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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As the new 2007–2008 academic year begins this month, UACP has not only experienced important developments in the recent past, but we are looking forward to new and exciting changes in the coming months. This past winter, we celebrated the grand opening of our Garden campus at the newly renovated Garden High School. We have also received over 950 completed applications for 65 spots for the incoming Class of 2010, and we're in the process of

selecting the most qualified candidates to fill those spots.

Most importantly, we have been preparing for a site visit by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) on April 25 and 26. Students, faculty, and staff have all worked extremely hard to prepare for this important event, and I want to thank all involved for their dedication in fulfilling UACP's mission to improve the quality of life in Central Appalachia.



Eleanor Sue Cantrell, MD

GARDEN CAMPUS GRAND OPENING

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On February 24, 2007, UACP held an open house on its newly renovated Garden campus to celebrate its bright future and the building tradition of education. Hundreds of community supporters, college presidents, Garden High School alumni, and UACP faculty, students, and staff attended the event in the former gymnasium, now a lecture hall.

The Honorable Elizabeth McClanahan, Virginia Court of Appeals judge and graduate of Garden High School, was the keynote speaker for the event. She spoke of the transitions taking place as the building now housing UACP takes on its new role as an institution of higher learning. She thanked those present “for having a vision, building and growing Buchanan County, enhancing medicine, educating its caregivers, and investing in the restoration of an historic and architecturally significant building.”

Mickey McGlothlin, chairman of the University of Appalachia Board of Trustees, spoke briefly and recognized special guests, including Grace Wooldridge, a long-time teacher and supporter of



Michael McGlothlin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, addresses the audience.

the Garden schools. Two former principals, Larkin Deel and Janie Owens, were in attendance, as well as a host former Garden teachers, faculty and staff, students, and graduates.

McGlothlin introduced Frank Kilgore, whose vision, with the board of supervisors, it was to found the University of Appalachia and the College of Pharmacy. Kilgore credited the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors for its support of the project and acknowledged the risks the boards of the past and present have taken in helping to diversify the county. He also

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UACP AT THE CAPITOL

As one of the most regulated professions, it is important that pharmacists take an active interest in legislation concerning the practice of pharmacy. Participation is essential in order to defend pharmacists' current positions as well as lobby for recognition and expansion of the many vital services pharmacists provide.

On January 31, 2007, one hundred and five UACP students joined other Virginia pharmacists and future pharmacists at the Capitol and the General Assembly Building in Richmond, Virginia for the Virginia Pharmacy Association (VPhA) Legislative Day. This event is held annually to promote interaction between Virginia's legislators and pharmacists, and also to allow pharmacists a unique opportunity to demonstrate to lawmakers their clinical abilities and their impact on the provision of health care.



P2 student Derek Webb measures a patient's blood pressure.

UACP student pharmacists participated in a variety of activities at Legislative Day. They were given the opportunity to attend committee meetings as well as meet with several Virginia legislators, including Delegates Dan Bowling, Bud Phillips, Brandon Bell, and Terry Kilgore. These events allowed students and legislators to discuss legislation related to Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and other pharmacy issues currently being entertained in the Virginia House and Senate. The students gained insight of lawmaking by observing the legislative process first hand, and legislators were given the ability to see the future of pharmacy through the eyes of current pharmacy students.

APhA also sponsors an annual Health Fair which corresponds to other Legislative Day activities. At the Health Fair, pharmacy students worked closely with pharmacists, professors, and APhA staff to conduct blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, and lung function screenings. Stations were set up around the perimeter of the General Assembly building in order to provide legislators, their staff, as well as the general public these important health screening services. This interaction enabled students to demonstrate that pharmacists can take an active role in ensuring patients receive exceptional healthcare, and served as a unique learning experience for all involved.



Overall, VPhA Legislative Day was a great success and provided Virginia legislators a positive image of pharmacy practice. UACP will continue to support student involvement in this event and promote continued activity in pharmacy legislation.

UACP HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy held its first annual awards banquet on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at Riverview Elementary/Middle School. The banquet honored students and faculty for academic performance and service to the college and the community throughout the 2006-2007 academic year. Five major awards were presented to students in both classes, which included \$500 scholarships generously donated by CVS Pharmacy.

The UACP Outstanding Leadership Award, which recognizes students who exemplify outstanding leadership qualities, was presented to Eural Viers, a P2 student, and Wendy Fleenor, a P1 student. The UACP Distinguished Service Award recognizes students with demonstrated academic excellence, leadership and outstanding service commitment to the university and greater community. This was awarded to P2 student Amanda Blankenship and P1 student Jennifer Hasis. The UACP Professionalism Award, which recognizes the ideals of professionalism and excellence in patient care, was given to P2 student Rebecca Webb and P1 student Edgar Talbott.

The UACP Academic Excellence Award recognizes excellence in academics and professional motivation in the profession of pharmacy. Derek Webb, a P2 student, and Ai Li, a P1 student were honored with this award. The UACP Dean's Award recognizes students' outstanding achievement and unselfish devotion to his or her class, the school, the university and the profession. The Dean's Award is given each year to extraordinary pharmacy students for their exceptional accomplishments in the profession of pharmacy as well as their academic achievements. This honor was awarded to Matthew Bledsoe, second year student and Lara May, first year student for dedication to the university.

A representative from Wal-Mart, Niki Mullins, Pharm.D., presented a \$1,000 scholarship to second year student Kristen Church for excellence academic performance. Students were also honored for highest overall grade point averages and highest grade in the therapeutics curriculum, the basic integrated sciences curriculum, and pharmaceuticals and compounding lab.

The College also recognized students who participated in national competitions, such as the American Pharmacists Association Counseling Competition, the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists Clinical Skills Competition, and the National Community Pharmacists Association Business Plan Competition.

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SGA president Eural Viers presents Leanne VanMeter with the Preceptor of the Year Award.



Dr. Cantrell presents P1 student Ai Li with the Academic Excellence in Pharmacy Award.



Dr. Cantrell presents P2 student Derek Webb with the Academic Excellence in Pharmacy Award.

AWARDS BANQUET

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In addition, the student body honored a preceptor and faculty members for their outstanding service to UACP students. Leanne VanMeter, R.Ph., owner of Medical Park Pharmacy in Grundy, was awarded the Preceptor of the Year award. Charles Breese, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Academic and Curricular Affairs was given the Best Basic Science Professor Award, while Elshamly Abdelfattah, Pharm.D., was honored with the Best Clinical Professor Award. Sarah Melton, Pharm.D., received the Professor of the Year Award for her outstanding work teaching therapeutics and communications courses and for the care she shows for each of her students.

UACP congratulates both the students honored at the awards banquet and the entire student body for their hard work and dedication.

UACP RECEIVES FUNDS FROM VPHA

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UACP faculty and students recently attended the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) meeting in Atlanta. Assistant Dean of Students Whitney Caudill, center, accepted a check for \$500 in support of UACP's Joint Organizational Committee from the Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA).

FUNDRAISER FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Over forty students and faculty were involved in a very successful fundraiser for cystic fibrosis. The event was a 10 K Walk called "Great Strides" for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The funds raised are for research, education, and support for less fortunate children who suffer from this disease. The walk took place at the Kiwanis Park with the banner for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation visible from the road. A 500m track within the park was used.

The walk was successful in several ways. The funds raised were in excess of \$1,400, and the involvement with businesses and schools in mailings and visits served to inform and raise awareness of the needs of the people who suffer from this disease, many of whom live in Buchanan County. Also, the community identified UACP as the organizer and sponsor of the event and increased their awareness of UACP as an important and involved part of the local community. Appreciation was expressed



directly by parents of children with CF. Lastly, there were many PICS hours earned!

Please thank the organizers and participants in the event for their hard work and positive impact on the community. The accompanying picture was taken after the 10K Walk. We were not at our best. Dr. Reardon was hailed and farewelled with the cooler of ice over the head after the picture was taken—a fitting tribute to a fine member of the faculty.

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recognized the many college presidents and deans in attendance in addition to what he called the top 10 benefactors of the university: the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority, the Thompson Foundation, the McGlothlin Foundation, the efforts to achieve federal appropriations taken by Rep. Rick Boucher and former Sen. George Allen, Food City, the Miller Richardson estate, and the United Company Charitable Foundation.

John Rocovich, founder of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia, also spoke to the crowd.

Bill Coxton, president of the Garden Alumni Association, presented UACP with the keys to the building and thanked university planners for their efforts to revitalize the building and remember its history. He noted the alumni association had now adopted the motto "As Our Garden Continues to Grow."

Entertainment during the ceremony was provided by the former members of the GardenAires choral group and others who performed a variety of musical selections.

University of Appalachia President and Dean Dr. Eleanor Sue Cantrell thanked the communities of Buchanan County for their warm welcome and she outlined the mission of the college of pharmacy regarding education, research, and serving the community in ways that lead to improved community health. "We thank you for your support," she told the audience. "We are honored to be here to carry on the tradition of excellence in education, scholarship and service started by Garden High School and its many alumni and other visionary leaders of our area whose roots are here in the coalfields."



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– DR. ELEANOR SUE CANTRELL

COMMUNITY SERVICE



UACP students and faculty visited the Grundy Senior Citizens Center to interview patients, review their medications, and provide counseling. The senior citizens were most appreciative of the services provided and would like to have UACP back again soon.



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The University of Appalachia is certified to operate in Virginia by the State Council on Higher Education of Virginia.

The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy was awarded Pre-Candidate status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education ("ACPE") in April 2005. In June 2006, the College's pre-Candidate status was reaffirmed. The College of Pharmacy will apply for Candidate accreditation status in April 2007. For more information regarding accreditation by ACPE please see www.acpe-accredit.org.

FACULTY NEWS

Holly Hurley, Pharm.D. gave a lecture on pediatric management at the Virginia Pharmacists Association midyear meeting in Roanoke, Virginia on February 24, 2007.

Su Lee, Pharm.D. has published the following articles: **Lee SY**, Fan HW, Sutherland C, Deryke CA, Nicolau DP. 2007. Antibacterial effects of moxifloxacin and levofloxacin simulating epithelial lining fluid concentrations against community acquired methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (CA-MRSA). *Drugs in R & D* 8(2):69-77; **Lee SY**, Tesser PR, Murphy CK, Nicolau DP. 2006. Bactericidal Efficacy of ABI-0043, a Novel rifamycin, in a murine pneumococcal pneumonia Model. *Journal of Antibiotics* 59(12):804-807; **Lee SY**, Kuti JL, Nicolau DP. 2006. Cefepime Pharmacodynamics in Patients with Extended Spectrum β -Lactamase (ESBL) and Non-ESBL Infections. *Journal of Infection* (epub ahead of print); **Lee SY**, Kotapati S, Kuti JL, Nightingale CH, Nicolau DP. 2006. Impact of extended-spectrum β -lactamase-producing *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella* species on clinical outcomes and hospital costs: a matched cohort study. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 27(11):1226-32.

Dr. Lee also gave the following presentation: **Lee SY**, Fan HW, Nicolau DP. Antibacterial effects of moxifloxacin and levofloxacin simulating epithelial lining fluid concentrations against community-acquired methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (CA-MRSA). (Abstract No. P2-037). 10th Western Pacific Congress on Chemotherapy and Infectious Diseases, Fukuoka International Congress center, Fukuoka, Japan, December 3-6, 2006.

Susan Mayhew, Pharm.D. has published the following article: **Mayhew, Susan L.** 2006. Parenteral nutrition in pre-term infants: a cornerstone of therapy. *TPN Therapy Today (Mayne Pharmaceuticals)* 2(6):1-5.

Sarah Melton, Pharm.D. has been appointed to the 2008 Recertification Committee of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists.