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WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

Spring has sprung here in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. The College ushered in the spring season by hosting its first Health Expo. This event was extremely successful with over 50 community participants joining our faculty and students in providing a multitude of health screenings and related education and guidance.

On May 15th, the Class of 2010 will participate in the graduation and hooding ceremony on campus. We are privileged to have Dr. Jerry Miller, President and Founder of Holston Medical Group, deliver the commencement address. Numerous exciting events are scheduled the week preceding graduation to honor our graduates and to highlight their accomplishments.

The College's pledge to provide excellent educators for our students continues as our faculty family welcomes Dr. Paul Gavasa as a new member to the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Social and Administrative Sciences. Dr. Gavasa has a Ph.D. in Pharmacy Administration and Pharmacoeconomics. We are also very pleased to announce that Dr. Randy Mullins has been promoted to the position of Chair for the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Susan Mayhew, PharmD

ACP HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL HONORS & AWARDS BANQUET

On March 18, 2010, the Appalachian College of Pharmacy (ACP) held its fourth annual Honors & Awards Ceremony in the gymnasium on campus. The Awards Ceremony recognizes students, faculty and staff for their academic and professional achievements during the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Susan Mayhew, the Dean of the College, welcomed the gathering and delivered opening remarks. Dr. Michael Lee, Assistant Dean of Student & Alumni Affairs, recognized and thanked those students who volunteered time to help with College functions. Dr. Lee also recognized the leaders of the ACP student organization for their time, dedication and service. The first award of the evening, recognizing outstanding commitment and service through volunteerism, the Student Volunteer of the Year Award, went to 3rd year student Saumil Vaghela.

The program then turned to academic awards with recognition for best student performance in the therapeutic, pharmaceutics and basic science portions of the curriculum from all three professional years. The ACP Awards for Academic Excellence, Community service, Outstanding Leadership, Distinguished Service, Professionalism and the Dean' Awards were awarded to one student in each class. These awards included a plaque and $100 generously donated by CVS Pharmacy. The ACP student body honored staff, faculty and preceptors for their outstanding contributions to ACP. Charles Breese, Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean, was presented with the Outstanding Science Teaching Award; Sarah Melton, Pharm.D., was honored with the Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award while Dr. Jennifer Campbell was recognized with the ACP Preceptor of Excellence Award. Dr. Richard Lockridge, of Clinch Valley Hospital in Richlands, VA, was recognized with the ACP Preceptor of the Year Award. Sherrie Baldwin was honored with the Administrative Staff Member of the Year Award.

Dean Susan Mayhew presents third-year student Saumil Vaghela with the Dean's Award.

Kristy Slone (right) presents Dr. Sarah Melton with the Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award.

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ACP STUDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL VPHA LEGISLATIVE DAY

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, ACP students attended the annual Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA) Legislative Day event. Legislative Day, which took place at the General Assembly Building in Richmond, Virginia, is an opportunity for student pharmacists to network with members of the Commonwealth House and Senate and promote issues related to pharmacy. ACP students met with the Delegate Joseph P. Johnson, Delegate James "Will" Morefield and Delegate Harvey Morgan, in addition to staff members for Delegate Morgan and Delegate Anne Crockett-Stark.

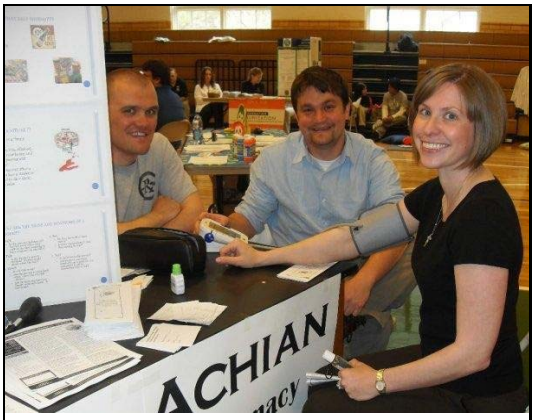
"I really enjoyed sitting with our local delegates in Richmond and discussing the current healthcare issues that are affecting the surrounding Appalachian region. The experience that I gained while visiting the House of Delegates and participating in the Health Fair on Legislative Day will be only better me as a professional and pharmacist", said Benjamin Nyboer, a P1 student who attended the event. ACP students, along with students from other Virginia pharmacy schools, also participated in blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screenings as part of the Health Fair held on the first floor of the General Assembly Building. The students who attended the event were: Saumil Vaghela (P3), Nnamdi Ezenyi (P2), Adam Sanders (P2), Kyla Holmes (P2), Benjamin Nyboer (P1), Daniel Puckett (P1); Katherine Blackburn (P1), Danny Neeley (P1) and Jonathan Troup (P1). ACP was also represented by faculty members Dr. Holly Hurley, VPhA chapter advisor, and Dr. Michael Lee, Assistant Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs.

ACP first and second year students visit with Delegate Will Morefield.

ACP HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL APPALACHIAN HEALTH EXPO

OFFERING FREE SCREENINGS AND EDUCATION TO THE COMMUNITY

ACP hosted the first annual Appalachian Health Expo on Monday, 29 March 2010 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Appalachian College of Pharmacy. ACP faculty members and students provided community members in attendance with access to multiple screenings including glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol, and bone density. Information about smoking cessation and immunizations, patient assistance programs, bone marrow donations, and nutrition were readily available. In addition to the student involvement, many community organizations were in attendance. The Marsh Regional Blood Center Bloodmobile even made it is way all the way from Kingsport and was overwhelmed with more volunteer donors than could donate in one day. The event was a great success and we are looking forward to next year!



ACP students (L to R) Allen Smith and Nick Anderson check the blood pressures of Health Expo participants.

COLLEGE TO HOST FIRST ON-CAMPUS COMMENCEMENT

2010 COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

The Appalachian College of Pharmacy will hold its annual commencement ceremony on May 15, 2010 where it will confer Doctor of Pharmacy degrees to the 64 members of the Class of 2010. The invitation and ticket only ceremony will be held in the gymnasium at the College's Campus at Oakwood, Virginia. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a light reception.

Jerry Miller, M.D., President and Founder of Holston Medical Group will serve as commencement speaker. Dr. Miller is a native of nearby Swords Creek, Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Richmond and his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia. In 1977, Dr. Miller founded the Holston Medical Group ("HMG") with four additional physicians in Kingsport, Tennessee. Today, HMG is a comprehensive, diversified group of nearly 150 primary care physicians, specialists and mid-level providers, with 24-hour medical /surgical coverage. HMG is one of the largest, most-respected, physician-led, multi-specialty groups in the southeastern United States. If you would like to learn more about HMG you can visit www.holstonmedicalgroup.com.

The graduation event schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 10, 2010	7:00 p.m.	**3rd Annual SGA Luau (All classes, faculty, and staff)**
Tuesday, May 11, 2010	7:00 p.m.	**Rho Chi Initiation Ceremony**
Wednesday, May 12, 2010	7:00 p.m.	**SGA Dinner/Dance (Invitation only)**
Thursday, May 13, 2010	1:00 p.m.	**Class of 2010 APPE Poster Session**
Friday, May 14, 2010	12:00 noon	**Class of 2010 Picnic**
Saturday, May 15, 2010	11:00am	**Hooding & Commencement Ceremony and Reception**

THE RATCLIFFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP AT ACP

Pictured above (L to R) Courtney Cole; Scott Cole, President of The Ratcliffe Foundation; William E. "Tobe" Rife, Director of The Ratcliffe Foundation; and Michael G. "Mickey" McGlothlin, President of ACP.

The Ratcliffe Foundation, a charitable foundation established by the late A.M. "Smiley" Ratliff, generously donated $20,000.00 to the Appalachian College of Pharmacy. The funds will be used to fund the A.M. "Smiley" Ratliff Scholarship at the College.

The College held a reception on March 16, 2010 to honor the generosity of The Ratcliffe Foundation and recognize Ms. Courtney Cole, the first recipient of the A. M. "Smiley" Ratliff Scholarship. Ms. Cole is a second year student at the College and is from Pounding Mill in Tazewell County, Virginia. Ms. Cole completed her undergraduate education at Southwest Virginia Community College and the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

APPALACHIAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ACHIEVES TOP 10 STANDING AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Appalachian College of Pharmacy ("ACP") recently placed nationally in the top ten (out of 125 entries) in three categories at the American Pharmacists Association ("APhA") Annual Meeting & Exposition in Washington, D.C. Second year ACP student Glenna King represented the College in the APhA National Patient Counseling Competition and placed in the top ten finalists. Mrs. King is a native of North Carolina and a registered nurse. Other schools of pharmacy with students finishing in the top ten in the National Patient Counseling Competition included Auburn University, University of California – San Francisco, University of Oklahoma, University of Montana, University of Cincinnati, University of North Carolina, Union University, Wilkes University, and Purdue.

(L to R) Adam Sanders, Danny Neeley, Kyla Holmes, Cole Wilder

ACP also placed within the top ten of all pharmacy schools nationwide in the APhA Pharmflix Video Contest. Schools across the nation submitted short films of three minutes or less consistent with the contest theme – "Being a pharmacist, means being a member of APhA." The videos were judged based on clarity, relevance, creativity, originality, motivation, inspiration, humor, overall impact, execution and professionalism. The ACP students representing the College in this competition were Andrea Deel, Kyla Holmes, Jessica Garrett, Taylor Giese, Danny Neeley, and Adam Sanders. ACP also placed within the top ten of all schools nationally in overall student participation in APhA. Over 90% of ACP students are members of APhA.

(L to R) Jenny Ray, Glenna King, and Billy King

Susan Mayhew, ACP's Dean, congratulated all the students involved and added that "these are significant achievements that place our College in the national spotlight. Dr. Mayhew also recognized Dr. Holly Hurley, faculty advisor to APhA, Dr. Donna Adkins, department chair, and faculty member Dr. Leah Hollon for their contribution to the students' success in the national competition: "All of our faculty members are instrumental in preparing our students for these competitions in particular and practicing pharmacy in general and we are so proud of them. Our students are routinely praised at our clinical rotation sites for their knowledge, professionalism and attitude and they and our faculty are what make our school stand out."

Front (L to R) Kyla Holmes, Jenny Ray, and Cole Wilder; Back (L to R) Danny Neeley and Adam Sanders

FOURTH ANNUAL HONORS AND AWARDS NIGHT

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Finally, ACP faculty presented awards to graduating third year students. Several sponsored awards included monetary awards, artwork, reference materials and plaques. Susan Na, a member of the Class of 2010, received the Virginia Society of Health Systems Pharmacy (VSHP) Excellence in Health Systems Pharmacy Student Award, which came with a plaque and $500 prize. Tony Vu, also a member of the Class of 2010, received the TEVA Outstanding Student Award and accompanying $200 prize. Dr. Donna Hazel, regional Pharmacy Recruiter for Rite Aid, was on hand to announce the Rite Aid Retail Management Award to Scott Kelly, which included a certificate and $500 prize. A reception followed the event in the student lounge.

ACP congratulates the students honored at the awards banquet and the entire student body for their hard work and dedication. The following is a list of those students honored with awards at the 2010 ACP Honors and Awards Night:

Student Volunteer of the Year	Saumil Vaghela
Best in Integrated Sciences	Amanda Hagerman
Best in Therapeutics	Juliana Fogleman
Best in Pharmaceutics	Brett Price
Highest GPA	Brett Price and Juliana Fogleman
Community Service Award	Daniel Puckett, Benjamin Gibson, and Saumil Vaghela
Outstanding Leadership Award	Benjamin Nyboer, Laurie Peery, and Mounish Patel
Distinguished Service Award	Daniel Puckett, Thomas Gambrel, and Saumil Vaghela
Professionalism Award	Daniel Puckett, Kyla Holmes, and Amy Meade
Academic Excellence Award	Robert Daniel Neeley, Whitney Burks, and Brett Price
Dean's Award	Jonathan Troup, Billy King, and Saumil Vaghela
Eli Lilly Achievement Award	Megan Burket
TEVA Outstanding Student Award	Tony Vu
VSHP Excellence in Health System Pharmacy Award	Susan Na
Facts &Comparisons Award of Excellence In Clinical Communication	Natasha Combs
Merck Awards	Fadeke Olanegan and Danh Phan
Rite Aid Retail Management Award	Scott Kelly
NCPA Outstanding Student Award	NgocThuy Nguyen
Natural Medicine Comprehensive Database Recognition Award	Nicholas George
Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award	Jared Padgett
Clinical Excellence in Ambulatory Care Award	Tony Vu
VPhA Student Award	Adriann Deguzman
VSHP Student Leadership Award	Megan Burket
Rxportfolio National Achievement Award	Lisa Thomas
Outstanding Science Teaching Award	Dr. Charles Breese
Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award	Dr. Sarah Melton
Preceptor of Excellence Award	Dr. Jennifer Campbell
Preceptor of the Year Award	Dr. Richard Lockridge, Clinch Valley Medical Center
Staff Member of the Year Award	Mrs. Sherrie Baldwin

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ACP AND ASL COMPETE FOR CHARITY

ACP and ASL students participate in the Clash of the Coalfields.

On April 11, 2010, students from the Appalachian College of Pharmacy and the Appalachian School of Law participated in the second annual Clash of the Coalfields for a trophy and to support Backpacks for Blessings a local charity that provides backpacks to needy children. The events were Tug-of-War, Dodge Ball, Water Balloon Launch and Catch, and an amazing relay race that consisted of toilet paper wrapping, dizzy running, find-the-gum in the flour and blow a bubble, blindfolded puzzle making, three-legged race, and a human pyramid built by the team members. At the end of the day, ASL took home the trophy yet again. ACP students formed four teams for the event: Southern RxPosure, Big Medicine, The Pill Pushers, and The Vasoconstrictors. All ACP teams did a great job and The Vasoconstrictors took second place to the law school. However, the real winners are the over 400 children who will receive backpacks filled with food and school supplies. The SGA wishes to thank Kristy Sloan, Daniel Puckett, and Levi McAllister for organizing ACP team and all the students that participated in this exciting event.

PDC HOSTS REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

The Gamma Gamma Chapter at the Appalachian College of Pharmacy of Phi Delta Chi hosted the Southeast Regional Conference over the weekend of April 9-11,2010. Fourteen different pharmacy schools from across the Southeastern United States participated in a weekend of education on how to promote and foster fraternal spirit and leadership within their chapters. Laurie Peery, Worth Chief Counselor, described the weekend as "a wonderful success with an outstanding representation on what students from the Appalachian College of Pharmacy are able to organize." The fraternity has been involved in a number of community service related activities. PDC is proud to have participated in the Osteoporosis Screening To EveryOne (OSTEO) Project. This project raised awareness of osteoporosis through screening, consultation, and education. The project provided over 600 low cost and free bone density scans, educated over 1800 community members and saved the community over $55,000. Additionally, Phi Delta chi also donated over $3,800 dollars to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The donation was made possible through a very successful letter writing campaign and a Candy Rose sale fundraiser in February.

KAPPA PSI BROTHERS ATTEND REGIONAL CONCLAVE AND HOST SUCCESSFUL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Kappa Psi Epsilon Delta Chapter has had a busy semester. In January, six Brothers attend the Province III conclave in Charleston, South Carolina. The Delta Chapter is proud to report that Brother Evan Tatum was elected to the province executive committee as Province III Historian at the conclave.

In February the Delta Chapter sponsored a community education event at the local Food City and Walmart about cardiac awareness and heart healthy living. Brothers offered customers advice on healthy lifestyle changes, body mass indexes, blood glucose monitoring, and heart healthy recipes.

The vast majority of the semester has been devoted to the organizing the 2nd Annual Kappa Psi Epsilon Delta Chapter Charity Golf Tournament at Clear Creek Golf Club in Bristol, Virginia. The tournament, held on April 10, was a described by Evan Tatum, Delta Chapter Regent, as "a huge success that will permit the Chapter to help support *New Beginnings*, a long-term substance abuse treatment center/ program in Southwest Virginia."