



Message from the Dean

Friends and Family of the UF College of Pharmacy,

In two short weeks, fall semester will kick off. While we are certainly prepared to immediately shift to hybrid or remote learning if necessary, we are optimistic about our plan to resume normal operations, learning and working on campus and participating in traditional fall activities we all know and love.

The College was nimble in the past year, balancing remote and hybrid learning models and the growth we've experienced over the past year has left us convinced now more than ever of our ability to adapt to change and meet the challenges of education and healthcare. I am proud of the resilience of our faculty, staff, and students, and remain, as ever, thankful for the support you each provide the College. As we continue to define the "new normal" in the coming months, I truly look forward to innovative responses to the opportunities ahead.

Dean, College of Pharmacy



That's a Wrap for Pharmacy Summer Camp 2021

The University of Findlay's College of Pharmacy hosted two pharmacy summer camps this year; the first in June and the second in July.

Pharmacy summer camp was open to any incoming high school junior or senior and is a four-day, three-night event on the University of Findlay's campus. While at pharmacy summer camp, students get the chance to learn more about medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, pharmacy calculations, pharmacokinetics, hospital pharmacy, therapeutics, compounding, and more. The College of Pharmacy's goal is for students to leave camp with a better understanding of the profession of pharmacy and UF's Pharmacy Program. [READ MORE](#)



Tim Burkart, PharmD

Assistant Director Experiential Education

Pharmacist Volunteers Recognized by Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps

[Findlay, Ohio] - Hancock Public Health hosted a luncheon in late June to recognize and thank volunteers from many areas in the community for their efforts in COVID screening and vaccinations. Mayor of Findlay Christina Muryn and Hancock County Commissioner Tim Bechtol spoke, proclaiming June 21 - June 26 Hancock County Medical Reserve Corps Week. At the ceremony to receive recognition was OPA Member and University of Findlay Assistant Director of Experiential Education, Dr. Tim Burkart. Certificates, lapel pins, and challenge coins to signify the efforts for the community were awarded to volunteers. Read [HERE](#) for more.



Stead named 2021- 2022 Bon Secours Mercy Health/University of Findlay Telehealth Center Fellow

Isis Stead, PharmD '21, has been selected by Bon Secours Mercy Health and the UF College of Pharmacy Telehealth Center to complete a 12-month fellowship focused on population health. Spanning seven states and fifty hospitals, Bon Secours Mercy Health is one of the largest Catholic healthcare systems in the country, providing ample opportunity to work with large populations to optimize health outcomes. Coupling this opportunity with the expertise of the UF Telehealth Center in providing focused, outcomes-driven results,

Dr. Sothea Phon, Director of the Telehealth Center explained that “the fellowship allows the Telehealth Center to expand services and continue to be on the cusp of innovative healthcare. The fellow helps to bridge new ideas with new and current partners so that the Telehealth Center continues to provide the highest quality care to partners and patients alike.”

Says Stead, “I am excited to explore new ways to utilize my clinical knowledge to make a meaningful impact on the lives of my patients.”

Congratulations, Isis!



Read the Label: Students Work Toward a Better Understanding

When faced with minor aches, allergies, or the common cold, many people will reach for over-the-

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adults really know about what they're taking?

As part of the University of Findlay's Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity, students Rusty Zahn, Rebecca Turek, Jeremy Trapp, Beth Staley, and David Ohlin researched, "the ability of college-aged students at the University of Findlay to read an over-the-counter OTC medication label appropriately." Pharm.D. candidate David Ohlin said, "We decided on our research project because research has suggested that college-aged students do not know how to properly read an over-the-counter medication label. We thought it would be interesting to see what the trend was at the University of Findlay and brainstorm ways on how to improve this barrier." [READ MORE](#)



Student Spotlight- Amanda Crase, Class of 2024

This month, we invite you to meet Amanda Crase, second professional year pharmacy student from Bucyrus, Ohio. While there are no other pharmacists in her family, there's no shortage of healthcare professionals there, with both of her grandmothers and one of her cousins are nurses. "That's what got me interested in the medical field." According to Amanda, "I realized pharmacy was a great option for me when a graduate of my high school came back spoke in one of my classes about her experience. Chemistry and biology are my favorite subjects, and I knew pharmacy would allow me to use them!" [READ MORE](#)



Q & A with Mark Amsler, UF College of Pharmacy Advisory Board Member

Allow us to introduce you to Mark Amsler, UF Advisory Board member and Pharmacy Executive at Vizient. In Mark's role with Vizient, he assists ten of the company's top 200 hospital systems contain costs in their budgets, which exceed \$2.1 billion dollars each year. This month, we were able to spend time with him for some Q & A. According to pharmacy dean, Debra Parker, "Amsler is a great example of a board member who cares deeply about supporting students; he also provides a model for a successful career path in a non-traditional role." We are grateful to Mark for his support of the program and are pleased to share our conversation with you.

What interested you in joining the UF College of Pharmacy Board?

"I have always defined myself as a facilitator. My passion is using my

ensuring future pharmacists start their career with the best training. In order to effectively advance the profession, the student must be placed at the center of education and then helped to grow into a skillful and knowledgeable purveyor of pharmaceutical care.....When I discovered the UF College of Pharmacy had a similar student-centric approach, I felt joining the Advisory Board was a perfect fit. UF's College of Pharmacy is continually trying to look for ways to improve their student's education experience as well as the quality of the professionals they prepare, and joining the UF College of Pharmacy Advisory Board was a perfect fit for me."

To the layperson, how would you describe what you do and how it ultimately affects patients?

"The valued assistance I provide to healthcare providers helps them improve in many different areas, including clinically, in operational efficiency, and in lowering the cost of providing care. Patients indirectly experience my effectiveness through shortened hospital stays, improved outcomes, and lower out-of-pocket costs. Ultimately, I help improve the quality of lives for a large number of patients even though I'll never fill a prescription, perform a kinetic calculation, or even meet them!"

your job?

“The most gratifying part of my job is taking disparate data elements and weaving them into a story which helps my clients identify better ways to provide pharmaceutical care.

Through the data, I take my members on a journey through the storyline so they can see the solutions for the problems they’ve been facing. It’s not a matter of intellect. I am just good at connecting the operational and clinical components, finding the patterns, and extrapolating them out to create a workable conclusion.”

What is your best advice to current pharmacy students who want to pursue a more non-traditional pharmacy career (i.e. not community or retail as they have historically been practiced)?

“Pharmacy allows for many definitions of success. Some pharmacists prefer the fast pace of retail paired with the ability to help a large number of people from their home community. Some prefer focusing all of their clinical skills and knowledge into helping the hospitalized patient back from the brink. Others, like myself, want a new challenge to solve daily. Thus, a non-traditional pharmacist role is more appealing.

Working for a Group Purchasing

array of issues to solve. You must nimbly move from topic to topic assessing what the main issues are and then apply your skills and experiences to offer up a customized solution to meet your client's needs. Furthermore, it allows the non-traditional pharmacist to help and mentor health care professionals across the country.”

What keeps you busy when you are not working?

“My non-working time is spent similarly to my work time, acting as a facilitator in new capacities and constantly improving my skills. My skill focus lies in golf, where there is always improvement to be achieved! In addition, as a facilitator, my wife and I have found many high schoolers feel unsure about their future career paths. We have a large cohort of current and former high schoolers who have experienced conflict and strife in their young lives. From abuse to breakups or struggles with their identity to conflict with their families, our home is a place where young adults can find advice as well as some peace.

One of the primary concerns of most high schoolers is how uncertain the future is for them. There is so much social upheaval, climate disasters, economic insecurity, and abuse from older generations that their futures

commit themselves to one career pathway at age 18 which will define the rest of their life.

This is when we take the time to listen to their frustrations and help them uncover their natural talents and the skills they enjoy. I work with them individually, using online career counseling tools to help them identify their strengths and potential career paths. My goal is to help them uncover a career they can get passionate about.

Their final choice of career path is varied, but they all regain a hope for the future and a passion to pursue it. So far, we have seen a variety of success stories as they chase after new goals and challenges."



Sterling Honored as 2021 IPPE Preceptor of the Year

student pharmacists, Dallas Sterling knows what he is doing. As the 2021 IPPE Preceptor of the Year recipient, Dallas has been working with University of Findlay students for over a decade.

The UF College of Pharmacy's Preceptor of the Year award is a student-nominated award that honors a distinguished preceptor who has made a positive impact on students through exemplary teaching and mentoring. According to Dr. Tonya Dauterman, Director of Experiential Education, "Dallas is committed to the educational process and has worked with students who are just getting their feet wet as well as students in their advanced clinical rotations. He is skilled and knowledgeable about getting students the experiences they need, and has worked with not just UF, but three other pharmacy programs in Ohio as well. Dallas has served as an advisory board member, white coat speaker, and has also taught at UF. He has a true passion for preparing the next generation of pharmacy students."

As a 1989 graduate of Ohio Northern University, Dallas knew his desire was community pharmacy. He has been in independent pharmacy, owned and operated two Medicine Shoppe franchise pharmacies, and worked in large and small chain setting. Currently with Great Scot

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opportunity for our students. Dallas' nomination included this quote: "Dr. Sterling has been an inspiration to me in my pharmacy career. The amount of care that he shows to all of his student interns and every single person that walks in through the pharmacy doors is absolutely admirable. Dr. Sterling always makes time to teach the students to set forth strong leaders and confident caregivers. I am going to be a better pharmacist because of the conversations that Dr. Sterling and I have shared. I have never met a single person who shares the drive, interest, and passion for pharmacy as Dallas. His background in teaching makes him a fantastic preceptor who always seems to go above and beyond for his students' benefit."

Congratulations, Dallas!

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