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WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

As we greet a New Year, 2008 certainly promises to be an exciting and very busy one. Plans are well underway for the inaugural graduation, to be held on May 17, 2008. The Class of 2008 graduation committee has been meeting for several months, with leadership from Assistant Dean Caudill, providing student input into planning the program for the week leading up to graduation, as well as the graduation and hooding ceremony itself and other key concluding observances. Look for more detailed information about graduation week and the ceremony on the website as the date draws closer.

We have recently completed community health and wellness rotations for the P3 year. These rotations require students to identify a

health problem in Appalachia, research the literature and find evidence-based interventions that would be expected to improve the health problem. Several projects were very well done and will likely be continued into future years, as we look at community needs, desires, and our ability to make and measure a difference from our work. These projects and the PICS program are only two tangible indications of the commitment of the University to fulfilling our mission of community service and improving the health of medically underserved communities.

As we look forward, let's keep the enthusiasm and energy focused on the great accomplishments that have been achieved in the four short years of this University, and go forward with renewed vigor to lead the college to even greater heights.



Eleanor Sue Cantrell, MD

UACP HOLDS WHITE COAT CEREMONY

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Sixty-seven members of the University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy Class of 2010 participated in a white coat ceremony on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Grundy High School.

A common ritual in many medical and pharmacy schools, the white coat ceremony, where students literally receive the traditional and familiar white medical coats, signifies the student taking on the cloak of professional responsibility to the patient, profession, and community.

"The white coat is a powerful symbol of their responsibilities as pharmacists," UACP Dean Sue Cantrell said in welcoming those in attendance, including members of the school's board of trustees, as well as faculty, staff and current UACP students.

Many friends and family members of the incoming UACP students attended the ceremony, with several actively

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

These are exciting times for the University of Appalachia and our PharmD program. It is hard to believe but our charter class will be graduating in May. The opportunities they have to be gainfully employed and make a difference in the communities they serve are virtually unlimited.

Due to the hard work of our trustees, leadership team, faculty and staff, the UACP pioneer class will graduate from a candidate status program and be able to sit for the national boards. A lot of that credit goes to the students themselves for the progress we have made. They have been standouts in state and national competitions and receive rave reviews from preceptors, clinical sites, sponsors and recruiters for their professionalism, subject matter knowledge and maturity.

Under the steady guidance of Dr. Sue Cantrell and her team, we have come a long way. As we near this milestone event, let's always keep focused on the emerging classes and how to help improve upon our reputation for quality each successive year. I am certain that from our charter class will come mentors, sponsors, benefactors, professors and emissaries for our program. I know I speak for our entire board of trustees when I say: I can't wait.

Frank Kilgore, Founder and Chairman, University of Appalachia

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GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW UACP BUILDING

Construction has officially begun on UACP's Garden Campus at Oakwood, Virginia. UACP contractors, J.A. Street & Associates and Matney Construction in collaboration with architects at Thompson & Litton, are preparing the site for the construction of a new academic building. The building will consist of approximately 30,000 square feet and will house two classrooms, a faculty lab, model pharmacy and faculty office space.



UACP CHAPTER OF THE RHO CHI SOCIETY

UACP has begun the process of starting a chapter of the Rho Chi Society, which encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. Membership in Rho Chi is a prestigious honor offered to pharmacy students whose academic success places them in the top 20% of their class. Faculty members whose academic and scholarly contributions and achievement are of similar caliber and who have an appointment in a pharmacy school may also be nominated for membership. Five present faculty members are already members of Rho Chi Society, having been selected while in the pharmacy school from which they graduated: Drs. Susan Mayhew (Tenn), Sarah Melton (VCU), Ray Weber (Maryland), David Gettman (Florida) and Sue Cantrell (VCU). The following students and faculty have been selected for membership in the UACP charter chapter of The Rho Chi Society:

From the Class of 2008: Emily Blackwell, Amanda Blankenship, Shawna Blankenship, Matthew Bledsoe, Kristin Colyer, Brandi Cooper, Kerri Deel, Bryan Fields, Katie Marsh Chase, Larissa Taylor, Eural Viers, Derek Webb and Rebecca Webb.



Back Row, L to R: Sue Cantrell, D. Raymond Weber, Adam Stitt,
Charles Breese
Middle Row, L to R: Tabitha Stanley, Susan Mayhew, Donna Adkins
Front Row, L to R: Kalina Stevens, Mital Patel

From the Class of 2009: Thomas Adams, Mital Patel, Chastity Robinson, Tabitha Stanley, Kalina Stevens and Adam Stitt.

From the UACP Faculty: Donna Adkins, Charles Breese, Su Young Lee and Jerry Nesamony.

PHI DELTA CHI CHAPTER FOUNDED

UACP has recently founded a local chapter of the Phi Delta Chi Professional Fraternity, which was officially recognized by the Executive Director of Phi Delta Chi on November 11, 2007. The founding fathers of the Gamma Gamma chapter are: David Steinberg, Aaron Steven Burnette, Steven Finkenbinder, Shannon Haynes, Kim Ho, Kynsi L. Kline, Anita Koshy, Michael Logsdon, Lara A. May, Abdolali "Alex" Moradimehr, Zankhana Patel, Mohamad Salem and Adam Stitt.

The UACP charter pledge class began with great momentum. The Brothers have already organized a week long Diabetes Education program at Food City, which reached over 100 Buchanan County residents, with the assistance of Frannie Minton, owner of Appalachian Family Care. Other local chapter events included a movie night at the Garden Campus Lecture Hall, barbecuing at the Breaks Interstate Park and rafting down the New River in West Virginia. As a recognized UACP organization, the Brothers were granted the use of the official UACP logo to create UACP apparel, for

which they have published a catalog with a constantly expanding line of clothing and memorabilia (available on the UACP website).

The Gamma Gamma chapter will be initiating the second class in March of 2009 to include first and second year students. The chapter also looks forward to fostering relationships with alumni and future PDC Brothers in the Appalachian region. The legacy of Phi Delta Chi, the first national professional pharmacy fraternity at UACP, is an example of professionalism and scholastic excellence to the University community and beyond.

The Phi Delta Chi Professional Fraternity was founded at the University of Michigan. Today, there are over 60 active chapters across the United States at colleges of pharmacy. The mission of Phi Delta Chi is to develop leaders and advance the profession of pharmacy. The Brothers strive to provide quality services to our patients, thereby advancing public health and strengthening ourselves as health professionals. Phi Delta Chi is a coed professional fraternity.

SECOND ANNUAL CAREER FAIR AND ETIQUETTE DINNER

UACP held its Second Annual Career Fair and Etiquette Dinner on Thursday, November 8, 2007, followed by an Interview Day on November 9. Students in the P1, P2, and P3 classes were able to meet and network with over 40 representatives from more than 20 companies. Practitioners, recruiters, and students met to provide and exchange information regarding career opportunities, mentoring, experiential opportunities, tuition assistance, and scholarships. Students were able to gain a better understanding of future career opportunities, discover employment opportunities, develop their networking skills, and obtain information about tuition assistance programs. Food City Pharmacy sponsored boxed lunches for both days.

The career fair is an important part of the professional development program at UACP. David Steinberg, a P2 student, found the networking opportunities to be helpful: “The career fair provided me with an invaluable experience. I spoke with representatives from all over the country and was able to catch up with people I met at the APhA Midyear Meeting. I learned about a wide range of employment opportunities in my home town of Chicago, as well as regional opportunities.”

Third year pharmacy students used Interview Day to formally interview for positions following graduation in May. Bryan Fields summarized his experience: “One of the primary concerns of the senior pharmacy student is trying to narrow down employment opportunities. Interview Day helped me to narrow my choices by being able to speak with a great number of local and national pharmacies in both the retail and health-system environments. It was a tremendous help to see who was hiring, what benefit packages they were offering, and where they were going clinically with their business.”

The Etiquette Dinner, held at Southwest Virginia Community College, is an extension of the Communications and Professional Development course taught during the fall semester of the P1 year. Part of this semester-long class is devoted to business and dining etiquette. Students learn and demonstrate the art of making small talk, making introductions, and writing thank you notes through lecture and active learning exercises. In addition, they learn how to conduct and participate in business meetings, how to use appropriate “netiquette,” and how to handle themselves in a formal dinner setting.

During the dinner, students were able to sit and network with representatives from several different pharmacy corporations that generously sponsored the program. Sponsors for the program included Wal-Mart, Rite Aid, CVS/Pharmacy, Walgreens, Kmart Pharmacy, Kroger, Food City, Target, Harris Teeter, Mutual Wholesale, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, and HCA Richmond. Dr. Shannon Pisarchick, Regional Talent Specialist for Wal-Mart, was the keynote speaker for the evening.

Saumil Vaghela, a P1 student, found the dinner to be a valuable experience. “The etiquette dinner was a welcome challenge in which our practical skills were put to the test. These skills were not for the benefit of our patients, but rather for our profession. We were able to practice our etiquette and communication skills while networking with pharmacy professionals in a formal dinner setting.”

UACP looks forward to the Third Annual Career Fair, Etiquette Dinner, and Interview Day, which will be held in the fall of 2008. Please visit www.uacp.org in the spring for registration information, or contact Sarah Melton at smelton@uacp.org



P1 student James Clevinger meets with a representative from Mutual Drug.



Etiquette dinner attendees arrive at the Charles R. King Community Center at SwVCC.

WHITE COAT

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participating in the coating process. The students and their families were led into the GHS auditorium to begin the ceremony, prior to keynote speaker Rebecca Snead, R.Ph., executive vice president of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, delivering the afternoon's address.

"The white coat is more than a worn out lab coat," she said. "It's the coat of lifelong learning." Snead urged the incoming students to put their communities first both now and after they begin their professional careers, explaining how important it is to give back to communities that have played a role in nurturing students in the field of pharmacy.

"Think about our community and its support of the education process," she said of Buchanan County. "I challenge you to be the one that helps [patients in the community]. Remember, the words you speak while wearing that coat may ultimately be the most important part of their treatment." Snead challenged the students, telling them a story of how her hometown pharmacist gave her work to support herself while she herself was studying to become a pharmacist. That, she said, was a prime example of contributing to the community's educational process.

"On this day, you will pledge your commitment to this profession," she continued. "Never forget this is a caring profession. I challenge you to go the extra mile for this amazing profession."



PRECEPTING PEARLS

Providing students with an orientation to your site is one of the most critical elements in integrating them effectively to your practice and establishing a good learning experience. Extra time invested during the first few days of a student's rotation will set the stage for a higher level of student autonomy and a better integration into your practice. The following are a few tips to start the learning experience off on the right track.

EXPERIENTIAL NEWS

Student evaluations are now available online at www.uacp.org. Detailed instructions are available in the Experiential Education section of the website under "EMS". There you will find the login portal for the Education Management System and preceptor instructions for using EMS. Click on "Evaluations" to complete student evaluations.

Upon completion of the rotation please remember to print a copy of the final student evaluation for your student and one for your files. The Office of Experiential Education will receive a copy of the final evaluation electronically after you click on "Complete". If you have questions about this process please contact us at 276-498-4190 or at rotations@uacp.org.

Develop an orientation packet containing:

- Site map (follow up with a tour).
- List of staff (follow up with personal introductions).
- Orientation to site-specific policies and procedures.
- Syllabus (review learning objectives and expectations).
- Rotation schedule to outline activities and due dates.

Get to know your student by:

- Sharing your practice philosophy, background, and training.
- Asking the student to share their: 1) professional goals, 2) perceived strengths and weaknesses, and 3) specific goals and objectives that they would like to accomplish during the rotation.
- Reviewing their portfolio to see past practice experiences and projects.

We encourage all preceptors to develop an orientation packet and we will be happy to help you in the process.



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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.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Su Lee presented the following posters at the Society of Integrative Oncology International Meeting, San Francisco, Calif., November 13-17, 2007:

Lee SK, Seo YK, Kim EH, Jung HS, Kim KS, Yoon SW, Kim SH, Cheon SH, Lee JJ, **Lee SY**, Eo WK, Choi WC. Short Term Survival Rate of Relapsed Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer by Traditional Korean Cancer Treatment.

Lee SK, Jung HS, Kim KS, Seo YK, Kim EH, Yoon SW, Kim SH, Cheon SH, Lee JJ, Eom SK, Lim SJ, **Lee SY**, Eo WK, Choi WC. Cancer Outcome of Stage IV Lung Atypical Carcinoid Case Treated with Allergen Removed Rhus Verniciflua Stokes Extracts.

Lee SK, Seo YK, Kim EH, Jung HS, Kim KS, Yoon SW, Kim SH, Eom SK, Cheon SH, Lee JJ, Lim SJ, **Lee SY**, Eo WK, Choi WC. Cancer Outcome of Renal Cell Carcinoma Case with Multiple Lung Metastases Managed with Traditional Korean Cancer Treatment.

Dr. Susan Mayhew gave the following presentation: *Metabolic Complications Associated with Parenteral Nutrition Therapy*. American Society of Health-System Pharmacists 42nd Midyear Clinical Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, December 2, 2007.

Dr. Frederick Tejada presented the following poster at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, Calif., Nov. 3-7, 2007. Messer, WS, **Tejada FR**, Nagy PI, Xu M, Wuebker K, Rao PS, Dorsey J. Design, synthesis and pharmacological characterization of selective muscarinic agonists (Poster #41.3).