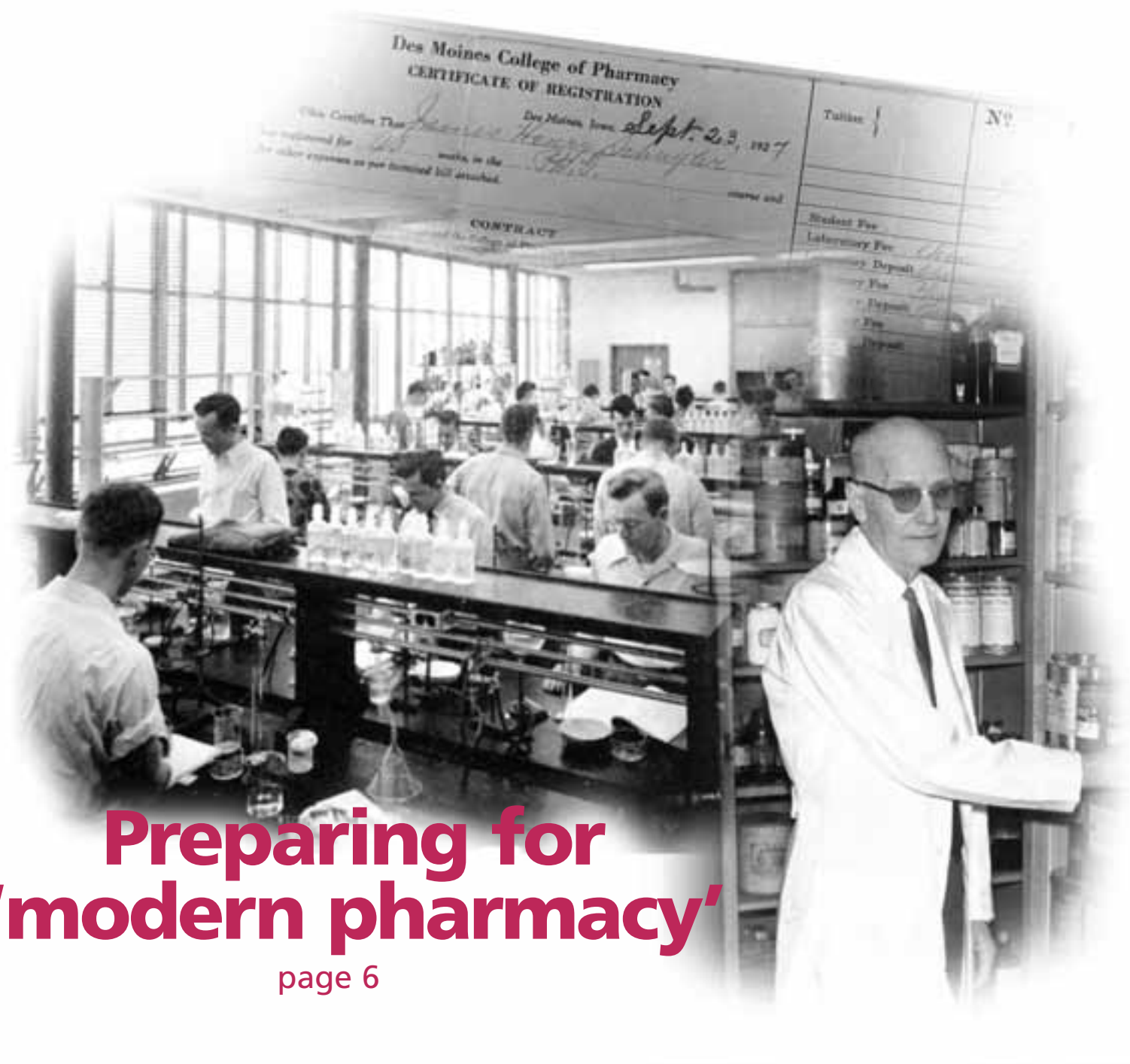


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**Preparing for
'modern pharmacy'**

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A Note from Dean Raylene Rospond



For my inaugural column, I thought it would be helpful to look not only forward but backward as well. So take a journey with me and see how applicable these comments from the late 1960s are to our mission today.

Recently I came upon a speech in the dean's files titled "Future Pharmacy at Drake." The author and date of these comments was not identified. However, I realized as I read them that time is circular and not linear as often portrayed.

"That Medicare and other social welfare programs will have a pronounced effect on pharmaceutical practice is a forgone conclusion."

"The student will continue to come to us better prepared, more intelligent and inquisitive and demanding of a challenging educative process."

"Our curriculum and our facilities must reflect these changes and needs and must be flexible to permit adaptation to a variety of interests and demands."

"We can no longer concentrate so heavily on the preparation of the 'retail' pharmacist, but must be equipped and ready to prepare fully those students who come with a desire and a motivation to proceed to other vocations."

"The traditional pattern of lecture-laboratory ... must be replaced in many courses ... by discussion and by directed independent student study."

"Laboratories as well as lecture-discussion rooms must be equipped to permit the use of newer methods of electronic instruction of all present and future design."

"The need for increased space for pharmacy is only too evident when one considers that in the past 10 years the number of students in the upper three years has increased 17 percent."

"We must be equally careful that demands for professional courses do not erode a good general education program."

This reflection on the past solidifies our foundation while allowing us to remodel and renovate the end product, our graduate, to be able to take advantage of the new and expanding opportunities for pharmacists in current society. It also demonstrates that the issues facing pharmacy as a profession and colleges of pharmacy are often circular.

The College has been well positioned by its past leadership to embrace change in pharmacy education and the profession of pharmacy. As the newly named dean of the College, I look forward to working with our outstanding and dedicated faculty, staff, students and alumni to achieve greater heights in the future.

There is no better way to end this letter than to include a final quote about the future from a former dean of the College.

"The future of pharmacy is bright in all of its aspects. The education of the individual who will practice this profession is embarking on a new era. We hope to be one of the leaders of those who prepare pharmacists for practice in the 21st century".

I hope you enjoy the demonstrations of leadership as shown through this issue by students, faculty and alumni.

Best wishes.

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Today's pharmacists have more career options

By Suzanne Sietsema Blackburn, R.Ph.

The academic curriculum for a professional degree in pharmacy has expanded in scope in the past 30 years, but the basic education and licensing requirements have not dramatically changed. There is clearly more variety in degree options, e.g., BS, PharmD, and there are expanded opportunities for residencies, internships and fellowships. In addition, the combination degree programs — e.g., pharmacy/MBA, pharmacy/law — reflect academic innovation that is aligned with marketplace change and demand.

These days, the career options that graduating pharmacy students select today largely mirror those chosen 30 years ago with 60-70 percent of today's new practitioners choosing community or hospital/institutional practice. Based on the American Association of College of Pharmacy's "2000 National Pharmacists Workforce Survey," the career choice of post graduates does not vary significantly from new graduates. The survey results for "employment setting" reflect 59 percent of the survey participants to be in retail/community pharmacy with 21 percent in hospital practice — 80 percent in traditional pharmacist roles.

Today's pharmacists, however, have a much broader variety of career options in the "other pharmacy related" category, e.g., managed care, pharmaceutical industry, nuclear, etc., that could and should be considered as career opportunities outside of the traditional retail/hospital practice settings.

Pharmacy practice in a managed care organization (MCO) or in the

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pharmacy benefit management (PBM) industry is a non-traditional pharmacy role that encompasses a wide range of functional activities and career paths. More than 18,000 pharmacists are working for MCOs and PBMs today, and these organizations are responsible for the delivery of prescription drug benefits to over 200 million Americans. As with pharmacists practicing in the traditional community/hospital settings, the pharmacists working in a managed care environment are committed to ensuring that medications are used appropriately to improve a patient's health. The managed care pharmacist is also committed to maintaining the affordability of a pharmacy benefit for the payer of health care benefits, e.g., employer, insurer, government, etc., through innovative utilization and education programs to ensure plan members access to appropriate and cost-effective pharmaceutical care.

The managed care pharmacists are responsible for a broad and diversified range of clinical, quality-focused drug management services. A high-quality managed drug benefit employs a number of management approaches that include the following:

- Tools and technology that reduce medication errors
- Step therapy programs to enhance patient safety and reduce costs
- Formularies or preferred drug lists to help lower drug costs by encouraging the use of preferred drugs

- Preferred relationships with network pharmacies and mail service pharmacies to achieve competitive pricing
- Benefit plan incentives to use equally effective, but lower cost drugs such as generics

Pharmacists employed in a managed care organization can be operating as expert clinicians, academic researchers, business managers, clinical service managers, strategic program developers — the list goes on. The variety of positions allows a pharmacist to maximize and leverage their pharmacy knowledge with expanded opportunities to contribute.

A career as a managed care pharmacist provides many different opportunities to use clinical, business and patient care skills. Pharmacists' skills and training are valued in MCOs and PBMs and often many phases of a career can be accommodated in a single company. Choosing a career as a managed care pharmacist provides flexibility and opportunity.

For more information about managed care pharmacy, you can visit AMCP's website at www.amcp.org.

YOUR OPINION WANTED: If you have a professional opinion you'd like to write and submit for consideration as a future *Hot Topic*, or if you want to respond to this editorial, send an e-mail to *Pharmakon* editor michelle.rubin@drake.edu.

IN BRIEF

ROSPOND NAMED DEAN OF CPHS

Raylene M. Rospond, interim dean and professor of pharmacy practice at Drake University, has been named dean of Drake's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, effective immediately.

In announcing Rospond's appointment, Drake Provost Ron Troyer said, "Raylene Rospond has performed admirably as interim dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She is highly respected by her fellow deans and the faculty of the college and is an accomplished teacher and scholar. I am confident that she will be a strong member of the academic leadership team at Drake University and lead the college as it responds to the challenges of the future."

Rospond holds a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Creighton University and a doctor of pharmacy from the University of Texas. She also completed an oncology specialty residency at Medical Center Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Her recent research, funded by various grants, focuses on access to health care, pain management and pharmacy experiential education programs. She has written dozens of articles and is co-author of a 2003 book titled *Patient Assessment in Pharmacy Practice*.

Rospond joined the Drake faculty in 1997 as associate professor and associate dean for external pharmacy affairs and became chair of the pharmacy practice department in 1999. She has received numerous honors, including the Innovations in Teaching Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Pioneer Award from Progress Industries. She was elected as a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy in 2002 and served on the Iowa Pharmacy Association Board of Directors in 2001-03.

"I am honored to be selected as dean of Drake's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences," Rospond said. "The college has been well positioned by its past leadership to embrace change in pharmacy education and the profession of pharmacy. The outstanding and dedicated faculty, staff, students and alumni ensure the success of the college and are its greatest asset. I am looking forward to working with and for them to achieve greater heights in the future."

In addition to her professional activities, Rospond is active in the community as well. She is a pharmacist volunteer with Health Care Access Network and a member of the American Cancer Society's Iowa Cancer Pain Initiative and an implementation board member of the Community Access Project.

She also chaired the Parish Council of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church from 2002-03.

INTERNSHIP PUTS STUDENT ON POLICY FRONTLINE

Drake pharmacy student Jill Flaherty found herself with a front row seat for some controversial industry debates last summer.

As an intern in the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Policy, Flaherty researched such topics as drug importation and barcoding and helped prepare testimony for two Congressional hearings.

"I was very impressed to see how far-reaching the profession of pharmacy can be and how many different issues it affected," Flaherty said. "With those issues there was no one day that was the same. We did such different work, and I loved it because of that."

That work included doing research with the Canadian Board of Pharmacy and the government departments that control importation and exportation and working with the attorneys and different government agencies that are trying to bring suits against counterfeiters. During Flaherty's internship, the Office of Policy also drafted some of the initial language regarding prescription drug benefits in the Medicare bill before it went to the House.



Jill Flaherty



Student Profile

Kayla Marie Hansen

Major: Pharmacy

Hometown: Sioux City, IA

Internship/Work Experience:

Internship at Bauder Pharmacy.

Notable Achievement: 2003 Top First-Year Student.

Campus Activities: Vice president of residence hall executive council, historian of Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Delta Chi, orientation counselor, Intervarsity.

Off-campus Interests: Trinity Lutheran Church.

Career Aspirations: To specialize in hospital pharmacy in either geriatrics, pediatrics or oncology.

"When I came to Drake, it was my goal to be a pharmacist in retail, possibly owning a pharmacy in the future. Now, because of my first semester job shadow at Mercy Hospital, I've realized other possibilities and now am very interested in hospital pharmacy and working alongside doctors with the patients."

In the first three weeks of her internship, Flaherty also helped her boss prepare to testify before Congress about drug importation. In preparing for that hearing, Flaherty saw firsthand the dangers of importation by visiting an international mail facility in Virginia and randomly select questionable drugs that had been imported, such as items that were spoiled and unrefrigerated or packaged without safety labels. Those items were used as props during the hearing, and Flaherty had the opportunity to sit behind her boss and confer with him during his testimony.

“I wasn’t sure initially how much pharmacy exposure I would have during the internship and wondered if I would just forget everything and have to start over when I came back to school,” she said. “But I really did quite a bit of work that was scientifically related because preparing to testify in front of Congress and speaking to citizen groups as well as different pharmacy groups, you had to know your background and have scientific knowledge.”

Flaherty, a fifth-year PharmD student who is also working toward a law degree, has always been interested in the policy side of pharmacy, and she credits the CPHS faculty with helping her pursue those interests.

“There were a number of Pharmacy faculty who, the more that I worked with them, the more they identified traits and attributes that would assist me in a law degree,” she said. “They were very supportive in that process. The faculty there have such great one-on-one contact with students that I don’t believe I would be where I am today if the faculty hadn’t taken the time to encourage me to develop those skills.”

She also credits the CPHS’s encouragement of pharmacy students to be actively involved in the pharmacy profession and professional organizations and be informed about any debate that’s going on about pharmacy. Flaherty has done a lot of work with the Iowa Pharmacy Association. “That’s where I’ve literally learned just as much as I have in the classroom — how to write policy, lobby, how to basically educate and get pharmacy’s story out there. If I wouldn’t have had that

exposure, I wouldn’t have known that’s what I want to do.”

APHA ELECTS DRAKE ALUM AS PRESIDENT

Eugene M. Lutz, PH’66, a community pharmacist in Altoona, IA, was elected the 2004-05 president-elect of the American Pharmacists Association. Lutz will automatically succeed to the office of president at the conclusion of the 2005 APhA annual meeting.

Lutz is president of Lutz Pharmacy and is past president of the Iowa Pharmacy Association and the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APhA-APPM). Lutz has served two terms on the APhA Board of Trustees. He has served on numerous local, state and national committees and as a member of the APhA House of Delegates since 1980. His practice includes long-term care; compounding; lipid, asthma and diabetes management; and immunizations.

DRAKE STUDENTS HONORED

For the second year in a row, a Drake CPHS student was chosen to participate in the National Association of Chain Drug Stores internship program. Ann Corbett, P3, was

tapped to participate for the prestigious internship opportunity, which provides a firsthand look into the diverse and exciting chain pharmacy industry and association management. The organization represents the views and policy positions of member chain drug companies. In this paid summer internship program, students work at the organization’s Alexandria, VA, headquarters and participate in special projects, pharmacy conferences and meetings and network with pharmacy leaders and other area pharmacy interns.

In addition, Drake students Emily Rogers, P4, and Audrey Smith, P3, each received one of two 2003 Insight Scholarship awards sponsored by the Iowa Pharmacy Foundation. The award presentation occurred during IPA’s Leadership Breakfast in Cedar Rapids, IA, last summer. To apply for an Insight Scholarship, students write essays addressing timely topics and are awarded for their vision for the profession and ability to clearly articulate ideas and issues. The 2003 essay topic was: Discuss what you think can be done to instill professionalism in pharmacy students and new graduates, focusing on the importance of membership and involvement in professional organizations.



Drake Historical Moment

This photo from the 1953 edition of *The Quax* was taken during a dispensing lab class. “Pharmacy senior Gene Lenz went on working,” the caption reads, “turning out suppositories like crazy, as photographers, awed by the complexity of the procedure, set up equipment around him.”



Preparing for

Through the years, the CPHS has adapted to industry changes in order to offer students a variety of career options.

It was November 1951, and the cover of *North Western Druggist* featured a photo of Fitch Hall. The cover story on the Drake University College of Pharmacy, as it was called at that time, included a discussion of the College's history, facilities and curriculum, and noted, "Indicative of the complete range of courses at the college are a series of electives in drug-store management, arranged through the co-operation [sic] of the college of business administration. The sequence of courses includes drug store accounting, sales promotion and store management. ... The wide coverage of both business and professional areas of pharmacy at Drake enables the graduate to solve intelligently and skillfully the problems encountered in modern pharmacy."

Today the course offerings have changed a bit, but the commitment to graduating pharmacy professionals who are well prepared for "modern pharmacy" remains the same. Throughout the years, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has continually adapted to industry trends and adjusted its curriculum to best prepare students.

One such example can be found in an unpublished history of the College written by Pharmacy Dean and Professor Emeritus C. Boyd Granberg. There Granberg writes that the College introduced a clinical component of the curriculum in the late '60s and early '70s. "The introduction of this type of education, which deviates considerably from the nonclinical, basic education concept, required the addition of faculty with the proper education experience and also the acquisition of sites appropriate for in-patient clinical experiences," Granberg wrote.

It was at that time that community cooperation became a fundamental aspect of the CPHS curriculum. For instance, according to Granberg, the College entered into an agreement in 1975 with Mercy Hospital Medical Center, as it was known, to use clinical facilities in the hospital as training sites, and several area pharmacists became preceptor-teachers in ambulatory training sites.

Today, preceptors are an essential part of the education offered at CPHS, which has since evolved to reach beyond community pharmacy to offer students a variety of career options, showing

'modern pharmacy'

By Michelle Rubin

students the possibilities that lie in everything from community pharmacy to pharmacy research to managed care pharmacy.

EACH STUDENT IS AN INDIVIDUAL

According to Renae Chesnut, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and assistant dean for student affairs, last May the College graduated 99 students. Of those, 35 percent went to large chains, 12 percent went to small chains or independents, 16 percent went to hospitals, 8 percent went elsewhere in the industry, 8 percent went on to grad school, and 20 percent went on to residencies. Chesnut notes that the percentage of students who went on to residencies was higher than in past years.

“In the last four years we have seen a lot of change in where students are going,” Chesnut says. “Twenty years ago, a unique position was working as a pharmaceutical representative. Now there seems to be more than just a few doing the unique pathways.”

This change in graduate destinations can partially be attributed to awareness. Early in the pharmacy program, students are introduced to several different areas of pharmacy practice and are required to do some job shadowing. Initially, this helps determine whether pharmacy is the right path for them. The next step may be to identify areas they are particularly interested in. At that point, faculty help students find ways to gain more exposure to those aspects of the field while also experimenting with others.

“We understand that each student is an individual,” Chesnut says. “We aren’t interested in the cookie cutter approach that everyone is interested in the same thing.”

As students identify their particular niche in the profession, CPHS faculty help them find ways to become better prepared. “For example,” says Chesnut, “someone who is going into pharmaceutical industries might be interested in doing pharmacy and an MBA. Someone who is interested in academia will look along the lines of doing a residency.”

Chesnut adds that a particular interest area might lead a student to get involved in different pharmacy student groups. “Now we have an organization committed to community pharmacy, one to health system pharmacy, one to managed care pharmacy and one to promote pharmacy for minorities,” Chesnut says.

ALUMNI SUPPORT

Leslie Schlump, a fourth-year PharmD student, is a good example of how the College helps students get exposure to different aspects of the field. Schlump, who did a rotation in Chesnut’s office last semester, says, “I’ve thought about either

being a preceptor at a site or becoming a faculty member and I just wanted to see what it is like behind the scenes.”

Schlump remembers her years in prepharmacy learning about different career options and job shadowed at a nuclear pharmacy.

“I had no idea what nuclear pharmacy was until then,” she says. “It wasn’t that nuclear pharmacy really struck my interest, but just to be there for that half a day that I went — it was interesting to see because that was such a different aspect of the industry. Job shadowing makes you go above and beyond and see what else is out there.”

Chesnut credits alumni among the reasons CPHS students’ exploration of career paths have changed significantly in the last 30 years. As more graduates go out into professions other than the traditional community pharmacy, there are more opportunities for students to learn from them. Today there are twice as many speakers coming to campus and sharing their careers each semester than there were 20 years ago.

The College is always looking to alumni for opportunities to expose students to different career pathways and is making efforts to better connect students with alumni in their chosen career paths. Chesnut says it’s important for alumni to keep the College updated on what they are doing, particularly if they are interested in student shadowing, offering summer internships or speaking on campus about their careers.

As that alumni support continues to grow, the College will be well positioned to address whatever divergent trends the industry may have to offer to students — just as it has in the 24 years since Granberg wrote that employment opportunities “ranged across the entire spectrum of pharmaceutical activities, including independent and chain community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, government and industrial pharmacy, and graduate education.”

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	Then	Now
Courses	Modern cosmetics and forensic chemistry	Pain, Media and Current Events; Clinical Ethics; and Social-Behavioral Aspects of the Health Care System
Post-graduation placement rate	100 percent	100 percent
Most popular career choice	community pharmacy	community pharmacy
Enrollment	215 (1949)	850

ALUMNI

Become a philanthropist

It's an exciting time at the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, with a new dean in place and several long-term initiatives taking root. As the College moves forward, alumni support will remain a crucial component of our progress.

And because now is a great time to show you believe in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' mission, we've identified a number of ways for alumni to become philanthropists:

Fund student travel to a local, state or national pharmacy meeting

Fund renovation of your favorite faculty member's office

Donate a pharmacy-related picture or antique

Volunteer to be a guest speaker for pharmacy issues in classes

Fund a new wing for the College

Donate copies or allow us to make copies of LKS composition photographs for years prior to 1971, 1972-1975, 1987-1988

Fund scholarships for students with a prior B.S. degree

Provide support for an annual student orientation to the professional pharmacy program

Donate copies or allow us to make copies of Kappa Psi composites for the following years: prior to 1969-70, 1974-1975 through 1982-1983, 1985-1989, 1991-1998, 1999, 2000

Volunteer as a mentor for a minority pharmacy student

Volunteer as a preceptor for hospital pharmacy or acute care rotations

Provide housing for students completing rotations outside of Des Moines

Fund scholarships and grants to increase the number of graduates seeking advanced study in the pharmaceutical field.

Donate several copies of recent reference books for the college

Donate copies or allow us to make copies of Phi Delta Chi composites from the following years: prior to 1982, 1987-1988, 1988-1989, 1993-1994, 2000-01, 2001-02

Fund remodeling of either indoor or outdoor student common areas

Provide stipends for residents, fellows or post-doctoral graduate students

Fund an endowed scholarship

Donate PIXIS machine or equivalent

Connect the College with professional and community partners in health care initiatives in Des Moines and around the state

Fund an endowed chair position

Donate two smartboards for classroom instruction

Donate funds to establish a pharmacy alumni Web page

Fund the renovation of a classroom

Donate a pharmacy management system for drug distribution laboratories

Volunteer for service on the College's committees and task forces

Advocate for faculty research by supporting efforts of the College with local and national foundations.

Fund an endowed faculty development fund

Donate a multi-user subscription to electronic drug information sources

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Alumni Profile

Josh Benner

Graduation Year/Major: 1998/PharmD with a Religion minor

Occupation: Director of health economics for ValueMedics Research in Arlington, VA

Background: While at Drake, Benner worked at the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, a managed care pharmacy and Medicap Pharmacy in Urbandale, IA. He attended the Harvard University School of Public Health and received his MS and doctorate

in health policy and management. While enrolled at Harvard, his research was based at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoconomics.

Professional Associations/Notable

Achievements: Benner's first published study appeared in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* during the summer of 2002. Since then, his research has won awards from the International Society for Pharmacoconomics and Outcomes Research and the American Heart Association. He is a member of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

ISPOR and Society for Medical Decision Making.

First Job: Associate director of pharmacy affairs (acting), American Pharmaceutical Association

Off-the-Job Interests: Time with wife Krissy and two sons, fly fishing, home improvements and golf.

“My favorite class was Prof. Lon Larson's Economic Aspects of Healthcare Policy and Management. It sparked my interest in the area of health economics and launched me on the path to graduate school and my current career.”

NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

NAB Members

Liz Cardello, national accounts & business development, American Pharmacists Association

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The Drake College of Pharmacy National Advisory Board met on Oct. 24, 2003, on the Drake campus. Members received a report from John Willey, Drake's new vice president for institutional advancement. Of special note to alums is that just 16 percent of pharmacy graduates support the University with regular gifts. John's charge to NAB members is to "reconnect" with our Drake family and explain the ongoing need for our support. I challenge each of you to reexamine your giving history and consider Drake in your giving plans. Start by reconnecting via our new and expanded alumni Web site at www.drakealumni.net.

Dean Raylene Rospond commented on the recently received accreditation report, the status of faculty positions and ongoing renovations to our physical plant. Of particular note is that the overall enrollment in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is approximately 850 students (an all-time high), with 185 freshmen entering the College last fall.

NAB members received a guided tour highlighted by renovations at Goodwin-Kirk, Olmsted and a beautiful new "commons" area. If you haven't been on campus for a while, come and visit. You'll be impressed with the changes.

Finally, as the University continues to make progress in fulfilling its mission of educating "reflective practitioners" and "engaged citizens," I am reminded that as proud Drake alumni, we must continue to support Drake and the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and lead by example. I need not remind you that your degree is only as good as your University. From your friends at Drake, I extend to you a sincere invitation to visit or just send us a note. We'd love to hear from you.

— Richard J. Hartig, chair

Mark Richards, owner, Richards Pharmacy

Bobbie Riley, director of recruiting and college relations
Osco Drug/Albertsons

Michael Seifert, pharmacy-non foods mgr., Dahl's Pharmacy

Bob Schnarr, owner, Morton Village Pharmacy

Jim Spratt, president & CEO, First Stop of Iowa

Robert Stessman, pharmacist, Manning Regional Healthcare Center Manning Pharmacy, Inc.

Tom Temple, executive vice president, Iowa Pharmacy Association

Jamie Vortherms
Marsh Drugs

Lawrence Weaver, president, Larry Weaver Associates

Darwyn Williams, president, Williams Drug, Inc.

CLASS NOTES

N. John Prevo PH'84 was appointed medical director for Iowa Methodist Occupational Medicine. Prevo has been with Iowa Methodist Occupational Medicine since September 1992 and also is the medical director for Employee Health of Central Iowa Health Systems.

Chad A. Olsen PH'00, Belmond, IA, was hired as a pharmacist for Ellsworth Municipal Hospital in Iowa Falls, IA.

Sarah M. Ronnebaum PH'02, AS'02, Durham, NC, received an honorable mention in the competition for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships and was selected as an alternate for the Howard Hughes

Medical Institute Graduate Student Fellowship. Ronnebaum is a graduate student at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Josh Sandquist PH'02, Durham, NC, received honorable mention in the competition for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships and received the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Graduate Student Fellowship. Sandquist is a graduate student at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Sidney Finn, associate professor of pharmaceuticals, and **John Rovers**, associate professor of pharmacy and health sciences, have been elected to leadership positions within the American Pharmacy Association's Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science for 2004-05. Finn is chair-elect of the Section on Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences. Rovers is chair-elect of the Section on Clinical Sciences.

Carrie Sarvis, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was named Faculty Preceptor of the Year in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

June Felice Johnson, vice chair and associate professor of pharmacy practice, spoke at the second annual Des Moines Health Policy Forum last spring. Johnson also gave a presentation on "Foot Care in the Diabetic Patient" at the third annual

Diabetes Update sponsored by Drake and the Iowa Pharmacy Association in October. Johnson also has received tenure.

Linda Krypel, associate professor of pharmacy practice, has received continued funding of \$64,500 from Procter & Gamble for editorship of the Nonprescription Medicines Academy Web site. The site (www.nmafaculty.org) is designed to help faculty who teach about nonprescription medicines. In addition, Krypel also made a poster presentation with **Kim Plake**, assistant professor of social and administrative sciences, and **Tanya Wilhite**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy annual meeting in July. The poster was titled "Implementation of a Nonprescription Medication Use Service: The Student Experience."

Faculty News

Ed Bell, associate professor of pharmacy practice, has been named to the editorial boards of *The Journal of Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics* and *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*.



Faculty Profile

Carrie A. Sarvis

Title: Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Classes taught:

Hyperlipidemia, Osteoporosis/HRT, Headache and Seizures lectures in Therapeutics; co-coordinator of the Walgreens Patient Care Center rotation; director of the Walgreens Patient Care Center development in the Des Moines area.

Favorite class to teach:

Osteoporosis/HRT or Headache lecture in Therapeutics.

Educational and Professional Background:

PharmD from University of Iowa and completed a pharmacy practice residency with emphasis in community care.

Professional Associations/Notable Achievements:

Preceptor of the Year 2003-04. Received an Innovative Pharmacy Practice Research Award from the Iowa Pharmacy Association and an APhA-APPM Presentation Merit Award. Member of the Iowa

Pharmacy Association, American Pharmaceutical Association, National Headache Foundation, American Colleges of Clinical Pharmacy and American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Research Interests:

Community care topics, including hyperlipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, women's health, immunizations, smoking cessation and headache.

Campus Activities: Member of the Wellness Committee, College Dean Search Committee, College Assessment Committee,

College Diversity Committee and College Student Affairs Committee. DRUGs student organization faculty advisor.

Off-the-Job Interests:

Singing in the church choir, playing volleyball and taking long walks with her beagle Sammie.

"My proudest moment as a professor has been receiving thank you cards from past rotation students saying I made a difference in their lives/career paths."

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Lon Larson, Windsor professor of pharmacy administration, has accepted the Director of the Drake Curriculum and First Year Seminar Program position effective with the next academic year.

Geoff Wall, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, has been selected as Mentor of the Year in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Julie Suitor, clinical associate professor of pharmacy practice, has been named Adjunct Preceptor of the Year in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Ronald Torry, associate professor of pharmacology has received a three-year grant of \$100,000 from NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. The grant will investigate the expression and potential role of an endogenous growth factor, placenta growth factor, in the stimulation of blood vessel growth and protection of cardiomyocytes from apoptosis during myocardial hypoxia/ischemia. Drake students **Robert Berendt** and **Derek Zhorne** are assisting with the research. Torry also is co-author of a clinical research paper titled "Altered Expression of VEGF and Its Receptors in Normal

Saphenous Vein and in Arterialized and Stenotic Vein Grafts." The paper has been published in the *American Journal of Surgery*. Torry also has received tenure and has been selected as the Teacher of the Year in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

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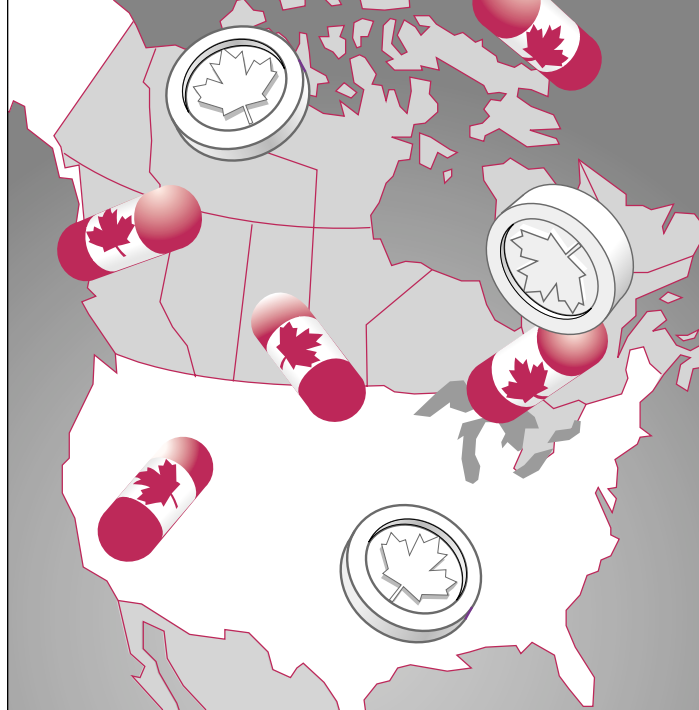
Talk of the Town

Welcome to *Talk of the Town*, the public forum for airing opinions, gripes and predictions regarding issues of interest to Pharmacy and Health Sciences faculty, students and graduates.

Should the United States allow the importation of drugs from Canada?

“No, the importation of medication from Canada poses a great risk to our healthcare system. Pharmacies in the U.S. cannot compete on the same level, so there will be more pharmacies closing up. The problem is that the United States is the only industrialized nation that does not have socialized medicine. Either change the system totally or level the playing field.”

— Gary Levine, PH’84, director of pharmacy services, Hy-Vee Care, Urbandale, IA



“I am a 1960 grad living in Florida. I see firsthand the high cost of RX to many retired senior citizens without adequate prescription insurance programs. As we know, Medicare does not cover prescription drugs. The savings are so enormous I think it would be a great hardship to force the seniors to give up the Canadian source. I think pressure has to be put on the government to solve the problem to pass a prescription drug program with prices that

compete with the Canadian competitive prices.”

— Gene Terry, PH’60, Boca Raton, FL

“No, I do not believe we should be able to import drugs from Canada. The drug companies depend on U.S. profits to research and manufacture new drugs. I would rather pay a little more for medications knowing in a few years there will be better medicines down the line.”

— Dan Gransinger, PH’96, pharmacy manager, Kmart Pharmacy, Scottsdale, AZ

“Absolutely. I see importation from Canada as only a marketing concern for the drug companies, and they’ve been exploiting the American consumer for years.”

— Neal O. Willmann, PH’67, attorney, Cincinnati, OH

“I would not endorse the wholesale importation of drugs from Canada but only because that is merely a symptom of the greater problem. I would rather support the correction of pricing inequities of pharmaceutical manufacturers.”

— Richard Samuel Holland, PH’82, vice president quality improvement, Accident Fund Insurance Company of America, Lansing, MI

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