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Message from the Dean

Greetings from the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy! As we finish up the last month of this academic year, we have much to be grateful for, and we are proud to share the accomplishments of the faculty, students, and recent events from the College!

A large portion of the readers of this newsletter consists of alumni of the UF College of Pharmacy. For many of you, we use your UF email address to communicate with you. Although UF's decision to end alumni email access in the near future was not done so lightly, I understand that it has created

consternation for a portion of our alumni. As someone who has been with the College of Pharmacy since "day 1," I want you to know how important it is to our college to keep connected with each of you. If you are receiving this email via a UF email address, would you please click [HERE](#) to let me know an alternate email address I can use to keep you up to date? Thank you, in advance.

Wishing each of you well, and I look forward to sharing with you some great events we have planned over the summer months.

We are #Oilerstrong!

Debra L. Parker, PharmD
Dean, College of Pharmacy



Pharmacy Signing Day

Everyone says that you don't really know if you miss something until it is gone! That was Signing Day for the College of Pharmacy. We had the day planned, bags stuffed, invitations out, and food ordered for March 2020, and the lights went out. Well, we were allowed to finally turn them back on for March 11, 2022, and what a celebration we had!

The incoming class of 2022 was joined by the freshman from 2020 and 2021 to join in the fun of “signing day” make-up. Accepted students were invited to come and “sign” their letter of intent to attend UF College of Pharmacy. Our faculty and staff were also there to celebrate!

Our motto for the day, and the slogan on the t-shirts “Why Should the Athletes have all the Fun?” was celebrated with a signing table, back drop, Derrick the Oiler, and Dean Debra Parker. The Marketing Department was there for pictures, mentors were there to meet their mentees, and the faculty and staff welcomed everyone as parents and students passed through our maze of information tables. Pharmacy student organizations sold clothing, catering provided the wonderful Pharmacy Cookies and Shirley’s Oiler Popcorn, and there was a photo booth. It was a fun-filled, packed two hours of welcoming the new students to our family.



Very Important Potential Pharmacist (V.I.P.²) Day

The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy had an excellent turnout for VIP² Day on Friday, March 25th. The event was attended by 57 high school students interested in healthcare and a fun day of learning. Students and faculty hosted a variety of stations for the students to have hands-on experience in topics related to pharmacy including dispensing, compounding, and research activities. Pictured is the research station led by Lauren Perry (P6) and Alyssa Pearce (P5), under the direction of Dr. Oestreich and Dr. Guy. In this station, students were able to extract DNA from strawberries, create a DNA model out of candy, and draw a dog based on a simulated genetic sequence.



OPA Member Publishes Research on Implicit Bias

Congratulations to University of Findlay faculty member, Dr. Akasha Edwards, on the publication of her study "Correlation Between Pharmacy Students' Implicit Bias Scores, Explicit Bias Scores, and Responses to Clinical Cases." In Dr. Edwards' research, she examined bias in pharmacy students enrolled in pharmacy programs at six universities across the US. Both implicit and explicit bias was assessed. This study also went a step further and tried to determine whether there was an association between the bias students exhibited and their responses to clinical cases. To read her study check out <https://www.ajpe.org/content/86/1/8587>



Summer Camp 2022

Back by popular demand, UF will host its annual summer camp in June AND July. Do you know of a high school student who will be a junior or senior in the Fall of 2022? We invite them to join us in an interactive on-campus, four-day, three-night event to explore pharmacy as a career. Camps will be offered June 19th - 22nd and July 10th -13th. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register, and feel free to share this link!





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Addison Sember
PharmD Candidate, Class of 2022



Megan LoFaso
PharmD Candidate, Class of 2022

In February 2022, faculty member Dr. Susan Lewis, and students Addison Sember and Megan LoFaso, Class of 2022, published an original research article titled “An optimal extended-infusion dosing of cefepime and ceftazidime in critically ill patients with continuous renal replacement therapy” in the Journal of Critical Care, one of pharmacy's prestigious critical care journals. All UF pharmacy students are expected to complete an original research project during the course of their studies. Addison and Megan wanted to make an impact on patient care, and "were privileged to work with Dr. Lewis, whose primary research interest is to evaluate and determine optimal antimicrobial doses in

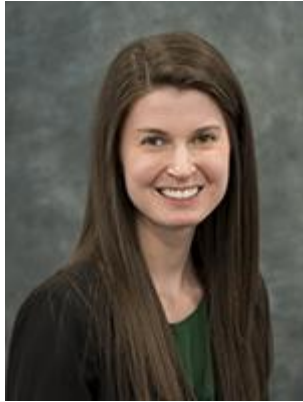
patients with kidney disease, particularly those requiring various types of dialysis treatment". Dr. Lewis has extensive experience in conducting pharmacokinetic studies employing different methodologies such as clinical trials, *in vitro* or *in silico* simulation studies with numerous publications in high-impact medicine and pharmacy journals. [READ MORE](#)



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Board Certifications

The College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce three faculty members have recently obtained board certification in various pharmacy specialties. Nira Kadakia completed credentialing as a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCACP), while Celeste Voight and Jenna Mills were recognized as Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialists (BCPS). All three are full time faculty members in the Pharmacy Practice Department who teach in a variety of required and elective PharmD courses and also serve patients as clinical

pharmacists in various health care settings. Congratulations to these three talented pharmacists!



Student Engagement: Advocating for the Greater Good

Fifth-year UF pharmacy students, joined by Dr. Tonya Dauterman, Dr. Sandy Earle, and Dr. Logan Conley, attended the Ohio Pharmacists Association Student Legislative Day in Columbus, Ohio in February. Students met with local State Senators, Representatives, and legislative aides who serve each of the student's home towns. They discussed important facts about the practice of pharmacy to help improve patient outcomes as well as the practice of pharmacy. In the first part of the morning, students heard from Ohio State Senators Scott Lipps and Thomas Wess and their passion for patients, fair drug prices, and increased access to patient care.

Students also learned the details about several bills that would affect patient access to lifesaving medications, allow pharmacists to provide emergency refills without financial penalties to patients, and help patients reduce their out-of-pocket costs by ensuring that payments from copay assistance programs or other financial assistance programs will count toward a patient's deductible and coinsurance.

The students learned that their voices are welcome at the State Capital, and engaging with the state legislators has an important impact on their future practice of pharmacy.

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