



University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy

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## MEET THE DEAN . . . ELEANOR SUE CANTRELL, MD

As the inaugural class at UACP welcomed the second entering class, and as former and new faculty, staff and administrative personnel settled in to the beginning of a new academic year, a sense of accomplishment is already felt. Premature, you challenge? Indisputably, there remain several significant milestones ahead. But consider these accomplishments already to be celebrated.

The profession of pharmacy seems at times under appreciated for its contribution to community health. An important part of the mission of UACP is community service, in an effort to improve community health, and we are well on our way to making a difference in a variety of programs and projects in the community. In the first year, UACP community service projects included the March of Dimes Walk, RAM in Wise and Buchanan Counties and others. This year, in addition to these, one new program in which UACP students and faculty are participating is the Open Airways project, done in conjunction with the Buchanan County School System, Riverview Elementary School and the Virginia Lung Association and directed at UACP by Dr. David Gettman. Using the Open Airways instructional

model, students and faculty will educate parents and students with asthma about their disease and its better management. Demonstrating measurable improvement in asthma management is likely to benefit the child both medically and academically. Identifying community health issues that a population-based intervention may be expected to improve is an important mechanism to identify potential projects for students.

Another group of students, with leadership from the faculty and Board of Trustees members, tackling the challenging task of improving the water quality in the beautiful Garden Creek that runs in front of the pharmacy building at Oakwood. Meeting with experts to determine the factors that are causing the pollution in the creek, members of this group plan to formulate a plan to systematically eliminate or reduce these sources of pollution.

Lest you think that community service is all that is being accomplished, I want to congratulate the students who participated in the national patient counseling competition in Anaheim California, (and others who have participated at a national level). And finally I invite you to consider our primary objective, the academ-

ics of educating pharmacists. Faculty and students involved in all these extracurricular activities fit them in between and around a rigorous academic schedule.

So, yes, there is much to be done, but in one short year, a great deal is already underway and being accomplished. Join us as we take a moment to celebrate success, then stay with us as we take a deep breath and forge ahead to new days and new opportunities.

Thank you to this community

for all the many ways you continue to support UACP



Eleanor Sue Cantrell, MD

## OUT IN THE FIELD



The Class of 2009 began their first Early Pharmacy Practice Experience rotations on January 7, 2007 in community and hospital pharmacies throughout the region. Above, William Hardy, left, spends his first day working at Food City Pharmacy, with David Matney, owner and pharmacist, center, and Anthony Matney, pharmacist.

## GARDEN SCHOOL RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

The University of Appalachia is pleased to announce the opening of the Garden Campus at Oakwood, Virginia. The Class of 2009 began attending classes full-time at the Garden Campus on December 11, 2006, approximately one-year after the renovations of the school began.

The building was constructed in the late 1930s for use as a high school. Since that time, the school has been used as a high school and elementary school by the Buchanan County School Board. In 2005,



the property and building was deeded to the University by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors for use as the campus of UACP. Thank you to University Building Committee and J.A. Street & Associates for an excellent job on the renovations.



Students visit with reps from Appalachian Regional Healthcare



Sarah Melton, left, and Dr. Cantrell, right visit with a rep from Kroger, center



UACP Students, Aimee Gibbs, Amanda Blankenship and Amy Fleenor enjoy the career fair.

## THE FIRST ANNUAL CAREER FAIR IS A GREAT SUCCESS

The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy (UACP) held its First Annual Career Fair on Friday, October 27, 2006. The fair was held at the newly renovated Garden Creek campus, located in Oakwood, VA. Students were able to meet and network with representatives from 22 companies. Practitioners, recruiters, and students met to provide and exchange information regarding career opportunities, mentoring, experiential opportunities, tuition assistance, and scholarships.

The Joint Organization Committee (JOC) sponsored the fair. JOC is a student-run organization that encompasses three professional pharmacy organizations. Jennifer Frye, president of JOC and a P2 student; and Kynsi Kline, a P1 student, organized student involvement in the fair. Faculty advisors were Dr. Sarah Melton and Ms. Whitney Caudill.

Organizations that participated in the fair included the following: Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc; Buchanan General Hospital; Centra Health; Charleston Area Medical Center; Clinch Valley Medical Center; CVS/pharmacy; Holston Valley Medical Center; KMart Pharmacy; Kroger Pharmacy; MediCorp Health System; Mu-

tual Wholesale Drug Co.; Pikeville Medical Center; Raleigh General Hospital; Safeway Pharmacy; Wal-Mart Pharmacy; Walgreens; Cardinal Health; US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; Medco of Richmond, LLC; Brooks Eckerd Pharmacy; Rite Aid; and the Virginia Pharmacists Association.

Many students have been able to follow up with representatives after the fair to arrange interviews, internships, and experiential opportunities. Eural Viers, president of the student body, stated, "I was very impressed with the number of vendors that participated in our first annual career fair and the great distance that some of the vendors traveled to meet the students at UACP."



Students meet with representatives from Wal-Mart at the UACP Career Fair.

## ETIQUETTE DINNER HELPS TRAIN STUDENTS

The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy (UACP) recently held an etiquette dinner as part of the College's professional socialization program. The dinner was held on September 28, 2006 at Southwest Virginia Community College (SVCC). Both the P1 and P2 classes attended the dinner along with members of the faculty and Board of Trustees.

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During the dinner, students were able to sit and network with representatives from sev-

eral different pharmacy corporations that generously sponsored the program. Dr. Vince Williams, Regional Director of Professional and Campus Relations for Wal-Mart, was the keynote speaker for the evening.

UACP plans to make the etiquette dinner an annual event to encourage the professional socialization of students and to encourage networking with members of the pharmacy community.

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## NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE TO LAUNCH

This month, UACP's Library and Learning Resource Center (LLRC) will be launching a redesigned version of its public Web site. This new site will make it easier for students and faculty to access journals, read e-books, get help from library staff, and stay up-to-date with the latest library news. A key feature of the site will be an

online version of the library's catalog, which can be searched by anyone with an Internet connection. As always, the general public is welcome to stop by and use the library's collection during operating hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30am–5:00pm).



**MEOC**— Students participated in Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. brown bag medicine reviews and medication education program. Programs were held at Big Stone Gap & Pound.

## FACULTY NEWS

Cari Rice, Pharm.D. has published the following articles: **Rice C**, Thompson J. Selecting a Hormonal Contraceptive Agent that Suits Your Patient's Needs. *Women's Health in Primary Care*. 2006; 9:33-41. **Rice C**, Howard C. Complications of Hysterectomy. *US Pharmacist*. 2006;9:16-24. **Rice C**, Thompson J. Selecting and Monitoring Hormonal Contraceptives: An Overview of Available Products. *US Pharmacist*. 2006;6:62-70.

Susan Mayhew, Pharm.D. gave a presentation at the Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, California in December, 2006 entitled *Parenteral Nutrition Support Workshop: Metabolic Complications Associated with Parenteral Nutrition*.

UACP would like to welcome the following new faculty members: Charles R. Breese, Ph.D, Associate Dean of Academic & Curricular Affairs, David Gettman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Administrative Sciences, Ted Hagen, II, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs, Su Young Lee, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Rachel Maderik, M.S.L.S., Library Director.



Professors Dean Reardon, Ph.D, center-right, and Jerry Nesamony, Ph.D, far right, talk with P2 students Eural Viers, far right, and Eric Hicks, center-left.



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The University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy was awarded Pre-Candidate status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy (“ACPE”) Education 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](http://www.acpe-accredit.org).

## THANK YOU



CVS presents \$5,000 gift toward the UACP Scholarship Fund at Career Fair



Pikeville Medical Center generously donated four fume hoods for use in UACP’s labs. Cochran Block assisted in the unloading of the hoods, above.

**K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc.**— Thank you to K-VA-T Food Stores, the parent company of Food City, for its generous gift of \$25,000 toward the UACP scholarship fund. This is the second installment of Food City’s total promise of \$100,000 toward UACP scholarship fund.

## Student Projects: the March of Dimes Walk and the Garden Creek Watershed Project

**March of Dimes** — UACP students formed a committee in the fall of 2005 in order to bring a March of Dimes campaign to Buchanan County. The goal is to bring awareness to and raise funds to improve the County’s extremely high pre-maturity rate. Over \$8000.00 was raised by the group during the first ever Walk.

**BEST** — The Buchanan Environmental Student Team was formed to study and revitalize the Garden Creek watershed. The goal of the team is to develop a community centered on learning, conservation and community action. The first meeting is on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at the Garden campus at 6pm.