SWOSU COP 75th Anniversary

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy celebrated its 75th anniversary on April 25-27 on the Weatherford campus. The SWOSU pharmacy program was established in 1939 and has produced over 5,000 professional pharmacists.

A welcome reception and registration kicked off the event on Friday evening in the Student Union Ballroom. Guests spent Saturday morning and afternoon participating in a picnic which was held in the garden area of the CPP building. The picnic was a family event which included campus tours, bounce houses, music from the SWOSU Jazz band, Instabus, and food trucks. Saturday evening a formal reception, dinner and 75th anniversary celebration program was held in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

Afterwards, entertainment by “176 Keys: Fun Pianos” engaged the crowd with their dueling pianos show.

The activities concluded on Sunday morning with the dedication of the 75th anniversary donor wall and Dr. H.F. Timmons Memorial in the Pharmacy Garden. SWOSU College of Pharmacy alumni and friends, faculty, staff, students and guests were in attendance.
75TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC
ECK FAMILY RECEIVES FIRST HERITAGE AWARD

The first-ever Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy Heritage Award was presented at the 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Saturday, April 26, at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on the Weatherford campus.

Members of the Eck Family receiving the honor, all SWOSU pharmacy graduates, are Kenneth Eck (1950), father; Dana “Biff” (1978), son; Mark (1974), son; Sandi (1974), daughter-in-law, wife of Mark; and Valarie (1992), daughter-in-law, wife of Biff.

The Heritage Award recognizes a family with at least two generations of SWOSU pharmacy graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to the university, College of Pharmacy and the pharmacy profession. The Eck Family has a long history of service.

Pictured (L to R): Sandi and Mark Eck, Valarie and Biff Eck, not pictured Kenneth Eck.
Among the dinner party attendees were (from left) SWOSU President Randy Beutler, Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City, and John and Shirley Lassiter of Del City.
COP 75TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO BOOTH
Look closely! You may recognize some familiar faces.
**PANAMA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP**

Eighteen Southwestern Oklahoma State University students and faculty from the School of Nursing and College of Pharmacy traveled to the rural, isolated area of the Darién Province in Panama for a medical mission trip during Spring Break (March 15-23). The six COP students included Samantha Caudle, David Truong, Annette DeSantiago, Ryan Varghese, Tara Schultz, and Kyrsten Smith. COP faculty who accompanied the group included Drs. Randy Curry, David Ralph and Nina Morris. The group worked on the mission through the Global Brigades organization, the largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization in the world.

The SWOSU group took approximately $5,000 worth of medications/dental supplies and educational materials for children. The students raised a majority of these funds in addition to raising their own trip cost of approximately $1,700.
Kappa Epsilon’s Founder’s Day Event
Kappa Epsilon held an innovative fundraiser called “MoneyBall Throw” on February 12, 2014. Numbered golf balls were sold with a chance to throw them at a target to win cash prizes. This event raised approximately $200 to help offset costs of the Founder’s Day event. The Founder’s Day Banquet was held on April 5, 2014 at TapWerks in Bricktown. Founder’s Day is an event to honor the founding of the national Kappa Epsilon Fraternity in 1921, as well as to honor founding members of the SWOSU Alpha Beta Chapter. This year, approximately 40 ladies attended the event including six alumni members on rotations. Loza Dejene was the keynote speaker on the topic “Becoming a Visionary”.

Kappa Epsilon Participates in Relay for Life
Custer County Relay for Life was held at the SWOSU Wellness Center on April 25 – 26, 2014. The Kappa Epsilon team raised $3136 in the fight against cancer to be classified as a bronze team. The KE ladies worked hard and conducted several fundraising projects, including flamingo flocking, to reach this goal.
Recently Phi Delta Chi raised funds for “Clean Water” for people in other countries as well as accepted food donations for the Agape Clinic. Thanks to Phi Delta Chi for raising funds and awareness for these two very needy and important causes!

Kappa Psi, a pharmacy fraternity at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, held a fundraiser March 6th- April 4th to benefit the Agape Clinic in Weatherford. They donated $500 to the Agape Clinic from the funds raised by candy sales. People who purchased the candy could enter to win a signed Kevin Durant basketball jersey. They also collected over $1000 of donated medications through the Kappa Psi Medication Take-Back Day, conducted at Health Express Pharmacy in Weatherford.

The Agape Clinic is a nonprofit medical clinic dedicated to serving people with medical needs throughout western Oklahoma. The clinic pays no staff and uses all monies to buy medicine and supplies for clients. The clinic sees over 100 patients each month.

SWOSU Students to Attend University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies

Alexandria (Alex) Foster, a SWOSU pharmacy student, will represent Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) at a summer seminar in Salt Lake City, Utah; also representing SWOSU COP are students Teresa Lawson and Kara Crane. The annual seminar invites professionals from a variety of disciplines to attend. Dr. Ben Welch, SWOSU COP faculty with a focus in psychiatry and addiction, has attended this seminar in the past and stated that “this is absolutely one of the best meetings I have attended.”

Students will attend daily lectures and learn about addiction, including seeing Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al-Anon (to help the families of addicts) meetings, as well as hearing from counselors, physicians, and law enforcement officials.

In the fall of 2014, PLS and Alex will organize a chemical dependency seminar for SWOSU students that will feature a guest speaker; Alex will also share her experience at the University of Utah School on Alcoholisms and Other Drug Dependencies annual seminar.

Kappa Psi Raises $5,000 at 20th Annual Golf Tournament to Benefit St. Jude’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%.

Oklahoma Research Day 2014
Oklahoma Research Day is an “annual event celebrating student and faculty research, creative, and scholarly activities.” Representing SWOSU COP were Dr. Khan’s research students Mohammad Faisal Hossain, Anjuli Shrestha, Apoorva Rudraraju, and Prabhjyot Singh Saluja (pictured below) who presented 5 posters. Dr. Krista Brooks, Dean Thompson, and COP student Morgan Greutman also presented a poster.

Rho Chi Honor Society 4th Annual Spelling Bee
The fourth annual Rho Chi Spelling Bee was held April 15th. The vocabulary varied in difficulty and was derived from medical terminology, disease states, and drug names. The winner, Anh Huynh (pictured above), won a $100 gift card. The runner-up, Anna Vu, received a copy of Pharmacotherapy, and the second runner up, Cash Cooper, received Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Agape Clinic.

Student OSHP Chapter ID Challenge
The Oklahoma Society of Heath-System Pharmacists student chapter hosted an Antimicrobial Stewardship Presentation and Competition on April 14, 2014. Dr. Erin Callen, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences who completed an infectious diseases specialty residency, spoke with a group of students about antimicrobial stewardship. She then facilitated a two round, case-based antimicrobial focused competition. The students competed in self-selected teams and were able to use electronic resources. Students had to successfully treat the first patient case before being given the second case. The winning team consisted of Tori Chacon’ and Kara Crane, currently second year pharmacy students. The students had fun competing with each other and showing off their skills and got to learn more about a unique area of practice. The idea for the presentation and competition was created by Jessica Pasquini, past OSHP student chapter President, and further developed by her and Dr. Callen.
GREATMAN WINS LOCAL APhA-ASP PATIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Morgan Greutman, a 3rd year student, won the local APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition that was held at the end of January. There were 13 students (9 third-year and 4 second-year) who competed in this competition. During the competition, each student had the opportunity to counsel a patient on a new prescription medication. Judges for the event were Annie Frymeier (Watonga Indian Health Center), Cassandra Broeckelman (Clinton Indian Health Center Hospital) and Brett Whitehead (El Reno Indian Health Center).

Morgan received a paid trip (hotel, flight, registration) to the APhA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, to compete in the National APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition on March 28 – 31. This is the second year in a row that Morgan has won the local competition and has advanced to the national competition. Last year she received 3rd runner-up at the National APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition in Los Angeles.

SWOSU STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH FAIR DURING OPhA LEGISLATIVE DAY

The Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA) Legislative Day at the state capitol was held in February. Pharmacists from across the state gathered to lobby their legislators regarding current bills that are important to the profession. In the afternoon, there was a health fair for the legislators and their staff. This included blood pressure and cholesterol screening, as well as body mass index and vaccination evaluations. P2 and P4 students from SWOSU College of Pharmacy participated in this event.

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE LAB V CARDIAC ARREST SIMULATION LAB
**DISASTER DRILL**

Hundreds of people were involved in a planned disaster drill held April 25 on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.

The drill was part of the SWOSU School of Nursing Community Service and Disaster Preparedness Class. Large numbers of emergency personnel and observers participated in the drill, including campus police, local and area law enforcement, and the National Guard. The drill was centered at Rankin Williams Fieldhouse.

SWOSU COP students also participated. COP students designed and set-up both inpatient and outpatient pharmacies. Students staffed these pharmacies during the drill, filling prescriptions and clarifying orders. Their challenge was to manage the normal workday orders as well as any disaster orders while dealing with difficult patient situations secondary to the disaster.
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**RURAL HEALTH NETWORK (RHN) PATIENT INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS**

One initiative of the RHN is to provide brief videos that rural pharmacies may show to patients by using a computer or tablet to help illustrate various topics. These videos are not meant to replace the counseling of a pharmacist, but to enhance it.

There are currently four videos: *Proper Insulin Injection*, *Insulin Pens and Pen Needles*, *Using an AccuCheck Compact Glucometer*, and *Using Combivent Respimat Inhalation Spray*; there are 15 more videos in the recording process. The videos have been created by SWOSU COP students enrolled in the Post-Graduate Preparation elective.

Currently the video links are being supplied through the weekly “Rural Rocks” updates and the RHN. They may also be found during an internet search using the term “Vimeo SWOSU Rural Health Network Videos.” Any pharmacist or pharmacy is welcome to join the RHN to receive weekly updates at no charge. Please contact Randy Curry for more information at randy.curry@swosu.edu.

**WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

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The annual Hooding Ceremony was held on May 9, 2014. The SWOSU COP is proud of our graduate’s accomplishments and wishes them the best in all their future endeavors.

The award was presented by Dean Dennis Thompson to Nelson M. Sims, who was also the keynote speaker for the evening.

Pharmacy Practice: Dr. Tom W. Davis (left)
Pharmaceutical Sciences: Dr. Carroll L. Ramos (right)
NEW FACULTY: DR. KALIE KERTH

Dr. Kalie Kerth has accepted the position of Rural Health Clinical Pharmacist within the Rural Health Network (RHN) and began February 2014. The purpose of the RHN is to elevate healthcare services in rural Oklahoma by funneling information, developing services, and assisting pharmacists in the advancement of healthcare. Dr. Kerth established the SWOSU Remote Medication Order Processing (RMOP) pharmacy and training area and serves as the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC). They are in the process of contracting hospitals for inpatient real-time order review and hope to have student participation and interaction in the Fall 2014 semester.

Students will be able to review medication orders for appropriateness of drug, dose, route, frequency, allergies, and other drug or disease interactions. Clinical knowledge will be applied in reviewing the entire patient chart while in-patient and then assisting in medication reconciliation and counseling upon patient discharge from the hospital.

Dr. Kerth is a 2011 SWOSU COP graduate. She and her husband Troy have lived in Weatherford since 2006 and are parents to beautiful, healthy, energetic twin girls. They enjoy going to church, playing outside, reading, and golfing.

SHARP OSHP PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Randall Sharp was installed as the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP) President-Elect at the OSHP Annual Meeting this April.

Dr. Sharp is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and has been at SWOSU since 2001. His current practice site is Heart Solutions of Oklahoma, a private cardiologist’s clinic in south OKC. He has previously served on OSHP’s Newsletter Committee, Programming Committee, and Scholarship and Awards Committee.
DEAN’S ADVISORY COUNCIL

On April 12th, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) College of Pharmacy (COP) Dean’s Advisory Council meeting was held on the Weatherford campus. This Council is an invited group of regional pharmacy leaders from both public and private sectors whose purpose is to provide a channel of communication between the professional/business communities and the SWOSU COP and to assist with advocacy, philanthropy and general advancement of the college.

The Council assists SWOSU COP Dean Dr. Dennis Thompson in strategic planning and future opportunities and threats in the changing health care environment. Dean Thompson said the Council is scheduled to meet on a yearly basis to offer insight into the external environment—from legislative to industry trends—that impacts the college’s mission and strategic plan.

SWOSU President Randy Beutler updated the Council on the status of SWOSU. Dean Thompson gave the Council a tour of the COP building as well as an update on plans for a new COP building. Dean Thompson also briefed the Council on the recent ACPE Accreditation visit this past February. Dr. Randy Curry, COP Rural Health Coordinator, gave a presentation on the COP’s Rural Health Initiative.

Members of the SWOSU COP Dean’s Advisory Council are pictured above. Seated L to R: James Kirk (Edmond); Mary Porter (Oklahoma City); Derek Dennis (Mustang); Janet Beard (Wichita Falls, TX). Standing L to R: Kirk Irby (Artesia, NM); John Foust (Oklahoma City); Carl Birdsong (Amarillo, TX); Doyle High (Austin, TX); Dean Dennis Thompson; Roger Enix (Edmond); SWOSU President Randy Beutler

SWOSU RESIDENCY NEWS

SWOSU COP had a record number of eight students who matched with various residency programs for the 2014 - 2015 year.

Both SWOSU-affiliated residency programs matched with candidates for 2014-2015.

- SWOSU-Walgreens PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency – Chukwuemezie (Chu) Chimezie from Xavier University COP in New Orleans, LA.
- Integris Southwest Medical Center-SWOSU PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency – Laura Randolph from SWOSU COP.
PRECEPTOR SPOTLIGHT:
LISA M. BENHAM, PHARM.D

Lisa is a 2005 SWOSU graduate who completed her pharmacy practice residency through Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City. During her residency Lisa became aware of a job opportunity at Integris Bass Baptist Health Center in Enid; since she is originally from Enid this was a good fit. Lisa has a long-standing interest in hospital pharmacy and worked both as a technician and an intern in the hospital setting prior to completing her degree.

Lisa currently serves as a clinical/staff pharmacist and is involved in a multitude of activities including order entry and product checking, warfarin and vancomycin dosing, and policy writing for the hospital Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Pharmacists are also stationed on patient care floors so she has the opportunity to directly interact with physicians and medical residents – something that she thinks has been well received by medical staff. One of the aspects of her job that Lisa most enjoys is the amount of variety; each day brings different challenges and opportunities.

Lisa has been precepting IPPE students for SWOSU for about 5 years and was named Preceptor of the Year in 2013. She enjoys working with students earlier in the curriculum because of their eagerness to learn; seeing them get excited about something that she sees regularly and might take for granted gives her renewed enthusiasm. Lisa believes her site provides a good rotational experience because its smaller size allows students the chance to be exposed to many different facets of hospital practice. She hopes that her rotation might spark an interest in hospital pharmacy for a student who had not previously considered it as a career.