Hello, fellow University of Utah College of Pharmacy Alumni! Let me be one of the first to wish you happy holidays. Please find time to relax, enjoy family and friends, and make any end of the year donations to your favorite charities!

As you are probably aware, we sent out a recent survey regarding our annual golf tournament. I haven’t seen all of the response data yet, but I do know there were a couple of responses that, when considered together, are difficult to incorporate. Many people would like the tournament to be on a Saturday, but they would like to pay less for it. Unfortunately, the weekend tee times for a tournament are significantly higher than week days, and we wouldn’t be able to satisfy the majority responses in both categories. After we consider all the responses, we may be coming back to many of you for a follow up. But in the meantime, if you have ideas or recommendations, please feel free to contact myself or Marion Lennberg. If you haven’t had a chance to complete the survey yet, please do so. It is still available online at http://utahcop.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1AZNWKkmfDVemR.

We also had a great Alumni Banquet in October that Craig and I attended. It was really fun to see many of our classmates we hadn’t seen for a long time, and also to meet many others who graduated in other classes. I would really like you all to consider coming to that event next year. It is an opportunity to hear about the exciting progress being made at the College of Pharmacy, while socializing with a lot of great pharmacists you don’t get to see all the time!

Finally, I would just like to take this chance to encourage all of you, wherever your profession has taken you, to support your pharmacy professional organizations, both locally and at the national level. There are lots of reasons to do so, but the one that may be the most important, is the organized advocacy effort that is dedicated to protecting our patients and our profession. If we aren’t engaged, and don’t pay attention, there are many other active, enthusiastic lobbyists and special interest groups that will be happy to make decisions for us! Please get involved!

Have a great holiday season!

Kindest Regards,

Tina Aramaki
Friday, August 24, 2012 marked the 10th Anniversary of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony. The following sixty entering students received their white coats in a very special ceremony held at Rice-Eccles Stadium:

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Richard D. Hamill, class of 1965, who spoke on the different career options available in pharmacy. Dr. Erin Fox was awarded the Hiner Distinguished Alumna Award. Matt Alvey, PharmD Candidate 2013, led the students in the Pledge of Professionalism.

This year all 60 white coats were sponsored by alumni and friends of the College. The Alumni Association wishes to thank those who contributed: Craig and Tina Aramaki, Abby Atherton, Rick Carlson, Nicole Chaus, Richard Cox, John Eckersley, Richard Ensign, Tyler Faux, Erin Fox, Matthew Geraci, David Grainger, Karen Gunning, Monique Hall, Marianne Jensen, Carolyn Kowalchik, Phung Matthews, Heidi Memmott, Frances Mielach, Maysam Mortazavi, Greg Myers (UPHA), Jeff Olson, Makala Pace, Paige Patterick (UPHA), Jerry Peterson (UPHA), Kurt Price (UPHA), Winter Redd, Barbara Roper, Jim Ruble, Linda Sandberg, Benson Sederholm, Cecil Shem, Daryl Wagner (UPHA), Steve White.

Alumni have the opportunity to sponsor white coats for the incoming pharmacy students each year. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the Alumni Association at COPAlumni@umail.utah.edu or call Ryan Boyack (801-581-8704) or Marion Lennberg (801-581-7503).
Dean Chris Ireland instituted the “Legacy Scholarship” for pharmacy students starting with the entering Class of 2012. The Legacy Scholarship is for a student whose parent or grandparents graduated from the College of Pharmacy. This year we had four students who were able to participate in the Legacy Scholarship program:

Timothy Benvegnu.

Timothy’s mother, Claire Benvegnu, is a 1985 graduate of the College. Claire is the Pharmacy Manager at Smith’s Marketplace on 4th South and 5th East in Salt Lake City, UT.
David Malmrose

David’s father, David Malmrose, is a 1959 graduate of the College. David is a pharmacist for the University Clinics at the Greenwood Clinic in Midvale, UT.

Karen White

Karen’s father, Steve White, is a 1984 graduate of the College. Steve is currently a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy and is the Principal Investigator of the Anticonvulsant Drug Development Program.

Aaron Nakken

Aaron’s father, Gary Nakken, is a 1981 graduate of the College. Gary owns Salmon Pharmacy in Orem, UT.
2nd Annual
ALUMNI BANQUET
The Second Annual Alumni Banquet was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 in the Douglas Ballroom of the University Guest House. The event was attended by over 100 alumni and guests. Alumni Association President Tina Aramaki talked about the activities of the Alumni Association and encouraged everyone to participate. Ryan Boyack provided an update on College of Pharmacy activities and an update on the development of the new pharmacy building. Two students, Matt Alvey and Stephanie Adams, provided a great talk on one of the rural clerkships available to our students in their 4th professional year. The Zen Trio again provided excellent music for the event. The Alumni at the banquet this year received a wine glass with a red “U” etched on it by former graduate Matthew Geraci ('06.)
Erin Fox (PharmD ’99), Director of the University of Utah’s Drug Information Center, is this year’s recipient of the Dean L. David and Janet Hiner University of Utah College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumna of the Year Award. The award was presented by Dr. Tina Aramaki, President of the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association, at the annual University of Utah College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony on August 24, 2012.

Erin Fox is an excellent example of a graduate who has contributed significantly to the profession of pharmacy. She is known nationally for her advocacy efforts in the management and problem solving around drug shortages. She has worked tirelessly to contribute to efforts of bringing the current crisis of drug shortages to the attention of legislators, regulators, and of course, the public.

She truly takes very seriously the stewardship we as professional pharmacists have for the communities in which we live and serve. Erin received the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Award of Excellence this year, which recognizes her significant contributions, which have advanced the ability of hospital and health-system pharmacists in the US to serve their patients.

We are honored and pleased to have Erin as a graduate of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy.

Nominations for the 2013 award are due in early July 2013. Submissions must include a letter outlining how the nominee meets the award criteria and why (s)he is deserving of the award.

For more details visit the Alumni Association website: http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni/
The College of Pharmacy Annual Career Fair was held Wednesday, October 3, 2012. This year there were 16 vendors including a Rutgers University Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program. Others attending included: Shopko, Oquirrh Mountain Pharmacy, Walgreens, Smith’s Food and Drug, Indian Health Service, St. Mark’s Hospital, University of Utah Health Care, Kmart Corporation, RxRelief, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Intermountain Health Care, Target, Rite Aid, Harmons, Walmart, and the Poison Control Center. A special thanks to Nancy Ajwani and her volunteers who did a tremendous job of organizing and setting up this event.
Panguitch Outreach Report

A group of Pharmacy students from the University of Utah chose to provide valuable service during their Fall Break. Under the direction of Outreach Coordinator, Anthony Trovato, the students found an opportunity to work in the southern Utah town of Panguitch, providing health screenings and administering flu shots. An article in the Daily Chronicle highlighted the efforts of the students.

If you would like to read more about the excellent service provided by this group of exemplary students, please follow this link: http://www.dailyutahchronicle.com/?p=2577600

Announcements

Save the Date

ASHP MidYear Reception, December 3rd, 2012.
MGM Grand Hotel Premier Ballroom,
Las Vegas, NV

For more information visit:
http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu or http://www.facebook.com/UofUCollegeofPharmacy

We Need Your Help

The College of Pharmacy is conducting a survey of our members’ impressions of the annual golf tournament. Your input would be greatly appreciated!

To complete the survey, please log onto http://utahcop.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1AZNWKkmfDVevmR

www.pharmacy.utah.edu
Annual ASHP MidYear Meeting

UTAH RECEPTION

MGM Grand Hotel
Premier Ballroom

Monday, December 3, 2012
6:00—8:00 pm
Light refreshments will be served

Hosted by:

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
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College of Pharmacy
Alumni Association

The University of Utah
Department of Pharmacotherapy
Student-Alumni Softball Game

1st Year Pharmacy Students pave the way to Softball victory, 25-15.

The fifth annual Alumni versus Students softball game was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2012. This year’s game featured a few firsts for 2012: a new softball field located at the LDS chapel on Sunnyside Drive (adjacent to Sunnyside Park), an expanded menu of food and drinks for Alumni and students to enjoy, and last but not least, a first-ever victory for the student squad over the alumni.

A student team comprised of mostly first year pharmacy students came out in force, ready to play. With timely hitting and base running, they jumped out with 7 runs in the first inning of the game. Although the Alumni team fought back, the student squad held on, scoring a total of 25 runs, to beat the Alumni by a score 25-15. Leading the charge were pharmacy students Kyle Murray, Cade Oborn, and Andrew Portier. Student team captain this year was Eve VanWagoner.

Participating alumni included Jeff Olson, Greg Hadlock, Jameson Rice, Benson Sederholm and Marianne Jensen. Dean Ireland joined in the action, playing exceptional defense at first base, as well as contributing several hits down the first base line. Jameson Rice also pitched in with some big hits for the alumni. It was Gordon, his 4 year old son, however, that stole the show. Fitted with a helmet and batting gloves, Gordon collected two base hits off a batting tee, exciting the fans and motivating the Alumni comeback. Despite the best efforts of the Alumni squad, the student team kept battling, ultimately winning their first game in this annual contest.

A big thank you again to Harmon’s grocery store for providing hotdogs, chips, cookies, and drinks for the game. Also, thanks again to Marion Lennberg for her hard work in preparing food and taking pictures. Best wishes also to Dave Bardsley who we look forward to seeing at our 2013 game.
Alumni in Southern California Gather
On October 11th, Scott Parker (’70) hosted a group of College of Pharmacy alumni at his store and café, Watson Drug and Soda fountain, in Orange, CA. All College of Pharmacy alumni in the southern California area were invited to attend. In the greater LA area we have over 200 graduates.

Dean Ireland and his wife Mary Kay attended. Dean Ireland shared an update about the College and the progress of the new pharmacy research building. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and all are looking forward to doing it again next year. Scott is planning to host the event again next fall and would like to see the event grow in numbers. For more information on the event, please contact the Alumni Association.
In Memoriam

James Byron Tucker
(Class of 1968)

Passed away on June 19, 2012. He is survived by a son and a step-daughter and two grandchildren.

Phyllis LeNila Young Homer
(Class of 1950)

Passed away on October 3, 2012. She was one of the first female graduates of the College of Pharmacy. She served as President of the Utah Pharmaceutical Association and was a member of the Utah State Board of Pharmacy. Le-Nila was recognized for her many contributions to the field of pharmacy receiving the Bowl of Hygeia Award and the Jensen World of Service Award. She is survived by her four children, twenty-one grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

Rod G. Moyer
(Class of 1960)

Passed away on October 25, 2012. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and countless great grandchildren.
Upcoming Events

December 3, 2012
ASHP Mid-year reception
Las Vegas, NV MGM Grand Hotel
6:00 pm Premier Ballroom

January-April 2013
Scholarship Campaign
To make a donation go to our website www.pharmacy.utah.edu

February 9, 2013
Utah vs. Cal Gymnastics
7:00 pm
Contact Marion Lennberg for ticket information
801-581-7503

February 22, 2013
Student/Alumni Gala
6:00 pm at University Guest House
benefiting Maliheh Clinic

February 25, 2013
Legislative Day at the Capitol
8:00 am-5:00 pm

April 12, 2013
New Building Opening
11:00 am at the College of Pharmacy

Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held in June

For more information on Alumni Association events, please visit:

http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu or
http://www.facebook.com/UofUCollegeofPharmacy
Save the Date

Feb 22 2013

The 5th Annual Pharmacy Gala to Support the Maliheh Clinic

Good food. Good people. Good cause.

Co-coordinators
Diana Kastendieck
& Elizabeth Gearhart