



HELP US GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2022

Do you remember your anticipation and excitement when you participated in your White Coat Ceremony and received your first coat? Do you recall how proud you felt the first time you put it on?

In September, the College of Pharmacy will celebrate this milestone with our very own incoming PharmD Class of 2022 at their White Coat Ceremony. The ceremony is an important tradition that serves officially welcome them into the profession of pharmacy. When you support one of these students, you are affirming to them the continuity of excellence, ethics, and integrity shared by all graduates of the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy.

Mentoring a student with your knowledge and some words of wisdom or actually sponsoring a white coat is a special way of welcoming the newest members of your profession and lets our students know that their future is supported by you – a proud past recipient of a white coat.

Will you provide some words of wisdom? We invite you to send a note of encouragement, first-hand experiences, and advice about pharmacy school. Each student will receive a note in their coats with these words of advice from all of you!

By sponsoring a white coat, you are helping these students dress for success in their professional attire to be respected by those they encounter.

[Will you please consider joining the Oiler Tradition by writing a note of encouragement and/or sponsoring a coat?](#)

Write Your Wisdom

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His and Hers: UF Pharmacy Graduates Take Similar, Yet Different Paths

When Kurt Hafeken '17 and Shannon Smiderkal '17 first met at Pharmacy Orientation Day at the University of Findlay way back in 2011, it wasn't exactly love at first sight. "I was with some friends I had already met, and he was sitting by himself," Smiderkal said. "We ended up sitting next to each other and had the same phones, so I tried to make small talk about that. He wasn't having it. It didn't work."

[Fast forward to present day and nearly seven years later, however, and the two are now together, excited about being pharmacy professionals and about Hafeken asking Smiderkal to marry him right here on the UF campus on a warm day in July under the Griffith Memorial Arch.](#)



2017 Grad Bryce Adams Named 2018 Walmart Scholar

AACP and Walmart share the commitment to help colleges and schools of pharmacy ensure there is an adequate number of

well-prepared individuals who aspire to join the faculties at our expanding number of institutions across the country. The goal of the scholarship program is to strengthen each recipient's skills and commitment to a career in academic pharmacy through their participation at the AACP Annual Meeting. [READ MORE](#)



Kyushu or Bust!

After about twenty-one hours of travel from 300 Davis Street, P6s Gabbi Imani, Damon Bodenhom, Ralf Jadpoort, and Seth Vargo along with an exhausted Dr. Earle arrived in Nobeoka, Japan, the home of Kyushu University of Health and Welfare (KUH-W). What an amazing journey! We found kind, smart, and fun-loving people that also shared a love for taking care of people through pharmacy. The Japanese students are in session during the summer so we were able to attend classes and labs with them. This was challenging, as most of us do not speak fluent Japanese although many of their students and faculty could speak English, so this helped us out. We found many [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#).



Pharmacy's Faculty Publish Summer Research

Even though school is out, plenty of research happens in the summer. You may spend your time researching which beach has the softest sand, what combination of ingredients make the best burger or maybe researching where the pool floaties ended up after last summer. The College of Pharmacy faculty at the University of Findlay have been spending their time performing research that will expand the knowledge in the field of pharmaceutical practice. Over the course of May and June, several professors at Findlay have been published in a variety of pharmaceutical journals covering topics ranging from pharmacy practice challenges in India to essential knowledge pharmacists should have on Parkinson's disease. [READ MORE](#)



Bill Nye the Science Guy? No... It's an Aspiring Pharmacist!

The 11th Annual UF High School Summer Camp is in the books, and with it, over 50 high school students from across the U.S. have been inspired to explore pharmacy as an exciting career option. These students learned how chemistry, biology and math can be fun, and how these skills, combined with an interest in the field of healthcare, are a great fit for a future pharmacist!

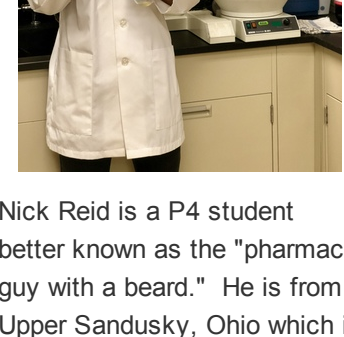
From June 24-28, these students mixed chemicals in a process called "compounding", they interacted with a life-like simulation manikin, their mock patient "SimMan", calculated doses for a mouse verses an elephant, and more! [READ MORE](#).



2013 UF Grad Named "Pharmacist of the Year"

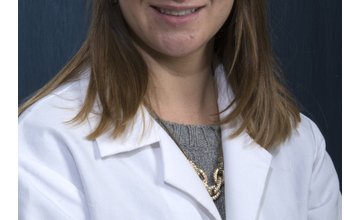
The Toledo Area Society of Health-System Pharmacists has selected its 2018 "Pharmacist of the Year", and it's our very own Anticoagulation Flanders (PharmD '13). As manager of Jobst Anticoagulation Services (PharmD '13), Dr. Flanders says she loves what she does. After earning her PharmD from UF in 2013, she went on to complete a post-graduate residency with the WW Knight Family Medicine Center, and was hired afterward by Jobst Anticoagulation Service. It didn't take long for those around her to see the passion she has for taking great care of her patients, and for working well with the other members of the healthcare team to do it. After just two years Melissa was promoted to manager of the service, and hasn't looked back. Says Melissa, "I love the people and the teamwork here. It's like my second family! When you love what you do, it's not work. There are so many opportunities for growth and expansion, and feel like I am doing important work in improving the health of thousands of patients." When asked about the influence UF has had on her career, Melissa said that she chose UF because of that feeling of "family" and knowing she was learning in an environment that was not competitive amongst students. "I could talk to anyone – faculty or classmates – if I needed help, and I knew they would be there for me. My adviser, Dr. Sandy Earle, was amazing, and my research adviser, Dr. Debra Parker, helped me and a classmate do some really cool research with the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. All these experiences helped me to build a solid foundation, a heart for collaboration and the clinical skills I have today." Congratulations, Dr. Flanders!

Student Spotlight: Nick Reid

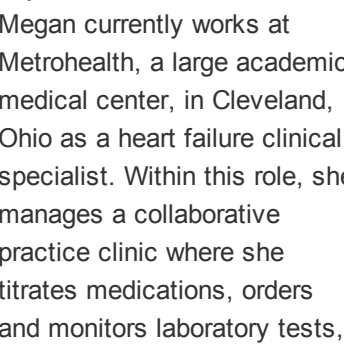


Nick Reid is a P4 student better known as the "pharmacy guy with a beard." He is from Upper Sandusky, Ohio which is "nowhere near Sandusky, so I did not go to Cedar Point 'all the time!'" His interests outside of pharmacy include dogs, photography, soccer, making people laugh, and listening to and creating music. He has worked in retail pharmacy and is looking to expand his horizons with hospital pharmacy and ambulatory care. Nick's current pharmacy interests include research in medicinal chemistry, being social committee chair for Phi Delta Chi, leading other pharmacy organizations, working in the pharmacy offices, and interacting with patients. He chose UF because it was the college at which he truly felt most at home. "Here at Findlay- I'm not only able to talk with professors about schoolwork, but also about my future plans in pharmacy and life. I actually have that personal connection with the people that I will take with me throughout my career as a pharmacist." His best advice for any student is to always remember that your college experience will be different from someone else's. "You have to be flexible and realize what works for you. The way to be successful in pharmacy is to make it your own, and to do something you're truly happy with and proud of."

Ask an Alumn: Megan Valente



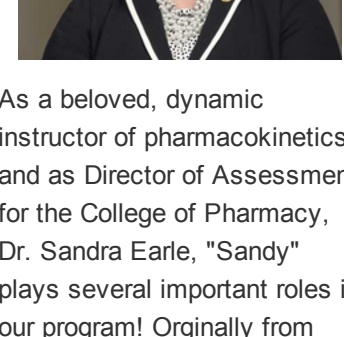
(Huebner)- Class of 2012



As a resident of Lakewood, Ohio, Megan Valente lives with her husband, their two cats and a puppy; they are also expecting their first child -a boy!- in October.

Megan currently works at Metrohealth, a large academic medical center, in Cleveland, Ohio as a heart failure clinical specialist. Within this role, she manages a collaborative practice clinic where she titrates medications, orders and monitors laboratory tests, and conducts physical assessments to appropriately manage patients with heart failure. Megan takes an active role in their residency program and is a preceptor for multiple APPE students throughout the year. According to Megan, "Precepting pharmacy residents and students is a role I highly value. Understanding the importance of mentorship and collaboration is something I learned at The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy. During my time at Findlay, I had the joy of working closely with my professors and classmates on research projects, presentations and group assignments. Learning the value of collaboration has helped me in many ways including, conducting meaningful research projects, establishing ambulatory care clinics and participating in residency programs. I am grateful my professors at The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy were positive role models and incorporated collaboration and mentorship into their curriculum every day."

Faculty Feature: Dr. Sandra Earle



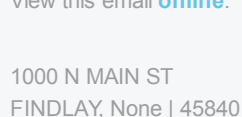
As a beloved, dynamic instructor of pharmacokinetics and as Director of Assessment for the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Sandra Earle, "Sandy" plays several important roles in our program! Originally from Michigan, at the age of two her family moved to New York, where she, as well as her younger brother and sister, were raised. She describes her childhood as "a good time living in the suburbs!" Her parents wanted her to attend a Christian college and ONU offered music, math and chemistry which were all areas she was interested in. Starting in her freshman year, she worked in a hospital pharmacy, which provided great experience early on in the world of pharmacy. She was also in the music program; in fact, it was there that she met her future husband, Rodney Rogers, a fellow student who also served as the choir director. After graduating from ONU she went on to earn her PharmD at OSU. Sandy and Rodney moved and traveled for years. Dr. Earle and her husband's careers have taken them to ONU, Case Western, Oregon State and Portland State. While in Portland, Oregon they had their twin boys-Isaac and Spencer-who just celebrated their 21st birthday in July! Their family moved back to Ohio in 2006 when Dr. Earle took her faculty position here in the Fall and her husband became the Dean of the College of Business at Bowling Green State University (BGSU). Her favorite thing about UF is the students. "The students, and the energy and attitude at this college is unique, and one that I love!" Dr. Earle loves new adventures, arts, theater, traveling and music. Her husband is the new president of BGSU and it has opened up a whole new level of opportunity for her to meet people and build collaborative relationships. When asked about balancing her roles at BGSU and UF... "I truly love my roles at each institutions and plan to keep doing both! UF's program is special to me."

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- August 17th-P3 Orientation
- August 20th-First day of Fall Classes
- August 22nd-Ohio Board of Pharmacy 2018 CE Roundtable Presentation [REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)
- September 7th-P3 White Coat Ceremony
- September 20th-Rho Chi Induction Ceremony
- October 15th & 16th-UF Fall Break

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