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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

This is our inaugural Graduation Edition of *The Script* to celebrate what was truly a very special inaugural event. On May 17, 2008, UACP awarded 67 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees to the Class of 2008. The ceremony was described by one member of the board of trustees as "joyous, celebratory and interactive" and I agree. We thank all those who contributed to the planning and operation of graduation, including our inaugural commencement speaker Lucinda Maine, Ph.D., from the American Associate of Colleges of Pharmacy. The University also thanks its many benefactors and patrons, without whom the inaugural graduation would not have been possible. The University wishes its new graduates the best of luck on their boards and congratulates those who have already passed and are licensed.

The Class of 2008 is already helping to fulfill UACP's mission of serving rural and underserved areas in Appalachia. Two months after graduation, 97% of the Class of 2008 is employed and 79% have taken jobs in Appalachia serving rural populations, specifically in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina.

While we say goodbye to the Class of 2008, we also say goodbye to Dr. Eleanor Sue Cantrell, M.D., who served as UACP's Dean and UA's president since 2006. Dr. Cantrell is leaving us greater than she found us and we owe her a great debt for her dedication and services to UACP. We are pleased that she will be serving as a consultant for us during the transition and to help with our accreditation processes and community outreach. Her help will be invaluable. As we say goodbye to those very important people in regard to UACP's progress and history, we enthusiastically welcome Dean Arun Jadhav, Ph.D., our leader for the future. He has extensive experience in academia, specifically curriculum development, assessment and the multitude of tasks necessary for maintaining quality educational programs. He has most recently helped with the launching of a new pharmacy school in California and is familiar with the accreditation process. We welcome him and his wife, Kumidini to UACP and to Buchanan County.

We look forward to what will be an exciting remainder of 2008 and thank each and every one of you for your support.



Frank Kilgore, Chair
University of Appalachia

FIRST UACP CLASS GRADUATES 67

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The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy celebrated its first annual commencement on Saturday with the graduating Class of 2008. A total of 67 students made up the first graduating class of UACP where they all received their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees and ceremonial robes at Riverview Elementary/Middle School. The ceremony began with the marching of the students and the singing of the National Anthem by Audra Chafin.

"This is truly a day that belongs to the members of our charter class, their family, friends and loved ones," Founding Chairman Frank Kilgore said to the students. On behalf of UACP, Kilgore thanked the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors for having a vision and the resources to help bring the educational institution to life. "They had a similar vision when they supported the Appalachian School of Law," Kilgore said. In addition, Kilgore also thanked Buchanan County Attorney Mickey McGlothlin, along with the McGlothlin Foundation and the United Foundation for their support. Also, Kilgore thanked the staff and faculty of UACP, and recognized Dr. Sue Cantrell, Dean of UACP. "This day belongs to you as much as it does anyone else," Kilgore said to Cantrell. "You may not have helped start our school, but you made it grow and mature and you put us on the right path for success."



Eural Viers, Pharm.D., was
elected by the Class of 2008
to serve as the student
graduation speaker.

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Cantrell, who opened up the ceremony, introduced the commencement speaker, Dr. Lucinda Maine, to address the graduating class. Maine is the Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Maine previously served as Senior Vice President for Policy, Planning and Communications with the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and served on the faculty at the University of Minnesota where she practiced in the field of geriatrics and was an associate dean at the Samford University College of Pharmacy. Maine is a graduate of Auburn University and received her doctorate at the University of Minnesota. In 2004, Maine was recognized by the APhA Academy of Students of Pharmacy with the Linwood F. Tice Friend of APhA-ASP Award. Maine addressed the students and reminded them of the chances that will be available to them as they pursue their careers in pharmacy.

"I envy today's graduates because of the opportunities that will lay before them," Maine said. One of the most important goals for the graduating students, Maine said, was to open doors to continue the development of pharmacy, which is still advancing with the help of modern technology. "To paraphrase Frank Kilgore, 'You are pioneers, not guinea pigs,'" Maine told the students. "Despite all of the changes made in health care, there is still a great need for change." Also, Maine encouraged the graduating class to pursue their careers in rural, underdeveloped areas as well as practicing pharmacy in the Appalachian region due to the need for better health care, especially the need for well-trained pharmacists. She stressed the importance of community service and helping others in need rather than just distributing pharmaceutical needs to patients. She said community service is also beneficial to better health care. Working with community members, health care professionals and other pharmacists was also encouraged by Maine to provide the best health care possible to individuals who need it. "You leave here with the vision and the tools," Maine said. "The other part of the equation is hard work."

Cantrell also introduced Class President Eural Viers, who served as the student speaker at the commencement ceremony. During his tenure at UACP, Viers served as president of the Student Government Association for three years, served one year as vice president of political affairs and served as a member of the Honors, Ethics and Professionalism Committee. Viers has also been on the dean's list at UACP and is the recipient of the Lamar Cox Scholarship, UACP Leadership Awards, the NCPA Scholarship and was inducted into Rho Chi, the pharmacy professional honor society which he serves as president.

"Today, we close our student chapters here at UACP," Viers said. "It's been a great experience." Viers reflected on small, but cheerful memories serving as a student at the pharmacy school and said he would miss the times he spent at UACP as well as his classmates. In his address, Viers also stressed the importance of community service which will benefit many areas in health care, especially in rural areas and the Appalachian region. He said the students have plenty of experience by conducting over 3,000 hours of community service. "I believe these students will be great pharmacists," Viers said. "They will be great representatives of UACP." Assistant Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs Whitney Caudill assisted in awarding the Doctor of Pharmacy degrees to the graduating students of UACP.



Retired professor, Dr. Lanny Foss, served as the inaugural macebearer, leading the academic procession opening the ceremony. The Appalachia School of Law generously loaned UACP its mace for the inaugural ceremony.



Lucinda Maine, Ph.D. Vice-President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy served as commencement speaker in which she congratulated the Class of 2008 on its commitment to community services and remaining in Central Appalachia and fulfilling UACP's mission of serving rural and under-served communities within Appalachia and throughout the world.

SECOND ANNUAL HONORS & AWARDS NIGHT

On May 15, 2008, UACP held its second annual Honors & Awards night. This year's awards night was part of graduation week and honored first, second and graduating students for their academic and professional achievements during the 2008-2009 academic year. Dr. Sue Cantrell, dean, opened the program with a welcome focusing on the recognition of the student body's hard work throughout the year. Dr. Ted Hagen performed the invocation. The mistress of ceremonies was Assistant Dean of Student & Alumni Affairs began by recognizing student volunteers, student workers and student government and organization leaders. The inaugural graduation committee was also recognized for their work planning UACP's inaugural graduation. The program then turned to awards for community service hours, highest, GPA and best student performance in the therapeutic, pharmaceuticals and basic science portions of the curriculum. UACP's annual awards for leadership, academic excellence, community service and professionalism were awarded to one student in each class. Finally, UACP faculty and representatives from industry and retail pharmacy corporations presented awards to graduating students. Several of these sponsored awards included monetary awards, artwork, reference materials and plaques. The following is a list of those students honored with awards at the 2008 UACP Honors and Awards Night:

Best in Integrated Basic Science (P1): Danh Phan

Best in Therapeutics (P2): Jennifer Hasis

Best in Pharmaceutics/Compounding Laboratory (P1): Adriann Deguzman

Best in Pharmaceutics/Compounding Laboratory (P1): Nicholas George

Best in Pharmaceutics/Compounding Laboratory (P2): Edgar Talbott

P3 Highest GPA: Emily Blackwell, Matthew Bledsoe, Amanda Blankenship, Derek Webb, Rebecca Webb

P2 Highest GPA: Thomas Adams, Adam Stitt

P1 Highest GPA: Adriann Deguzman, Danh Phan

UACP Dean's Award: Adriann Deguzman, Jennifer Hasis, Eural Viers

UACP Academic Excellence in Pharmacy Award: Danh Phan, Zankhana Patel, Matthew Bledsoe

UACP Professionalism Award: Saamil Vaghela, Noella Mbah, Bryan Fields

UACP Distinguished Service Award: Shana Humes, Jeri Lynn Howard, Jacqueline Hackney

UACP Outstanding Leadership Award: Joshua Spackey, Wendy Fleenor, Eural Viers

UACP Community Service: Emily Blackwell, Jacqueline Hackney

UACP Excellence in Clinical Teaching: Sarah Melton

UACP Outstanding Science Teaching: Charles Breese

UACP Administrative Staff Member of the Year: Sherrie Baldwin

UACP Preceptor of the Year: Steve Berger

Eli Lilly Achievement Award: Matthew Bledsoe

Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy: Kristen Church

TEVA Outstanding Student: Derek Webb

VPhA Foundation Award: Bryan Fields

VSHP Excellence in Health System Pharmacy Student Award: Emily Blackwell

APhA Academy of Students of Pharmacy Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award: Jason Bell

Facts and Comparisons Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication: Aimee Gibbs

Merck MedCem: Derek Webb, Rebecca Webb

Pharmacist's Letter Natural Medicine Comprehensive Database Recognition Award: Jeremy Smith

Rite Aid Retail Management Award: Paul Michael Burchett

ROCHE Pharmacy Communications Award: Amanda Hall

ROCHE Preceptor of the Year: Dr. Cathy Lawson

NCPA Award: Shana Humes (08), Sheel Patel (07)

C-Health Award: Jacqueline Hackney

History of Pharmacy Award: Amanda Blankenship

WalMart Scholarship Award: Kristen Lytton, Bryan Fields, Clint Lawson



UACP Student Volunteers 2007-2008



UACP Faculty



UACP Graduation Committee

FIRST ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy hosted its first annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The dinner was to honor individuals from the community who generously volunteer their time and resources to support the College and its mission. Attendees at the Volunteer Dinner dined on prime rib and salmon in UACP's lecture hall at the Garden Campus. Dr. Sue Cantrell spoke briefly about each volunteer's contribution and stressed the importance of community involvement and sincerely thanked each volunteer. The following is a list of the individuals recognized for their volunteerism and service:



Volunteer honorees enjoy the buffet.



Chris Mitchell, Vice President at New People's Bank visits with Vickie Keene, UACP Registrar.

Annamaria Amodei
Sam Bartley
Kemper Bausell
Steve Berger
Carroll Branham
Henry Cantrell
Cochran Industries
Zach Cochran
Gary Cochran
Sandy Cole
Scott Cole
Lodge Compton
Sandy Cook
Sherri Dawson
Lucius Ellsworth
Mark Estep
Mary Ann Gettman
Helping Hands Medical Supply
Melanie Hibbitts
Bob Hillman
Craig Horn
Leslie Horne
Rose Hurley
Joan Jamison

Debra Jones
Tom Justus
Frank Kilgore
Jean Kilgore
Charles King
Cathy Lawson
Tony Lawson
Tammy Lester
Brian Looney
Becky Loudon
Marilyn Maxwell
Michael McGlothlin
Tom McGlothlin
Martha McGlothlin Gayle
Frannie Minton
Chris Mitchell
David Moore
Rod Moore
Dwight Owens
Parker Owens
Jeff Porter
Joan Porter
Roger Powers
Chuck Price

Ron Proffitt
Connie Ratliff
Roy Reasor
Roger Rife
Ginger Robertson
Jina Sauls
Phyllis Scott
Thomas R. Scott
David Shanahan
Marian Shanaha
Wes Shin
Becky Stevenson
Clint Sutherland
Carlos Tam
Joel Thornbury
Bob Tomlinson
Leanne VanMeter
Jim Viers
Diana Wallace
Tom Witten

STUDENTS INITIATED INTO RHO CHI HONOR SOCIETY

As part of graduation week activities, the Delta Alpha Chapter of the Rho Chi Honor Society at UACP initiated new members into Rho Chi from the Class of 2008 and 2009. The ceremony was held at the Buchanan County First Presbyterian Church and conducted by Rho Chi faculty advisor, Dr. David Gettman and featured Rho Chi national office representative Dr. Gary Stoehr. The initiation ritual was conducted by the Rho Chi officers from the Class of 2008, Eural Viers, president, Bryan Fields, vice-president, Shawna Blankenship, treasurer, Kristin Colyer, secretary, and Amanda Blankenship, historian. The Rho Chi Society encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. Historian Amanda Blankenship, member of the Class of 2008, stated that "it is an absolute honor to be a charter member and officer of Rho Chi. I agree with the mission of Rho Chi and am proud to be a part of this prestigious organization."

The following members of the Class of 2008 were inducted into Rho Chi: Emily Blackwell, Amanda Blankenship, Shawna Blankenship, Matthew Bledsoe, Katie Chase, Kristin Colyer, Brandi Cooper, Kerri Deel, Bryan Fields, Larissa Taylor, Eural Viers, Derek Webb, and Rebecca Webb

The following members of the Class of 2009 were inducted into Rho Chi: Thomas Adams, Gavin Counts, Seth Graham, Jennifer Hasis, Jeri Howard, Mital Patel, Chastity Robinson, Mohamad Salem, Tabitha Stanley, Kalina Stevens, Adam Stitt, and Edgar Talbott.



Class of 2008 Rho Chi Officers participate in the inaugural Rho Chi Initiation at UACP.

ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE WITH A POPULATION HEALTH-BASED FOCUS

The mission of the UACP is to improve the health and well-being of the citizens of Central Appalachia. Central Appalachia has significant health disparities compared with the Commonwealth of Virginia. The population experiences a poverty rate double that of Virginia and educational attainment 20% lower than the rest of the state. Chronic diseases, risk factors, and mortality rates are consistently higher in Central Appalachia as compared with the Commonwealth. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy calls on colleges of pharmacy to serve as a resource and catalyst for conducting research in the practice community. UACP seized an opportunity to develop an innovative advanced pharmacy practice (APPE) rotation that was supportive of the mission of the College, based on core public health principles and practice, and was research oriented.

The College developed the Community Health and Wellness Rotation during the 2007-2008 academic year. All students in their final year of the professional degree program are required to take the 5-week rotation. The ultimate goal of the rotation is to improve population health in Central Appalachia both short-term through the projects themselves and long-term by preparing pharmacists to take active roles in community health in their future professional lives.

During the rotation, students partnered with other students and faculty to develop a project in public health that could be completed during a 5-week rotation, or during a follow-up rotation with peers six-months later. All projects were supported by literature or research-based data and indicated that the population affected and the intervention planned would be expected to contribute to an improved state of health. The Institutional Review Board at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine approved twenty research protocols as part of the Community Health and Wellness Rotation. Examples of projects included a tobacco cessation program in coal miners; implementation of the Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health (CATCH) program in the Buchanan County school system; health literacy and understanding medication labels; and other projects that dealt with diabetes, COPD, hypertension, fluoride use, colorectal cancer screening, and human papillomavirus vaccination. All students presented final data in poster format in May 2008.



Nicole Nuckles, Jackie Hackney, Dr. Sarah Melton, Associate Professor/Preceptor, Lindsay Monroe, Lauren Clevinger and Laura Beth Jenks present their poster on the Tobacco Cessation project they developed and monitored.



Colton Marcum, Mary Catherine O'Dell, Andrea Cowan Miracle and Beth Ray McConnell present their posters at the Graduation Week Poster Presentation.

UACP'S GRADUATES FULFILLING THE COLLEGE'S MISSION TO SERVE

University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy (UACP) announces its placement rate with the first graduating class. UACP awarded 67 Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees in May 2008. Of the 67 graduates, 53 graduates of UACP's charter class, or 79%, have accepted jobs in the Appalachia Region, as defined by the Appalachia Regional Commission. Frank Kilgore, Chairman of Board of Trustee of UACP, stated that "having 53 graduates accepting jobs in the central Appalachia Region will improve health care." Kilgore added, "The school's mission was to provide health care for the citizens of the central Appalachia Region and this furthers that mission."

Fifty-four graduates have accepted jobs at community pharmacies with 1 graduate participating in a residency program, 11 graduate have accepted jobs at hospitals with 2 graduates continuing with a hospital residency program, and 1 graduate has accepted a job at an academic setting. Furthermore, of those that have accepted jobs at community pharmacies, the placement by company is as follows:

CVS-6	Target-1
Food City-3	Walgreens-7
Kroger-4	Wal-Mart-9
Rite-Aid-9	Independent-12

Terry Kilgore, Dean of Institutional Advancement of UACP, stated "two months after graduation UACP has a 98% placement rate, this is an accomplishment not only for the school, but for our region." Kilgore added, "Our faculty and staff really stepped-up to the plate and made sure that this first graduating class was successful. I commend our Dean, Sue Cantrell, the entire faculty and staff, and the community for making this announcement possible."

Dean Sue Cantrell stated "Our mission of serving communities in the Appalachia Region is being fulfilled. We are very excited about the roles that our pharmacy students will play in empowering health care in our area."







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

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education ("ACPE") voted to advance the University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy to Candidate Status in June 2007. Graduates of a class designated as having candidate status have the same rights and privileges as graduates of a program that has accreditation status. For more information regarding accreditation by ACPE please see www.acpe-accredit.org.

CONSOL ENERGY AND CNX GAS ANNOUNCE \$500,000 GIFT TO UACP

GRUNDY, VA (June 24, 2008) - CONSOL Energy Inc. (NYSE:CNX) and CNX Gas Corporation (NYSE:CXG), along with The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy jointly announced today a \$500,000 gift to the college. The gift, to be provided equally by CONSOL Energy and CNX Gas, will be applied toward the cost of a second building now under construction on the college's Garden campus in Buchanan County, Va.

"We recognize the value of the school to Buchanan County and the support it enjoys from local residents and government officials in the county," said J. Brett Harvey, CONSOL Energy president and chief executive officer. "Energy production is an important part of Buchanan County's economic profile, including the Buchanan Mine, which is the second largest employer in Buchanan County. However, we felt a substantial commitment to the pharmacy school construction project would help the county to diversify its economic base."

"CNX Gas is committed to the success and the future of Buchanan County," said CNX Gas President and Chief Executive Officer, Nicholas J. DeJuliis. "We visited the pharmacy school last fall and we were impressed with what we saw — both the commitment of the people involved and the impact of the college on the community. The new building seemed an obvious way to support the school as it builds for the future." Mickey McGlothlin, a member of the University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy board of trustees and chairman of the school's building committee, recognized the generosity of both companies.

"I sincerely appreciate the donation from CNX Gas and CONSOL Energy to the University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy," McGlothlin said. "It will significantly assist the pharmacy school in its efforts to provide our students with an education second to none and to enhance healthcare in our region. This contribution by CNX Gas and CONSOL Energy, along with CONSOL Energy's recent announcement that the Buchanan Mine will treat its mine water by reverse osmosis are very positive indications that CNX Gas and CONSOL Energy are working with our region to balance community and environmental needs with energy production."

Both CONSOL Energy and CNX Gas have substantial investments in energy production facilities in Buchanan County. In 2007, the two companies and their subsidiaries had more than 650 employees in southwest Virginia with an aggregate payroll of \$50 million.

A formal presentation of the contribution will be celebrated at a date to be announced later this summer.