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Pharmacists Improving Patient's Lives: Impactful Moments.... What are Yours?

As pharmacists, or as individuals closely tied to the profession through our College of Pharmacy, you already know pharmacists are an important part of the healthcare team, helping people live healthier lives. But what about everyone else? Many people do not know much about pharmacists, their training, or what they bring to the table with regard to patient care. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) has launched a national campaign to highlight the integral role of the pharmacist in the healthcare team. To learn more about this campaign, Pharmacists for Healthier Lives (PfHL), visit <https://pharmacistsforhealthierlives.org/> .

An important part of this campaign involves collecting stories – stories from patients and from pharmacists about their relationships and about experiences that have truly touched them. I remember my first pharmacy internship position. It was in an independent pharmacy in Lima, Ohio called Weichart's. I will never forget how inspired I was by my preceptor, Terry, when person after person from the neighborhood would stop in and ask for Terry because they knew he'd

Overwhelmed by her child's asthma symptoms, and not having the first clue how to use the nebulizer machine she'd been provided, she was almost in tears. Terry calmly opened the nebulizer box, showed her how to use the asthma medication with the machine, and as he did so, I could see her tension dissipating. She knew there was someone there to help her.

Do you have a moment like that? Were you the patient? The pharmacist? Or the intern, like I was? I would love to hear your story if you are willing to share it. Click [HERE](#) to share with us. Interactions like these stories put a human component and a "face" to the difference pharmacists make every day. Those little moments are not so little when you have truly helped someone, and I am always proud when I hear our own alumni are doing great things.

Dean Parker



University of Findlay Mourns Loss of Beloved Pharmacy Professor

The University of Findlay community is mourning the loss of beloved pharmacy professor Bradley W. Shinn, Pharm.D. He passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at his home.

Dr. Shinn was a Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University, and had been a part of the [College of Pharmacy](#) since its inception in 2007.

According to Debra Parker, Pharm.D., College of Pharmacy Dean, he was a talented teacher, a strong and passionate student advocate, a kind man, and truly a

Student Spotlight: Maria Milner



UF's P4 student Maria Milner is originally from Russia but grew up in Cleveland for the past 19 years. She has a sister that is ten years older than her. When she's not studying, Maria loves to swim. In fact, she has been swimming competitively for the last ten years and just finished her last season as a varsity athlete swimming for UF. She's been active in Kappa Epsilon, serving as its secretary for the past two years. In



Pharmacy Summer Camp-Space is limited but it's not too late to register! Share this with a high school student you believe has "pharmacist potential"

Taking place June 23 - 27, 2019, this four-day experience on campus will be a unique and fun-filled event. Our camp is open to high school students who will be a junior or senior in the fall of 2019. The camp will be held on the campus of the University of Findlay. Students are housed in on-campus resident halls and all meals and snacks will be provided through University of Findlay's dining services. The camp has availability on a first come first serve basis! This is a great opportunity to do some career exploration and have a lot of fun doing so. The College of Pharmacy faculty is looking forward to meeting future pharmacists! If you know of a high school student who is looking to better understand the pharmacy profession and our pharmacy program, please let them

traveling and taking in the outdoors. Her goal throughout life is to see as much of the world as she can. She chose UF because it was a 0-6 program with a great reputation and she wanted the opportunity to be able to swim and study pharmacy during her college experience. Her piece of advice to an incoming student is to enjoy the small things and make the most of each day because it goes a lot faster than ever expected!

Alumni Spotlight: Derek Gyori, Class of 2016



Derek Gyori, Class of 2016, has always been goal-oriented. As a student in pharmacy school, Derek knew he wanted to pursue a residency, and believes he was very fortunate to complete his first residency year (his "post-graduate year one", or PGY1) at Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio. According to Derek, his experience at St. Vincent's was a great foundation and provided great preparation for him to pursue a specialized residency. Inspired by a



William E. Ruse, BSPH, MBA, JD Retires from the UF College of Pharmacy Advisory Board

Friends of the UF College of
Pharmacy,

Mr. William "Bill" Ruse, former Chairman of the College's Advisory Board, retired from the Board in January 2019. Bill has played such an important role in our college and was part of the team that actually founded this program. As a College, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Bill for his wisdom, his guidance and his support of this program from "day one". With this in mind, we asked Dr. Donald Stansloski, our founding dean, to write a few words, and he has done a wonderful job conveying the impact Bill has had on our program. I invite you to read on... "Dean Parker asked me to write a reflection on Bill Ruse's contributions to the College of Pharmacy at the University of Findlay. I am pleased to do so.

PGY2 Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Residency at the Indianapolis VA Medical Center, after which he returned to Northwest Ohio. Derek now serves as Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Toledo and as a Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center (which is a part of the University of Toledo Medical Center). Although he said he is going to miss moving from city to city every year for the past 4 years (Findlay, Cleveland, Toledo, Indianapolis, IN and finally, Toledo), he's very happy to be living back in his hometown of Oregon, Ohio! According to Derek, "One of the most valuable things I learned at UF was to build strong relationships and to experience as much as I could. UF gave me the opportunity to work with and build relationships with excellent faculty, to study with exceptional classmates, and to learn from extraordinary preceptors who have helped shape me into the practitioner I am today." In addition, UF offered many opportunities such as research, community outreach, and pharmacy organization involvement that helped prepare him for residency and his current career. "I cannot thank everyone enough at UF for these experiences!"

Upcoming Dates/Events:

April 5 - UF's Symposium for
Scholarship and Creativity
April 8 - Ohio District 83

campus experiential education program at ONU. One of the first meetings I had was with Bill who was the administrator at Blanchard Valley. He immediately agreed that pharmacy students could come to that hospital for part of the new way to educate pharmacists.

When I proposed the idea of a college of pharmacy at the University of Findlay to Luke Bartolomeo, he called the president at that time. I believe the president immediately called Bill Ruse who was a trustee then. I am sure Bill jumped on the idea.

Bill followed up his initial enthusiasm with unwavering support for the College. He was integral to the startup. He became the first member of the Advisory Board and its first Chairman. At that time, the Advisory Board functioned like an executive committee and a curriculum committee of the College. As time passed, the Advisory Board took on different roles, pointing out changes in the provision of health care, and later adding a fund raising function. Bill led the way in all of those things. Early in the history of the College the first donation check came in the mail. As you might expect, it came from Bill. You will certainly understand instantly what a great lift in my spirits that provided! About the same time, Bill introduced me to the local Rotary club. It may seem odd now, but both events spoke to the kind of support the College could expect from the University and the community.

By the way, Bill's donation established the Ruse fund, which has increased in value several fold over the years and has provided

April 12 -14 - Ohio Pharmacists Association Annual Conference, Columbus, OH

April 26 - P3 Halfway Event

April 29 - May 3 - Finals Week

May 3 - Graduation Luncheon

May 4 - Commencement Ceremonies

May 6 - 7 - BLS Training

While Bill's support in the early days with his financial gifts was important, it pales in comparison with his gift of ideas. He hosted accreditation people when they visited and arranged for important interactions with other University Trustees. He knew when it was time to press for the School to become a College. He encouraged the community involvement that became a hallmark of the College. He understood and championed online education for the College, and still does. He promoted the idea that the College could be entrepreneurial. He stepped in to teach health care systems for the College. For these and many other things, Bill has been an inspiration to all who worked with him at the College. His students, the faculty and the administrators of the College all admired him.

Others have stepped up on the Advisory Board and that is as it should be. However, no one expects to replace Bill. The College will feel his impact as long as the College exists.

Bill was an important part of the College startup. He was and is a friend of the College. On a personal basis, he has welcomed me into his home, shared his personal and public philosophies and provided a safe haven for my thoughts and ideas.

I treasure our association.

Sincerely,
Donald W. Stansloski, BSPH. Ph. D.
Dean Emeritus
College of Pharmacy
University of Findlay



A World of Opportunity for Findlay Students

It is a common misconception that rigorous academic programs leave no time for the classic college experience of studying abroad. At Findlay, not only is studying abroad an option, it is built into many of our academic programs so that our students can experience cultural diversity while still graduating on time. Our students aren't just taking general education classes online while in a different country, they have the opportunity to study material relevant to their future profession on an international scale. In this new series of stories, various colleges and programs will be highlighted for the work they do to provide their students with global learning experiences. [READ MORE](#)



Oilers Crowned G-MAC Conference Champions Second Year in a Row

Maria Milner a P4, Nathan Bourne a P2 and Cynthia Napier a P1 at the swimming championships for the G-MAC.

Canton, Ohio – The University of Findlay men's and women's swimming and diving teams were crowned Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) and Mountain East Conference (MEC) Champions on Saturday, Feb. 16 for the second year in a row. The men finished with 1550 total points, over 300 points ahead of the second place finisher. The women finished with 1935.5 points, also over 300 points ahead of the runner up. [READ MORE](#)



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