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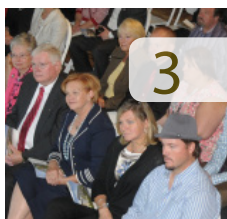


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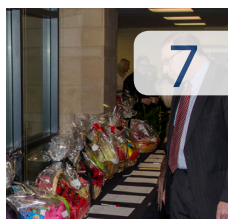
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# President's MESSAGE

**H**ello, fellow alums! It is difficult to visit the new L. S. Skaggs Pharmacy Institute and not reminisce about the time spent in the old one. Think about the fact that many of us have spent a significant part of our lives, over 2, 3, 4 or even more years in the old building. All of us acquired knowledge that has taken us a long or short way, depending on context and year of graduation. A few of us fell in love there, some perfected their ping pong serve or bridge game, and others developed medications that have changed the lives and health of generations of people.

It has always been humbling for me to return to the old building with its aging façade, cracked floors and dated bathroom facilities to think of the number of lives that were impacted, both directly and indirectly by that building.

By the way, as long as I brought up the bathrooms, how many of you forgot which floor you were on and walked in to the wrong gender rest room? It was definitely a unique set up!

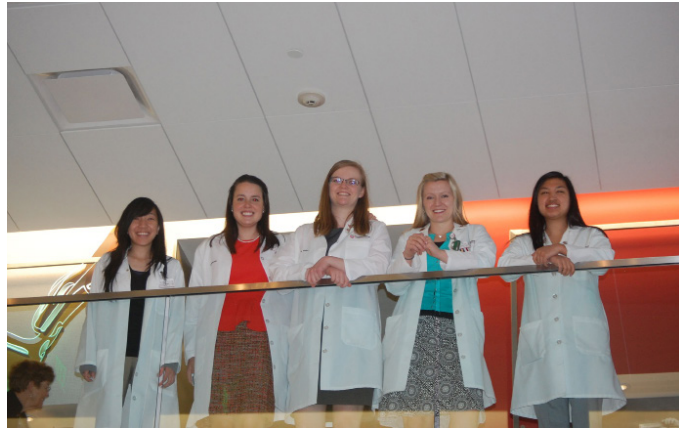
In a couple of years, with the new building, HSEB and a buffed up Skagg's Hall, students and faculty will not even be aware of the history associated with that old building. It will blend in with other stark, Spartan, University buildings.

But we will have the distinct honor to remember it from its glory days. When the furnishings looked modern, the floors shiny (at least a couple of times a year), the windows into the Office of the Dean had new draperies, and overhead projectors were the latest in technology.

Thanks to all of you who have impacted me over the years in that building, either as I was a student, a visiting lecturer, or just a visitor.

And thanks to Mr. Sam Skaggs who has consistently used his hard work, vision and good fortune to build the future. I will never forget.

*Tina Aramaki*



# L. S. SKAGGS PHARMACY INSTITUTE BUILDING OPENING CELEBRATION





The College of Pharmacy celebrated the ribbon cutting of the new L. S. Skaggs, Jr. Research Building on April 12, 2013. Faculty, staff, students, donors, and friends of the College all gathered for the public celebration. Dean Ireland spoke about the legacy of L. S. "Sam" Skaggs and a video tribute was shown after his talk. Dr.

Vivian Lee, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, President David Pershing, State Senator Evan Vickers '77, Ronny Cutshall, President of The ALSAM Foundation, and John Wright, Project Manager, Jacobsen Construction all gave remarks before the ribbon was officially cut. We would like to thank everyone for their attendance and each of our

donors for supporting this project.

To view more photos go to <https://www.facebook.com/UofUCollegeofPharmacy>

View the videos from the event at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=LYJ8WIZUTNU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=LYJ8WIZUTNU)

# IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest condolences and sympathies go out to the Skaggs family upon hearing of the passing of Mr. L. S. Skaggs. The University of Utah College of Pharmacy has been honored to have such a wonderful relationship with the Skaggs family and is grateful for their contributions to pharmacy education. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Skaggs family at this time.

“Without the generosity of Mr. Skaggs and his family, the College would have never reached its goal of being one of the premier Colleges of Pharmacy in the country. Through Mr. Skaggs’

contributions the College of Pharmacy has been able to excel in pharmacy research and education. Our College is forever indebted to the Skaggs family and hope we can carry forward the legacy of Sam Skaggs”.

**Chris M. Ireland**  
**L.S. Skaggs Presidential Endowed Chair for Pharmacy and Dean**





# Department News

## COLLEGE OF PHARMACY PROGRAMS, PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY RANKS #2 AND MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY #12 IN THE NATION ACCORDING TO THE ACADEMIC ANALYTICS DATABASE

March 4, 2013 —Academic Analytics recently ranked the University of Utah (the U) as 31st overall in faculty scholarly productivity among the nation's public comprehensive universities and 28th in the number of federally funded grants received per faculty member. In addition to the U's overall national ranking, 23 of its graduate disciplines were ranked among the top 25 percent in the nation.

"The University of Utah has had a consistently strong showing in this national analysis over the past several years and the recognition continues to grow," said Michael Hardman, interim senior vice president for Academic Affairs. "These rankings are indicative of the high quality and hard work of the U's dedicated faculty and represent their commitment to academic excellence."

Both pharmaceutical chemistry and computing ranked #2, and the remaining 21 graduate disciplines come from a wide range of programs across the U's campus. The disciplines and their

respective rankings are: geological engineering (3), neurobiology and anatomy (4), accounting (5), finance (8), speech-language pathology (8), chemical physics (10), medicinal chemistry (12), rehabilitation sciences (13), special education (15), geography (18), nursing (21), chemistry (24), physiology (24), sociology (30), biology (32.5), biochemistry (34), English (35), computer science (40), neuroscience (40), mathematics (42) and electrical engineering (45).

The Academic Analytics Database includes information on over 270,000 faculty members associated with more than 9,000 doctoral programs and 10,000 departments at more than 385 universities in the United States and abroad.

The rankings are based on a variety of data that include faculty publications (peer-reviewed journals and books), citations by others outside the respective university, federal research funding and awards and honors.

*5th Annual*

# PHARMACY GALA







Marion Lennberg receiving her award at the Gala



The 5th Annual Pharmacy Gala and Charity Auction was held on February 22, 2013 at the newly renovated University Guest House. We had about 200 attendees, which included current students, faculty, Maliheh Free Clinic staff, alumni, local pharmacists, and other community members. We are proud to announce that we were able to raise enough money to donate \$12,000 to the Maliheh Free Clinic and \$6,000 to USPA to help support all the student activities and rural outreach trips to Blanding and Panguitch.

This year, in celebration of the 5th year of the Pharmacy Gala we honored an individual that without their help, hard work, selflessness, and compassion each year the Gala would not be possible. All past and current Gala coordinator and chairs unanimously nominated Marion Lennberg for the award. During the award presentation we read statements from students illustrating just how essential

Marion is to the College of Pharmacy and her continued support of the Gala. To see a video of the award presentation check out the College of Pharmacy Facebook page.

We also had a presentation focusing on the outreach trips that students take to Blanding and Panguitch and showed the community what clinical skills we provide to these rural communities.

Throughout these 5 years, the College of Pharmacy has formed a great relationship with the Maliheh Free Clinic. They have opened their doors to the pharmacy students to volunteer their time, giving students a chance to get first hand clinical experience.

The Gala serves as a yearly reminder of the importance of our relationship and we hope to continue and build upon this relationship in the many years to come.



Hoa Huynh, David Sze & Keith Chow(left to right)



Anthony Travato(middle), his sister(left) and his mother(right)





David Grainger and wife



Reema Naeem



Halee Namanny(middle), Chelsea Williams(right)



# HINER AWARD NOMINATIONS

## *Nominations for Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year*

**T**he deadline for nominating fellow alumni for the University of Utah College of Pharmacy Dean L. David and Janet C. Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year Award is fast approaching. The deadline for submitting nominations is July 1, 2013. The award will be presented at the College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony on September 4, 2013.

The Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year Award is presented annually to an alumnus of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy who has demonstrated continued commitment to the College of Pharmacy and positively reflects the aims and academic mission of the college. Winners also exhibit a strong commitment to the profession of pharmacy.

Recent winners have exhibited all these qualities and more. Past winners include:

- 2012: Erin Fox, PharmD., Pharmacy Director, Drug Information Center, University Hospital
- 2011: Evan Vickers, RPh  
Owner, Bulloch Drug and Township Pharmacy, State Representative, District 72

- 2010: Tina Aramaki, PharmD,  
Director of Pharmacy Services,  
Intermountain Health Care
- 2009: Linda Tyler, PharmD,  
Director of Pharmacy, University  
of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
- 2008: Nannette Berensen, PharmD,  
MBA, BCPS, Assistant  
Administrator, Primary Childrens  
Medical Center

To nominate someone for the Hiner Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year Award, please submit a letter of recommendation describing how the individual fulfills the criteria detailed.

Please include your name, title, and contact information, as well as the name, title and contact information for your nominee. Please include a brief description of your relationship to the nominee.

Nominations may be submitted to:

Tina Aramaki, PharmD. Director, Pharmacy  
Services, Intermountain Health Care  
36 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
or email [tina.aramaki@imail.org](mailto:tina.aramaki@imail.org)



Erin Fox, Hiner Distinguished  
Pharmacy Alumna of the  
Year Award 2012

# 2013 *Legislative Day*

**S**tudents, faculty, alumni, staff, and pharmacists gathered on Capitol Hill on February 25, 2013 to promote the pharmacy profession to the legislature and the general public.

The University of Utah College of Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences, Utah Society of Health-System Pharmacists (USHP), and Utah Pharmacists Association (UPhA) all came joined together to put on this event.

Students were announced on the Senate floor by Senator Evan Vickers. During the day the students

displayed posters with information about the profession and how pharmacists are improving access to care.

The following services were offered: blood pressure screening, blood glucose screening, and asthma education. Students and preceptors also organized visits with legislators and in the afternoon held a reception in the rotunda.

Thank you to all who participated in the annual event and we are excited about the momentum this event is gaining.









# Utah vs. California Gymnastics





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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 11, 2013

Mountain Dell Golf Course



I-80 North up Parley's Canyon, exit 134

*Join us at 7:00 AM for breakfast and registration with a 7:30 AM shotgun start and scramble format.*

*The cost has been reduced to \$90.00, which includes:*

*Continental breakfast, cart, green fee, free range balls, & awards luncheon!*

Online registration: [http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni/News\\_and\\_Events/golf\\_2013.html](http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/alumni/News_and_Events/golf_2013.html)

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# *UPhA Annual Convention*

**T**he UPhA Convention was held April 18th-20th in Saint George, Utah.

At the Awards Banquet the following awards were given out:

- Cardinal Generation Rx Champion  
David Young, PharmD
- Pharmacy Technician of the Year  
Missy Olsen
- Advocate of the Year  
Missy Duke, PharmD (MS 2010)
- Right Arm of the Year  
Eric Cannon
- Excellence in Innovation  
Brandon Jennings, PharmD
- Pharmacist of the Year  
Greg Jones (BPH 1995)
- Distinguished Young Pharmacist  
Phil Olsen
- Bowl of Hygiea  
Dominic DeRose (BS 1970)
- Jensen World of Service  
Marion Lennberg

The Jeopardy Challenge was won this year by the students from the University of Utah College of Pharmacy.





Dave Young receiving Cardinal Generation Rx Champion Award



Dominic DeRose receiving Bowl of Hygiea Award





# SPONSOR A WHITE COAT



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Each year, the College of Pharmacy has a White Coat Ceremony in the fall for the incoming class. The students are given a white coat with their name on it and sign a student pledge of professionalism.

This year the Alumni Association is seeking sponsors of the white coats for the 60 students. With a \$50 donation, you will be providing the white coat for one of the new students and if you choose you can sponsor more than one student. You can donate directly at: [www.pharmacy.utah.edu](http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu), click the Give to the U button and choose the College of Pharmacy

Alumni Association Operations Account. Your donation is tax deductible

As a sponsor, you will be provided the contact information of the student and the student will be provided your contact information. You will be invited to attend the White Coat Ceremony and meet the student you are sponsoring and we hope you would act as a mentor through the incoming student's academic pharmacy experience.

Your Alumni Association has sponsored every coat for the last three years and we hope you keep the tradition going.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 30, 2013**

Annual Graduation Banquet

University Guest House

6:30pm Douglas Ballroom

**May 3, 2013**

CoP Convocation

10 am at the Union

Ballroom

**June 11, 2013**

Alumni Golf Tournament

7:00 am Shotgun start

Mountain Dell Golf Course

**August 10, 2013**

Annual CE Event

Heritage Center Festival Hall

Cedar City, UT

**September 4, 2013**

White Coat Ceremony

Rice Eccles Stadium

3 pm

**September 13, 2013**

Annual Alumni Banquet

University Guest House

6 pm

For more information on Alumni Association events, please  
visit:

<http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu> or  
<http://www.facebook.com/UofUCollegeofPharmacy>





College of Pharmacy Alumni  
Association Presents:

# Annual Alumni CE 2013

August 10, 2013

7:30 to 10:30 am

Heritage Center Festival Hall

105 North 100 East

Cedar City, UT

“Metabolic Monitoring and Atypical Antipsychotics:

The Expanding Role of the Pharmacist”

Presented by Abril (Abby) Atherton, PharmD

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Mental Health

&

“Law Update 2013”

Presented by Dave Young, PharmD

Associate Professor (Clinical) University of Utah

Receive up to 2  
CE credit hours

Save the date

Join fellow U of U Alumni for breakfast, CE, and  
discounted Utah Shakespeare Festival Tickets!

Friday, August 9 (Evening) – “The Tempest”

Saturday, August 10 (Matinee) – “Love’s Labour’s Lost”

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