

### Inaugural Issue of Rx Connections!

I am excited to introduce the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy's new newsletter, Rx Connections! This newsletter is for our dedicated alumni, students, faculty and colleagues like you. We will keep you up-to-date on the successes of alumni, the good news of the college and important industry updates.

If you are an alumni, please update your information with us. We love to know about the impact you are having in the communities you serve. Click on the button below to [update your information with us](#), and I'll send you free College of Pharmacy swag!

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### Evolution of a Mural

The challenge: create a College of Pharmacy mural in a really long, narrow hallway. Dylan Atkins, an exceptionally artistic P5 pharmacy student, was honored to have been asked but admitted he initially perceived the project as daunting. [Read more here.](#)

### It's Not All About the Athletes

On March 17, incoming freshmen for Fall 2017 gathered with their families for the Third Annual Pharmacy Signing Day. Students met other new pharmacy students, signed their letter of intent to become a part of Oler Nation and enjoyed an evening of good food and fun! [Read more here.](#)



### Thank You Walgreens!

For the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Walgreen Company has presented a monetary donation to UF's College of Pharmacy to support diversity initiatives. Ryan Wagner, Walgreen's representative, presented a check for \$8,000 at the College of Pharmacy's awards ceremony on Friday, April 7.



### UF Pharmacy Dean and Faculty Members Receive State Awards

The Ohio Pharmacists Association (OPA) announced three **University of Findlay** award recipients at its recent Annual Conference. College of Pharmacy Dean Debra Parker, R.Ph., Pharm.D., BCPS, received the 2017 Bow of Hygeia Award, while Erin L. Thompson, R.Ph., Pharm.D., BCPS, BCACP and John Stanovich, R.Ph., received the Uptown-Grinth Excellence in Innovation Award and Pharmacist Public Relations Award respectively. Congrats!



### Pharmacy Profs Join Forces to "Double Team" New Drugs

Timothy Burkart, Pharm.D., and Pankaj Sai Shankar Rao, Ph.D., teamed up this academic year to publish an article in the international journal *Blood Reviews*, entitled "Advances in oral anticoagulation therapy – What's in the pipeline?"

The article compares three investigational drugs: Dabigatran, Betrixaban and Naxababan. All have been created to prevent life-threatening blood coagulation events, like blood clots and VTE's (venous thromboembolisms). These blood coagulation events affect approximately 900,000 people each year. [Read more about their research here.](#)



### Fifth-Year Pharmacy Student Becomes U.S. Air Force Officer

Fifth-year pharmacy student Charles Neerby was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer in a ceremony held in Riz Auditorium recently. According to Master Sergeant Manny Rodriguez, only approximately one percent of the U.S. population enters the military, and only about three percent of entrants become commissioned officers. Neerby's commission is, therefore, "a huge achievement," he said.

### Student Spotlight: Matthew Buchfeller



Matthew is a P1 student from Brunswick, Ohio, and says that he was attracted to the University because of the friendly faculty and staff when he came to visit, and he was impressed with the University's undergraduate research program. In fact, he just recently presented his most recent research project at the annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity. When he is not in the classroom or lab, Matthew plays the saxophone in the Oler Marching Brass Band and is looking forward to serving as a Teaching Assistant for the band next year. Matthew also likes to spend his free time playing intramural football or field hockey.

When asked what his biggest accomplishment was this year, Matthew stated that it was being chosen as the Student at Large for the Criminal Justice and Forensic Science Club. We are proud of Matthew and all of our pharmacy students!

### Ask an Alumni: Lindsay Benedict



Lindsay graduated last year and moved back to her hometown of Chesterland, Ohio, to be a pharmacist with Discount Drug Mart. It is the same store she started working at when she was 16, using registers and developing photos. She said it is a great feeling to connect with her patients in her hometown and know that she is making an impact.

When she reflects back on her time as a student at UF, Lindsay says the most valuable thing she learned was the skill of time management. When balancing all those rigorous pharmacy courses, while completing PPEAPRS, and being involved in campus pharmacy organizations, she had to learn how to prioritize and keep working to get everything done.

Now in a retail setting, Lindsay is able to transition this skill to her professional life. With phones constantly ringing, training new technicians and interns, talking to doctors, completing CMRs and TIRs, all while ensuring the safe dispensing of medication, she is able to manage it all with ease!

### Faculty Feature: Mike Miks



Professor Miks is the fifth of six children. He said there was a lot of fun and action growing up. His fondest memories were around the dinner table and playing cards afterwards with his parents and brothers. He said, "We really were like the Cleaver family."

Dr. Miks has been teaching for 32 years and views it as a calling. He said he feels that it's his mission to do God's work and feels blessed to be here doing it.

Growing up, he was an incredibly shy child and didn't like to answer in class or be called upon. Shockingly, he stated that he was the same way even through college! He said he loves when students are hungry and come to him seeking more knowledge; he thrives on that. Dr. Miks loves all of the people that he works with and appreciates the environment of positivity and friendliness and how it feels like a second home here.

### Upcoming Events:

- June 29th-29th Camp
- August 21st Fall Classes Begin

### The ARxCH

A new Drug Information publication at the University of Findlay has just started. The *Annual Review of Changes in Healthcare (ARxCH)* is a student run publication that reviews various topics that have a clinical impact on pharmacy practice in a variety of specialties. The goal of the journal is to keep healthcare professionals aware of the changing landscape in healthcare, so that patients receive the best care possible. Several articles concern continuing education through the University of Findlay (<https://findlaycollegepharmacy.com/> - click distance under CE catalog).

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