

SWOSU College of Pharmacy Update
May 2014

Faculty/Staff News

- Dr. Randall Sharp was installed as the Oklahoma Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (OSHP) President-Elect at the OSHP Annual Meeting this April.
- Dr. Melanie Claborn will join the Pharmacy Practice Department in June 2014. She will have an ambulatory practice site and will be based at the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic.
- Drs. Les Ramos and Tom Davis received AACCP Teacher of the Year awards for the 2013-14 academic year.

Student Related News

- 9 COP students including Nathan Troester, Erin McGuire, Son Nguyen, Jenn Le, Anna Vu, Morgan Greutman, Malorie Vaughan, Kim Ly, Victoria Lam, attended the APhA Annual meeting in Orlando, Florida from March 31 to April 1, 2014.
- Morgan Greutman, a 3rd year COP student, won the local APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition that was held at the end of January. This is the second year in a row that Morgan has won the local competition and advanced to the national competition. 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 28th – 31st. Last year she received 3rd runner-up at the National APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition in Los Angeles.
- Kappa Epsilon (KE), professional pharmacy fraternity, hosted a fundraiser, "Money Ball", on February 12th. Golf balls were purchased for a chance to throw the golf ball onto a target for a cash prize. The closest golf ball to the target won \$75, second place won \$50, and third place won \$25. A total of 86 golf balls were sold. The money raised went towards KE's Founder's Day celebration. Founder's Day is a KE ceremony and celebration of the foundation of the Fraternity.
- Rho Chi's "Spelling Bee" was held on April 15th. First place went to Anh Huynh (\$100 gift card). Second place went to Anna Vu (Pharmacotherapy handbook, 8th ed.). Third place went to Cash Cooper (*Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy*).
- FCP held a "Sock it to 'em" sock drive fundraiser in April. The socks will be donated to the Agape Clinic.
- Kappa Psi, a pharmacy fraternity at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, held a fundraiser March 6th- April 4th to benefit the Agape Clinic in Weatherford. Kappa Psi is also giving away an autographed Kevin Durant jersey to one lucky person. 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.
- 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.

- COP student Alexandria (Alex) Foster will represent Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) at a summer 2014 seminar at the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies in Salt Lake City, Utah. COP students Teresa Lawson and Kara Crane will also attend the seminar.
- Phi Delta Chi raised funds for "Clean Water" for people in other countries as well as accepted food donations for the Agape Clinic.

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%.

Research News

- On April 15th, Dr. Khan's research students (Mohammad Faisal Hossain, Anjali Shrestha, Apoorva Rudraraju, and Prabhjyot Singh Saluja) presented 5 posters at SWOSU's 21st Annual Research and Scholarly Activity fair.
- On March 7th, Dr. Khan's research students (Mohammad Faisal Hossain, Anjali Shrestha, Apoorva Rudraraju, and Prabhjyot Singh Saluja) presented 5 posters at the Oklahoma Research day at UCO. Dr. Krista Brooks, Dean Thompson, and COP student Morgan Greutman also presented a poster titled, "A Comparison of Publication Metrics among Regional Universities in Oklahoma".
- Dr. Khan will present a poster on SCRiPS at the AACP annual meeting in July 2014 at the Academic Research Fellows Program (ARFP) session to provide the update on the newly developed research center at SWOSU College of Pharmacy.
- Dr. Pray has had 12 articles published in U.S. Pharmacist during the 2013-14 academic year.

Program News

- ACPE visited the COP on February 25-27, 2014, to review the Doctor of Pharmacy program for reaccreditation. The COP is awaiting the final results of the survey.
- COP students, faculty, and administration attended Legislative Day on February 25th.
- Two memorial scholarship funds have been established with the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Pharmacy Foundation on the Weatherford campus. SWOSU pharmacy graduate Dr. Sarah Fadel Mahdy (2007 graduate) of Durant established the Dr. Fadel Mahdy Memorial Scholarship in memory of her father. The scholarship will provide a \$1,200 scholarship each year to a second-year pharmacy student. And, the Earl Wayne Frank Memorial Scholarship has been established by the family of Mr. Frank, who was a 1956 SWOSU pharmacy graduate from Seymour, Texas. The fund will provide two \$1,750 scholarships to deserving pharmacy students of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.
- Pharmacy Spring Interview Day was held on February 20th. Fourteen different companies and pharmacies, such as Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and CVS, were on campus to conduct interviews with SWOSU pharmacy students. The interviews are for possible jobs but are

mainly to introduce the recruiters to the students and allow the students to get more familiar with the interview process.

- SWOSU College of Pharmacy's Rural Health Network is now offering network pharmacies free access to SWOSU COP's library of product instructional videos. The library consists of the following videos... *Insulin Pens and Pen Needles; Using an AccuCheck Compact Glucometer; Using Combivent Respimat Inhalation Spray; and Proper Insulin Injection*. Rural Health is in the process of creating additional videos. The patient can view the videos while their prescriptions are being filled. The videos do not replace the pharmacist's responsibility to provide patient counseling but are intended to be a tool to assist the pharmacist in patient counseling.
- On March 6th, the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education passed a resolution honoring the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy in Weatherford for its upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration on April 25-27. The regents honored SWOSU during their two-day meeting held March 5-6 in Weatherford.
- On March 31st, 2014, Dr. Adam Persky, PhD., a well-known national speaker from the University of North Carolina College of Pharmacy, gave a presentation at Southwestern OK State University titled, "Experience is not enough: Teaching with the evidence to improve student learning". Dr. Persky has extensive knowledge and expertise in the area of pharmacy and education in general.
- On January 14th, 2014, Dr. Michael Lee, Chief of Pharmacy at Claremore Indian Hospital, gave a presentation at Southwestern OK State University titled, "Transform Health Care in 2014. A Call to Action." Dr. Lee discussed the evolving role of clinical pharmacy and the challenges moving forward.
- Both SWOSU-affiliated residency programs matched with candidates for 2014-2015:
 - SWOSU-Walgreens Co. 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
- SWOSU COP had a record number of 8 students to match with various residency programs for the 2014-2015 year.
- On Friday, April 25th, COP students participated in a disaster drill on the Weatherford campus hosted by the School of Nursing's Community Service and Disaster Preparedness Class. Beginning Friday morning and continuing through the afternoon, large numbers of emergency personnel and observers were on the SWOSU campus participating in the drill, including campus police, local and area law enforcement, and the National Guard.
- The COP celebrated its 75th Anniversary the weekend of April 25-27.
- The White Coat ceremony was held on Monday, April 28th. Ninety-five COP students received scholarships totaling \$134,000.
- The Hooding ceremony was held on Friday, May 9th.
- SWOSU COP will present a school poster titled, "Exposing Students to the Importance of Pharmacy Advocacy" at the 2014 AACP Annual Meeting in Grapevine on Saturday, July 26.
- On April 12th, SWOSU COP Dean's Advisory Council meeting was held on the Weatherford campus. Members in attendance included... James Kirk (Edmond); Mary Porter (Oklahoma City); Derek Dennis (Mustang); Janet Beard (Wichita Falls, TX) Kirk Irby (Artesia, NM); John Foust (Oklahoma City); Carl Birdsong (Amarillo, TX); Doyle High (Austin, TX); and Roger Enix (Edmond).

Calendar of Events for Spring 2014

- January 7th: Orientation for 1st year pharmacy students
- January 8th: Semester Begins
- January 20th: Campus Closed
- February 20th: Interview Day
- February 25th-27th: ACPE Site Visit
- March 17th-21st: Campus Closed- Spring Break
- April 25th-27th: 75th Anniversary Celebration
- April 28th: White Coat Ceremony
- May 8th: Final Grades Due
- May 9th: Hooding
- May 10th: SWOSU Convocation
- May 26th: Campus Closed

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