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President's **MESSAGE**

Fellow U of U COP Alumni,

I'm happy to report on another great year with the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. This year, in addition to the annual gymnastics event, we introduced another get together by sponsoring a Tailgate party before the Utah vs. Utah State football game. It was great to get together and enjoy the excitement of the game. We plan on continuing this next year. Come join the party and the excitement, even if you don't have tickets to the game. We had another very successful Golf Tournament, in which we raised money for scholarships, donations to the annual gala, and to fund our alumni activities.

I'm happy to say that we were able to sponsor every new student's White Coat again this year. Instead of limiting the amount of people that could contribute to the white coats, we took any additional money

that came in and added it to the Alumni scholarship fund. This continues to give opportunities for us to give back to the college and to help out the up and coming students.

Like the Ute football team, we are continuing to grow and improve year after year. With your participation, in any way that you are able, we may someday make it to the PAC 12 Championship, or whatever is equivalent in College of Pharmacy participation. Thank you for all that you do and the impact you have on the practice of pharmacy. We are in an amazing time of growth and change. I feel like we have a great opportunity to help shape this change as we work together. Please let us know how to represent you as an alumni association.

Thank you.

Richard Cox
Alumni Board President



Congratulations *Class of 2015*

Convocation

The University of Utah College of Pharmacy graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2015 were held on May 5, 2015. These are the list of degrees awarded at Graduation:

Masters, Pharm.D. & Ph.D. Graduating Students 2015

- Trent Adams
- David Ahlstrom
- Nancy Ajwani
- Scott Allen
- Aliyah Almomen, PhD
- Lisa Angelos
- Anna Wernli Anson
- Alenoush Aramian
- Travis Bastow
- Paul Berriochoa
- Paula Brock, PhD
- Christina Brown
- Benjamin Bruno, PharmD, PhD
- Chad Campbell
- Quinn Cannon
- Keith Chow
- Te-Wei Chu, PhD
- Christian Clark
- Sarah Cook, PhD
- Nicholas Cox
- Andrew Dwenger
- Ekaterina Efimova
- Onyemachi Egbuta
- Matthew Ence
- Diana Fischer
- Jared Frandsen
- Breanne Garcia
- Elizabeth Gearhart
- Paul Ha
- Hilary Hicks
- A. Cameron Hill
- Caleb Hopkinson
- Alan Horrocks, MS
- Hoa Huynh
- Hee Sook Hwang, PhD
- Michael Isham
- Riley Jensen
- Jason Jeppsen
- Tyler Kast
- Diana Kastendieck
- Laurel Legneza, MS
- Erica Marini, MS
- Matthew Martin-Souza
- Geoffrey Miller, PhD
- Halee Namanny
- Christopher Newton
- Candice Nielson
- Gregory Olsen
- Jessica Patton
- Anthony Pham
- Abraham Poulsen
- Hannah Pratt
- Robert Price
- Carolyn Sandstrom
- Russell Scow
- Mallory Snelgrove
- Hannah Spinner
- Devin Stock
- Chris Stockman, PhD
- Amy Hae Suh
- Li Sun, PhD
- Julien Ta
- Britta Taylor
- Sarah Teasdale
- Stacey Thomason
- Alicia Watkins
- Kyle West
- P. Zachary White
- Chelsea Williams
- Kenneth Wilson
- Pilju Youn
- Bin Zang



Honorary Alumni Award



The College of Pharmacy Alumni Association is pleased to announce Dave Young as our Honorary Alumnus for 2015. Dr. Young demonstrates loyalty to the College of Pharmacy through volunteering, personal involvement, philanthropy, and many other forms of support. He positively reflects the aims and the academic mission of the College of Pharmacy

Congratulations to Dr. Young

The College of Pharmacy Alumni Association is pleased to issue a call for nominations for our Honorary Alumnus Award. For more information please go to:

http://pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni/Honorary_Alumnus_Award.htm

The Wolf Prize

The Wolf Prize, established in 2000 by Drs. Harold H. and Joan S. Wolf in memory of Dr. Harold Wolf's parents, John and Bertha Wolf, is the highest award the University of College of Pharmacy can bestow upon a Doctor of Philosophy Student. The Wolf Prize recognizes excellence in teaching by PhD candidates from any department and is awarded to a student who has demonstrated an aptitude for and inclination toward an academic career.

Congratulations to Dr. Benjamin Bruno on being the 2015 recipient of the Wolf Prize.



Honors & Awards Presented at the 63rd Annual College of Pharmacy Graduation Banquet

Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award
Keith Chow

APhA – ASP Senior Recognition Award
Hilary Hicks

Dean's Award
Nicholas Cox

Distinguished Leadership Award
Nicholas Cox

Distinguished Professionalism Award
Diana Fischer

Distinguished Service Award
Alicia Watkins

Facts & Comparisons Award for Excellence in
Clinical Communication
Halee Namanny

Lilly Achievement Award
Nicholas Cox & Chelsea Williams

Merck Academic Excellence Award
Chelsea Williams

Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy
Award
Andrew Dwenger

Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database
Recognition Award
Hannah Pratt

Natural Standard Research Collaboration Award
Hoa Huynh

Outstanding Senior Seminarian Awards
*Jared Frandsen, Russell Scow, Lisa Angelos,
Nicholas Cox, Andrew Dwenger*

TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student
Award
Elizabeth Gearhart

USHP Student Service Award
Anthony Pham

Core Preceptor of the Year
Jim Fluty

Advanced Preceptor of the Year
Laura Shane-McWhorter

First Professional Year Teacher of the Year
Joanne LaFleur

Second Professional Year Teacher of the Year
Carol Lim

Third Professional Year Teacher of the Year
Patricia Orlando

Senior Class Distinguished Teacher
Laura Shane-McWhorter

College of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year
Laura Shane-McWhorter

GRADUATION BANQUET PICTURES



Residency

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH GRADUATES WHO WILL COMPLETE RESIDENCY/FELLOWSHIP TRAINING THIS YEAR:

Graduate	Residency Site
Nancy Ajwani	Matched at McKay-Dee
Scott Allen	Matched at Nebraska Medicine
Alenoush Aramian	Matched VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System
Keith Chow	Matched at Texas Tech Pharmacotherapy (Amarillo) PGY1 and PGY2
Nick Cox	Matched University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics
Andrew Dwenger	Matched at Southern Arizona Veteran Affairs HCS
Ekaterina Efimova	Fellowship: Fellowship with Pfizer in CT
Matthew Ence	Matched with Phoenix VA Ambulatory Care track
Diana Fischer	Matched at Memorial Hospital/University of Colorado Health
Breanne Garcia	Matched University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics (Westridge)
Elizabeth Gearhart	Matched Inova Fairfax, VA
Hilary Hicks	Matched at West Virginia University Advanced Community - Kroger
Caleb Hopkinson	Matched at Intermountain Health Care - Utah Valley Regional Hospital
Hoa Huynh	Matched at University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics
Diana Kastendieck	Matched at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Colorado
Matthew Martin-Souza	Matched at Albany
Halee Namanny	Matched at Intermountain Health Care- Utah Valley Regional Hospital
Anthony Pham	Matched at Naval Medical Base in San Diego
Hannah Pratt	Matched at Intermountain Health Care - McKay Dee Hospital
Hannah Spinner	Matched at Ohio State University Medical Center
Julien Ta	Matched at UW Medicine/Valley Medical Center Seattle
Sarah Teasdale	Matched at Multicare Health in Tacoma, Washington
Alicia Watkins	Matched at UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy
P. Zachary White	Matched at Mayo Clinic Eugenio Litta Children's Hospital Rochester MN
Chelsea Williams	Matched at Intermountain Healthcare - Primary Children's Hospital
Bin Zang	Matched at Cedars Sinai, NY



Front Row (left to right): James Herron, Jason Jepps, Matthew Martin-Souza, Travis Bastow, Abraham Poulsen, Devin Stock, Andrew Dwenger, Breanne Garcia, Matthew Ence, Kristen Keefe

Second Row (left to right): Russell Scow, P. Zachary White, Kyle West, Trent Adams, Jessica Patton, Riley Jensen, Anthony Pham, Chad Campbell, A. Cameron Hill, Tyler Kast, Scott Allen

Third Row (left to right): Nicholas Cox, Jared Frandsen, Greg Olsen, Paul Berriochoa, Keith Chow, Hoa Huynh, Hannah Spinner, Candice Neilson, Stacey Thomason, Mallory Snelgrove, Chelsea Williams, Britta Taylor

Fourth Row (left to right): Caleb Hopkinson, Kenneth Wilson, Alenoush Aramian, Ekaterina Efimova, Hilary Hicks, Elizabeth Gearhart, Diana Fischer, Sarah Teasdale, Christina Brown, Carolyn Sandstrom, Quinn Cannon

Fifth Row (left to right): Haylee Namanny, Lisa Angelos, Mike Isham, David Ahlstrom, Anna Wernli, Alicia Watkins, Diana Kastendieck, Nancy Ajwani, Julien Ta, Hannah Pratt, Christian Clark
 Not Pictured: Onyemachi Egbuta, Paul Ha, Christopher Newton, Amy Hae Suh, Bin Zang

Alumni Events

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI TAILGATE

For the first time ever, the Alumni Association held a College of Pharmacy Football Tailgate. We were thrilled by the turnout and loved seeing Alumni, Faculty, and Students interact in such a fun setting.

The tailgate was held before the Utah vs. Utah St. football game on Friday, September 11th in front of the new Spence and Cleone Eccles Football Center.

We had over 75 in attendance and look forward to carrying on this tradition next year!

Go Utes!



ALUMNI BANQUET

The 5th Annual Alumni Association Banquet was held on October 9, 2015 in the L. S. Skaggs Pharmacy Institute Atrium. We appreciate all those who attended and look forward to this event every year. The Alumni Banquet is a free event for all of our alumni.



This year, The Alumni Association had the pleasure of awarding Dominic DeRose, Class of 1970, with the Distinguished Alumni of the Year award. Board Member, Linda Sandberg, had the honor of introducing Dominic. We have included her words online for you to [read](#). DeRose spoke to those in attendance about his experiences throughout his pharmacy career.



This year's event was held in conjunction with the University of Utah's Homecoming week.

We will plan for another Banquet next year during Homecoming



Alumni Events Continued

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA EVENT

Every year we look forward to meeting with our Alumni Group down in Southern California. This year we met at Wahoo's Fish Taco on Chapman Avenue in the City of Orange for dinner and a social.

This event always coincides with the University of Utah football game USC or UCLA.

Thank you to all who came out to our event. We loved catching up with everyone and can't wait to see you all again next year!



Upcoming Alumni Events

For more information please contact Danielle Keddington at
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SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

8th Annual Pharmacy Gala & Charity Auction

The Grand Hall at the Union Pacific Depot 6:30pm

For more information and ticket purchasing, please visit:

www.pharmacy.utah.edu/Gala



Save the Date
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016
Alumni Golf Tournament

2015 Alumni Association Golf Tournament



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CONTEST HOLES

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The 2015 Alumni Association Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, June 2nd at The Stoneridge Golf Club in West Valley. Fifty-seven players enjoyed a beautiful day of breakfast, golfing, and an awards lunch where tournament awards and raffle prizes were presented.

The day began at 7:30 am with a continental breakfast as players registered and purchased their mulligans. Tee off was at 8 am. A lunch of BBQ ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, salad, and dessert were waiting for the players after they shot their last holes. First place trophies were presented

to Bart Smith, Derek Penmann, Josh Hermansen, and Ty Faux with a score of 49. Second place went to Rob Dengg, Ira Rice, Dave Morris, and Crosby Oldham with the same score as our first place winners, but after a tie breaker they resided at second.

The Long Drive competition was won by Chris Torgersen and the Closest to the Pin was claimed by Rob Dengg. About 15 raffle prizes were given out ranging from a Top Flight Golf Bag, a pitching wedge, restaurant gift cards, free rounds of golf, and pro shop gift certificates.

All had a great time, but we are always looking for ways to improve for next year. As this is a fundraiser for the Alumni Association, sponsors are also needed to make this event possible. We would like to thank McKesson, Kmart, Smiths, Everest Collision, Harmons, Glenn Prestwich, Marion Lennberg, John Phillips and the Dean's Office for their generous contributions!

Thank you to all who came out and played. We appreciate your support and hope to get even more next year!



Legacy Scholarship Recipients

The Pharmacy Legacy Scholarship began with the entering class of 2012. It is awarded to a student whose parent or grandparent graduated from the College of Pharmacy. This year we have three students who received this award:



JON VAN TASSELL

Jon's father, Craig C Van Tassell, graduated from the College in 1974.



ALLYSON ROBERTS

Allyson's mother, Ann England Bindrup, is a 1990 graduate of the College.



TYLER TINKHAM

Tyler's father, Phillip Tinkham, is a 1990 graduate of the College.

White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was held September 4, 2015 at Rice Eccles Stadium for the new incoming class of pharmacy students. Once again, the whitecoat campaign run by the Alumni Association was very successful. We had 68 different sponsors, with some donating multiple coats. The excess money was put towards student scholarships this year.

This is a great way for our alumni to connect with the students and the students to our alumni. This year the main speaker was Karen Gunning, one of our admired faculty members. She spoke to the group about the importance of teamwork and what they can expect in their four years of pharmacy school.



The Alumni Association also had the opportunity to honor

Dominic DeRose from the class of 1970 as our College of Pharmacy Alumni of the Year! We feel honored to count Dominic among our Alumni.

Thank you to all of the donors who sponsored a whitecoat! We appreciate your support!



Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill

"If you are not familiar with it, Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill (formerly called "Legislative Day") is a day-long event where pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians gather at the Utah State Capitol to advocate for the profession of pharmacy.

This great advocacy event has been growing in attendance over the past few years, but certain members of our profession have been under-represented in the past, especially technicians and pharmacists. There is power in numbers and every attendee helps reinforce the message. By attending Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill, you can: express your opinion, demonstrate and explain the great services that pharmacy is providing, and learn more about the legislative process that impacts our profession."



From UPhA's website: <http://www.upha.com/?page=106>



7th Annual Pharmacy Gala & Charity Auction



We would like to thank all of those who supported last year's 7th Annual Pharmacy Gala and Charity Auction! With over 200 guests in attendance, over 100 silent auction donors and over 50 monetary donors, you all helped make this a huge success!

Because of the generosity of all those who supported the event, the **College of Pharmacy**, along with **Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Steiner and the Kevin Steiner Family Fund**, raised **\$48,000** for the **Maliheh Free Clinic**. In addition to the **\$48,000**, we raised another **\$5,000** to support student community outreach to rural areas in Utah. We are all so grateful and thank you for your support this year and hope you will join us at next year's Gala on Saturday, March 5th at the Union Pacific Depot!

Sincerely,

The 8th Annual Pharmacy Gala and Charity Auction Committee

For more information about the 2016 Gala & Charity Auction, please visit:

www.pharmacy.utah.edu/Gala

ASHP Clinical Skills Competition

Please join us in congratulating **Alaina Vrontikis** and **Karen White** who won our local ASHP-SSHP Clinical Skills Competition and represented the College at the ASHP meeting in December in the national competition! We had a record-setting number of teams participating in our local competition this year. They all did very well with a difficult case.



THE TOP 6 RANKED TEAMS:

1. Karen White and Alaina Vrontikis
2. Aubrey Pimsakul and David Sze
3. Laura Steffens and Meryl Biksacky
4. Elyse Schwab and Jeremy Daugherty
5. Tina Harountunian and Ianitza Bankova
6. Christian Armstrong and Trevor Laursen

OTHER PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Brianna Cajacob and Jessica Le
Eric Leishman and Karissa Lee
Brian Montoya and Lada Radetic
Victoria Martineau and Simon Rodriguez
Lauren Alai and Chris Bell
James Howell and Neda Nourbakhsh
Austin Ulrich and David Jackson
Trevor Arave and Jenessa Lee
Cima Ghaffarian and Nathaniel Cordova
Amberlynn Winward and Sydney Olson
Anton Nguyen and Reema Naeem
Jessica Carey and Anthony Trovato
Jonathan Redd and Shixian Wang

2015-2016 Utah Poison Control Center Health Professional Survey

The Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) would like your feedback to ensure they continue to provide high quality service to health professionals statewide.

The UPCC provides poison information, poison prevention education and clinical toxicology consultation 24-hours a day throughout the state of Utah.

Specialists in poison information (nurses and pharmacists with additional training in clinical toxicology) respond to over 45,000 calls a year. Approximately 20% of the cases the UPCC is consulted on require treatment in a health care facility.

Your input is greatly appreciated before **February 29, 2016**. The survey will take less than 2 minutes to complete.

Survey Link: http://utahcop.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_daptiXGCAPc2UnP

2015-2016 Utah Poison Control Center



Utah Poison Control Center



In Memoriam

ALINE WILMOT SKAGGS 1926 - 2015



A Lasting Legacy

Aline Skaggs was born March 13, 1926, in Boise, Idaho. She graduated from Boise High School and Boise Business School, and married Sam Skaggs on February 27, 1949. Shortly after their marriage, the couple moved to Great Falls, Montana, then to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Mr. Skaggs assumed responsibility for Skaggs Payless Drug Stores—the beginning of what would be a meteoric career as a businessman and entrepreneur.

Mrs. Skaggs was deeply involved in the community and served on many philanthropic boards, including American Stores Company, Tracy-Collins Bank, American Television of Utah, University of Utah National Advisory Council, KUED Television, Southern Utah University Institutional Council, Utah Symphony Guild Board, the Airport Authority Board and Utah Opera Board. She was also former president and founding member of the Assistance League of Salt Lake City. In 1990, Mrs. Skaggs was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Utah.

Her other activities included keeping pets (poodles, horses and a pet deer, Lafena), golfing, playing bridge, cooking, reading and listening to country music. She also enjoyed spending time with her family at a home in Dana Point, California.

Over the years, the Skaggs family gave hundreds of millions of dollars to education, health research and social services through the ALSAM Foundation.

Mrs. Skaggs, who was predeceased by Mr. Skaggs on March 21, 2013, is survived by four children—including Claudia Luttrell and Mark Skaggs who continue the family legacy—16 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

The College of Pharmacy at the University of Utah is forever grateful for Mrs. Skaggs lasting legacy.

Message from the Interim Dean

Dear Alumni,

As we come to the close of the year, I wanted to take a moment to look back on the previous 12 months to be thankful for all the good that is happening in the College of Pharmacy. We have been blessed in the past year with significant gifts to the College, totaling over 6 million dollars. Such resources have allowed us to complete our research building and to excel in our education and research missions.

Our PharmD program continues to be ranked #10 in the country among PharmD programs. Further, our data attest to the high quality of our graduates. At this time, 98% of our 2015 grads have passed the NAPLEX exam. This year, 45% of our graduating class went into residencies, with 96% of our graduates seeking residencies being accepted into a program. The remaining graduating students successfully pursued careers in community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, and other practice sites. We are excited by the exceptional quality of the individuals applying to and entering the College of Pharmacy and proud of their successes already in pursuit of their career aspirations.

In terms of research, the College was ranked 7th in the country for NIH funding this past year, marking the 40th consecutive year that the College has ranked among the top 10 colleges of pharmacy in the country for NIH funding. In the past year, we have established an Office for Research, which has helped the faculty in the College submit grants for over 56 million dollars thus far this year. Further, we are the highest ranked among the Health Sciences Colleges on the UofU campus for research dollars per full time employee. We are excited about the research initiatives being pursued and to contributing significantly to the advancement of patient health through our research.

It has been a pleasure to continue serving the College of Pharmacy as Interim Dean this year. We look forward to continued engagement with you as we pursue continued excellence in the College.



Kristen A. Keefe, Ph.D.
Professor
Interim Dean