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Special thanks to John and Karen Mauger for their continued support!
ALUMNI PRESIDENT MESSAGE
—A Shameless Plea for Help —

By Jeff Olson - President

Pharmacists are an essential part of the healthcare team. As the population ages and medication use increases, the need for competent, dedicated pharmacists will continue to grow. In my brief career, I have met and worked with pharmacists, residents and students from colleges of pharmacy throughout the country. While most are well-trained, knowledgeable and successful, graduates of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy are more than equal in their knowledge and skills. Fellow graduates are innovators and leaders within the profession. U of U graduates have taken their valuable skills to small rural pharmacies, to large healthcare systems and to the lab. All are making lifesaving contributions to individuals in Utah and throughout the country. It is an honor to be counted among a distinguished group of professionals.

I joined the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Board in 2008 hoping to give back in some way to the school that provided me with an excellent education. At that time Dr. Benson Sederholm (’05) was nearing the end of his first year as president of the Alumni Association. Under his capable leadership, the board began sponsoring new and different activities for the alumni. Shakespeare CE in Cedar City, the alumni vs. students softball game, and the annual golf tournament were started and improved. Even more growth was seen during his second year as Alumni Association President. Thankfully, we will continue to have his knowledge and expertise as he serves on the board as the past-president.

Surprising to me, however, was the fact that the Alumni Association had very little money to use for scholarships. In 2009 we were only able to award two $1,000 scholarships and that was only made possible by the generosity of Dean Mauger. In 2003 I served as the student representative on the Alumni Association Board. At that time, we were able to offer three $3,500 scholarships. When considering the dramatic difference in available scholarship money, I asked myself: why such a decrease in just 6 years? I decided that there was no single answer. The economic downturn has led to a drop in donations and endowment interest income. Decreased participation in Alumni Association sponsored activities aimed to raise money for scholarships has had an impact. And other demands on our money continue to play a factor.

I was also surprised to learn that the cost of obtaining a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Utah has risen dramatically. I graduated in 2004 and spent roughly $28,000 on my degree. In contrast, students today spend $10,000 per semester on tuition and fees which translates into over $90,000 over the 4 years of school. And that doesn’t include housing and books. Hard to believe that in just 5 years the cost of a four year pharmacy degree has increased by nearly 200%!!

In addition to the increased expenses, fewer scholarships are available to students. Scholarships sponsored by pharmaceutical companies and large pharmacy chains are less prevalent. As a student I was always amazed at the number of scholarships available within the college. Between the increased costs of attending school and the reduced number of scholarships available, students are graduating with higher and higher amounts of debt.

This year the Alumni Association Board has set a goal to provide at least five $1,000 scholarships in 2010. I would like to see us exceed that goal, significantly!!! Participants in the annual Alumni Association golf tournament have us started on the right track with nearly $1,300 raised thus far. At the end of this newsletter you will find a letter and donation form attached that provide all the details on donating to the University of Utah College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. All money donated is tax deductible and will go directly to student scholarships.

Certainly many of you received financial assistance during pharmacy school in the form of scholarships that helped defray your education costs. I hope the generosity shown you during your schooling will inspire you to pay it forward by donating to the Alumni Association so we can exceed our scholarship goal and assist our future colleagues with their educational expenses. A donation form is included with this newsletter or you may donate online at: www.uofucollegeofpharmacyalumni.com/

“...the cost of obtaining a degree from the University of Utah has risen dramatically...”
Update on Alumni Association Committee

At the April 2009 Alumni Association Committee meeting, Jeff Olson ('04) was elected to serve as the new President of the committee. Benson Sederholm ('05) was thanked for his 2 years of excellent service as President and was granted the title of Past-President.

The committee also welcomed new members:
- Winter Chan ('07)
- Abril Atherton ('07)
- Tyler Faux ('07)

Are you interested in serving on the committee? 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 at COPAlumni@umail.utah.edu for more information. Thanks for your support!!!

2009-10 Alumni Scholarship Recipients...

“I am honored to be a recipient of the Alumni Association scholarship. The generosity of Alumni Association has been extremely helpful in taking away some of the financial stress as I pursue my goals of a career in pharmacy. My plans after graduation include completing both a PGY1 and PGY2 residency before practicing as a clinical pharmacist. I want to thank the Alumni Association for making this journey a little easier.

— Jacob White, Class of 2010

“Upon graduation from the University of Utah College of Pharmacy, I hope to be able to complete PGY1 & PGY2 residencies, preferably at the University of Utah. I am very interested in cardiology, solid organ transplant, and nuclear pharmacy, and I hope to be able to work in one of these settings in the future. My family and I are very grateful to receive this Alumni Association Scholarship. Donations such as these allow me to focus my attention more fully upon my education and preparation for my professional practice. I want to sincerely thank you for your contribution to my education, and I assure you that this money will be put to very good use.”

— Wes Peterson, Class of 2010
Congratulations Graduates!!!

Graduation ceremonies for the University of Utah College of Pharmacy were held on Friday, May 8, 2009

M.S Graduates:
Timothy M. Bolduc (Pharmacology)
Asha Krishmaraj Iyer (Pharmacootherapy)
Robert Al Nahoopii (Pharmacotherapy)
Mark Anthony Roper (Pharmacotherapy)
Dusica Tasic (Pharmacy Administration)
Weivei Yuan (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)

Pharm.D. Graduates:
George McKay Anderson
Melissa Faye Archer
Timothy Jepsen Auger
Anne-Marie Louise Bass
Britta Bergstrom
Angelena Beutler
Nicole Marie Chaus
Rochelle Kay Christley
Aaron C. Cooper
Adam D. Davies
James R. Davis
John P. Eckersley
Dustin James Erickson
Jana Bar-Nae Goodell
Jessica Ruth Griffin
Heather Rae Hatch
C. Peter Haws
Katrina Ho
Alisa K. Hughes-Stricklett
Jessica Kayan Hunt
Jared Andrew Jensen
Michael John Katzourakis
Lisa Anne Klingonsmith

Lance Spencer Lindberg
Ann Lingard
Megan Jolley Milne
Nikki Marie Milne
Ghazal Mohajer
Caitlin Murray Oderda
Jameson Allen Rice
Sara J. Ridges
Barbara Christine Larney Roper
Anne Elise Schweighardt
Brittany Jean Shakespear
Derrick C. Shepherd
Nicholas Dale Sparrow
Stephen Roy Stocking
Ann Gunderson Stone
Shelly Taylor
Jennifer Smith Thurgood
Emily Ann Trone
Lisa Danielle Velasquez
Cody Randall Wardell
Daniel Stuart Webster
Sara A White
Dion L. Wilson
Paula Michelle Wood
Rebecca Youngberg

Ph.D. Graduates:
Amy Beth Cadwallader (Pharmacology)
Huifen Gao (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Songei Gao (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Mudit Kakar (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Todd Lyle Kaneshiro (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Dongin Kim (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Michael Koch (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
Henan Li (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Cameron Spencer Metcalf (Pharmacology)
Sarah Abdulla Molokhia (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Ryan B. Paulsen (Medicinal Chemistry)
Colleen Marie Rock (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
Kiumars Shahrokh (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
James W. Sims (Medicinal Chemistry)
Anagha Mahadeo Vaidya (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Charles A. Veltri (Medicinal Chemistry)
Emily Lynne Whitson (Medicinal Chemistry)

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All graduates from the College received a Welcome Gift from the Alumni Association.
Congratulations Graduates!!! (continued)

Summer 2009 Graduation:

M.S. Graduates:

Roger D. Winslow, Pharmacotherapy

Ph.D. Graduates:

Dorinda Deana Arch (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
Laura Ashley Filimon Biggs (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
Xiaohui Sophie Cang (Medicinal Chemistry)
Cassandra Elizabeth Deering (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
Richard Val Hymas (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Mark R. Liddell (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Chad Douglas Moore (Pharmacology & Toxicology)
Mei Ou (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)

Shawn C. Owen (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Scott Smith Pendley (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
Rongzuo Xu (Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry)

Updates on fellow Alumni….

University of Utah College of Pharmacy Alumni
Achieving Board Certification in 2009

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### FACULTY & PRECEPTOR AWARDS:

- Preceptor of the Year:  
  - **Sarah S. Feddema, PharmD, BCPS**  
  - Presented by Ron Kasteler, Roche

- Core Preceptor of the Year:  
  - **Robert Hansen, BS, RPh**  
  - Presented by Ron Kasteler, Roche

- Teacher of the Year:  
  - **Karen M. Gunning, PharmD, BCPS**  
  - Presented by Dean John Mauger
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS:

**USPA Pharmacy Gala and Charity Auction**

On February 26, 2009, USPA (the Utah Student Pharmacist Alliance) sponsored the First Annual Pharmacy Gala and Charity Auction at the the Point Restaurant at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The aim of the event was to raise funds for a local charitable organization. The organizers chose the Maliheh Free Clinic to be the beneficiary of the gala proceeds, as the clinic provides care for low-income, uninsured patients in the community. An enthusiastic committee of students obtained donations for the charity auction, including a football signed by the 13-0 Utah Football team, a basketball signed by Deron Williams, shoes signed by Carlos Boozer, Utah gymnastics tickets, artwork donated by Dean John Mauger, La Caille gift cards and golf baskets. The Alumni Association contributed to the gala auction by providing two sweatshirts from the University of Utah football team’s champion undefeated season.

At the conclusion of the evening, the students were able to present the Medical Director of the Maliheh Free Clinic with a check for $4000. The event was considered a great success and the Alumni Association was glad to work with the students in helping to provide for a worthy cause. The students are already planning for the Second Annual Gala event. If you would like to contribute to the auction for 2010, please contact Adam Wolfe, President of USPA, at adam.wolfe@pharm.utah.edu.

**Cheering on the Utes’ Basketball Team...**

On Saturday, March 7th 2009, alumni, friends, family and colleagues gathered at the Huntsman Center to cheer on the Running Utes Men’s Basketball team as they played conference rival TCU.

The game was significant as it was the final home game for the Utes and Senior Day for many of Coach Boylen’s basketball team. The College of Pharmacy was well-represented at the game. Discounted tickets special for the Alumni Association sold quickly. In total, approximately 30 alumni and friends of the College were in attendance, many of whom proudly wore crimson apparel. Having a reserved block of tickets especially for the Alumni Association, many alumni and friends of the College were able to mingle and visit as they kept up with the action on the court. The 68-49 victory over the Horned Frogs was also memorable as it propelled the Utes to a share of the Mountain West Conference Title.

This has been a banner year for Utah athletics. The football team finished 2nd in the country in the final BCS rankings and the baseball team captured their first conference championship in league history. The Alumni Association is interested in sponsoring future reunions and special activities at U of U athletic events. If you are interested in organizing a group event, please contact the Alumni Association.

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!*
Great fun at the 2009 Alumni golf tournament

The 2009 University of Utah Pharmacy Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2008 at Talons Cove Golf Club in Saratoga Springs, Utah.

Twelve teams competed on the beautiful and challenging golf course. The weather was ideal. Players enjoyed navigating the fairways and seeing the sights — include a curious fox who made extended appearances during the round.

Trophies were awarded to:
- First place team with a score of 57 (15 under par!) — Joey Wilkinson, Andrea Wilkinson, Rob Cannon, Bubba Cannon
- Second place team with a score of 65 (7 under par) — Ron Robinson, Blake Robinson, Dave Torgerson, Joe Pedula
- Longest drive — Andrea Wilkinson
- Closest to the pin — Bubba Cannon

Mark your calendars for the 2010 event, which will be held the first week of June. Check the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association website for registration information. We hope to see you there!


college of pharmacy collectibles

Show your alumni pride by displaying the Alumni Association’s collectible items. The items below are available for purchase (and all proceeds go into the Alumni Association scholarship fund).

To purchase any of these items, please contact: Marion.Lennberg@pharm.utah.edu

T-shirts — $15
Mortar & Pestle — $20
UPCOMING EVENTS:

CE EVENT IN CEDAR CITY, UTAH

For the second year in a row, the University of Utah College of Pharmacy Alumni Association will sponsor a continuing education (CE) event in Cedar City, Utah. This year’s event will be held on **July 31-August 1**. Participants will attend a presentation entitled “**Pharmacy Law: What Have You Forgotten?**” given by Dr. Dave Young, faculty member of the College of Pharmacy and member of the Utah State Board of Pharmacy.

Those participating in the CE event will also be able to enjoy the plays and activities at the Utah Shakespearean Festival on the campus of Southern Utah University.

This event has become a fun annual tradition for the Alumni Association. Plan ahead for next year! Details of 2010 Shakespeare and CE event will be available on the Alumni Association website. Please check back frequently for the latest information!

HINER DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The prestigious “**Dean L. David and Janet C. Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumni Award**” will be awarded at the College of Pharmacy’s annual White Coat Ceremony. This award is given to an alumnus of the College who
- Demonstrates continued commitment to the College of Pharmacy
- Contributes meaningfully to the pharmacy profession
- Positively reflects the aims and academic mission of the College of Pharmacy

The White Coat Ceremony for the incoming class of 2013 will be held **Friday, August 28, 2009**. Check the Alumni Association website (or the next issue of the newsletter) for details on this year’s recipient!

ALUMNI VS STUDENT SOFTBALL GAME —

The annual softball game with College of Pharmacy alumni competing against current students will be held on **Thursday, September 17, 2009**.

**Time:** 5pm  
**Place:** Sunnyside Baseball Park (840 S 1600 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108)

Plan now to attend and help the Alumni team take on the pharmacy students. For more information on the team, or to reserve your favorite position on the roster, please contact: Benson Sederholm at Benson.Sederholm@hsc.utah.edu

For the most up-to-date information and further details on Alumni Association events, please check the website at: pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni.
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!

START THINKING…..

THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD WILL BE AWARDED AT GRADUATION MAY 2010

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A NOMINATION FOR THIS AWARD, PLEASE CHECK THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEBSITE: PHARMACY.UTAH.EDU/ALUMNI

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We would like to hear from you!

Possibly more than any time in history, students need our help. The costs of obtaining a pharmacy degree continue to climb. Your contribution to the University of Utah College of Pharmacy Alumni Association will help ensure that the students of today become the pharmacy leaders of tomorrow.

To help the Alumni Association fund scholarships for current and future students, please provide the following information. Any questions regarding scholarship donations to the Alumni Association can be directed to Marion Lennberg at marion+lennberg@pharm.utah.edu.

Name: _________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

City:_________________________ State:_______ Zip: ______________

Phone (Home) _______________ (Work) ________________

My/our gift to the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Scholarship Fund:  $________________________

☐ enclosed
☐ semiannual payments of $
☐ quarterly payments of $

Donations may also be made online at:  www.uofucollegeofpharmacyalumni.com/

Please return this form to:

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