Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Melanie Claborn will join the Pharmacy Practice Department in June 2014. She will have an ambulatory practice site and will be based at the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic.

Lyanna Schultz’s administrative assistant, Nikole Nickels, joined the COP in November.

Dr. Cheri Lemons passed the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) pharmacotherapy exam. She took this rigorous examination in early October...the first time it was offered via computer. She can now use the designation BCPS (Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist) in her credentials.

Dr. Kalie Kerth has accepted the clinical Remote Medication Order Processing (RMOP) position. She is a 2011 SWOSU grad. She is already located in Weatherford. She expects to start Feb 17th.

Student Related News

- On October 22nd, Jessica Favalora of Altus and Jonathan Willett of Stillwater teamed up to win the ASHP local Clinical Skills Competition on the Weatherford campus and then went on to compete at the national level at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting this past December in Orlando (FL). The second place team members, Bryan Bozell (Clinton, OK) and Nik Stajduhar (Colleyville, TX), each received a $25 gift card to Target. The third place team members, Kara Connelly (Kansas City, MO) and Felicia Neparko (Erie, CO) each received a $10 gift card to Starbucks.
- The annual Hygeia Bowl, held on September 30th, 2013, raised $520.00 for St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry of Weatherford.
- On October 29, 2013, the SWOSU chapter of National Community Pharmacists Association’s (NCPA) annual spaghetti supper raised $1,095 to be donated to the Agape Clinic in Weatherford.
- Six members of the SWOSU NCPA chapter, including Paul Won (Tulsa, OK), Rekha Patel (Edmond, OK), Samantha Caudle (Stillwater, OK), Kelly Cornell (Clinton, OK), Emily Selby (Denton, TX), and Lucas Coody (Waurika, OK), attended the annual NCPA Convention in Orlando, Fl., on October 11-14th. The students presented a poster about their SWOSU NCPA Chapter.
- On November 17th, the Agape Medical Clinic held its third annual fundraising luncheon, at the Pioneer Center in Weatherford and raised $24,213.12. This is a combined effort of SWOSU COP students and faculty. B.O.P. Ram Block and Iron Rental (after purchasing and preparing all the food) wrote a check to the Agape Clinic for $10,000.00.
- On November 5th, 109 people registered at the bone marrow donor drive hosted by SWOSU’s NCPA chapter. This event is in conjunction with NCPA’s partnership with DKMS (Deutsche Knochenmarkspenderdatei gGmbH...Translation: German Bone Marrow Donor Center) in effort to increase the number of people in the bone marrow donor registry.
The Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma Initiation Banquet was held on November 15th. Rho Chi initiated 17 new members. Phi Lambda Sigma initiated 15 new members.

Kappa Epsilon’s (KE) chili supper raised $540. $100 went to Carol Fitzgerald, a woman who is currently battling breast cancer. The rest of the proceeds went to The Young Survival Coalition, an international organization focusing on women ages 40 and under who are diagnosed with breast cancer. Winners were Kim Ly - Best Overall Chili; Tim Reid - Crowd Favorite; Paul Won - Hottest Chili; Paige Covington - Most Creative Name

Kappa Epsilon raised $345 for the Susan G. Komen foundation through two auctions. The first auction was to determine which faculty member (Dr. Stockton, Dr. Pray, Dr. Khan, and Dr. Long) would receive a pie in the face. Dr. Pray won the contest. The second auction determined who would do the honors of "pieing" Dr. Pray. Thomas Tran won that auction and elected Ben Strickland to actually throw the pie.

The College of Pharmacy along with the nursing student organization raised enough supplies through Operation Christmas Child to fill 40 shoe boxes with gifts, school supplies, hygiene products and other essential items that children need. The boxes are sent all over the world to provide gifts to children who otherwise wouldn’t get anything.

College of Pharmacy Students, Faculty and Staff reached out to a fellow student, Robby Simpson, whose home burned on November 2nd. Tim Reid, President of Kappa Psi organized an effort to collect monetary gifts for the Simpson family. On 11.25.13, Robby Simpson was presented with a card and money cards totaling $1,021.00.

Kappa Epsilon held a “High Heels, High Hopes” shoe drive in November which brought in 212 pairs of professional women’s shoes for ReMerge and 346 pairs of men’s, children’s, or women’s nonprofessional shoes for the City Rescue Mission. ReMerge is a diversion program for women who have been convicted of a non-violent felony and is dedicated to helping these women improve their lifestyles to have successful careers.

In November, the SWOSU Student Chapter of the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists raised $350 for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Profile of the Spring 2014 Class

From the 70 qualified applicants, 35 were selected. The spring 2014 class is 45.71 percent (16) female and 54.29 percent (19) male. The mean age is 22.17 years old. The spring 2014 class has a mean GPA of 3.5, a mean ACT of 23.66, and an average composite PCAT of 55%.

Research News

- Dr. Khan and 3 of his students and postdocs (Josiah Dittrich, Ken Pham, and Apoorva Rudraraju) presented a total of 4 posters at the annual AAPS meeting in San Antonio on November 10-14.

Program News

- SWOSU COP will celebrate 75 Years of Excellence in Pharmacy Education the weekend of April 25-27th, 2014. Dr. Krista Brooks is the Chair of the planning committee.
SWOSU COP open house on October 26th, 2013, (HOMECOMING 2013) was another success. Members of the Class of 1963 were recognized during the ceremony. The Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association presented Professional Achievement Awards to Wayne Douglas (Doug) Mallouf (1960), Oakhurst, CA; Mark L. Hohstadt (1996), Lawton, OK; N. Ralph Magill (1950), Weatherford, OK. The Humanitarian Award recipient was Barbara Miles Poe (1972), Norman, OK.

The COP received a $2.6 million gift from the H.F. Timmons Estate. The gift is unrestricted, which means the Foundation Board of Trustees can decide where best to spend the money. Dr. Timmons also made previously-announced donations to the SWOSU Foundation. He gave $200,000 in unrestricted gifts for the College of Pharmacy and he established a professorship with a $125,000 gift that was matched by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education’s Endowed Professorship program to provide $250,000 in funds to supplement research, scholarly activity and other efforts of the College of Pharmacy. He also gave $30,000 previously to the COP Alumni Foundation. In total, Timmons’ gifts to SWOSU have amounted to over $3 million.

A new mentoring program is being offered to P4 students who will be applying for residencies in Spring 2014. COP faculty will help guide the students through the application process, review their CVs, offer interviewing tips, etc. The mentor can also help the student navigate the complicated “scramble” if they don’t match.

The NAPLEX review was offered on December 2-3 at SW Integris Medical Center for December 2013 graduates.

ACPE will visit the COP on February 25-27, 2014, to review the Doctor of Pharmacy program for reaccreditation.

In October, Dr. Randy Curry (Rural Health Coordinator) finished 136 initial visits to rural independents west of I-35 and has been continuing revisits to this area. In November, he started visits east of I-35 with Ardmore/Ada area with 24 visits (18 new). He continues to revisit the Hobart/Hollis area which includes 12 pharmacies and 3 hospitals. As of mid-November, Dr. Curry has made a presence in 160 rural independent pharmacies, signed up 186 pharmacists and several hospital drug rooms on the Rural Health Network to receive “Rural Rocks” since January 2013.

SWOSU COP is partnering with Integris SW Medical Center to start another PGY1 residency program. Integris SW will be the sponsoring organization. The goal is to have a resident start in July 2014. This is the second SWOSU COP affiliated residency program. The first one started in July 2013 and is in partnership with Walgreens.
Calendar of Events for Spring 2014

- January 7th: Orientation for 1st year pharmacy students
- January 8th: Semester Begins
- January 20th: Campus Closed
- February 20th: Interview Day
- February 25th-27th: ACPE Site Visit
- March 17th-21st: Campus Closed- Spring Break
- April 25th-27th: 75th Anniversary Celebration
- April 28th: White Coat Ceremony
- May 8th: Final Grades Due
- May 9th: Hooding
- May 10th: SWOSU Convocation
- May 26th: Campus Closed