



## SWOSU College of Pharmacy



Update for August 2012

### Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Nancy Williams was named Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. She replaced Dr. Barry Gales who served as Interim Chair for almost two years.

Dr. Les Ramos was named Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences this spring. He replaced Dr. Scott Long who was recognized for his excellent service to the department over the last two years.

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. Faruk Khan and Dr. Jaehwa Choi both received Oklahoma Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence grants, known as INBRE grants. Dr. Khan has received two grants respectively for \$336,254 and \$8,935. Dr. Choi's grant was for \$40,000.

Dr. Scott Long of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dr. Nina Morris of the Department of Pharmacy Practice were named the AACP Teachers of the Year at the 2012 Annual Graduate Recognition Ceremony.

Dr. Barry J. Gales was presented the 2011-2012 Excellence in Teaching Award by the Great Plains Family Medicine Residency Program during its graduation ceremony held at the Integris Cancer Institute of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City this June.

Dr. Les Ramos was the featured speaker at the Annual Honors & Awards Convocation and White Coat Ceremony in April.

Dr. Chelsea Church resigned from her Pharmacy Practice position. She has joined the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy as a compliance officer.

Dr. Rahmat Talukder has resigned from his Pharmaceutical Sciences position. He has taken the position of department chair in pharmaceutical science at West Coast University in the Los Angeles area.

### Profile of the Spring 2012 Class

From the 108 qualified applicants, 35 were selected. The Spring 2012 class was 63 percent (22) female and 37 percent (13) male. The Spring 2012 class has a 3.49 overall GPA with a mean ACT of 24.34. The average age of this class is 23.40 y/o and has an overall PCAT of 65.97.

## **Profile of the Fall 2012 Class**

From the 201 qualified applicants, 50 were selected. The Fall 2012 class was 48 percent (24) female and 52 percent (26) male. The Fall 2012 class has a 3.69 overall GPA with a mean ACT of 25.90. The average age of this class is 21.36 y/o and has an overall PCAT of 58.76.

## **Accreditation News**

The COP's ACPE Interim report focusing on strategic planning, assessment, and research was submitted March 1. ACPE gave a very favorable response to the report.

## **Research News**

In addition to the INBRE grants, advancement in the COP's research efforts continue. The third floor research lab has been remodeled, and work is well underway to renovate about 1,200 sq feet of space in the basement for laboratory space. The demolition is complete, and the construction phase is moving ahead for a completion time later in 2012.

Dean Thompson and Dr. Khan made a trip around the world to Bangladesh to help develop a fledgling PharmD program as well as investigate the potential for collaborative research in the area of natural product drugs.

Technological advancements have surged ahead in several areas. Five hallway information monitors have been installed in both campus buildings (three in CPP, two in the Annex) to provide news and information updates. Video-conferencing and video-lecturing have become a reality. The seminar room (rm. 307) is the center for video-conferencing, and Rm 312 is the video-lecture site. Other technology includes the installation of two Smartboards and the utilization of the Neehr Perfect electronic medical records system. Dr. Saluja spearheaded the purchase of a \$65,000 Baxa 2400 MR automatic IV parenteral nutrition compounder for Pharm Care Lab 4. The student portfolio system has almost completed a move from a paper to electronic format in conjunction with the utilization of the E-Value record keeping software.

## **Program News**

In an effort led by Dr. Virgil VanDusen, the COP and the College of Professional and Graduate Studies have developed a dual degree PharmD/MBA program. The first candidates were admitted this summer 2012.

## **Student Related News**

Led by a group of Pharmacy Practice faculty that included Dr. Gregory, Dr. Williams, Dr. Morris, Dr. Davis, Dr. Church, and Dr. Brooks, a number of COP students conducted hands-on health screenings during the second annual pharmacy health fair at the 2012 OPhA Legislative Day February 21 in Oklahoma City at the capitol.

A group of thirty students attended the Spring 2012 OPhA Legislative Day reception at the History Center on the capitol grounds in Oklahoma City.

Two COP Kappa Epsilon members, Sandra Souvannachak and Avery Karnes, were awarded the prestigious Zada Cooper Scholarship by the national KE office out of only six scholarships awarded nationally.

Student Robyn Dowdy made a research paper presentation at the AACP Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Student Kara Connelly was selected as an AACP Walmart Scholar for 2012.