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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

JENKINS PROVES THAT YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL

If you attended pharmacy school with Amanda Jenkins in the late '90s through early 00s, you may remember her as “the one with the baby,” but today she serves as a Divisional Health & Wellness Senior Director for one of the largest retail companies in the world.

Amanda earned her Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree from the ULM School of Pharmacy in May 2000. She is originally from West Monroe, Louisiana, and a 1994 graduate of West Ouachita High School. She completed her pre-pharmacy curriculum at Harding in Searcy, Arkansas, but returned home to her family and friends to continue her education at ULM. Her first job after graduation was as a staff pharmacist for Kroger Pharmacy in Olive Branch, MS, but she has been with Walmart for 15 years, beginning as a staff pharmacist in Ruston, LA, and holding numerous roles since. She moved to Bentonville, Arkansas, two years ago and her current role has her managing all Walmart pharmacy operations for the South Central U.S., including Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Southern Missouri.



Center: Amanda Jenkins (Pharm.D. '00)

“I would encourage others to definitely be engaged if at all possible in as many leadership opportunities as they can because the need for emerging leaders within our industry is critical.”

Amanda Jenkins
Divisional Heath &
Wellness Senior Director
Walmart Stores, Inc.



DEAN'S MESSAGE



*H. Glenn Anderson, Jr., Pharm.D.
Dean, College of Health and Pharmaceutical
Sciences*

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who support the College of Pharmacy and who have helped me traverse into this new role as Dean. Second, knowing that you have put your faith in my abilities to lead the College of Pharmacy into the future is a tremendous honor. Since taking over this role in August 2017, I have been working closely with our faculty, staff and other administrators in addressing issues, and making the necessary changes and improvements to ensure that the ULM College of Pharmacy continues as "Louisiana's College of Pharmacy" and continues to produce top pharmacy graduates.

My hope is that our alumni remain active within the College and that the friendships you developed as past pharmacy students, bring you back together as pharmacy professionals.

The last thing I would like to address is the COP's current accreditation status with ACPE. As most of you know, our accreditation was affirmed back in July 2017, but with probationary status. The basis for this status by no means apply to educational or clinical quality, but primarily relate to administrative, budgetary and hiring challenges, resulting from budget constraints which began in 2008. At this time we are working diligently to correct these issues through filling vacant faculty positions, working on a plan to correct salary compression, assessing the organizational structure of the College and providing a clearer definition of our interprofessional education plan.

Myself, as well as our faculty, staff and administration are confident that we will be successful in addressing these concerns and are committed to the success of our program.

On a final note, my office is always open, not only to our current students, but to you, our alumni. You are the foundation of this institution and an integral part of its past, present and future success. I invite you to come to me with any thoughts or ideas and look forward to the chance to get to know you.



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Over the years Amanda has received numerous awards for her dedication to pharmacy and her leadership roles, including Community Pharmacist of the Year in 2007, Leadership of Excellence Award in 2013, and Regional Health & Wellness Director of the Year 2015. In 2015 she had the opportunity to attend the Executive Leadership Academy for Walmart, Inc., where she learned from top executive leaders and also traveled to China to learn cultural diversity and global E-commerce.

When asked about her favorite memories of her time at ULM, Amanda says that the close friendships she made here are the best. The friendships she made during pharmacy school are “ones that can never be forgotten.” Late night study sessions, encouragement, laughter and many tears shed, brought them together, and social media has allowed them to remain in close contact over the years. She and her pharmacy family stay in touch regularly through social media and have enjoyed watching each other grow professionally and personally. Amanda also loved Johnny’s Pizza and misses it now that she lives in Arkansas.

Amanda also recalls some School of Pharmacy professors who made a huge impact on her life. She was expecting during her second semester of school, had her first child on a Tuesday and was back at school taking a disease test on Monday. Amanda holds a special place in her heart for Dr. Walter Pierron, who taught Pharmacy Law at the time. In 1999, Amanda took Dr. Pierron’s summer class. Her daughter was three months old at the time and Dr. Pierron allowed Amanda to bring her to class and he would hold her while he taught, leaving Amanda free to take notes and concentrate on her work. Amanda says “He was one of the kindest men I have ever known,” and that the summer she brought her daughter to class is probably her best memory. Amanda also was very fond of Dr. Degenaro who taught Pharmaceutical Calculations and Lab, stating that she can still hear him saying “pharmaceutically elegant.”

As a young wife and new mom, Amanda did not have the time to participate in extra-curricular pharmacy organizations during school, but now realizes how important these opportunities are, as she has learned about her leadership capacity in her professional career. Amanda states “I would encourage others to definitely be engaged if at all possible in as many leadership opportunities as they can because the need for emerging



leaders within our industry is critical.”

This accomplished woman knew from the time she was in 8th grade that she wanted to be a pharmacist. She loved how accessible “that person in the white coat” was for her family and, as she got older, fell in love with how pharmacy merged patient care with community relationships. Over the years, that determined 8th grader has evolved into a great pharmacist and successful career woman.

Amanda has been married to her high school sweetheart for 23 years. They have two children, daughter, Emma, who is 18, and son, Nolan, who is 15, who keep her busy and are her pride and joy. This successful woman still acknowledges that her time with family is the most enjoyable.

In addition to other achievements and awards, Amanda was ULM’s “Alumni of the Year” in 2009, and the ULM School of Pharmacy is honored to recognize her in the “Alumni Spotlight.”

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY WELCOMES NEW DEAN



H. Glen Anderson, Jr., Pharm.D., pictured here with wife, Dr. Stephanie Anderson and children, Eli and Beki.

August 1, 2017, the ULM School of Pharmacy began a new chapter, as Dr. H. Glen Anderson, Jr., took over as Dean of ULM's College of Health & Pharmaceutical Sciences, which includes ULM's School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Anderson is a Columbus, Ohio native, who graduated from The Ohio State University with his Bachelor's of Science in Pharmacy degree, Doctor of Pharmacy degree, and completed a fellowship in drug information. He has previously served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at both the Texas Tech University HSC School of Pharmacy and the Marshall University School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Anderson met his wife, Stephanie, while attending the Ohio State University on his first day as a pharmacy student. They married in 1993 and have two children, Eli (14 years) and Beki (12 years). The family also includes their cat, Amber.

Dr. Anderson's core values include family, helping others, and innovation. He is committed to helping the ULM School of Pharmacy family maintain and extend our tradition of excellence and success. When asked what his priorities are, he responds "1) becoming familiar with the ULM system, 2) engaging our alumni, and 3) creating opportunities for our students. The future, our successes, and our opportunities are limited only by our imagination. Imagine big!"

Let us hear from you!

Add your news to our next newsletter!

If you have any news to include in our next edition, be sure to let us know. Tell us about new jobs, awards, publications, retirements, weddings, births, deaths, or any other news you would like to share with your pharmacy family.

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<https://goo.gl/forms/zhTg1ulrcUEody2M2>

ACPE CONCERNS RESULT IN PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past months the ULM School of Pharmacy has faced many unforeseen obstacles. We have made great progress in overcoming these obstacles and will continue to move forward, turning this into an opportunity to strengthen our position as Louisiana's only state-supported pharmacy program.

In June 2017 our pharmacy school, while remaining fully accredited, was placed on probationary status by ACPE, our governing body. The concerns expressed by ACPE were in no way related to the quality of education offered to our students, nor the degrees offered by our institution, but were focused on organizational, administrative and financial issues. As the only State-supported pharmacy program, Louisiana's budget crisis and the cuts to higher education have, in turn, impacted our program. Most of the concerns expressed by ACPE could be attributed to this. The higher administrative body of our university and our

pharmacy administration has worked diligently to rectify all concerns.

Some of the steps being taken include revising the administrative organizational structure, making salaries within the pharmacy program more competitive to increase faculty retention and recruitment, and establishing a comprehensive curricular plan for the Interprofessional Education Program that is in its infancy within our program.

All necessary resources have been dedicated to this endeavor and Dean Anderson, our faculty, and other administrative officers are confident that the steps being taken will not only resolve the probationary issues with ACPE, but also strengthen our program as a whole as we move forward into the future.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Our Pharmacy students, faculty and administration would like to say "thank you" for participating in the Louisiana Optional Licensing Renewal Fee.



ULM PHARM.D. ALUMNUS CREATES SCHOLARSHIP WITH \$60,000 CONTRIBUTION

University of Louisiana Monroe's College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences continues with great achievements.

Just recently, on Oct. 18, the college held a press conference announcing an agreement between ULM and a Shreveport company to license an olive oil-based nutraceutical developed by a ULM pharmacy professor.

Monday, the same college held a check presentation to recognize an alumnus' \$60,000 contribution toward a superior graduate scholarship that will support Doctor of Pharmacy students.

The contribution was made by Dr. Salvador "Sal" Scaccia who received his Pharm.D. from ULM in 2002, which was the first Doctor of Pharmacy graduating class at ULM.

Scaccia said the scholarship is very important to him as a way to give back to his alma mater for the gratitude and the successes he has made in his pharmacy career.

"I want to be able to give other students the same or even better opportunities for success," said Scaccia. "Giving back and doing our part to better the world is an important concept that we should focus on and try to make happen every day."

The Louisiana State Board of Regents offers matching opportunities for specific university endowments, including superior graduate scholarships. Scaccia's gift will be submitted in the form of a proposal to the Louisiana State BOR to receive a competitive match of \$40,000 to create a \$100,000 endowed superior graduate scholarship that will create funds in perpetuity. The scholarship will be named the TLC-Dr. Salvador Scaccia Endowed Superior Scholarship for Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Dr. Glenn Anderson, Dean of the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, expressed his gratitude to Scaccia adding that education takes commitment, including time, the energy to go through challenging courses and the finances that students' families have to come up with to support their children through their college years.



Salvador "Sal" Scaccia, Pharm.D., (third from right) makes a \$60,000 donation to the ULM Foundation to create the TLC-Dr. Salvador Scaccia Endowed Superior Scholarship for Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Louisiana Monroe. Also pictured are, from left, his nephew Luke O'Neal, who will begin pharmacy school in Fall 2018, his sister Crocetta O'Neal, Foundation Executive Director Susan Chappell, Foundation Development Officer Morgan Patrick, Dr. Scaccia, Dean Glenn Anderson of the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences and President Nick J. Bruno. Emerald McIntyre/ULM Photo Services

"These kinds of gifts that go through perpetuity where you're able to help those students reduce that debt-load not only helps them, but helps the community that we serve and the communities our alumni serve," said Anderson.

Scaccia said his time at ULM prepared him for the real world, adding that he left ULM as a more experienced, educated and confident young man ready to conquer the world.

"The friendships and bonds that I made at ULM are lifelong," said Scaccia. "Education was top-notch. The educators were challenging, yet caring, and the family atmosphere in the College of Pharmacy was an experience that was unique and fulfilling."

About Dr. Scaccia:

After graduation from the University of Louisiana Monroe, Dr. Salvador Scaccia started as the head retail pharmacist in an independent community pharmacy before beginning his tenure in specialty pharmacy in 2005. In 2008, Scaccia opened Total Life Care Rx Pharmacy, today known as Kroger Specialty Pharmacy. Here, he serves as Senior Vice President and oversees more than 450 employees across Louisiana, Texas, and California.

He is currently on the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Pharmacy Museum, and he has also served as president of the Greater New Orleans Pharmacy Association for 10 years.

In November 2010, Scaccia was honored by Gambit Magazine of New Orleans as one of the top 40 people under the age of 40 for his accomplishments and

contributions that he has made to New Orleans in the area of business. He was also recognized by the Young Leadership Council (YLC) of New Orleans in July 2017 as a Role Model for his being an extraordinary example for the young professionals of New Orleans and the community at large in his respective profession.

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STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ALUMNI RECOGNIZED AT LSHP ANNUAL MEETING

Several ULM SOP students, faculty and alumni were recognized at LSHP's 2017 Annual Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana:

- Dr. Jessica Brady - Tommy Himel Memorial Award: Recognizes distinguished service in leadership roles in institutional pharmacy, LSHP, affiliated chapters, and the community.
- Dr. Jennifer Smith - LSHP President's Award
- Mary Walton, Amber Gill, Rushikesh Sable and Dr. Seetharama Jois - Primary poster session winner, "Stability Student of Peptidomimetics Targeting HER2 Dimerization."
- Kelsey Dearman, Stephanie Barre', Maddie Kirkwood, and Dr. Adam Pate- Student poster session winner, "Comparing weight perception and actual weight in pharmacy students throughout their didactic pharmacy school career."
- Monica Morgan - LSHP Outstanding Service Award
- Fancy Manton - Health-System Pharmacist of the Year
- Joseph Gary Leblanc - Inducted as 2017-2018 LSHP President
- Dr. Jessica Brady- Inducted as 2017-2019 LSHP Board of Directors, Director at Large

ELIXIR OF LIFE?

ULM PHARMACY RESEARCHERS LINK OLIVE OIL TO PREVENTING CANCER, ALZHEIMER'S

In the summer of 1965, a team of researchers at the University of Florida formulated a carbohydrate-electrolyte beverage to help their football players cope with heat and heat-related illnesses. Since the university football team is the Florida Gators, they named the breakthrough thirst-quenching beverage Gatorade.

Today, two researchers at the University of Louisiana Monroe are developing a product which they believe could have an even greater benefit – prevention of two of humanity's most devastating illnesses, cancer and Alzheimer's disease. Since 2009, Professor Khalid El Sayed, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Amal Kaddoumi, Ph. D., of the Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences Department of the ULM School of Pharmacy, have worked on a project to develop an olive oil-based food supplement to help prevent cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

The El Sayed-Kaddoumi project is titled "Novel extra-virgin olive oil-based functional food for cancer and Alzheimer's disease prevention." It focuses on extracting and testing the effects of oleocanthal, one of the most active compounds of olive oil.

"Our recent studies showed that oleocanthal selectively suppressed several human breast cancer cell lines," El Sayed said. "In addition to its cancer preventive and control activity, oleocanthal has also



Khalid El Sayed, Ph.D., ULM School of Pharmacy, holds a vial of olive oil. Emerald McIntyre/ULM Photo Services

demonstrated an anti-Alzheimer's disease activity and we also found evidence for its potential to reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease."

Kaddoumi said she is confident their oleocanthal-based product could prevent cancer and Alzheimer's if taken early enough.

"We are very optimistic in terms of prevention because the mice experiments we conducted show that the earlier you give this compound, the more efficient the outcome will be," Kaddoumi said.

Next step: developing an oral delivery method

The experiments with mice were conducted by injecting them with extracted oleocanthal. Now the scientists are developing a way for humans to take oleocanthal by mouth. This could be an instant powder beverage or a capsule.

The oral form would be tested on mice to see if it produces the same preventive effects as the injectable extract.

If that testing is successful, the human trials could begin.

"In other words, we have to prove the same effect on humans," El Sayed said. "We are optimistic that we will have the product out on the market. However, clinical trials are necessary to prove that we can apply it to humans, and those are often very expensive and time-consuming."

La. Board of Regents backs research

Kaddoumi and El Sayed recently partnered with Segue Therapeutics, owned by Dr. James Cardelli, a retired 30-year LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport faculty member, who will provide \$22,500 over a three-year period for the project.

"Segue Therapeutics considers this a project that can potentially

<http://ulm.edu/news/2017/0525-elixir-of-life.html>



Amal Kaddoumi, Ph.D., ULM School of Pharmacy, explains research on the possible cancer and Alzheimer's disease-preventing properties in olive oil. Emerald McIntyre/ULM Photo Services

be commercialized and have a very good outcome," El Sayed said. "This collaboration is very important because it allows us to secure more funds."

Due to their collaboration with Segue Therapeutics, the researchers have recently secured something much bigger, a \$225,000 award from the Louisiana Board of Regents Industry Ties Research Subprogram. It covers three years beginning July 1.

After reviewing 28 research proposals requesting a total of \$2,489,579 in funding, the Board of Regents categorized seven proposals, including ULM's, as "Priority One: Highly Meritorious Proposals Recommended for Funding."

ULM's project was further ranked number one, ahead of other institutes in Louisiana, including LSU, University of Louisiana Lafayette and Tulane Medical School.

The board described El Sayed, Kaddoumi and Cardelli as "three

investigators with extensive and distinguished publication records who form an excellent research group with evidence of productivity in the field."

"This award is a great accomplishment and it will help us develop, test and promote our olive oil-based product, especially because we filed a patent on novel isolation and therapeutic application methods," El Sayed said.

Kaddoumi and El Sayed, in collaboration with Cardelli, hope three years from now to have their product available as a dietary food supplement capsule and an instant dry powder drink.

The financial potential of the olive oil product is clearly enormous. To put it in perspective, today Gatorade has 75 percent of the sports drink market in the United States. Worldwide, the company topped \$3.3 billion in sales in 2016.

However, the prospect of preventing

cancer and Alzheimer's is priceless.

By: Vladimir Jakovljevic
(ULM Office of Marketing and Communications)
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COP MTM SERVICE FREES TIME FOR COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS

The ULM College of Pharmacy has partnered with some local pharmacies to provide Medication Therapy Management (MTM) to their patients. With the busy demands placed on retail pharmacists, pharmacies are often short on time and staff to devote sufficient time to medication management. These pharmacies are now utilizing the skills and time of some of the ULM College of Pharmacy P4 students, under the direction of Dr. Laurel Sampognaro and other pharmacy faculty, to assist in meeting the needs of these patients.

All of our professional pharmacy students are trained to use Mirixa, a web-based clinical platform, developed to deliver standardized patient care services that may also increase Star Ratings. Students learn the basics of the platform during their integrated lab sequences but,

for those students participating in this particular rotation, more extensive training is given. Once they have completed training, the students then provide case reviews and work directly with the patients via telephone. Many patients are receptive to this help, but students also gain experience in dealing with some of the more difficult patients.

One local pharmacy utilizing this service is Aron's Pharmacy in Monroe. Our group handles approximately 8 – 10 cases for Aron's each month. This service frees up Mr. Aron and his employees so they can focus on filling customer prescriptions, assisting patients, handling insurance issues and providing their customers with better service.

Any pharmacies interested in this service can contact the ULM College of Pharmacy for more details.



College of
Pharmacy

**Pharmacies interested in learning more about the
ULM College of Pharmacy's Medication Therapy
Management services should contact the ULM College
of Pharmacy at (318) 342-3800.**

ULM PHARMACY PROFESSOR RECEIVES \$10,000 DONATION FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

The Louisiana Cancer Foundation (LCF) presented ULM College of Pharmacy Professor Dr. Paul Sylvester with a check for \$10,000 in continued support of his breast cancer research on Jan. 26.

Sylvester has received funding from the LCF to support his cancer research for more than a decade, for a combined total of \$107,500.

“Once again, I am honored and humbled by the generosity of the Louisiana Cancer Foundation and their continued support of our breast cancer research conducted in the ULM School of Pharmacy,” said Sylvester. “Gifts such as this are extremely important in maintaining our efforts and progress, and provide a means by which we can obtain important equipment and supplies required to advance our studies. I recently had the opportunity to meet and talk with the Foundation Board members and they are an extraordinary group of people that I cannot thank enough for everything they do in the fight against cancer and support of cancer patient care in our community.”

Sylvester, the Pfizer Endowed Professor of Pharmacology and ULM Director of Graduate Studies and Research, has taught at ULM for over 18 years. He has spent many years researching the relationship between nutrition and breast cancer growth and development, and the effects of tocotrienols—a rare form of Vitamin E that displays potent anticancer activity.

In November of 2016, he was named the recipient of a \$600,000 estate gift from Mildred Maurer, a breast cancer survivor who had developed a keen interest in the breast cancer research of Dr. Paul Sylvester before her passing.

About the Louisiana Cancer Foundation

The Louisiana Cancer Foundation was founded in 1999 by the Northeast Louisiana Cancer Institute for the purpose of increasing public awareness, early detection, treatment, and research for cancer in the state.

The LCF is a 501C3 organization, which receives funding through personal donations, grants, and fund raising by the Cancer Foundation League.

For more information about the LCF, visit lacancerfoundation.org

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2017/23-ulm-pharmacy-professor-receives-10000-donation-for-breast-cancer-research.html>.



Pictured in the photo are LA Cancer Foundation Board Members and Dr. Sylvester. (L to R): Annie Statin, Nell Seegers, Barbara Grandon, Dr. Paul Sylvester, Jacob Metzger, Aimee Kane and James Adams.

LOUISIANA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION



Dr. Kirchain, LPA Past President 2016 - 2017 and Dr. Breithaupt, LPA President 2017-2018



ULM Alumni Award: Errol Duplantis



Hospital Pharmacist of the Year:
Dr. Gary LeBlanc



2017-2018 LPA Board of Directors



Peggy Van: LPA Pharmacist of the Year award



Chain Pharmacist of the Year:
Angella Hammond



ULM Award: Ben Orlando



Independent Pharmacist of the Year:
Randall Girouard

ULM REORGANIZES THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Effective July 1, 2018, The University of Louisiana will restructure its internal college organization with the creation of two new colleges.

Currently, ULM is organized into the College of Arts, Education & Sciences, the College of Business & Social Sciences, and the College of Health & Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The new reorganization leaves the other colleges untouched, but it will divide the College of Health & Pharmaceutical Sciences into two separate colleges, the College of Pharmacy and the College of Health Sciences.

Dean of the College of Health & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. Glenn Anderson explains, “The restructuring is primarily to address concerns by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and will go towards removing the probationary status imposed by the ACPE in June of 2017.”

Anderson further explains, “With the reorganization, the pharmacy dean will be better able to lead the College of Pharmacy’s educational mission, to represent the College to Alumni, and to advocate for pharmacy care reform in the State.”

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2018/0429-ulm-announces-reorganization-of-chps.html>

The School of Pharmacy’s organizational structure has been a source of concern for the American Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE) since the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Nursing, and College of Health Sciences were combined in 2014.

Dr. Eric Pani, Vice President for Academic Affairs commented, “I am pleased that ULM has managed its financial matters so that this action is possible now and look forward to working with the deans toward a successful future.”

The College of Pharmacy will contain two schools, the School of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences and Toxicology and the School of Clinical Sciences. Anderson will transition to the new dean of College of Pharmacy.

The College of Health Sciences will contain the Kitty Degree School of Nursing and the School of Allied Health. A nationwide search is underway for the Dean of the College of Health Sciences.

ORGANIZATION

UPDATES

RHO CHI

This spring, Rho Chi hosted our annual Bingo and Gumbo Night at the School of Pharmacy. Rho Chi members collected nearly \$2,000 in prizes from over 20 businesses throughout Louisiana, which allowed us to play multiple rounds of bingo and a blackout round for our top 3 prizes. Overall, we had a great turnout and the event ran smoothly and enjoyably for the pharmacy school community.

We ended the year by ordering our members t-shirts for their positive contributions to the chapter and community. Though limited time and our members' active participation in other organizations made it difficult to set up a supply drive for a local humane society as we had hoped, members were encouraged to actively participate and show their generosity through other community service projects ongoing in our school.

PHI LAMBDA SIGMA (PLS)

The Alpha Omega Chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma kicked off a busy year by hosting a "Leadership and Lattes" seminar with guest speaker Lisa Miller, Chief Communications Officer at ULM. Our chapter completed the Leadership Challenge issued by the National PLS office by developing an educational activity to promote emergency preparedness within our community. Chapter members brought this activity to seniors at the Glenwood Medical Mall and to the Louisiana State Capitol for Legislative Day. In the spring our chapter hosted a CV workshop open to all students where Dr. Adam Pate provided CV tips and tricks and students were able to update their CV on the spot. This year the Alpha Omega Chapter welcomed 25 new student members and bestowed honorary membership to Dr. Anthony Walker for his service and dedication to fostering leadership development in our students. We are looking forward to another active year of promoting leadership in our school and community!



ORGANIZATION UPDATES

LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS (LSHP)

This year the ULM student chapter of LSHP actively promoted their service project “Stay Away from the Rays” skin cancer education at multiple 5K/10K races, skin cancer screenings, and at a professional development open to the entire School of Pharmacy. At these events, students educated participants about the ABCDEs of melanoma and provided tips for reducing the risk of developing skin cancer. In addition to our service project, our student chapter hosted meetings on residency programs, the Practice Advancement Initiative (PAI), pharmacy advocacy, ASHP involvement, and even hosted our inaugural “Rotation Showcase.” At this showcase faculty preceptors each had a few minutes to speak to students about the unique aspects of their practice site and how P4 students are utilized in that setting. Our students were well represented at both the LSHP Midyear and Annual meetings, even winning poster awards at the annual meeting.



LOUISIANA PHARMACIST ASSOCIATION (LPA)



LPA's Annual Convention & Trade Show July 13-15 in Shreveport, LA.

FINDING PHARMACY'S FUTURE

PRESIDENT'S ACADEMY

The President's Academy at the University of Louisiana Monroe concluded its sixth year as a renowned college preparatory program for academically excelling high school students, June 24-28.

The five-day program partners with regional employers to provide select high school scholars a real-world experience in one of several career paths. This year, students were able to work with drone technology in the new unmanned aerial systems course. Students can also gain experience in the fields of law, computer science, health science and physical science.

"The President's Academy gave participants unparalleled access to career opportunities with innovative companies located in northeast Louisiana. It was exciting to watch their interest in these careers blossom over the course of just one week," said President's Academy Director Dr. Joshua Stockley.

Companies participating in the academy were CenturyLink, Universal Health Conway, St. Francis Medical Center, P&S Surgical, Escamilla and Poneck LLP, ANGUS Chemical Company, Monroe Surgical Hospital and the Ouachita Council on Aging.

Students learned both on and off campus during the President's Academy. While excursions to local real-world work sites immersed students in the career paths of their



choice, in-course lessons, lectures and lab experiments allowed them to get a taste of what's to come during their college years.

Teamwork is a significant part of the academy as well. Students are divided into "X-Teams" to develop an action plan and solution to combat a fictional pandemic, which is presented to them at the beginning of the week.

"The pandemic project we were presented with, while challenging, was very interesting and taught our team to use each of our special abilities to teach one another," said Alaina Edwards, a participant in the medical science program of the academy.

On the final day of the academy, students present their solution to a panel of judges. The winning group

receives a scholarship that is applied to their upcoming semester at the university.

"I was impressed, and the judges were impressed, by their ability to rise to the challenge in such a short time. These students are assuredly going to be among our next group of difference makers," Stockley said.

All students attending the academy receive a one-hour college credit. This year, 44 students attended from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas and Georgia.

For more information about the President's Academy, visit ulm.edu/presidentsacademy.

<http://www.ulm.edu/news/2017/0630-44-best-brightest-high-schoolers.html>



PHARMFUTURE

High School students interested in a pharmacy career spend a day with ULM School of Pharmacy students and faculty, work in the lab, and learn about the School of Pharmacy and a career as a pharmacist. Beginning in 2018, the School

of Pharmacy will also hold PharmFUTURE for college students! Find out more at: ulm.edu/pharmacy/prospective/pharmfuture.html

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC)

Each year a select number of area high school students get to experience career opportunities in health care through AHEC (Area Health Education Center.)

Participants get to go behind the scenes in hospitals and other clinical facilities to learn more about various healthcare professions. These students were able to spend

some time with our faculty and staff, learning about compounding, institutional practice, physical assessment, careers and more.

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT ADDICTIONS AT UTAH

2017 APhA Institute on Alcohol and Drug Dependencies
Stephen Hill PharmD, BCPS; Katelyn Candler, Morgan
Johnson, Stephanie Mason and Shannon Stewart
PharmD Candidates 2019

The American Pharmacist Association (APhA) held its 3rd annual Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies from June 1- 4, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Four student pharmacists and one School of Pharmacy (SOP) faculty member attended and represented the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM). The conference focuses on the rising trend in both alcohol and substance abuse disorders and the ways to recognize and combat these serious diseases. Experts in the field of addiction and recovery, as well as healthcare professionals who have personally experienced a substance abuse disorder and subsequently recovered, shared their knowledge and experiences. The conference also incorporates the highly successful twelve step programs of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al-Anon at the end of each day. Conference attendees get to experience as well as participate in these unique groups. Finally, the institute highlights the important role that the pharmacy profession can play in reducing the harm from substance abuse disorders and contributing to the recovery of those afflicted with the disease.

The overall message for the conference is threefold; addiction can occur in anyone regardless of profession or social standing, substance abuse disorder is a chronic disease that requires lifelong treatment, and the stigma of addiction prevents many people from asking for and receiving the help they need.

Dr. Stephen Hill, clinical assistant professor, Katelyn Candler, Morgan Johnson, Stephanie Mason and Shannon Stewart, PharmD Candidates 2019, would like to thank the ULM SOP for the opportunity to experience and participate in this one of a kind conference.

Disclaimer: Anyone with questions about the conference or substance abuse disorders please feel free to contact Stephen Hill at shill@ulm.edu.

If you or anyone you now is suffering from a suspected or known substance abuse disorder you can contact the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health at: www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/10 or 877-664-2248



17TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

ULM's 17th Annual Student Research Symposium was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in the University Conference Center. This event showcases the outstanding research being conducted by graduate and undergraduate students at ULM, the Symposium allows the presentation of unique and high quality work of our student family. The School of Pharmacy was well represented and several of our students brought home awards.

PHARMACY GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

First Place

Student: Abu Bakar Siddique

Mentor: Dr. Khalid El Sayed

Presentation Title: *Extra-Virgin Olive Oil c-Met Inhibitor Oleocanthal-Lapatinib: A Novel Synergistic Combination for HER2 Dependent Breast Malignancies.*

Second Place

Student: Pravin Parajuli

Mentor: Dr. Seetharama Jois

Presentation Title: *Structure and Dynamics of Grafted Peptide for CD2-CD58 Protein-Protein Interaction.*

Third Place

Student: Manita Shakya

Mentor: Dr. Karen P. Briski

Presentation Title: *Role of Estradiol, Hindbrain AMPK and Interneurons in Short Term Food Deprivation Induced Inhibition of GnRH.*

PHARMACY GRADUATE STUDENT ORAL PRESENTATIONS

First Place

Student: Rayan A. Ahmed

Mentor: Dr. Paul W. Sylvester

Presentation Title: *-Tocotrienol Reversal of Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition in Breast Cancer Cells is Mediated by Suppression of Hedgehog Signaling Pathway.*

Second Place

Student: Quoc-Viet Duong

Mentor: Dr. Amal Kaddoumi

Presentation Title: *The Investigation of Plasma Rich in Growth Factors on the Enhancement of the Blood Brain Barrier.*

PHARMACY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

First Place

Student: Jessie Grazier

Mentor: Dr. Paul W. Sylvester

Presentation Title: *Role of Galectin in Mediating the Anticancer and Metastatic Effects of -Tocotrienol in Highly Malignant +SA Mammary Tumor Cells.*

Second Place

Student: Bryon Garrety

Mentor: Dr. Khalid El Sayed

Presentation Title: *Discovery of The Marine Sponge-Derived Dibromotyrosines as A Novel c-Met Kinase Inhibitory Class For c-Met-Dependent Breast Cancer Control Using Computer-Aided Virtual Screening.*

Third Place

Student: Richard Blankenship

Mentor: Dr. Scott Baggarly

Presentation Title: *Utilization of Preventive Healthcare Services in the United States.*

AARON HEAD

CLASS OF 2017

Dr. Aaron Head hit the ground running after receiving his degree in May 2017. Right after graduation he and fiancé, Chelsie Morein (Pharm.D. candidate '18,) found time to travel abroad to help those less fortunate before rushing home in time to begin his PGY1 residency.

As a very recent alum, I have just returned from my first ever "event" as a new Doctor of Pharmacy graduate.

For the past 2 weeks, Chelsie Morein (PharmD candidate 2018 & fiancé) and I have been working with Health Talents International on one of their medical/ surgical mission trips in Guatemala. It was truly a rewarding experience in many ways. A team of about 60 people converged on the Mayan town of Montellano near the pacific coast of Guatemala. Among us were ENTs, OBGYNs, and general surgeons; anesthesiologists, CRNAs, nurses, translators, caregivers, physical therapists, and 2 representatives from the field of pharmacy.

It was quickly apparent they were not use to having pharmacists accompany their surgery clinics, but we were quickly folded into the duties most suitable to our field. We inventoried all drugs arriving from the U.S. into their own supply. Close to 50,000 tablets, capsules, vials, and ampules were counted. Most mornings we would disembark with the clinic's mobile medical team where we would transition into more of an ambulatory care type of practice. We would go out to even more remote Mayan villages to find candidates for future surgeries, and

medically manage HTN, T2DM, etc. We quickly found our niche amongst the mobile teams. During down time we would watch surgeries, and occasionally get to scrub in and hold protractors. During one of the surgeries, I did pass out safely. I do not believe the syncope event was related to what I was seeing.

But regardless, I'm glad I chose the route as a pharmacist, because clearly, I would not have cut it as a surgeon! All-in-all, about 60 surgeries were performed and approximately 200 total people were helped during our stay in Guatemala. I would highly recommend this company and trip for any readers or anyone looking for a glimpse into the medical field as a career.

Back state side, I now prepare for a move to Arkansas for a PGY1 residency at UAMS-NW in Fayetteville.

I am very excited and blessed for what the field of pharmacy has in-store for me next. I could definitely get use to the international pharmacy life!



WALMART SCHOLARS

Kelsie Dearman ('18 Pharm.D. Candidate,) Corey Guidry ('18 Pharm.D. Candidate,) and Sara Catherine Pearson ('18 Pharm.D. Candidate,) were chosen as 2017 AACP Walmart Scholars. The goal of this scholarship program is to strengthen the recipient's skills and commitment to a career in academic pharmacy through participation in programming and activities at the 2017 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars.

The program provides \$1,000 travel scholarships to 85 student/faculty pairs from AACP member institutions to attend the AACP Annual Meeting and the AACP Teachers Seminar in Nashville, Tennessee from July 15-19, 2017.

ORGANIZATION

AWARDS

ULM APhA-ASP CHAPTER EARNS DIVISION AAA CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ULM student pharmacists traveled to San Diego, CA, March 24-26, 2017, for APhA's Annual Meeting and Exposition. ULM APhA-ASP was awarded the Division AAA Chapter Achievement Award, recognizing ULM APhA-ASP's superior programming among chapters that envision the future of pharmacy by creating opportunities for student participation. These chapters embrace the core ideas of APhA-ASP's mission to create new standards of leadership, professionalism, membership, patient care, and legislative advocacy among student pharmacists nationwide.



SNPhA BRINGS HOME AWARDS AND BID TO HOST MEETING

ULM brought home quite a few honors during the SNPhA National Meeting on July 28-30, 2017.

Jameshia Below ('18 Pharm.D. Candidate) received the Walgreens Student Pharmacist Excellence Award, and Tenerica Madison ('19 Pharm.D. Candidate) received one of the Walgreens Diversity Advancement Awards.

Additionally, ULM was awarded a bid to host the 2018 Region III,IV,V Meeting in conjunction with Xavier University. The Regional Meeting will be held in the Spring of 2018. Xavier University, the Regional Meeting will be held in the Spring of 2018.



2017 NEWS & NOTES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Lauren Ford (Pharm.D. Candidate '18) placed in the top 5 of the 2017 Miss Louisiana Pageant. Lauren earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2015, a year in which she was also crowned Miss ULM. She is currently finishing up her her final rotations and getting ready to graduate with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May.

Dr. Stephen LaHaye ('91) is now Senior Consultant of Professional Services for Becton Dickinson and Company.

Dr. Aaron Head (Pharm.D. '17) and Chelsie Morein (Pharm.D. Candidate '18) spent two weeks in Guatemala working with Health Talents International before returning to the U.S. in time for him to begin his PGY-1 residency with UAMS-NW in Fayetteville.

Peggy Van (B.S. '73) received LPA's Pharmacist of the Year award.

Cliff Osbon (B.S. '84), president of Transcript Pharmacy, Inc., was installed president of the Mississippi Pharmacists Association.

Dr. Salvador A. Scaccia (Pharm.D. '02) was chosen by the New Orleans Young Leadership Council as one of 21 members of their "2017 Role Model Class."

BIRTHS

Dr. Jennifer Gravious Granier and husband, Jacob Granier, welcomed a baby boy, Isaac Jacob Granier, on March 10, 2017.

Kelsey Green Trimble (Pharm.D. '16) and husband, Kevin, adopted son, Jayden Matthew Trimble in 2015.

Dr. Jessica Brady (Pharm.D. '07,) husband, and children, welcomed daughter Ruby on September 2, 2017.

Mrs. Brittany Coleman and family welcomed daughter, Peyton, on August 21, 2017.

RETIREMENTS

Dr. Sandra Blake
Ms. Susan Rogers
Dr. Susan Sirmans
Mrs. Kathryn McVay Thomas

CONDOLENCES

Dr. Roxie Stewart (B.S. Pharmacy '90) on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Jean Salter.

Dr. Michael Cockerham, Associate Dean (MS '86, BS '89) on the loss of his brother, Joseph Cockerham, August 1, 2017.

Dr., Bill Bourn, former College of Pharmacy Dean, on the loss of his wife, Marsha Bourn, October 29, 2017.

Dr. Paul Sylvester on the loss of his brother.

Ms. Ruthie Sampson on the loss of her father, Mr. Hartie Sampson, on December 1, 2017.

Mrs. Marilou Correro on the loss of her stepfather, Mr. Paul Wilhite.

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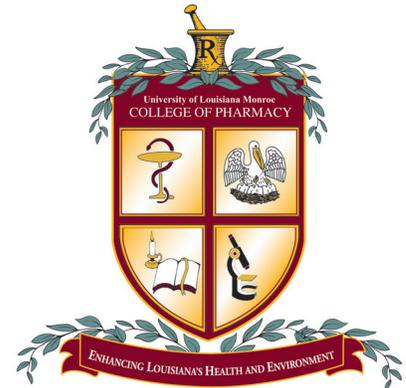
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