



SWOSU College of Pharmacy



Update for Spring 2013

Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Homer F. Timmons, legendary COP faculty member/administrator/leader passed away this January. He came to SWOSU in 1956 and retired in 1994 as Dean of the School of Health Sciences, but he remained active in many COP activities until his passing.

SWOSU will be starting its first pharmacy residency program in July 2013. This PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency is in collaboration with Walgreens Health System Pharmacy, which is located inside Saint's Medical Plaza at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. Dr. Nancy Williams will serve as Residency Program Director, and Jay Kinnard from Walgreens will be the primary preceptor/site coordinator.

Dr. Hardeep Saluja has organized a local American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) student chapter that has been recognized by the national AAPS office. Dr. Saluja also organized the first-ever competitive poster presentation event in the COP.

Dr. Erin Callen served as faculty mentor to COP student Avery Karnes, who is a recipient for the 2013 AACP Walmart Scholars Program. This is the second year in a row Dr. Callen has been selected as faculty mentor.

Dr. Edna Patatanian was selected as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She will be recognized at the upcoming ASHP Summer Meeting in Minneapolis in June.

Student News

Morgan Greutman, local and regional APhA-ASP chapter Patient Counseling Competition winner, placed 3rd runner up at the national competition at the APhA-ASP Annual Meeting in Los Angeles this March.

Robyn Dowdy and Lucy Wilkening placed in the top ten out of 120 participating schools at the national Clinical Skills Competition during the ASHP Midyear Meeting in Las Vegas, December 2012.

Alexandria "Alex" Foster has been elected to be the coordinator for the APhA-ASP Mid-Year Regional Meeting for Region 6.

Mollie Reidland had an abstract accepted for presentation at the national Drug Information Association meeting in June.

Jasmine Turner was selected during the ASHP national resident matching process to be the first resident of the newly-established SWOSU-Walgreens Community Pharmacy Residency.

Grants/Awards

Through the generous donation from COP Alumnus and Distinguished University Alumnus Nelson Sims, Class of 1971, the COP, in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, has established the Nelson Sims Endowed Chair.

Through the generous donations from Dr. Homer F. Timmons and alumni, the COP, in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, has established the Dr. Homer F. Timmons Endowed Professorship.

Together, these substantial donations will enhance the operation of the COP, further teaching and scholarly work, and provide for increased research funding.

Cardinal Health announced that SWOSU was one of eight pharmacy schools across the country to receive funding through the Cardinal Health Pharmacy Scholarship Program. SWOSU received \$125,000, and the first Cardinal scholarship winner will be announced at the annual COP Awards Convocation and White Coat Ceremony in late April this spring.

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation announced last fall that SWOSU, in partnership with Walgreens, was the recipient for one of 15 Community Pharmacy Residency Expansion Project grants for 2012 in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid over 3 years. Dr. Nancy Williams led the efforts to secure this grant.

Research

Two new research labs in the CPP building were completed and open to the public during a gala reception this spring. These new facilities continue the COP's commitment to growth in the research area.

Programs

The dual PharmD/MBA program that saw the admission of its first group of PharmD students last fall admitted its second class this spring. The program has gained in popularity, and a competitive selection process determined who was admitted for the limited number of spots this spring.

COP alumnus Dr. Randy Curry, recently named Rural Health Coordinator, has begun a series of visits with rural pharmacists in preparation of developing rural pharmacy health care programs.

The 75th Anniversary Committee has been formed to plan for a gala series of events to celebrate this milestone in the history of SWOSU COP. Dr. Krista Brooks is the chair of the committee, and the major events will occur over April 25-27, 2014.

Profile of the Spring 2013 Class

From the 79 qualified applicants, 35 were selected. The Spring 2013 class was 57 percent (20) female, and 43 percent (15) male, and the average age is 21.82 years old. The Spring 2013 class has a 3.44 overall GPA with a mean ACT of 25.25 and an average composite PCAT of 63.94 percent.

