



Join us in Vegas!

Calling all University of Findlay College of Pharmacy students, alumni and friends! Please join us at our reception in association with the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas. The reception will take place at Eyecandy Sound Lounge on Sunday, December 8th from 5:30 -7:30 pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. See you there!

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The Path to a PharmD Begins!

Butterflies? Check. Schedules? Check. Dorm room decked out? Check. The Fall 2019 freshman (“P1”) pharmacy class is ready to roll. Following an orientation to the campus and campus services, and lots of Q&A with current pharmacy students, the next wave of Oiler Pharmacy Students took a moment to pause for a group shot for Dean Parker before heading to our iconic Arch Ceremony. Welcome to the next six years. Trust us – they will fly by!



The 2019 White Coat Ceremony

A symbol of professionalism. A milestone on the path to becoming a

Student Spotlight: Allison Burdick

This month, we introduce you to Allison Burdick, better known as Ali, who is serving as the College of Pharmacy’s Student Social Media Assistant. In this role, she manages the Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages for the college. Ali is a current P4. She is from Brook Park, Ohio and graduated from Berea- Midpark High School. On campus, she is most involved in her pharmacy fraternity Alpha Zeta Omega. Last year, she was social chair for this organization, planning many events to deepen relationships and foster lifelong bonds. This academic year, she is her chapter’s Signare, a role in which she sparks new ideas and enhances communication between her chapter and that national Board. The first experience Ali had with UF was at Pharmacy Camp the summer after her junior year of high school. This experience really drew her closer to the profession of pharmacy and to UF!. She says she knew she wanted to pursue pharmacy from a young age but UF's pharmacy camp showed her what Findlay was all about. She became very close with her camp counselors who were students themselves and was able to experience pharmacy-based lectures and labs. Many of the other students she went to camp with also

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Coat ceremony represents the entrance into the professional portion of the program. On September 6, members of the Class of 2023 received their white coats in the presence of almost 350 family and friends. Faculty, staff, the College's advisory board, the Ohio Pharmacists Association, the Ohio Society of Health System Pharmacy, and the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy also turned out to support these bright young student pharmacists. "One of the most special aspects of this year's ceremony is that the white coats were once again sponsored, in part, by alumni of the College of Pharmacy. It is so meaningful that our alums, even at an early phase of their professional careers, are inspired to pay it forward", says Dean Debra Parker. "That speaks so well of our spirit of our graduates." During the ceremony each student received their white coat, and were joined by all pharmacists in attendance in reciting the Oath of a Pharmacist, affirming their commitment to excellence and service to others. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

I have ever made!". Everyone at camp and throughout her visits and interviews at UF was very welcoming, willing to help and to answer any questions she had. "Findlay truly feels like a home and the pharmacy program feels like a family." The best advice Ali says she could give to an incoming student is "to be yourself and become involved with at least one organization that interests you. Also, never be afraid to ask for help because our professors love when students come to office hours, and our tutoring center on campus is very helpful with undergraduate courses. Findlay has given me many opportunities socially and professionally and I am proud to be a pharmacy Oiler!"

Ask an Alumn: Vadim Kutsar - Class of 2015



Leah Stitzlein - 2019 Walmart Scholar Recipient

This past summer at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, 85 pharmacy graduate students, professional (doctoral) students, residents and fellows were recognized as Walmart Scholars. This award, which affords recipients a \$1000 scholarship to attend the AACP meeting, is intended to strengthen interest in academic pharmacy as a career and enhance skills related to teaching, research, and service. The overarching goal of this program is to ensure there are sufficient well-prepared individuals aspiring to join academic pharmacy as a career.

Lea Stitzlein, Pharm.D. candidate class of 2020, was selected as one of the recipients and attended the

As a UF young alumni, Dr. Vadim Kutsar (PharmD '15) is already making his mark in the world of pharmaceutical industry. Vadim serves as an oncology medical science liaison (MSL) for Janssen Pharmaceuticals, based out of Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to this role, he completed a 2-yr fellowship at Janssen in marketing research and business intelligence through the Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Program.

According to Vadim, "Some of the most valuable things that I learned during my time at UF was that I was definitely well-prepared for life after graduation, especially after completing the dual degree (PharmD/MBA) track! This was true regardless of whether I decided to pursue a residency, fellowship, or jump right into the work force. The

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research, has spent significant time conducting research in the lab and collaborating with other pharmacy students and faculty on numerous projects. She has a fondness for synthetic chemistry as well as cell culture-based assays. Lea also enjoys operating and interpreting results from various instrumentation on campus including ^1H NMR and mass spectral data. Lea has presented numerous posters at several national meetings and has published two articles in the past year. After graduation in spring of 2020, Lea plans to pursue residency training or other post-graduate training in order to realize her long-term goals. Congratulations, Lea!

demonstrated every day smaller class sizes, faculty that is strongly committed to student success, impactful research opportunities, and tailored experiential education." Vadim added, "I vividly recall one instance where the professor finished lecturing early and solicited feedback from the students regarding the course load and timelines surrounding exams. Voices were heard which led to subsequent changes in deadlines/exam dates, enabling students to be better prepared. I am not sure where else you can find this level of commitment but I know I found it at UF and am so grateful for faculty who were so dedicated to my success."



Faculty Feature:
Logan Conley, Pharm. D.

Cancer Fighting Compounds: Pharmacy Students Developing New Drug

Chi!

The Delta Theta chapter of the Rho Chi Society welcomed fifteen new members to its ranks on Thursday, September 19th. There were thirteen student initiates and two new faculty members in the incoming class. New student inductee's included: Kristen Bell, Elizabeth Claus, Sarah Crisp, Laurel Frasure, Rachel Hartman, Andrew Hepler, Jacob Hill, Laura Inbody, Rachel Kohls, Cassandra Kuhn, Nicole, Recker, Jacob Reyes and Cole Smith. The new faculty inductee's included: Logan Conley and Jenna Mills.

They join 131 members that have joined the University of Findlay's chapter since its founding on May 4th, 2012. Rho Chi is a national pharmacy society honoring the top academic scholars in the class. Only the top 20% of the class are invited to join the honorary each year based upon the GPA of required pharmacy courses. The vision of the national group is to advance pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership. The UF chapter strives to achieve this by utilizing their strengths to offering tutoring to their fellow pharmacy students and to organize other service projects like clothing drives. We are so proud of our newest members AND of our existing members. In fact, we asked our Rho Chi alums to tell us what

certificate program and complete a teaching rotation at Ohio Northern. He fell in love with interacting with students. According to Logan, this solidified his interest in pursuing a position in academia. "I am truly pleased to have joined the faculty at UF following my residency."

In his spare time, Dr. Conley enjoys chess, playing the guitar, and is an avid Columbus Blue Jackets hockey fan. This fall is Dr Conley's first semester here as an assistant professor of pharmacy practice and he couldn't be happier. "UF has given me an opportunity to achieve my professional goals while still allowing me to practice as a clinical pharmacist - something I think is very important. The people at the University of Findlay have welcomed me into their family with open arms. I am honored to join this team of amazing faculty."

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- October 7th & 8th-Fall Break (No Classes)
- October 28th-5:30pm, **CBD and Marijuana Update - Grand Rounds. Free CPE and open to the public. Click [HERE](#) for registration information.**

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- November 2nd-IPE Event, My First Patient - P3's
- November 9th-Pharmacy Phootball Phrenzy
- November 27th-December 1st-Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)
- December 9th-12th-Finals Week
- December 8th – **College of Pharmacy Reception at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Join us! Click HERE**

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