Southwestern College of Pharmacy hosted the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA–ASP) Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM) for Region 6 on November 1–3, 2013, in Oklahoma City. Region 6 consists of pharmacy schools and colleges in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Alex Foster of Claremore, a second-year SWOSU COP student, was elected MRM Coordinator. SWOSU COP faculty sponsors are Dr. Nina Morris and Dr. Krista Brooks.
More APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting Photos

SWOSU COP student Paige Covington (below) received a Student Recognition Certificate for her leadership and dedication to the SWOSU APhA-ASP chapter.
SWOSU Homecoming and COP Open House

The College of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Alumni Association hosted the Pharmacy Open House on October 26, 2013. The open house was followed by the Pharmacy Alumni Recognition Ceremony for 50-year class members, this year the class of 1963. Also this year, new pharmacy alumni awards were presented. 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.

Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) and Kappa Epsilon (KE) offering items for sale at the homecoming reception.

KE also sponsored the faculty pie-in-the-face contest, which was won by Dr. Steve Pray.
To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.
New Faculty

Dr. Randy Curry was hired as the Rural Health Coordinator in December 2012. The purpose of the Rural Health Network (RHN) is to enhance the pharmacist’s role in the delivery of rural health care. For more info on the RHN, contact Randy Curry at 580.774.3760 or at randy.curry@swosu.edu

Dr. Erin Callen joined the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department in July 2013 as Associate Professor of Health-System Pharmacy. Dr. Callen was previously an associate professor in the Pharmacy Practice Department at SWOSU. She teaches Health Issues 3, Health-System Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Care Lab 3, and the Post Graduate Preparation elective.

Dr. Lisa Appeddu joined the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department in August 2013 as Associate Professor of Physiology. Dr. Appeddu was previously an associate professor in the Biology Department at SWOSU. She teaches Physiology, Health and Biostatistics, and Health Issues 2.

Dr. Tami Moser joined the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department in August 2013 as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Administration. Dr. Moser was previously an assistant professor of finance, management, and marketing in the Everett Dobson School of Business and Technology at SWOSU. She teaches Pharmacy Management and Marketing and Pharmacy Administration.

Dr. William B. French Retirement

Dr. William “Benny” French Jr., Ph.D. retired on July 31, 2013. Dr. French served as a faculty member at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy from 1976-2013. We appreciate his commitment and dedication to the College of Pharmacy and its students and miss him greatly.
The late Homer F. Timmons established the Timmons Endowed Professorship at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and SWOSU Associate Professor Dr. Faruk Khan has been named the first recipient on the Weatherford campus.

Khan will hold the title of Homer F. Timmons Endowed Professor in Pharmacy and serve as coordinator of the new SWOSU Center for Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences (SCriPs). Khan will lead the faculty in expanding efforts in pharmaceutical sciences research, according to SWOSU College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Dennis Thompson.

Khan has taught medicinal chemistry courses in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy since 2007 after coming to western Oklahoma from Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy. He holds bachelor’s and master’s pharmacy degrees from Dhaka University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a doctorate from the University of Manchester, England.

Dr. Khan has also been selected to participate in the 2013-2014 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Academic Research Fellows Program. This is the inaugural year for the program, which is designed to develop the nation’s most promising pharmacy faculty research investigators as future leaders for building sustainable research teams and programs within and across institutions.

Dr. Khan was also named Chair of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department in August 2013.

CPP Med Chem Research Lab Remodel Completed
**$2.6 Million Gift from the H.F. Timmons Estate to SWOSU COP**

Most people who knew the late Homer F. Timmons were aware that he was very loyal to Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and now university officials are finding out even more about the former professor’s dedication.

Timmons, who passed away on February 11, 2013, bequeathed over $2.6 million to the SWOSU College of Pharmacy (COP) Alumni Foundation in Weatherford.

“‘This is an unbelievable gift from Dr. Timmons,’” said Dr. David Ralph, financial administrator for the SWOSU COP Alumni Foundation and associate dean of the COP. “When you realize that he was not a SWOSU graduate and not a pharmacist, you begin to understand the depth of his feelings for SWOSU, the College of Pharmacy and his mission of the Pharmacy Foundation.”

The gift is unrestricted, which means the Foundation Board of Trustees can decide where best to spend the money.

“Most donations of this magnitude are designated for a very specific use,” Ralph said. “In donating the funds as he did, he was simply saying, ‘do with it what is best for the pharmacy program, students and faculty.’”

Several options are currently being evaluated. Patti Harper, alumni and development director for the Foundation, said plans are to enhance the minimum level of all scholarship awards. Secondly, the college is considering the establishment of a H.F. Timmons Scholars program in each academic level of the College of Pharmacy. And, thirdly, a garden structure will be constructed in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the College of Pharmacy that takes place in April, 2014.

“Dr. Timmons was a dedicated professor during his career at SWOSU and an active supporter in retirement,” SWOSU President Randy Beutler said. “He worked hard until his passing to build the Pharmacy Foundation. He leaves a tremendous personal and financial legacy that will long benefit SWOSU and the College of Pharmacy.”

Timmons started teaching at SWOSU in 1956 and retired in 1994 as dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Timmons, a native of Mangum and graduate of Centralvue High School in Greer County, worked under four presidents at SWOSU. He was hired by Dr. R. Harold Burton and taught under the administrations of Dr. Al Harris, Dr. Leonard Campbell and Dr. Joe Anna Hibler. Timmons was teaching at Central High School in Oklahoma City when he decided to accept the position at SWOSU where he taught half-time in biology and half-time in chemistry.

He served the university in a number of capacities - including acting dean of the School of Pharmacy twice - and served as dean of the School of Health Sciences from 1981-1994. He served as president of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Association, sponsor of the student senate for seven years, faculty sponsor for Rho Chi honorary pharmacy fraternity and sponsor for Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity. Before retiring from SWOSU, he served as chairman of the university segment of the SWOSU Foundation’s “Building on Our Heritage” capital campaign drive.

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.
First American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Student Chapter at SWOSU
Dr. Hardeep Saluja has organized a local American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) student chapter that has been recognized by the national AAPS office. Center: Dr. Hardeep S.Saluja; Front Row, L-R: Jamie Anderson, Rekha Patel, Kelly Cornell, Sang Huynh; Back Row, L-R: Suzann Leskela, Amber Lowder, Crystal Davis, Abdul Al-Jarrah, Blake Smith, Justin Potts

First COP Competitive Poster Presentation
Dr. Saluja also organized the first-ever competitive poster presentation event in the COP.

Oklahoma Research Day 2013
Three SWOSU COP students presented posters at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond on Oklahoma Research Day 2013.
L-R: Andrew Mansour, Dr. Hardeep S.Saluja, Mathew Griffith, Kaci Hall
Dr. Edna Patatanian (left) was selected as a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FASHP). She was recognized at the ASHP Summer Meeting in June 2013. Dr. Patatanian also served at the ASHP Policy Week (September 2013) in Bethesda, MD, and as member of the Commission on Affiliate Relations with ASHP. Policy Week is held yearly and is the foundation of ASHP’s advocacy efforts.

Dr. Cheri Lemons (left) passed the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) pharmacotherapy exam. She took this rigorous examination in early October 2013. She can now use the designation BCPS (Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist) in her credentials.

Preceptor’s Conference 2013

SWOSU COP hosted preceptor’s conferences in Tulsa and Oklahoma City on August 7th and 14th, respectively. Award winners included:

- Janet Beard, DPh: Distinguished Introductory Preceptor of the Year
- Lisa M. Benham, PharmD: Preceptor of the Year
- Debra L. Stephens, PharmD: Distinguished Selective Preceptor of the Year
- Amanda M. Hembree, PharmD, BCPS: Distinguished Clinical Preceptor of the Year
- Andrea L. Clem, PharmD: Distinguished Community Preceptor of the Year
Agape Fundraiser
On November 17th, 2013, the Agape Medical Clinic held its third annual fundraising luncheon at the Pioneer Center in Weatherford and raised $24,213.12. This was a combined effort of SWOSU COP students and faculty. B.O.P. Ram Block and Iron Rental, in addition to purchasing and preparing all the food, wrote a check to the Agape Clinic for $10,000.00.

COP Reaches Out to Fellow Student
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. Pictured L-R: Tanner Crandell, Robby Simpson, Tim Reid, Associate Dean David Ralph, Dean Dennis Thompson
Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) Welcome Back Cookout, September 2013

Around 114 SWOSU pharmacy and pre-pharmacy students and their families joined the COP faculty at the Welcome Back Hamburger Cookout at Means Park in Weatherford. The event is hosted by SWOSU's American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) and sponsored by Walgreens Pharmacy. The hamburgers were cooked by COP faculty, and Walgreens Pharmacy District Manager Ryan Walker distributed door prizes.

L-R: SWOSU ASP President Anna Vu, Ryan Walker of Walgreens, Associate Dean David Ralph, Dean Thompson

APhA-ASP Health Fair 2013

Students from the APhA-ASP Chapter participated in the Health and Wellness Expo, an area-wide event promoted to both the Weatherford community and SWOSU campus. This is an annual event that is held in the fall and is produced and promoted by the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce. During the event, students and faculty provided free screenings for diabetes, osteoporosis, blood pressure and cholesterol. Student pharmacists also passed along brochures containing information about diet, exercise, and healthy levels for blood pressure and cholesterol as well as provided counseling to those who participated in the screenings.

Top picture: (Front row, L-R) Krista Brooks, Nina Morris; (Middle Row, L-R) Enjema Tamifu, Quynh Phi, Kelly Cornell, Amanda Wilson, Rekha Patel; (Back Row, L-R) Anna Vu, Cash Cooper, Malorie Vaughn, Nathan Colwell, Daniel McAlister, Nathan Troester, Paul Won. Bottom left photo, L-R: Enjema Tamifu and Nathan Colwell Bottom right photo: Randy Curry and students
Interview Day
First Annual Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Olympics
Fourth Annual Professionalism Dinner

Professionalism Dinner Sponsors, CVS Caremark, with part of the Professionalism Committee

President Randy Beutler, SWOSU graduate and CVS Caremark District Pharmacy Supervisor
James Kirk, Provost James South
Nelson Sims Donation Creates SWOSU Dean of Pharmacy Endowed Chair

Nelson Sims, a 1971 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, has graciously made a significant contribution that will help fund the establishment of the “Nelson M. Sims Chair, Dean of the College of Pharmacy” position.

The $250,000 contribution was recently matched by the State of Oklahoma under the Endowed Chair program, which was created in 1988. Sims has also challenged the university, College of Pharmacy and alumni to help with matching the contribution to the endowment fund.

“This commitment will help expand upon the great tradition of excellence in our pharmacy program,” SWOSU President Randy Beutler said.

Originally from Watonga, Sims graduated from SWOSU with a degree in pharmacy. He and his wife, Janie, a 1971 graduate of SWOSU, have been loyal and faithful supporters of the university for many years. The Sims now reside in the Florida Keys during the winter months and in Edwards (CO) in the summer. They enjoy trips back to Oklahoma to visit family as often as possible, and Mr. Sims is a trustee on the SWOSU Foundation Board of Directors. He has been a lifetime member of the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association since 1990.

Sims has had a very distinguished record in the pharmaceutical industry. He served as a corporate executive with Eli Lilly for 29 years prior to his retirement in 2001. Sims served as president of Eli Lilly Canada, Inc. from 1991 to 1999. In Canada, he has also served as the chairman of the board for the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association. From 2003 to 2005, Sims was the president and CEO of Novavax, Inc., a biotechnology company. He remains active in the pharmaceutical industry serving as an advisor and director for biotechnology company boards.

“My Southwestern pharmacy degree has served me well during my career,” Sims said. “I trust that this contribution will provide helpful support for our College of Pharmacy Dean and, in turn, make a difference for others so they will appreciate Southwestern even more. Especially during this current difficult economic time, I believe alumni support is critical for the ongoing success of our country’s colleges and universities.”

The Nelson Sims Chair will be used to enhance programs in the College of Pharmacy which will promote leadership in pharmacy education. These programs will train and encourage graduating pharmacists from SWOSU to become engaged in and seek leadership roles in their profession.

“The future of pharmacy in rural America depends on these graduates becoming involved in the community, their profession and politically,” said Dr. Dennis Thompson who is the dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

SWOSU’s College of Pharmacy was established in 1939 and offers a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) degree. Students must complete two years of pre-professional study followed by four years in the College of Pharmacy. Admission to the Pharm.D. program is very competitive and approximately 85 students are admitted annually. The college will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2014.

For information about giving to the Sims Chair, please contact Patti Harper at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Office of Alumni and Development (580-774-3190 or patti.harper@swosu.edu).
This past spring, APhA TV contracted with CBS to produce a 4 minute video clip about the COP. To view the clip, visit http://www.swosu.edu/academics/pharmacy/video.aspx

**Hander Wins Rho Chi Spelling Bee**
Brian Hander of Denison (TX) (from left) won the 3rd annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy Spelling Bee in a fundraising contest. Loza Dejene of Stillwater won third and Cash Cooper of Lindsay won second. Funds raised benefited Mended Little Hearts.

**SWOSU College of Pharmacy Receives $125,000 Gift from Cardinal Health**
Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy recently received a $125,000 gift from Cardinal Health. 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 SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation President Greg Adams of Clinton.

**SWOSU College of Pharmacy Advisory Council Meets for First Time**
The inaugural meeting of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council was held recently on the Weatherford campus. Members of the council are (seated from left): Janet Beard, Devol; Mary Porter, Oklahoma City; and Roger Enix, Edmond. Standing from left—John Foust, Wyandotte; Patti Harper, SWOSU; Kirk Irby, Artesia (NM); Derek Dennis, Mustang; Carl Birdsong, Amarillo (TX); Yvette Morrison, Oklahoma City; Doyle High, Austin (TX); and SWOSU College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Dennis Thompson.

**SWOSU COP Welcome Video**
Wal-Mart Scholar
Avery Karnes was selected as a recipient for the 2013 AACP Wal-Mart Scholars Program. Faculty mentor for Avery is Dr. Erin Callen. Avery and Dr. Callen were one of 85 student/faculty recipients for this scholarship program and will receive a travel scholarship to attend the AACP Annual Meeting and Teachers' Seminar in Chicago this July. This is the second year in a row that Dr. Callen has been selected as a faculty mentor.

APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition
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 March 2013.

Residency Mentor Program
SWOSU COP faculty have started a residency mentor program for those students interested in applying for a residency position. Sixteen students who intend to apply for residencies in the Spring 2014 semester have been paired with faculty for help with application materials and for mock interview practice.

SWOSU ASHP Clinical Skills Competition Winners (above)
The local ASHP Clinical Skills Competition was held on October 22, 2013. The winning team members, Jonathan Willett (Stillwater, OK) and Jessica Favalora (Altus, OK) received an all-expenses paid trip to Orlando, FL, to compete on the national level at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting on December 8-12, 2013.

SWOSU Affiliated Residency Programs
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program
This is a joint effort between Walgreens and SWOSU College of Pharmacy and is based at the Walgreens Health System Pharmacy located inside a medical plaza at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. There are opportunities for teaching, research, and ambulatory care experiences. It is a 12-month residency with 1 position available.

On July 1st, Jasmine Turner started her residency with the SWOSU-Walgreens Community Pharmacy Residency Program. Dr. Nancy Williams is the Residency Program Director, and Jay Kinnard from Walgreens is the primary preceptor/site coordinator.

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program
SWOSU COP is partnering with Integris Southwest Medical Center to start another PGY1 residency program. Integris Southwest will be the sponsoring organization. The goal is to have a resident start in July 2014.