



Appalachian College of Pharmacy

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ACP AWARDED FULL ACCREDITATION

The Appalachian College of Pharmacy has been advised by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) that the college has been advanced from candidate status to full accreditation status.

The College opened its doors in 2005 and was awarded candidate status by ACPE in June 2007 which allowed its graduates to take the North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) which all pharmacists are required to pass to be able to practice in the United States. Since then the College has graduated 126 students. More than 90% of its graduates have passed the NAPLEX on their first attempt and the majority of its graduates are practicing pharmacy in the Appalachian Region where they are helping to improve health care.

The College's chairman and founder, Frank Kilgore, gave credit for this achievement to the administration, faculty, staff, trustees, students and community as well as the many benefactors and supporters that have rallied to make the College a success. "Our three-year doctor of pharmacy program is accelerated and runs year-round. That allows our students to graduate and enter the work force a year earlier than graduates of a traditional four-year pharmacy program but with equivalent classroom hours, clinical training, professional degree and credentials."

Kilgore praised Mickey McGlothlin, the President of the College, for his financial and day to day support of ACP and applauded Dr. Susan Mayhew, Dean of the College, for her organizational skills, recruitment ability, and leadership of the faculty in bringing the College to full accreditation. He also commended Associate Dean Dr. Charles Breese, Vice-President Whitney Caudill and Dean of Institutional Advancement, Terry Kilgore, and the remainder of the College's leadership team for their hard work and sustained commitment throughout the accreditation process.

Mickey McGlothlin, ACP's president who is a lifelong resident of Buchanan County, thanked the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority, the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority, as well as the College's many other private and public donors for their steadfast support of the College since its inception. He further remarked that the College community is very excited about the College receiving full accreditation while it is expanding its ongoing effort to perform scientific and clinical research to improve the health and well-being of humanity.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Susan Mayhew
Dean

Each year at this time, I reflect on the previous year and contemplate what I think the upcoming year will hold for the College. As we look back on the significant accomplishments in 2009, highlights that come to mind are the graduation of the Class of 2009 and their 94.34% first-time pass rate on the national pharmacy licensure exam, completion of the new academic building, consolidation of our campus in Oakwood, expansion of our science and pharmacy practice faculty, enhancement of community outreach programs, and maturation of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. The New Year holds the promise of the Appalachian College of Pharmacy achieving significant milestones. In January the College received full accreditation status with the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education (ACPE) which is the accrediting body for pharmacy schools in the United States. The entire college community worked very hard to achieve this significant accomplishment.

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ACP HOSTS AUTUMN IN APPALACHIA GALA

The Appalachian College of Pharmacy hosted the Autumn Appalachia Gala on October 17, 2009. The Gala was hosted by the College's President Michael G. McGlothlin and the Host Committee, which included The Honorable William J. Howell, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, The Honorable Jerry Kilgore, The Honorable William Wampler, The Honorable Phillip Puckett, The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore, The Honorable Clarence "Bud" Phillips, The Honorable Bill Carico and The Honorable Dan Bowling. The invitation only event took place at the College's Oakwood Campus in the College's newly renovated gymnasium.

The evening began with an hour of hors d' oeuvres and music provided by the Joseph Trivette Jazz Combo from Southwest Virginia Community College. President McGlothlin then welcomed the guests and Terry Kilgore, the College's Dean of Institutional Advancement introduced the Host Committee members present. During the presentation two videos about the College's mission and students were played for the gala. These videos can be viewed from the College's website, www.acpharm.org. President McGlothlin introduced the headlining entertainment, awarding winning party band, *Party on the Moon*. *Party on the Moon*, an Atlanta, Georgia based band, entertained the crowd with three straight hours of a various music ranging from the Tams to Beyonce.

Terry Kilgore noted that "This was a great event which allowed us to showcase our school. The evening was a great success and could not have happened without the hard work of our faculty and staff." The Gala was sponsored by CONSOL Energy and CNX Gas, K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., the McGlothlin Foundation, the Miller Richardson Trust, The United Company Charitable Foundation, the Thompson Foundation, and A Friend of the College.



The host committee welcome the gala guests. L to R: Michael G. McGlothlin, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates William J. Howell, Jerry Kilgore, Delegate Terry Kilgore, Delegate Bill Carico and Delegate Dan Bowling.



L to R: William J. Howell, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, Whitney Caudill, ACP Executive Vice-President and Counsel and Jerry Kilgore.



The award winning party band Party on the Moon served as the headlining entertainment for the evening. Party on the Moon is based out of Atlanta, Georgia.



ACP students and staff assisted with and enjoyed the gala. L to R: Kyla Holmes, P2 student, Holli Harman, ACP CFO, Lisa Hess, ACP Staff, NgocThuy Nguyen, P2 student and Kristy Slone, P2 student.

ACP HOLDS ANNUAL WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The Appalachian College of Pharmacy (ACP) celebrated its fifth annual White Coat Ceremony on November 5, 2009. Approximately 300 friends and family members were in attendance at the Garden Campus gymnasium in Oakwood, Virginia to witness the presentation of white coats to members of the Class of 2012. The White Coat Ceremony recognizes the ceremonial entrance of pharmacy students into the professional education.

Dean Susan Mayhew began the ceremony by welcoming students, family members and friends to the event. She then recognized members of the College's Board of Trustees, including President Michael G.



McGlothlin, Grundy Mayor Roger Powers and Delegate Terry Kilgore, in addition to the College faculty. Evangelist Michael Rife provided the invocation for the ceremony. Dr. Charles Breese, Senior Associate Dean, introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Joel Thornbury, RPh. Mr. Thornbury, a local pharmacist, community leader and ACP preceptor, emphasized the importance of all members of the College and community as major contributors to the education of student pharmacists as well as the profession of pharmacy in general, stressing to the audience that, collectively, "we are pharmacy." Following the keynote address, Dean Mayhew, together with the assistance of an individual of the student's choice, presented each of the 70 members of the Class of 2012 with their white coats. Following the presentation of white coats, Dean Mayhew administered the Oath of a Pharmacist to the class. First-year student Jonathan Troup read the Pledge of Professionalism written by the Class of 2012 as part of their Communications and Professional Development class under the direction of ACP faculty member Dr. Sarah Melton. Each member of the Class of 2012 received a plaque of the Pledge of Professionalism as a personal reminder of the importance of professionalism as they enter the field of pharmacy. A reception followed the ceremony in Rachel's Room at the Garden Campus. The pharmacy pins received by the students with their white coat were generously provided by CVS.

The Members of the Class of 2012 receiving their white coats included: Matthew Allen, Whitney Ballard, Harry Bauman, Katherine Blackburn, Binh Bui, Cassandra Campbell, Arthur Cardona, Stephanie Cho, Christine Choi, Ashley Combs, Jessica Craig, Matthew Damron, Carl Desplaines, Troy Doman, Kenny Duthie, Julie Fields, Gary Flowers, Nikki Gibson, Ray Goff, Allison Gonzalez, Gregory Hall, Erica Hall, Daniel Harper, Amanda Hunt, Kayla Jackson, Michael Justice, Andrea Justus, Christa Kendrick, Soo Kim, Elizabeth Lindsay, Shaina Mcfaddin, Kayla Mcfaddin-Dye, Daniel Mullins, Chad Musick, Thomas Muthart, Robert Neeley, Monica Ngo, Trang Nguyen, Irene Ntiako, Benjamin Nyboer, Jeshika Patel, Kajal Patel, Priyanka Patel, Daniel Puckett, Jenny Ray, Kristina Riddle, William Rutherford, Bethany Sawyers, Stephen Seaton, Tiffany Sedberry, James Shackelford, Zarna Shah, Sarah Sisk, Cephas Sloan, Allen Smith, Leanne Smith, Sarah Sparks, Sondra Stanley, Michael Sutherland, Evan Tatum, Brian Tiller, Jonathan Troup, David Vance, William Waddell, Aaron Ward, Justin Wilder, James Wimmer, Wenfie Yan, Anna Zakaib and Mark Zapata.



Members of the Class of 2012 awaiting the presentation of their white coats.



First year student Jonathan Troup leads the Class of 2012 in the Pledge of Professionalism developed by the class.



Joel Thornbury, a local pharmacist and member of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, served as keynote speaker at the White Coat Ceremony.

HARRISON WYATT TRUST CONTRIBUTES TO ACP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Two local students have been awarded the first Harrison-Wyatt Foundation Scholarship for the Appalachian College of Pharmacy, which is established to award exceptional students who have had family members who worked in the mineral extracting industry. Last Wednesday, second year student Kristy Slone, of Grundy, and second year student Stacy Altice, of Hurley, were awarded the scholarship by the foundation. The amount of the scholarships are awarded to the students will be based on the income of the trust. "We're very proud of these students," ACP President Mickey McGlothlin said. "We're very thankful to the foundation for their donation to the school."

Students who receive the scholarship must have had family members who have worked in the mineral extracting industry, such as coal and natural gas. Slone, a second-year student from the Grundy area, said her family worked in the coal mining industry. "My father worked in the coal mines

since he was 18 [years old]," Slone said. Also, Slone said her four brothers worked in the coal mines as well as her mother's brother and her grandfather.

Second-year student Altice said both her mother and her father worked in the coal business for years. "My mom worked as a secretary for United Coal Company and Central Coal Company," Altice said. "My dad worked as a coal truck driver in the area."

McGlothlin further congratulated the students for their hard work and commemorated the Harrison-Wyatt for the foundation's contributions and gifts to the college. Landon Wyatt, representative of the Harrison-Wyatt foundation said he was pleased to see what the school has become and was reminiscent of the old days when the building was part of Garden High School.

"My family recognized that education was important," Wyatt said. "We feel like [contributing] the best we can do."

In addition, Wyatt made an additional contribution to ACP. on behalf of the Harrison-Wyatt Foundation in the amount of \$35,000, which is the second gift to the trust making the total contributions to \$60,000.



L to R: Stacy Altice, Landon Wyatt, Mickey McGlothlin and Kristy Slone.

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Further, the College is preparing for an accreditation site visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in early February 2010. Pre-accreditation status from SACS will allow the College's students to obtain federally secured loans.

A few of the College's most important goals for this year are to expand research and scholarly activities of the faculty, create a faculty-based clinical practice site in Buchanan County, expand post-graduate residency training opportunities in the region, and continue to expand and enhance our facilities and grounds. As we look to the New Year, the College will remain focused on academic excellence, service, scholarship and community outreach, all of which contribute to fulfilling our mission of improving life in Central Appalachia.

Countless individuals have contributed to the successes that the College has achieved over the year. I extend a most sincere thank you to all the members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, student body and administration of the College, as well as, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, Industrial Development Authority, Virginia Coal-field Economic Development Authority, and our many patrons and benefactors for helping to make our shared dream of a pharmacy school in rural Central Appalachia a reality.

ACP STUDENTS PRESENT POSTER AT ASHP MID-YEAR CLINICAL MEETING

ACP students and officers of the ACP chapter of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Craig Landry, President; Levi McAllister, Vice-President; Samantha Brownlow, Secretary; Laurie Peery, Historian; and Robert Wood, Clinical Skills Club Coordinator represented ACP at the ASHP Annual Mid-Year Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The officers of the ACP ASHP chapter presented a poster recognizing the student chapter's activities throughout the year. While at the conference, the students had various opportunities to attend lectures and presentations on topics including residency programs and rural health issues. Craig Landry, the ACP chapter President noted that "invaluable time was spent networking with other students and pharmacists from all over the world to help promote residency opportunities for students attending ACP."



L to R: Samantha Brownlow, Levi McAllister, Robert Wood, Laurie Peery and Craig Landry.

ACP STUDENTS ESTABLISH NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION

We are pleased to announce a new organization at ACP, Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists (FCP). The mission of our organization is "Uniting Pharmacists and students at the Appalachian College of Pharmacy. It is the mission of the Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists to provide fellowship, bible study, and prayer to enrich our walk with the Lord, Jesus Christ. We also seek to encourage the advancement of knowledge and ethics in pharmacy practice and to promote community outreach to the Appalachian region." Since the kickoff, FCP has grown to 34 members including students, faculty, and staff. Our advisors are Dr. Vonda Swartz, Dr. Randy Mullins, and Dr. Donna Adkins. With the help of our members and the student body we were able to provide 45 residents at the Heritage Hall Nursing home with gifts for Christmas, as well as providing Christmas to a family in need in our community. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information, you can contact Billy King at bking@acpharm.org.



Billy King, President of the ACP Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists. Mr. King is a P2 student from Western North Carolina.

SUPPORT THE APPALACHIAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

The College's mission is to serve Central Appalachia and rural areas around the world by training qualified pharmacists. The College needs your help to continue to meet its very important mission. You can support our mission by giving to the College's Scholarship, Building or General Funds.

If you wish to partner with the College in our mission by giving, please contact Terry Kilgore, Dean of Institutional Advancement at tkilgore@acpharm.org or 423.335.3160.



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ACP RECEIVES ARC GRANT

The Appalachian College of Pharmacy is the recipient of one of the 2009-2010 grants (\$39,300) on Substance Abuse from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The College will develop a comprehensive continuing education (CE) program for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy students that will be offered on ***Sunday, May 23, 2010.***

The program will be a one-day seminar with experts from multidisciplinary areas (pharmacy, medicine, law enforcement, and social work/counseling) educating participants about addiction, caring for the addicted patient, and being agents of change in communities in the fight against prescription drug abuse. In conjunction with development of this program and as part of the grant program, ACP has developed an exemplary elective course in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program in the area of addiction.

Concurrent with the education programs, ACP will collaborate with prominent stakeholders in the region to develop an interactive website titled "***Appalachian AWARxE***" that will serve as a source of information and educational materials on prescription drug abuse for professionals and the community. For more information about the May seminar, please contact the project leader and Director of Addiction Outreach, Dr. Sarah Melton, at smelton@acpharm.org.

FACULTY NEWS

Matthew Bledsoe, Pharm.D.

Presented a poster entitled "Development of a Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Treatment Protocol for use in the Emergency Department" at the 44th Annual American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Mid year Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Earned a certificate in the program *Patient Care Impact Program 2009: Introducing an Emergency Pharmacist into Your Institution*. The six-month program is offered by the American Society of Health – System Pharmacists and is designed to provide long-term, experiential, mentor-based training that will enable participants to make a significant impact on the care of patients.

Completed the *Advanced Trauma Life Support Course* designed by the American College of Surgeons and its Committee on Trauma, to teach a systematic, concise approach to early care of a trauma patient.

Ghous Khan, Ph.D. has had a research article entitled " **β -Amyloid Activates Presynaptic $\alpha 7$ Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors Reconstituted into a Model Nerve Cell System: Involvement of Lipid Rafts**" accepted for publication by the *European Journal of Neuroscience*.

Michael J. Lee, Ph.D. has published a research article entitled "A 2-base pair deletion polymorphism in the partial duplication of the alpha7 nicotinic acetylcholine gene (CHRFAM7A) on chromosome 15q14 is associated with schizophrenia" in *Brain Research*, September 2009.

Rodney Siwale, Ph.D. has published a research article entitled "Formulation, characterization and testing of tetracaine hydrochloride-loaded albumin-chitosan microparticles for ocular drug delivery" in the *Journal of Microencapsulation*, January 8, 2010.