

a publication for Alumni and Friends of the  
**Southwestern Oklahoma State University**  
**College of Pharmacy**

from the Pharmacy Alumni Office

Fall 2012



"There's a lot of good memories from here. This place means a lot to us."  
-Bob Brown



"I felt that college was here for us to have a good time, to get an education and it would grow us as individuals and I really think I grew as an individual by being at this college. Thank you Southwestern."  
-Richard Dill



Class of 1962, back row (l-r): Thomas Alton Armstrong, William Richard Dill, James M. Walker, Ronald Ray Cheyne, Jerry Leon Snider, Bobby (Bob) Wayne Brown, Front row (l-r): Rodney Jess Riggs, Robert (Bob) Wayne Elliott, Thelma Fern Harms, Marlene C. Willms Hildebrand, Claude David Walter, John Ronald Cates



"It's been quite an honor to have attended this school. This school was good for me. It was a pleasure to be here." -Ron Cheyne

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# Alumni Receptions



TPA/Houston



Oklahoma City



OPhA/Grapevine



Tulsa



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[swpharmacy@swosu.edu](mailto:swpharmacy@swosu.edu)

## Dean's Message

The College of Pharmacy has been fortunate to receive two substantial external grants this Fall. One of only 8 Colleges of Pharmacy nationwide to obtain funding from Cardinal Health, SWOSU received \$125,000 to support student scholarships. We also received \$50,000 from NACDS to support the establishment of a community pharmacy residency program with Walgreens. Largely due to the efforts of Dr. Nancy Williams, SWOSU was one of only 15 Colleges of Pharmacy nationwide to receive funding.



Technology continues to be an area of emphasis for the College. Laptop computers are now required for students to complete their academic course work. We have purchased an electronic medical records program so that all students can utilize electronic medical records as part of their professional training at SWOSU. Additionally, students can now access a variety of e-textbooks through the Access Pharmacy Library Resource program, which should cut down on textbook costs. Video conferencing and video lecturing systems are now in place and utilized on a regular basis.

We are looking forward to beginning our rural health initiative in the spring of 2013. Our goal is to make this a Center of Excellence at the College of Pharmacy. Randy G. Curry, D.Ph., was recently hired by the College to lead this program. Furthermore, our first cohort of combined degree PharmD/MBA students were admitted this fall. Over the next several years, we also hope to establish a number of both community and institutional residencies.

It is an exciting time to be a part of SWOSU College of Pharmacy. While we embark on new initiatives, we never lose sight of our foundation values: excellent teaching, personal attention to students, integrity, innovation, and professionalism.

**-Dennis F. Thompson, R.Ph., FCCP, FASHP, Pharm.D., Dean**

*We are proud of our graduates. You reflect the value that we are trying to instill in our students today. Your entrepreneurial spirit, your work ethic, your integrity, your honesty - those are the kind of things we are trying to instill in this generation of students.*

## Chair Messages



Greetings from the Department of Pharmacy Practice! In case you aren't aware, I am the new Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. I am very excited to be in this position and have enjoyed meeting our many SWOSU alumni and preceptors, so please introduce yourself at meetings because I'd love to talk with you. I have been at SWOSU for 8 years and previously had a practice site at Norman Regional Health System. I also used to be on faculty at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and have practiced as a clinical pharmacist at hospitals in several states.

I'd like to provide a short update of the happenings of our department. The main office for our department is based at the Pasteur Medical Building, which is located across from St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. We recently moved into a larger space in this medical building, almost doubling our previous size. We would love for you to stop by and visit our newly remodeled area.

The 19 faculty in our department have been very busy this fall semester. Along with the didactic teaching and experiential education components, they have been busy working on projects, committee responsibilities, giving presentations, and getting ready for our upcoming accreditation evaluation in February 2014.

I have one last bit of exciting news to share. SWOSU will be starting our first community pharmacy residency program in July 2013! In late September, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation announced that SWOSU College of Pharmacy, in partnership with Walgreens, was the recipient for one of 15 Community Pharmacy Residency Expansion Project grants in the amount of \$50,000. Our joint program will be located at the Walgreens Health System Pharmacy in the medical office building connected to St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City.

There has been so much happening in our department. We are all excited for what the future holds, and I am so appreciative to be working with wonderful colleagues. **-Nancy T. Williams, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCNSP, FASHP, Chair and Associate Dean of Pharmacy Practice**



Greetings Alumni! The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences greatly appreciates your support of the College of Pharmacy. You are valued members of the College of Pharmacy community and we are very proud of your accomplishments!

The College of Pharmacy strives to provide a learning environment that fosters the development of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values needed to be leaders in the profession. Please visit the COP website and explore our current pre-professional and pharmacy curricula. We have adjusted the structure and sequence of the pharmacy curriculum. In addition, we have added topics which reflect significant changes or new concepts in pharmacy practice. As a result, there are opportunities for alumni to serve as guest speakers. Alumni involvement in the education of our students will preserve the legacy of the caring, patient-centered Southwestern pharmacist. Please contact Patti Harper or Dean Thompson if you would like to share your experiences with our students. We have also provided greater opportunities for faculty and students to participate in pharmaceutical research. In addition to our existing research laboratory, two new research labs are being prepared to provide additional space and equipment for biomedical and medicinal chemistry research. Increased research opportunities, as well as the recent initiation of the Pharm.D./MBA program, allow students to optimize their educational experience.

The faculty members of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences wish you all the best in your careers. We hope that you will always feel welcome at Southwestern. Please visit, call, or send a note at anytime.

**-Carroll L. Ramos, Ph.D., R.Ph., Chair and Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences**

# Students



Outside of the classroom, we have a broad range of student activities that foster opportunities for professional growth and patient care development.



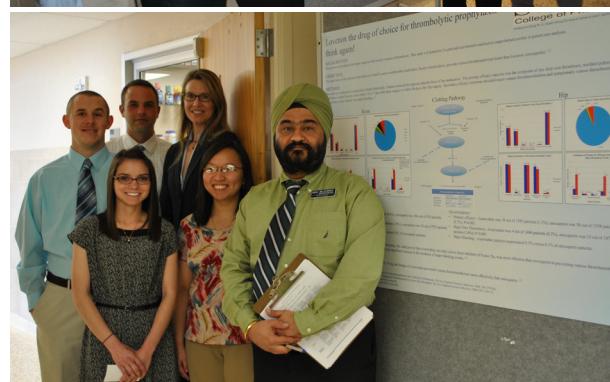
Held during the Spring and Fall semesters, the Pharmacy Job Interview Day event allows pharmacy students & potential employers to discuss available opportunities within their individual companies. The event offers the opportunity for Pi-P<sub>4</sub> students to interview for possible intern or pharmacist positions.

Faculty and students from Southwestern Oklahoma State University's College of Pharmacy in Weatherford recently provided health screenings to over 140 employees at the AT&T facility in Oklahoma City. Screening for potential heart disease and diabetes through a series of tests, the services included: cholesterol screenings, blood glucose (sugar) screenings, blood pressure screenings, and body mass index (BMI) measurements. These skills, plus immunization training, are part of the overall curriculum for our pharmacy students.

**SWOSU**  
College of Pharmacy

Research and scholarly activity are important components of the faculty and student experience at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. A number of faculty are currently engaged in either independent or collaborative research projects that are relevant to pharmacy practice and the pharmaceutical sciences.

Pharmacy students have research opportunities through enrollment in classes with specific research objectives or through employment by the university as a research assistant. Research results are frequently published in journals or in the form of poster presentations at state, regional and national symposiums and meetings. Through participation in research projects, students have been given opportunities to explore drug development, dosage form design and dissolution properties, pharmacogenomics, natural products, drug synthesis and analysis, and drug regulatory issues.



# Students



## PharmD/MBA Dual Degree Program

Having a skill set including both expert pharmaceutical knowledge and a thorough understanding of business will give graduates of this program an edge over the competitors in the workforce. The first admitted class of the Dual Degree Program are pictured to the left: Ying Ling, Malorie Vaughan and Jessica Murphy.



Southwestern Oklahoma State University first-year pharmacy student Alexandria (Alex) Foster of Claremore was recently elected Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator for Region 6 of the American Pharmacist Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). Region 6 of the APhA-ASP consists of pharmacy colleges and schools in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

As the coordinator, Foster's duties include organizing and putting on the regional meeting for 2013 to be held in Oklahoma City, attending an organizational meeting and a leadership institute in Washington, DC, and attending another organizational meeting in Los Angeles.

The Hygeia Bowl held in September raised \$700 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The Bowl was staged by several SWOSU Pharmacy fraternities and sororities. Phi Delta Chi matched up against Kappa Psi and Kappa Epsilon in a flag football game at Fast Lane Field at Milam Stadium on the Weatherford campus.



Kappa Psi



Phi Delta Chi



Making the presentation were (left) Director of Sales Jay Cassidy and (fourth from left) Vice President of Sales Chris Lanctot. Accepting for SWOSU were (from left) President Randy Beutler, Pharmacy Dean Dennis Thompson and Pharmacy Foundation President Greg Adams of Clinton.

SWOSU College of Pharmacy recently received a \$125,000 gift from Cardinal Health as part of the company's pharmacy scholarship program. Southwestern was one of only eight universities across the nation to receive the award.

The pharmacy school was selected to participate in the Cardinal Health Pharmacy Scholarship Program in 2012 because of its commitment to advancing the independent pharmacy profession. The college offers curricula focused on operating an independent pharmacy; supports a student-run chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA); and demonstrates high post-graduate placement rates in community.

# Continue the Tradition of

## *Support Academic Enrichment*



As pharmacy practice has evolved, innovative and technological aspects of pharmacy education have become necessary and exceedingly costly. Some of these educational tools have been obtained with current budget allocations. However, staying on the crest of these technological advances, as well as maintaining the present equipment, carries a high, ongoing cost. These expenditures become a constant, recurrent budgetary challenge with today's funding situation for higher education in Oklahoma. The **Academic Enrichment Fund** will provide support to enhance classrooms, technology and facilities. In addition, support will be available for new instructional concepts in pharmacy education.

Throughout its long history, SWOSU College of Pharmacy has been dedicated to excellence in pharmacy education. Faculty and staff have united with alumni and friends in this goal, and their effort pays off as your alma mater is recognized as a leader in the education of pharmacists.

**We Need YOU to help  
Southwestern Pharmacy  
continue the Tradition of  
Excellence by GIVING to the  
ACADEMIC  
ENRICHMENT FUND!**

# Excellence in Pharmacy Education



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Technology continues to be an area of emphasis for the College. Laptop computers are now required for students to complete their academic coursework.

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**Current academic enrichment** endeavors include the installation of electronic balances for students to utilize in lab.

Other technology includes the installation of Smartboards in the classroom and the utilization of the Neehr Perfect electronic medical records system. The Baxa 2400 MR automatic IV preparation machine has been purchased for Pharm Care Lab 4. The student portfolio system has almost completed a move from paper to electronic format in conjunction with the utilization of the E-Value record keeping software.

State funds as well as the **Academic Enrichment Fund** have provided support to enhance these endeavors. However, **academic enrichment** support needs to be available for new instructional concepts in pharmacy education. We must continue to move forward on our path of excellence in pharmacy education. Your tax-deductible gift will be greatly appreciated.

Donor support is fundamental to the continued tradition of excellence at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. To give to the **Academic Enrichment Fund** or for other giving options, please use the Pharmacy Donor Gift Form or contact our office. Please know that your gift, in any amount, will truly make a difference at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Thank you.

A photograph showing several students in white lab coats working in a pharmaceutical laboratory. One student in the foreground is focused on a small red bottle. Other students and staff members are visible in the background, working at various stations.

To make a gift or inquire about making a gift, please contact  
the Office of Pharmacy Alumni & Development:  
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# One Grand Challenge

**From David Warden (Class of 1979), Pharmacy Alumni Association President-Elect** - Our SWOSU College of Pharmacy was a challenge during our college days and helped prepare all of us to be ready to meet life's obstacles and aid us in helping to overcome them. The dedication and passion we have for our profession can be traced back to our days on campus in the great town of the never-ending, wind-blown Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Have you been back to the SWOSU College of Pharmacy? Well-deserved and remarkable are the amount of changes that have occurred to enhance the SWOSU pharmacy facilities. It is my firm belief our pharmacy school is still graduating some of the most outstanding pharmacists to meet our nation's ever-changing needs for the future. Our new graduates are prepared and willing to help make the lives of others more healthy, vivacious and fruitful. They will be our pharmacy health care providers in our future.

Want to get more involved in our pharmacy school but do not know how? Step up to the plate with me and other alumni and friends and participate in the Southwestern Pharmacy "One Grand Challenge". **The One Grand Challenge is a commitment to pledge a donation of at least \$1,000 to support our College of Pharmacy.** This can be done with a one-time donation or a pledge over 2 to 4 years.

Almost all sports fans have made donor pledges to improve seating locations. Let us all make donor pledges to improve our front row seat for the continued excellence in pharmacy education at our SWOSU College of Pharmacy as they continue to graduate exceptional pharmacy graduates in our future.

## One Grand Club Members (as of November 1, 2012)

Kent & Jalee Abbott, 1978, 1977	Jerry H. & Margaret Hodge 1965	Billie Ruth Pierce Shields, 1967
Greg Adams, 1994	R. Scott Holuby, 1998	Doug & Cheryl Sisemore, 2008
Rex Akers, 1967	Susan Hooker, 1990	D.M. & Phyllis Sokolosky, 1955
Lori Allen, 2005	Dyron Howell, 1989	David & Kay Sparks, 1966
Kenneth H. Austin, 1978	James Hunter, 1979	Alan Spies, 1995
Beckie Bates, 1991	William Hunter III, 1978	Ron Teasley, 1968
Janet Schulz Beard, 1982	Craig Inman, 1984	H.F. Timmons, Retired Faculty
Ed Berrong Insurance	Lowell Irby, 1955	Paula Veach, 1987
Best Value Pharmacies	Darlene Johnston, 1968	Harriett Wahler, 1969
Deepa Bhakta, 2007	Chad & Amber Jones, 2002	John B. Walker, 1972
Gary Bintz, 1977	Tony Jones, 1978	David Warden, 1979
Carl Birdsong, 1983	Fred Keehn, 1983	Sheldon Webb, 2008
Devin Chapman, 1984	Eddie Tom Lakey, 1969	Kevin Wilson, 2008
Ellen Church, 1974	David Lansford, 1982	Dick Winn, 1967
R. Don Coody, 1954	John Lassiter, 1963	Phil Woodward, 1971
Richard Covington, 1980	Michael E. Lee, 1978	<b>YOUR NAME HERE!</b>
Derek Dennis, 2004	Donald Mansfield, 1963	
Mark Dick, 1972	Monti Matli, 1986	
Charles Gilbert Dickens, 1952	Bobby L. Maynard, 1977	
Robert Dishman, 1959	Randy McAdoo, 1979	
M. Keith Dodson, 1961	Clifford Meece, 1959	
Don Dowling, 1956	Randy Meents, 1979	
Joe & Michelle Dupuy, 1977	Richard Moore Jr	
Biff & Valaries Eck, 1978, 1992	Saundra Kay Mouse, 1968	
Nelson & Sabrina Edgeman, 2004	David Nall, 1974	
Roger & Cindy Enix, 1981, 1982	Vickie K. Nall, 1979	
Tonya Tucker Everleth, 1996	Ed & Mary Neparko, 1970	
Donald Farris, 1989	Parkview Pharmacy	
Cory Fikes, 1994	Robert & Vickie Phillips, 1965	
Gerrie Fletcher, 1978	David Pickett, 1969	
Benny & ElGenia French, Faculty	David Pittman, 1967	
Mark Gales, Faculty	Jackie Felts Poirot, 1984	
Jack Gillum, 1976	Elizabeth Poorman, 2001	
Dorothy Gourley, 1967	Bryan Potter, 1957	
Greenville Rotary	Charles & Suann Raff, 1980, 1980	
Lee Ann Meece Hagins, 1988	Gary Reece, 1966	
Michael Allen Hanes, 1970	Stanley Reinhaus	
Thelma Harms, 1962	Alan Roach, 1983	
Vern Harris, 1957	Dawn Roberts, 1978	
Health Express Pharmacy Group	Gene Savage, 1972	
Debbie Hernandez, 1979	Robert & Detra Scheele, 1987	
Kent Hinds, 1980	Larry & Denise Segars, 1986, 1988	



We want  
YOU!

# Pharmacy Foundation

The Pharmacy Foundation was incorporated in 1974 for the overall purpose of supporting the educational endeavors of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy. Some of the activities that the Pharmacy Foundation is involved in providing for the College of Pharmacy are student scholarships and loans, financial assistance to student organizations, student and faculty research support, equipment for instruction and research, remodeling of the facilities including classrooms and labs, furniture and fixtures for student and faculty areas, clinical training opportunities for students, continuing education resources for alumni, and publication of the Apothecary and The Sig.

*During its nearly 30-year history, the Pharmacy Foundation has raised private funds from alumni, friends and corporations to provide support for the student, faculty, programs and facilities of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. As an alumni or friend, perhaps your greatest reward is the role you play in preserving the Southwestern Pharmacy spirit and supporting your Southwestern Pharmacy family.*



Pharmacy Foundation Board Members: (left to right): Greg Adams, Mark Dodson, Shannon Brewer, Ron Cheyne, Dorothy Gourley, Bryan Potter, Lowell Irby, H.F. Timmons. Not pictured: John Walker and Phil Woodward.

## Officers

*Greg Adams- President  
Phil Woodward- Vice President  
Lowell Irby- Secretary  
John Walker- Past-President*

As we approach the end of the year, please consider supporting our efforts to raise money for our deserving pharmacy students at SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Your support will honor your pharmacy school and the remarkable opportunities Southwestern has given to so many of us.

*-Greg Adams, D.Ph.,  
1994 SWOSU Pharmacy Graduate*

For information about giving to the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, contact Patti Harper at the Pharmacy Office of Alumni and Development (580-774-3190 or patti.harper@swosu.edu) or the Pharmacy Foundation (swpharmacy@swosu.edu or 580-774-3191). Website: [www.southwesternpharmacy.com](http://www.southwesternpharmacy.com)

# Faculty

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 Award 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.



Pictured with honorees is Dr. David A. Ralph, Associate Dean.



## Cheri Lemons Pharm.D.

Dr. Cheri Lemons is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice whose practice site is at Integris Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Her background is in critical care/emergency medicine. Dr. Lemons is a graduate of our program, completed two 1-year residencies with the second specializing in critical care, and interviewed with us in late April. She will be based in Oklahoma City at Integris Southwest Medical Center.



## Meri Hix Pharm.D.

Dr. Meri Hix is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and has her practice site at St. Anthony Hospital. She comes to us with prior academic experience and has offered valuable perspectives from other universities. Her area of specialty is geriatric medicine.



## Leanne Showman, Pharm.D.

Dr. Leanne Showman has been hired as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Regional Experiential Coordinator for Eastern Oklahoma.



## Krista G. Brooks, Pharm.D.

Dr. Krista Brooks joined the faculty in July, 2011. Dr. Brooks, a 2008 SWOSU graduate, recently completed a residency program at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Brooks will serve as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice.



The SWOSU College of Pharmacy Administration, Faculty and Staff individual profiles can be found on the SWOSU COP website ([www.swosu.edu/academic/pharmacy](http://www.swosu.edu/academic/pharmacy)).



## Pharmacy Alumni Association **OUTSTANDING PHARMACY ALUMNUS NOMINATION FORM**

The Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award. The Pharmacy Alumni Association annually presents an award for Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy. This award is presented to an individual demonstrating exceptional support of the College of Pharmacy and outstanding personal achievements in the profession. If you would like to nominate a deserving individual, please complete the form and submit before February 1, 2013.

### Eligibility for the Award

- *Only living alumni of SWOSU College of Pharmacy are eligible.*
- *Sustained interest in SWOSU College of Pharmacy since leaving the campus.*
- *Outstanding personal, business or professional achievement.*
- *Has not received a previous SWOSU College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Outstanding Alumnus Award. (See complete list of past recipients at [www.southwesternpharmacy.com](http://www.southwesternpharmacy.com).)*

Please submit nomination form by February 1, 2013, to:

Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association

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## Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Nomination Form

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for nomination:

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