



### Join us in Anaheim!

Calling all University of Findlay College of Pharmacy students, alumni and friends. Please join our reception in association with the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA. The reception will take place at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. on Tuesday, December 4, from 6-8pm. [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 2018 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 with Dean Parker before heading to our iconic Arch Ceremony. Welcome to the next six years. Trust us – they will fly by!



### Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Rho Chi Initiates

On, Thursday, September 20th, nine new students were inducted into the Delta Theta Chapter of The Rho Chi Society in President Fell's backyard. This marks the 8th Annual celebration recognizing the strongest academic students in the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy. The first ceremony was held in May of 2012 where the president of the Society, Dr. Paul Jungnickel from Auburn University, presided over the induction of the newly formed chapter. Since that time, 131 members have been inducted into the Delta Theta chapter. Membership in The Rho Chi Society is a privilege accorded to the few who distinguish themselves by their academic and professional achievements. This year, the inductees from the class of 2020 are Flavio Ajdinaj (Treasurer), Nicole Babiak, Stephanie Busick (Historian), Diana Chaban, Madison Donnelly (Secretary), Ashton Faler (VP), Ahmed Mohamed, Libby Stabler (President), and Lea Stitzlein. The Rho Chi Class of 2019 including (Taylor Allen, Damon Bodenhom, Melissa Bono, Anthony Federico, Clay Fogle, Daniel Hannig, Ralf Jadoopat, James Nelson, Cassandra Orahoad, Evan Shuler, Brandon Soltesz, Christopher Stang, and Kimberly Studebaker) presided over the initiation. Dean Parker, Vice President Fields and outgoing president, Anthony Federico, addressed the audience, after which parents, friends, faculty, and staff joined in celebrating the achievements of these exceptional students.



### Mentorship and Oiler Connections the Key to Success

Who doesn't love a good tailgate-style picnic? In our annual tradition, the College's Pham Jam took place on a sunny August day in UF President Katherine Fell's backyard. Accordingly to faculty member Dr. Sandy Earle, "It's such a great way to welcome all new students into our program, and provide a casual place for them to mingle! Our goal is to help our students feel the "Oiler Connection" and get acclimated to their new home away from home. We want our students to be well-adjusted and successful; this is a great way to kick things off."



### Announcing the College's first Fellowship!

In collaboration with Mercy Health, the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the addition of a Population Health Fellowship. This opportunity allows pharmacists to build and expand clinical, project development and initiation, professional networking, and business management skills while assisting target populations to achieve identified health outcomes. This Fellowship has a unique population health focus with vast research initiatives and project opportunities in partnership with a variety of patient care systems. The Fellowship is a non-tenure, full-time position, focusing on population health. This is a one-year fellowship position, with a second-year option to qualified candidates who meet the requirements of the sponsoring entities, Mercy Health and The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy. The Fellow will operate primarily in the THC focusing on population health services, with occasional required travel to Mercy Health sites within Ohio and Kentucky. The majority of the Fellow's time will be spent working directly with Mercy Health population health specialists on projects that are focused on projects specific to the institution's needs. The remainder of the time will be spent with University of Findlay College of Pharmacy faculty to gain an understanding of the context for population health and to develop expertise in developing, implementing, and analyzing population health strategies. The Fellow will be expected to complete; research projects, attending one national professional meeting, formal presentations, classroom teaching and faculty responsibilities. Candidates for the Fellowship should possess excellent communication, supervisory, and organizational skills. Candidates should have earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and hold an active pharmacy license in Ohio. For more information about this exciting opportunity, contact Dr. Sothea Phon, Director of the MTM Telehealth Center, at [phons@findlay.edu](mailto:phons@findlay.edu).



### The 2018 White Coat Ceremony

A symbol of professionalism. A milestone on the path to becoming a pharmacist. The White Coat. The UF College of Pharmacy's annual White Coat ceremony represents the entrance into the professional portion of the program. On September 7, members of the Class of 2022 received their white coats in the presence of almost 400 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 sponsored, in part, by alumni of the College of Pharmacy. It is so meaningful that our alumni, 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 2022!

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### Student Spotlight: Shania Griggs



From Warren, Ohio, P5 Shania Griggs has an adventurous spirit! With Italian and Guyanese roots, this energetic student who loves to travel joined fellow pharmacy students last year on a life-changing trip to Japan. According to Shania, "I really enjoyed my time visiting the country, learning about its culture, taking in the sights, and learning about healthcare in Japan." When she's not traveling or studying, Shania loves to play the piano, flute, draw and paint, but says the light of her eye is her four year old niece, Gianna. In January, she started working in the College of Pharmacy's Medication Therapy Management and Telehealth Center. "It has really helped me to develop my counseling skills through patient interactions!" She chose UF because of the faculty. "They made me feel so welcome, and everyone was more than willing to answer my questions. I also really liked the small class sizes. The University of Findlay is where I truly felt most at home."

### Ask an Alumn:

Nouran Salem, Class of 2015



Nouran Salem most likely wears the prize for taking her career "the farthest"! Operating out of Abu Dhabi, which is in the United Arab Emirates, Nouran works in the Medical/Surgical ICU at the Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. Having completed a PGY-1 and PGY-2 in Critical Care at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, she was ready for the challenge! "The most valuable thing I learned from my education at the University of Findlay is that the student-professor dynamic makes a great impact on your future endeavors! I encourage all students to find key mentors to learn from throughout their education and careers."

### Faculty Feature:

Dr. Laura Perry, Pharm D



Dr. Laura Perry grew up the youngest of three girls in Northwest Ohio just outside of Custar, Ohio (near Bowling Green). She was raised on a farm and absolutely loves living in the countryside on her 15-acre property. Dr. Perry is married to her husband Troy and they have two boys- Nolan (6) and Gavin (4). She graduated from Ohio Northern University with her PharmD in 2007. Dr. Perry then completed a residency at the Toledo Hospital Family Medicine Clinic and then began teaching at the University of Findlay in 2008. When asked about UF and why she loves it here... "The collegiality among the administration, faculty, and students make UF a very rewarding and fun place to work. The student focus and forward thinking of the college also allows for continued positive change that will ensure we produce graduates that meet the needs of the evolving pharmacy profession." She currently practices in the University of Findlay Medication Therapy Management and Telehealth Center and at Rite-Aid Pharmacy. In her spare time, she loves to cook, be active outside, and most of all, play with her boys!

### Upcoming Dates/Events:

- October 5th-7th- Homecoming Weekend [CLICK HERE](#) to register for events, including the College of Pharmacy's "Pharmal"
- October 10th-[MMSU](#) Guest Speaker – pharmaceutical industry career information
- October 15th & 16th-Fall Break
- October 19th-Shriners Interprofessional Education Symposium at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
- December 4 – College of Pharmacy Reception at ASHP Midyear Clinical meeting Join us! [CLICK HERE](#)

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