Dr. Nina Morris of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Dr. Scott Long of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences received the prestigious AACP Teacher of the Year Awards for 2012. This award is voted on by the senior students. The honorees are recognized nationally during a banquet at the AACP Annual Meeting in July. The Sig salutes the hard work and dedication of both these excellent professors.
Eight SWOSU College of Pharmacy students attended the 2012 OPhA Convention at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. This is an event held annually. It offers CE courses, exhibits, receptions, and an awards ceremony. These hardworking students help out at one CE session each and attended other CE sessions as well. They attended the exhibit hall, dinners and even helped host the Silent Auction. This convention gave them a chance to meet and connect with other pharmacists around Oklahoma. They also had the opportunity to meet with pharmacists and members of OPhA during the course of the convention. The gentleman in the center is May 2012 PharmD graduate Jonathan Hansen.

Walgreens Sponsors White Coat Ceremony

Walgreens has once again been a generous financial contributor to SWOSU’s Annual Honors & Awards Convocation and White Coat Ceremony. For this year’s White Coat Ceremony, Walgreens gave their sponsorship money to the ASP chapter so that white coats may be awarded to the students. Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co. cosponsored the White Coat Ceremony and also made a generous financial contribution. For this year’s ceremony, the funding of both companies helped the ASP chapter purchase new embroidered College of Pharmacy seals to be sewn on the sleeve of the white coats. These white coats are a great honor for students to receive because they are a symbol of all their accomplishments and dedication of completing their first three years of the curriculum. It is also a mark of passage into practice rotations of the final year of the curriculum.
Dr. Barry J. Gales, Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, was presented the 2011-2012 Excellence in Teaching Award by the Great Plains Family Medical Residency Program during its graduation ceremony held at the Integris Cancer Institute of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City on June 28th, 2012. Each class selects a preceptor/mentor that provided invaluable support and guidance to the medical residents during the previous year. This year the graduating class bestowed this honor on Dr. Gales. Dr. Gales is an Associate Faculty member for the residency program and maintains a clinical practice in the Great Plains Family Medicine ambulatory clinic where he provides clinical pharmacotherapy consultations and educational programs for the medical residency in addition to training 4th year pharmacy students in an Ambulatory Care Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience. He had previously received this honor in 2002-2003. The Sig salutes Dr. Gales for his hard work and splendid recognition.

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Dr. Les Ramos Speaks at White Coat Ceremony

On April, 30th, 2012, the Annual Honors & Awards Convocation and White Coat Ceremony event was held in the Fine Arts Center. This special event is held to recognize the SWOSU pharmacy students. Dr. Les Ramos, Chair and Professor of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was the speaker for the White Coat Ceremony. In his speech, he spoke of all the outstanding students who were “giving a commitment of professionalism”. Also included in this event was the receiving of Alumnus Awards, Student Organization Awards, and Awards and Scholarships. Faculty, family and friends were present to show their support and to share in the celebration of the students’ dedication and achievements.
Cloud Creek Transport, LLC, trucking company of Cordell, has awarded COP student Ashley Hartsell the $500 Five Corners Rural Development Grant to assist him during his upcoming community IPPE rotation at Western Drug in Seiling, OK, in August, 2012. The Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience is designed to provide early mentored pharmacy experience.

Dean Thompson Presents Cloud Creek Transport Check to COP Senior Ashley Hartsell

Pharmacist preceptor/alumnus Rick Acosta with IPPE student Joeanna Mach in Van Buren, Arkansas
Dr. Nancy Williams Named Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Nancy Williams, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, has been named Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. She replaces Dr. Barry Gales who had served as Interim Chair. Dr. Williams was previously located at Norman Regional Hospital. She will now be at the Pasteur Medical Building, located across from St. Anthony Hospital, in Oklahoma City.

New Faculty Hired for Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Meri Hix has been hired as Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice. She will be at Saint Anthony Hospital.

Dr. Cheri Lemons has been hired as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. She will be at Integris Southwest Medical Center.

Both Meri and Cheri are SWOSU COP alumni.
Dr. Mark Gales discusses the future with newly-minted PharmD's.

Dr Steve Pray (l), Dean Dennis Thompson (c), and Distinguished Service Award winner alumnus Lonnie Wilson