardiovascular Pharmacology Fellowship at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy and currently is an Assistant Professor and Research Professor in the Department of Pharmacy at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA.

Chad Condie (06) recently published "Visual compatibility of caspofungin acetate with commonly used drugs during simulated Y-site delivery" in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. Chad is a Clinical Pharmacist at University of Utah Hospital and Clinics.

Linda Tyler was recently promoted to the position of Administrative Director of Pharmacy for University Health Care. She previously served as interim director, replacing Jim Jorgenson.

If you would like to submit updates on alumni of the college, please email us at: alumni@pharm.utah.edu or Marion.Lennberg@pharm.utah.edu.

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Reunion Announcement

The Class of 1965 is in the process of planning a class reunion. If you are an alumnus of the class of 1965 please contact Morey Nakaya at: mmnakaya@earthlink.net or the alumni association at: alumni@pharm.utah.edu.
Comments or suggestions? We would love to hear from you. Please email us at: alumni@pharm.utah.edu

Interested in serving on the board? We are always looking for alumni who are interested in being board members. Meetings are held each month at the Loynd Lounge at the College of Pharmacy. Please email us for more information. Thanks for your support!

**ALUMNI VS. STUDENTS HOLIDAY CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

The Alumni Association together with the USPA student organization is hosting a canned food drive just in time for the holidays. Five large barrels are currently set up in the lobby of Skaggs Hall, one for each of the four classes plus the Alumni Association. Alumni and students are invited to drop off packaged non-perishable items in Skaggs Hall now through December 12, 2008. All donations will be delivered to the local Food Bank. The group which has the barrel with the most donations will receive a free lunch sponsored by the College of Pharmacy.