

SWOSU College of Pharmacy Update  
Fall 2014

**Faculty/Staff News**

- Casey Merryman joined the IPPE office as the administrative assistant.
- Corrie Martin joined the Dean's office as an administrative assistant.
- Dr. Aimee Henderson joined the COP as the Rural Health Clinical Pharmacist for MTM.
- Dr. Steve Drinnon joined the College of Pharmacy as the Pharmaceutical Care Lab 2 Coordinator, part-time.
- Julie Bartel-Biebrich joined the Pharmacy Practice department as the administrative assistant.
- The College is seeking qualified applicants to fill Clinical Pharmacy Practice Faculty positions in Tulsa and OKC (Pediatrics).
- Dr. Melanie Claborn passed Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) ambulatory care pharmacy exam. She can now use the designation BCACP (Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist) in her credentials.
- Dr. Nancy Williams passed the nutrition support recertification examination. She can continue using the BCNSP designation in her credentials.
- Dr. Hardeep Saluja was named the coordinator of the Pharm.D./MBA program.
- Drs. Erin Callen and Tiffany Kessler submitted a proposal for the 2014 CVS grant opportunity.
- Dr. Faruk Khan completed the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) 2013-14 Academic Research Fellows Program (ARFP).
- In October, Dr. Khan was appointed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka to be a consultant for the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, University of Dhaka.
- On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Tiffany Kessler welcomed an addition to her family. Reagan McKinley Kessler made her appearance at 1:24 pm, weighing in at 9 lbs 5 oz.
- On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Leanne Showman welcomed an addition to her family. Anna Carla made her appearance just before midnight, weighing in at 7 lbs 13 oz.

**Student Related News**

- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, APhA-ASP hosted the annual fall cookout.
- On September 8<sup>th</sup>, APhA-ASP hosted guest speaker Peter Lee during a meeting.
- On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Dean Thompson held a "Town Hall" Meeting for P3 students, which was videotaped and can be viewed at <http://www.swosu.edu/academics/pharmacy/town-hall-meeting.aspx>
- 9/9-11...Kappa Epsilon Bake Sale
- 9/9...Pharmacy Organizational Fair
- 9/9-10...PLS Photo Fundraiser
- September 13<sup>th</sup>...Parent's Day
- 9/15 -19...Kappa Psi Fundraiser & Ebola Supply Donation Drive
- 9/15...NCPA hosted guest speaker Suzanne McLendon during a meeting.
- 9/16...Phi Delta Chi "Smoker"
- The annual Hygeia bowl raised \$170.00 for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.
- Kappa Epsilon's annual chili cook-off and pie auction raised \$600 for the Veteran's Association.

- On September 2-26, OSHP held a “Sleepers in September” drive for Edmond Chapter of Newborns in Need. They collected 15 sleepers, 6 blankets, 12 packages of wipes, 12 packages of diapers, and some bibs and clothes. Newborns in Need provides necessities to agencies and hospitals serving premature, ill, or impoverished newborns. It distributes items free of charge to babies in the United States.
- In September, the Delta Beta chapter of Kappa Psi at SWOSU donated \$5,000.00 to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. This donation was made in memory of Rusty Hartsell.
- On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists (FCP) held a “Sole Hope Shoe Cutting Party” to cut out shoes. Those cut outs were sent to Uganda where local cobblers, who will be paid a fair wage, will assemble the shoes. The shoes are then provided to locals who frequently go without shoes and end up contracting jiggers, a parasite that grows in the foot and, in some cases, limits the ability to walk. FCP worked with Sole Hope, an organization which was founded for the purpose of providing healthy feet options for those in need in Uganda. Also, FCP donated \$50 to help with the expense of transporting the shoe parts to Uganda and paying the salary of the cobbler.
- On October 28<sup>th</sup>, APhA-ASP chapter hosted guest speaker Dr. Rebecca Segrest from Cardinal Health. She spoke about her career and experience as a Nuclear Pharmacist.
- In October, founding member and SWOSU 1991 pharmacy graduate, Stacy Cody traveled from his home in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to speak to the Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists (FCP). Cody is active in a local church and gives of himself in his professional capacity through mission opportunities in foreign countries, such as Nicaragua. His life story was inspirational and certainly spoke to the need of incorporating one's faith into a professional career.
- The local ASHP Clinical Skills Competition was held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The winning team was P. Kim Abbott and Morgan Greutman and they will receive a “most-expenses” paid trip to Anaheim, CA, to compete on the national level at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December.
- The annual Agape fundraising luncheon was held on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Weatherford Pioneer Center. \$11,000 was raised by the Weatherford community for the Agape Medical Clinic. Many COP faculty, staff and students served as volunteers.
- On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma Pharmacist Helping Pharmacist (OPHP), Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) and SWOSU COP hosted guest speaker Kevin McCauley, a nationally recognized physician on the science and psychology of addiction from the Institute for Addiction Study, for the PLS Chemical Dependency Seminar at SWOSU (organized by COP student Alex Foster).
- FCP collected and packed 43 boxes with toys, hygiene products, school supplies, and misc. accessories to send overseas to children around the world for Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to the generous help from COP students & faculty, and the Indian Pentecostal Church of OKC. After adding these boxes to Chi Alpha’s donated boxes... a total of 77 boxes were sent.
- For the first time, SWOSU FCP sent three students, Ashley McMahon, Kortney Meyers, and Erin McGuire, to the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. At the conference this June, the students were able to connect with practicing pharmacists and other pharmacy students, develop their leadership traits, and collaborate with fellow pharmacy believers. This coming summer, FCP is looking forward to sending eight FCP students to the CPFI student retreat in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

## Profile of the Fall 2014 Class

From the 127 qualified applicants, 42 were selected. The fall 2014 class is 43% (18) male and 57% (24) female. The mean age is 22.28 years old. The fall 2014 class has a mean GPA of 3.56, a mean ACT of 26.73, and an average composite PCAT of 63.59%.

## Research News

- Publication by Dr. Les Ramos, pharmacy student Jonathan Willett and Dr. Dennis Thompson: Thompson DF, Ramos CL, Willett JK. Psychopathy: Clinical Features, Developmental Basis, and Therapeutic Challenges. *Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics* 2014; 39:485-495.

## Program News

- The SWOSU COP Professionalism Committee and CVS Pharmacy hosted the fifth annual Professionalism Dinner on August 28.
- The COP manned SWOSU's booth at the Great State Fair of Oklahoma on September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The SWOSU College of Pharmacy Open House was held on Homecoming Day, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Activities included a Pharmacy Alumni Recognition Ceremony and Brunch. Award recipients include...

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| <i>Humanitarian Award</i>                   | Dyron Howell                  |
| <i>Young Professional Achievement Award</i> | Jamie Miller                  |
| <i>Professional Achievement Award</i>       | Greg Huenergardt              |
| <i>Brandy Award</i>                         | Janet Seratte                 |
| <i>Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award</i>   | Kent and Jalee Russell Abbott |
- SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation continuing education seminars were held in Tulsa on September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and in OKC on October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.
- SWOSU COP Center of Excellence announces the Dean's Leadership Development Program. This program is designed as a degree specialization for an exclusive group of College of Pharmacy students. This degree specialization provides a unique opportunity for students to differentiate themselves from their peers in the job marketplace. The SWOSU COP Center of Excellence held its first annual Leadership Dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- SWOSU is affiliated with two pharmacy residency programs. The SWOSU-Walgreens PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency was started in July 2013 and the INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center-SWOSU PGY1 Pharmacy Residency was started in July 2014.

## **Calendar of Events for Spring 2015**

- December 19<sup>th</sup>- January 11<sup>th</sup>... Winter Break (Campus opens on January 5<sup>th</sup>)
- January 12<sup>th</sup>... Spring 2015 Semester Begins
- January 19<sup>th</sup>... Campus Closed (MLK Jr. Day)
- January 29<sup>th</sup>... Pharmacy Professionalism Reception
- February 24<sup>th</sup>... Pharmacy Job Interview Day
- March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>... Spring Break (Campus Closed March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>)
- April 24<sup>th</sup>... White Coat Ceremony
- May 8<sup>th</sup>... Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony
- May 9<sup>th</sup>... SWOSU Convocation
- May 12<sup>th</sup>... Semester Ends
- May 25<sup>th</sup>... Campus Closed