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Sustaining relationships with pharmacy alumni, students, faculty and healthcare colleagues through pharmacy education.



Message from the Dean

Friends and Family of the UF College of Pharmacy,

Greetings from the University of Findlay Campus! As I write this message to you, we are completing our seventh week of classes. Efforts to keep the campus community safe have been largely successful, with the generous use of hand sanitizer, hand washing, rigorous cleaning, social distancing, and masks. The students, faculty, and staff remain dedicated to providing as much "in-person" instruction as safely possible, and our students completing their experiential education in the midst of the pandemic will be the healthcare providers of the future that we will all look to for leadership.

While our nation and our respective communities continue to navigate new challenges, I am grateful for the amazing spirit and perseverance of students, faculty, and staff in the UF College of Pharmacy. Here are a few recent examples of ongoing college efforts:

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meeting regularly and making plans this academic year to raise awareness, educate others, and take action against racial injustices and healthcare disparities in our country.

- Our Telehealth Center pharmacists and students are actively engaged with the Hancock County Health Department in providing contact tracing services and are also involved in <u>COVID-testing</u> in the surrounding area, helping to keep our larger community safe. If you'd like to volunteer with either of these efforts, contact Telehealth Director, Dr. Sothea Phon-Xue, at <u>phons@findlay.edu</u>.
- Our faculty, staff, and students came together to successfully offer our annual UF <u>College of Pharmacy Summer Camp</u> in an in-person and safe manner, allowing high school students who have missed so much already, to visit our campus and explore the profession of pharmacy. If you know of a high school age student who shows aptitude and may make a great future Oiler pharmacy student, I invite you to check out our <u>invitation</u> to allow us to connect with them!

Please enjoy the updates from our students, faculty, and alumni. The amazing things these individuals are able to do are because of your support. <u>Thank you</u>!

Debra L. Parker, PharmD Dean, College of Pharmacy



Victoria Ayoola

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National Office as "Bridging the Gap" Chair

If you'd like to see a great example of student involvement, meet Victoria Ayoola. Victoria is in her P5 year and works as an intern in the Thompson Community Pharmacy in her home town of Columbus, OH. Victoria is also very active on campus serving as an intercultural student services graduate assistant in the Buford Center for Diversity and Service. Her involvement doesn't end at the local level, though. Victoria has been selected in a competitive process to represent the University of Findlay at the national level through the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA). READ MORE



UF Pharmacy Alumna Awarded a Department of Veterans Affairs Coin

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Contact Center Molly Bruvold, PharmD '10, has worked to a find a balance between her family life and career. The University of Findlay helped her achieve this balance between a meaningful life and a productive career. <u>READ MORE</u>



Exploring Pharmacy and the University of Findlay

Ask anyone what makes a good camp experience, and you'll hear "getting to experience new things" and "making new friends." The College of Pharmacy's 13th annual Pharmacy Summer Camp was able to help its campers check off both those boxes. Dean Debra Parker credits a lot of hard work from her faculty and staff in making this happen. "In a spring and summer when so many activities have been either canceled or converted to a virtual experience, we were extremely pleased to be able to offer

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Representing five states, campers explored the profession of pharmacy, UF's pharmacy program and campus, and the city of Findlay. Parker said, "We make sure our campers have a positive experience, that they take every opportunity to interact with one another, our current students and our faculty, and that their questions get answered!" Click <u>HERE</u> to hear first-hand from high school senior Anna Katherine Martin and UF pharmacy student Grant Cassidy!



Join our OILER Recruitment Team

As an alumnus, student, and/or friend of the UF College of Pharmacy, you are among our best ambassadors for the educational experience Oiler Pharmacy Students receive. The profession of pharmacy continues to evolve with many exciting developments (e.g. provider status for pharmacists in Ohio) and many

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role of pharmacists in healthcare!

We want to thank you for the investment you have made in our program as a former student, an educator, or other supporter, and you are invited to join us in identifying the next generation of Oilers in our program! Do you know a high school student considering a career in healthcare who would make a great Oiler? Consider personal and family friends, high school aged children of co-workers, personal contacts, and more! Tell us about them by providing just a few details (name, contact email or phone number, and year in high school); we will take it from there by reaching out to them and inviting them to learn more about our program. Please click HERE whenever and as often as you like.

Your support in this way helps to build the next generation of Oilers and allows us to help them go on to live meaningful lives with productive careers. If you have questions, please contact Liz Trevino at <u>trevino@findlay.edu</u>. Thank you!

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Using UF-Instilled Traits to Cope with COVID-19 Effects at Nationwide Children's Hospital

Christopher Stang, PharmD PGY2 Pharmacy Resident – Pediatrics Nationwide Children's Hospital

"I could have never in my wildest dreams expected the trials and tribulations our department, institution, and national healthcare system would encounter just eight short months after starting my residency training," says Chris Stang, UF College of Pharmacy Alum, "but I knew that my education at the University of Findlay had provided me the foundation I needed to be a strong pharmacist and to be resilient." Stang, PharmD '19 is currently completing a post-graduate residency in pediatric pharmacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital,

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Nationwide when the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak really hit Ohio. Read More



Choose Your Inspiration

The College of Pharmacy has a team of talented and generous individuals who guide and support our efforts year-round. This group is often "behind the scenes," but the impact of our advisory board members is tremendous. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical industry and bring a wealth of experience to the guidance they provide. Karen Beard, Chair of the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy Advisory Board, is introduced HERE. You will find her story inspirational!

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Findlay Pharmacy Students Help with COVID-19 Testing

University of Findlay's College of Pharmacy students are helping administer RT-qPCR tests, otherwise known as saliva tests, which detect specific genes from the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the virus that causes COVID-19. UF's College of Pharmacy is partnered with AZOVA, who set up a COVID-19 testing site at the University of Toledo. "AZOVA was looking for a third party to help administer these tests and that's how UF got involved," mentioned Kate Alt, PharmD, Assistant Director of the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy's Telehealth Center. READ MORE

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What do pharmacists do? Explore the profession at Findlay's VIP2 Day!

Findlay's College of Pharmacy invites high school students of all ages to join us for our Very Important Potential Pharmacist (VIP2) day of learning and exploring. Students will get an overview of pharmacy practice as they spend time in the lab compounding chemicals, learning about physical assessment, and filling prescriptions under the supervision of our College of Pharmacy faculty and teaching assistants. They will get an overview of Findlay's Pharmacy Program as well as some souvenirs to take home! Please feel free to share this information with high school students you may know!

Participants may include high school



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