Greetings UC School of Pharmacy Friends and Supporters:

Welcome to the Fall 2019 edition of Scripts!

I can sum up how I feel about this school and all it has accomplished in the 2018-2019 academic year with a single word: proud. This past spring, UCSOP graduated its 10th class of pharmacists – an entire decade of UCSOP alumni are proof of the impact our small school has had across the country.

Our community now stretches across the nation, in community pharmacies and hospitals, as preceptors and professors, and of course, as pharmacists in a variety of settings and specializations. Our alumni have received national recognition and shown the value of our profession to the health care of our communities. We are proud of all of them, as they also serve as role models for all future pharmacists, particularly our own.

This past year, we have again fully lived our mission, through a series of outstanding academic and community outreach activities that have had a lasting effect on our communities on both a local and national level. I am pleased to share some of these highlights with you:

We again participated in the National Consumers League Script Your Future Medication Adherence Campaign, and honored by winning the national award for the sixth consecutive year. We received a grant in the amount of $43,250 from Aetna Better Health of West Virginia to help expand medication safety education to preschools in three West Virginia counties. The funding will assist with the evaluation and further development of the Rex™ the RX program, which teaches pre-K students about medication safety, including the proper storage of medication and safe disposal of prescriptions.

UCSOP faculty, staff and student pharmacists participated in the WV Youth Summit on opioid awareness, sponsored by the Wahlberg Foundation, and our own students organized and held our first Change the Stigma Conference.

UCSOP students have also demonstrated their commitment to public health and the pharmacy profession, holding events that focus on our nation’s health crisis, and how to discuss even the most challenging aspects of that crisis. They are engaged, they are enthusiastic, they are so well informed, and their recognition from national entities is well deserved.

I am honored to be surrounded by such dedicated members of the UCSOP community, and I invite you to read this issue of Scripts to learn more about what our alumni, faculty and staff, and current students are doing. I believe you will be quite proud – just as I am.

For more information about the UCSOP and its activities, please visit our website (www.ucwv.edu/pharmacy), and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle Easton
Dean, UC School of Pharmacy
Commencement took place on May 4, 2019. It was a proud weekend for the Class of 2019, family, friends, SOP alumni, faculty and staff of the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy. The Oath Ceremony took place on May 3, 2019.

The 13th annual University of Charleston School of Pharmacy Honors and Awards, along with the ninth annual Rites of Passage Ceremony were held on Friday, April 5, 2019 in the Geary Auditorium. The Honors and Awards Ceremony recognizes students, faculty, staff, preceptors, and organizations for their excellence. The Rites of Passage ceremony acknowledges student pharmacists’ entrance into full-time experiential training during their fourth year.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD**
David Hilley, Danielle Hoff, Michael Joyce (Class of 2020)
Carissa Clayton, Audrey Hayhurst, Zachary Long (Class of 2021)
Karan Hernandez, Matthew Richardson, Clayton Snow (Class of 2022)

**AETNA BETTER HEALTH COMMUNITY OUTREACH AWARDS**
Kaylee Davis (Class of 2022)
Brianna Hartman (Class of 2022)
Matthew Richardson (Class of 2022)
Lauren Shelton (Class of 2022)

**APPLACHIAN SPIRIT AWARD**
Kaylee Christian (Class of 2022)

**BRITTANY SNODGRASS AWARD**
Stanley Ogwotu (Class of 2022)

**BRAYDON ELI SCHOLARSHIP**
Chelsea Bailey (Class of 2020)

**CADEAL HEALTH GENERATION RX RECOGNITION**
Julie Goodin (Class of 2021)
Trey Lockhart (Class of 2021)
Zachary Long (Class of 2021)
Tristan Maynard (Class of 2021)
Jami Swift (Class of 2021)
Aaron Wilson (Class of 2021)

**CATHRINE S. BOWYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Trevor Floyd (Class of 2020)

**CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS & PUBLIC SAFETY**
Casey LaBelle (Class of 2022)
Lauren Shelton (Class of 2022)

**CVS HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP**
Dusty Hardge (Class of 2022)

**DEAN’S LIST**

**FRUTH SCHOLARSHIP**
Taylor Douglas (Class of 2020)
Julia Goodin (Class of 2021)

**KEVIN DO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Rija Salem (Class of 2020)

**LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Rawlings Ebot Enow (Class of 2020)
Daniella Hoff (Class of 2020)
Glenn Schiotis (Class of 2020)
Takeisha Tucker (Class of 2020)
Logan White (Class of 2020)

**MAGGIE KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Rachel Rabie (Class of 2021)

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHAIN DRUG STORES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**
Stephanie Turner (Class of 2020)

**PATRICK SCHNUHR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Jennifer Wine (Class of 2022)

**PIONEERING SPIRIT AWARD**
Omar Gebara (Class of 2021)
Tylar Larry (Class of 2020)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR**
Lambda Kappa Sigma

**IRTA CARRICO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Zachary Drimmeltz (Class of 2020)

**WALGREENS DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP**
Sydney Sowell (Class of 2019)

**WAL-MART SCHOLARSHIP**
Brandy Keaton (Class of 2020)
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**WAL-MART SCHOLARSHIP**
Brandi Keaton (Class of 2020)

**CLASS OF 2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT**
Dr. Jessica Robinson

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Dr. Jennifer Dettra

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Dr. Michelle Knight

**CLASS OF 2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT**
Mr. David Bowyer

**CLASS OF 2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT**
Dr. Jennifer Dettra

**CLASS OF 2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT**
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**DEAN’S LIST**

**GOLDEN APPLE AWARD**
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**STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR**
Mr. Branford Marks, IT Department

**PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR**
Dr. Jennifer Chaffin

Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the Spring 2019 semester include:

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Juawardi Hermos, David Hilley, Danielle Hoff, Nneoma Imo, Michael Joyce, Dusty Lanham, Yvonne Ngong, Amisha Patel and Glenn Schiotis

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(Students whose names appear in bold print earned a 4.0 grade point average)

**ANNUAL (FALL 2018 & SPRING 2019)**

The students who achieved the Dean’s List for both Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters include:

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

have been busy with contributions to the profession of pharmacy and scholarly endeavors. Below is a sampling of some of their activities:

DR. LINDSAY ACREE served as a panelist at the Opioid Town Hall meeting, “Moving Beyond Fear: Saving Lives & Protecting Neighbors During an Opioid Epidemic” hosted by Rise Up West Virginia on July 26, 2018.

DRS. LINDSAY ACREE, KARRIE MURPHY, CASSIE LEGARI, AND MISS. BARBARA DOAK became APhA-certified trainers for APhA certificate programs at the APhA annual meeting in November 2018.


DR. TAMER FANDY received a NICH N1RE Grant Award in the amount of $24,904 in the support of the project, “Impact of DNA hypomethylating agents on HNSK5692c5 acetylation in leukemia cells.”

DR. KARRIE MURPHY AND BRIAN GALLAGHER presented a legislative update at the WVSHP meeting on April 6, 2018.

DR. LEAH HALL was awarded Board Certification in Infectious Diseases.

DR. JESSICA ROBINSON was the keynote speaker for the 2017-2018 UCSOP Preceptor Development Symposium in May 2018.

DR. AMYN SHATNAWI presented at Phi Delta Chi Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference: Bridging the Gap for Pharmacists Between Science and Practice in April 2018.

DR. AMYN SHATNAWI received a grant in the amount of $22,000 from WV INBRE Faculty Research Development Award for his project: “Estrogen related receptors regulation by NO4. Potential role in breast cancer pathogenesis.”

DR. AMYN SHATNAWI AND DR. DAVID LATIF (with two additional authors) co-authored “The Depth, Breadth, and Perceptions of Pharmacogenomics Instruction in US Schools of Pharmacy Curricula” in Journal of Pharmacy Teaching and Learning.

DRS. JULIE TESTMAN, SANDY BOWLES, DAVE BOWYER, AND JENNIFER DETTRA’s article titled, “Implementation of PPE Opportunities to Enhance Introductory and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences” was published in the ACCP Pharmacy Practice Section Winter 2018 Newsletter.

DR. JULIE TESTMAN was re-elected to the WVSSS Board of Directors for a second three-year term.


DRS. JULIE TESTMAN, LEAH HALL AND KARRIE MURPHY facilitated a series of presentations about senior medication safety from February to April 2018, one including, “Medication Adherence: Do medications work when they aren’t taken as prescribed.”

DR. JULIE TESTMAN, CASSIE LEGARI, MS. JANE CONDEE, AND DR. STEPHEN COOK presented “EPhAs for New Pharmacy Graduates: Addressing the Key Assumptions for Success” at the UCSOP Preceptor Development Symposium in May 2018.

DR. JULIE TESTMAN (and Hurker, JF) published “Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors: Alzheimer’s Association Alzheimer’s Dementia University For Families and Professionals.” Charleston, WV; June 2018.
Dr. Brian Hodges
Assistant Professor Pharmacy Practice, earned recertification in Geriatric Pharmacy (BCGP) Thursday, November 29, 2018.

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Dr. Jessica Robinson, Associate Professor Pharmacy Practice, has become Board Certified in Infectious Diseases (BCIDP).

To earn certification in Infectious Diseases, competency in the following areas must be demonstrated:

- Patient Management
  - Education
  - Scholarship
  - Stewardship
  - Practice Management
  - Public Health
- Therapeutics
  - Research
  - Antimicrobial
- Practice Management
  - Patient Advocacy

As an Infectious Disease pharmacist, Dr. Robinson’s day can include developing, implementing and monitoring drug regimens that incorporate the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of antimicrobials to optimize therapy for patients.

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AMBER GROSS, PGY-1: Marshall University/King’s Daughter’s Medical Center (Huntington, West Virginia)
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BHAWANDEEP JAWANDA, PGY-1: Providence Regional Medical Center ( Everett, Washington)
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UCSOP Wins Sixth Script Your Future National Award

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University of Charleston School of Pharmacy Alumna and Clinical Services Leader at Fruth Pharmacy in Barboursville, West Virginia, Dr. Jamie Bennett was featured on the cover of Pharmacy Today magazine’s April 2019 issue as a spokesperson for how her community pharmacy has expanded services to offer point-of-care testing (POCT) to its high-risk patients.

POCT allows providers to offer testing and treatment more efficiently and conveniently within community pharmacies. Services have expanded from A1C and cholesterol screenings to testing for infectious diseases, like HCV and HIV, and more commonly for influenza and streptococcal pharyngitis infections.

In the article, Bennett explained why Fruth chose to offer hepatitis C virus point-of-care testing in a state facing the highest rates of drug overdose in the country. “In general, any service you offer needs to meet the demand of the community in order to be successful,” Bennett told Pharmacy Today. The testing can be done at no cost to patients because of grant money and other funding. Fruth pharmacists have also worked closely with local public health departments since implementing HCV POCT in pharmacies and the company has partnered with West Virginia Health Right, where patients are often referred to providers to receive the follow-up care they need.

Bennett graduated from UCSOP’s Doctor of Pharmacy program in 2014. The school was one of the first in the country to adopt and integrate POCT into its curriculum. Upon learning about how POCT could enhance the school’s impact in helping patients suffering from substance abuse disorders while working with the Harm Reduction Clinic offered through the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. Her role as a student pharmacist was to educate patients on the importance of testing and services offered by the program, provide clean supplies, collect and dispose of used syringes, and interview patients to collect data. She was a friendly face to new and returning patients and was able to refer many patients to additional services at the clinic, including testing, recovery, wound checks and more. Her willingness to volunteer, along with her fellow students, allowed the Harm Reduction Clinic to expand services and extend the hours and days when it could be open. UCSOP faculty member Dr. Lindsay Acree nominated Peaytt for the award, noting how her efforts affected thousands of patients and provided a connection to healthcare for many.

Upon graduation, Bennett completed UCSOP’s community pharmacy residency program in partnership with Fruth Pharmacy. In the article, Bennett said Fruth would eventually like to offer more POCT besides just HCV to its patients.

To read the article, which features several ways pharmacists around the country are expanding their services by providing point-of-care testing services to patients, visit www.pharmacytoday.org.

Dr. Jamie Bennett featured on the cover of Pharmacy Today.

Dr. Michelle Easton and Rachel Peaytt.

“Rachel has proven herself a leader both academically and outside of the classroom. Her commitment to helping those who suffer from substance abuse disorders find the much-needed support on their journey to recovery is admirable and praise-worthy. This honor is well-earned, and we could not be prouder of Rachel.”

—Dr. Michelle Easton

Student Pharmacist Places in Top 10 for United States Public Health Services Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award

University of Charleston School of Pharmacy Class of 2019 graduate Rachel Peaytt was selected as a top 2019 United States Public Health Services (USPHS) Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award recipient. This prestigious award recognizes pharmacists who have made significant contributions to public health by promoting wellness and healthy communities.

To earn the award, Peaytt’s nomination was evaluated on her contributions towards voluntary health related services. She was joined by 74 student pharmacists selected nationwide to receive this award and earn a place in the top 10.

“Being chosen as a top recipient of this national award that recognizes student pharmacists’ efforts in advancing public health is a huge privilege and honor,” Peaytt said. “I am extremely fortunate to have had many opportunities, resources and support from the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy that have allowed me to be a part of a wide variety of outreach projects and impact so many people in our community. As a future pharmacist, I know I will continue to dedicate my career to serving the public and helping those in need.”

Peaytt found her passion in helping patients suffering from substance abuse disorders while working with the Harm Reduction Clinic offered through the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. Her role as a student pharmacist was to educate patients on the importance of testing and services offered by the program, provide clean supplies, collect and dispose of used syringes, and interview patients to collect data. She was a friendly face to new and returning patients and was able to refer many patients to additional services at the clinic, including testing, recovery, wound checks and more. Her willingness to volunteer, along with her fellow students, allowed the Harm Reduction Clinic to expand services and extend the hours and days when it could be open. UCSOP faculty member Dr. Lindsay Acree nominated Peaytt for the award, noting how her efforts affected thousands of patients and provided a connection to healthcare for many.

In addition to demonstrating her dedication to service, Peaytt was a strong student. She was awarded the Dean’s list recognition every semester while in pharmacy school and served as American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists president-elect and president. She used her leadership role to coordinate a clothing and supply drive to benefit patients at the Harm Reduction Clinic and collected containers which could be used for used needles. In addition, Peaytt assisted UCSOP with its expansion of the Generation Rx Program, allowing all pharmacy students to become trained to provide the program’s curriculum to nearly 50 third grade classrooms in Kanawha County. The program is continuing to expand into Putnam County with the help of APhA-ASP and the students trained during their first year of the pharmacy school. Without Peaytt’s involvement and encouraging the involvement of APhA-ASP, this expansion may not have been possible.

Peaytt was recognized for her accomplishment at the UCSOP Class of 2019 Oath Ceremony on Friday, May 3, 2019.

The Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy award is issued by the Pharmacists Professional Advisory Committee of the USPHS – a team of highly-qualified healthcare professionals charged with public health leadership and clinical service within the federal government and are driven by a passion to serve the underserved.
Dr. Sandy Bowles was recognized for 50 years of service to the University of Charleston, during the University Meeting Thursday, December 13, 2018. Dr. Bowles has worn many hats during her time at UC.

She was faculty, Director of Faculty Development and Chair of the UC School of Nursing. She served as Dean of the Division of Health Sciences for nearly 25 years and Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs. For the past 10 years, Bowles has been the School of Pharmacy Assistant Dean for Assessment and Special Projects and during that time also served two separate terms as Interim Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. She has been an integral part of the assessment process for UC and the UCSOP. External to the university, Bowles completed two terms on the WV Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses. She has been a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission for 29 years and currently is a member of the Eligibility Review Panel for the HLC. She has been a member of the National League for Nursing Board of Governors and has acted as the national chairperson for the Council of Associate Degree Programs. Currently, she is an elected Commissioner to the National League for Nursing Commission on Nursing Education Accreditation.

Thank you, Dr. Bowles, for your service to the University of Charleston!
U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia met with University of Charleston School of Pharmacy faculty, staff, student pharmacists, UC Physician Assistant and School of Nursing faculty Friday, September 21, 2018 to discuss the recent U.S. Senate passed Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018.

Capito provided an overview of the bill then hosted a question and answer session with those in attendance. School of Pharmacy faculty discussed with Senator Capito activities conducted by the school in the fight against opioid abuse.

"It was great to be back at the UC School of Pharmacy where I had the chance to meet with students and faculty to discuss the Opioid Crisis Response Act and how this legislation will help bring us closer to ending this crisis once and for all. Whether it’s through providing comprehensive patient care or conducting important research, pharmacists like those at UC are helping lead the way when it comes to preventing drug abuse, and I am glad to have them as a partner in this fight as we continue working to create safe, healthy, and drug-free communities across West Virginia," Senator Capito said.

"As I’ve said many times before, combatting the opioid epidemic and creating a drug-free West Virginia is going to require a spectrum of solutions from a broad range of groups and individuals. The University of Charleston School of Pharmacy community plays an important role in that."

– U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia
UCSOP faculty, staff and student pharmacists participated in the WV Youth Summit on Opioid Awareness sponsored by the Wahlberg Foundation.

The message of opioid abuse and its consequences was sent loud and clear to thousands of middle and high school students from 15 West Virginia counties Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center. Students watched a film about opioid abuse, listened to music and heard from speakers, including UCSOP Assistant Professor Dr. Lindsay Acree. The summit’s message was to promote healthy choices for students and educate them about the dangers of this growing epidemic.

Fifty UCSOP student pharmacists, Dr. Lindsay Acree, Dr. Susan Bissett and Ms. Jamie Bero introduced attendees to Rex® the Rx and medication safety. UCSOP student pharmacists also volunteered as ushers and assisted with the event.

More than 100 University of Charleston students pursuing degrees in the pharmacy, nursing, physician assistant and health promotions programs gathered for a conference on Saturday, February 16, 2019 in the Geary Auditorium (Riggleman Hall) to address negative perceptions surrounding opioid addiction within the health care profession. The conference was sponsored by the School of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Student Governance Association.

The conference included discussions around the role of health care professionals in combating the opioid epidemic. Participants learned how to address stigma within the profession and manage the effect negative perceptions about addiction can have on patient care. In addition, participants received naloxone training, so they are prepared to respond to drug overdoses in the community.

“As healthcare professionals on the frontlines of providing care to patients suffering from the disease of addiction, it is our responsibility to respond with compassion and competence,” said Dr. Michelle Easton, Dean of the School of Pharmacy. “We play a crucial role in challenging these negative perceptions and advocating for equal, high quality care regardless of their health condition.”

Both Dr. Easton and Dr. Bissett spoke at the event. In addition, Tim White, Regional Prevention Coordinator with the Prestera Center and Dr. Michael Brumage, assistant dean for the West Virginia University School of Public Health were featured speakers. The conference also included testimonies from two community members, Justin Ponton of Boca Recovery and Jami Bamberger of Newness of Life, who have recovered from opioid abuse and now work to help others overcome addiction. There was also an interprofessional panel discussion with Dr. Lindsay Acree of the UC School of Pharmacy, Lisa Adkins Mallory of the UC Nursing Program and Lailah Rice of the UC Physician Assistant Program.

“Stigma associated with drug addiction can interfere with prevention, treatment and recovery efforts. The Change the Stigma Conference aims to help health professions students overcome stigma so that they can effectively assist patients in managing the disease of addiction.”

Dr. Susan Bissett, Assistant Dean for Professional and Student Affairs
The funding assisted with the evaluation and implementation of the program in both Kanawha and Putnam Counties during the Spring Semester of 2019. The Don’t Keep Rex™ Around Medication Safety Program teaches pre-K and kindergarten students about medication safety, including how to properly store medication and dispose of prescriptions (with the help of a trusted adult). The program includes the use of an interactive educational platform. Using a character developed and owned by Murphy Media, LLC, Rex the Rx™, student pharmacists and prevention experts talk to the children about medication safety using an educational coloring book designed to demonstrate three easy curriculum objectives - Cap Him, Know Him, and Throw Him. Rex™ is a live-action, real-time generated avatar (a pill bottle) operated by facial recognition in a live streaming platform. This innovative approach to educating students about the dangers of misusing prescription medications provides opportunities for both in-classroom and distance education.

The grant allowed the University and Murphy Media, LLC to introduce Rex™ and his message to pre-K and kindergarten classrooms in Kanawha and Putnam counties during Spring 2019. In addition to the presentation and interactive media, the School of Pharmacy provided school counselors with an allotment of medication disposal systems.

“Early education about medication safety is critical, especially in West Virginia, which is ground zero for the nation’s opioid epidemic” stated Dr. Susan Bissett, former UCSOP assistant dean for professional and student affairs. “The annual rate for pediatric hospital admissions due to opioid poisonings is increasing at an alarming rate. The average age for prescription drug or illicit drug (mis)use is between nine and twelve years of age. Many children are living with addicted parents or aging grandparents giving the children access to prescription drugs. The earlier we can educate children about medication safety the better.”

Jim Smallridge, manager of Community Development Aetna Better Health of WV, said “Aetna Better Health of WV appreciates the work UCSOP faculty, staff and students are doing to address the issue of substance abuse, particularly opioids, in our communities. Improper use of prescribed opioids and other medications has been proven to be a gateway to substance abuse. Reaching children at an early age, in a fun and memorable way is an outstanding approach to imprint this vitally important message.”

In May 2019, Bissett assumed a new role as president of the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute at the University of Charleston. The WV DII is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located on the first floor of the UC School of Pharmacy. Under Bissett’s leadership, The WV DII has adopted the Don’t Keep Rex Around™ Meditation Safety Program as a signature outreach program. This has enabled the UCSOP, Murphy Media, LLC, and WV DII to collaborate on expansion of the program to five West Virginia counties by May 2020. Aetna Better Health of WV has provided the WV DII an additional $25,000 to assist with these efforts.
A DECADE OF PHARMACISTS: UCSOP Alumni making a difference

LINDSAY ACREE, CLASS OF 2013, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT UCSOP
Upon graduation from the UCSOP in 2013, Dr. Lindsay Acree completed an ambulatory care residency at her alma mater. She was then hired to be an assistant professor. Today, Dr. Acree is involved in the community in a variety of ways, including assisting first responders to obtain Narcan, the brand name of naloxone, a medication used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose, for free.

CHARLES BAISDEN, CLASS OF 2018, PHARMACY DIRECTOR AT WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Though he graduated from UCSOP only a year ago, Charles Baisden has more than 20 years of experience inside a hospital pharmacy setting. He has worked as a technician, intern, clinical staff pharmacist, and became the pharmacy director at Williamson Memorial Hospital in Kentucky in December of 2018.

JAMIE BENNETT, CLASS OF 2014, CLINICAL SERVICES LEADER AT FRUTH PHARMACY IN BARBOURSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
Upon graduation, Dr. Jamie Bennett completed a one-year residency with Charleston Area Medical Center and is now the Clinical Services Leader at Fruth Pharmacy. In 2017, Dr. Bennett was recognized as UCSOP’s Preceptor of the Year and more recently, she was featured on the cover of Pharmacy Today magazine’s April 2019 issue as a spokesperson for how her community pharmacy has expanded services to offer point-of-care testing (POCT) to its high-risk patients.

STEPHEN COOK, CLASS OF 2010, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT UCSOP
A member of UCSOP’s inaugural class, Dr. Stephen Cook is currently an assistant professor at his alma mater. Following graduation, he completed a pharmacy practice residency at Cabell Huntington Hospital in West Virginia. Along with working in academia, he currently practices as an internal medicine-clinical pharmacy specialist at Charleston Area Medical Center Memorial Hospital and is now leading the school’s residency program.

HANNAH HUTCHINSON, CLASS OF 2015, PHARMACY DIRECTOR AT CAMC GENERAL HOSPITAL
Soon after graduating from UCSOP in 2015, Dr. Hannah Hutchinson went on to complete a one-year residency at Charleston Area Medical Center, and then worked as a staff pharmacist at the hospital. In early 2019, she was asked to work as CAMC General Hospital’s Pharmacy Director and stepped up to the challenge, though she says every day is another step in the learning process.

MICHAELA LEFFLER, CLASS OF 2014, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT UCSOP
Along with working at her alma mater, Dr. Michaela Leffler currently practices as an internal medicine-clinical pharmacy specialist at CAMC Memorial Hospital. Upon graduation from UCSOP in 2014, Dr. Leffler completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and a PGYS Geriatric Pharmacy Residency at Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, WV.

HEATHER MOLES, CLASS OF 2012, AMBULATORY PHARMACY DIRECTOR AT CHARLESTON AREA MEDICAL CENTER
Heather was born and raised in West Virginia. While attending UCSOP, she interned with CAMC pharmacy, and upon graduation, opened and managed the CAMC Pharmacy at the Grass Lakes Urgent Care Center. While working at the Urgent Care pharmacy, she earned her MTM certification and helped the pharmacy grow into a successful business. She began managing the new pharmacy at CAMC Cancer Center in 2015 and was recently promoted to CAMC’s Ambulatory Pharmacy Director position.

ANDREW VAN DEUSEN, CLASS OF 2018, PHARMACY TIMES FUTURE PHARMACIST FINALIST
Upon graduation, Dr. Andrew Van Deusen was offered and then accepted a two-year Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship with Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation, which he started in July of 2018. The Fellowship position is, “Commercial - New Product Marketing, Business Development & Licensing.” Novartis Pharmaceutical, headquartered in East Hanover, New Jersey, researches, develops, and provides innovative health care solutions and prescription drug treatments. In Fall 2018, he was named a finalist for the Pharmacy Times Future Pharmacist Award.

If you are an alumni yourself, please take the time to let us know what you have been doing since graduation. Send an email to carlystover@ucwv.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.
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Welcome to the Fall 2019 edition of Scripts!
This issue is a compilation of all the accomplishments and events that happened at UCSOP during the 2018-19 academic year.

As you will see in this publication, many exciting things happened during the past academic year, and I want to be sure that you are aware of the highlights. This year marked the milestone of graduating our 10th class of pharmacists. We also said goodbye to three members of our executive committee at the end of the academic year and wish them the best in their future endeavors. These individuals included Dr. David Latif (Chairperson for the Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences), Dr. Susan Gardner Bissett (Assistant Dean for Professional and Student Affairs), and Dr. Michelle Easton (Dean of the School of Pharmacy). I would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of each individual who served the pharmacy program well and was instrumental in the program’s growth and development.

While the departure of Drs. Easton, Bissett and Latif was wistful, it gave UCSOP an opportunity to assess our organizational structure and find ways to better navigate the changing landscape of pharmacy education. Through a series of meetings with the UC President, Provost, Board of Trustees members, faculty, staff and students, we developed a new organizational structure that we believe allows us to better recruit and serve our students and fulfill our school’s mission and vision. The new leadership structure is as follows: Dean (Interim; CEO; M. O. Faruk Khan), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (ADAA; Kristy Lucas), Executive Director of Enrollment and Admissions (EDEA; Michelle Knight), Executive Director of Professional Affairs (EDPA; Gannett Monk), Executive Director of Assessment (EDA; Leah Hall), Chair of Department of Pharmacy Practice (David Bowyer), Chair of Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences (Tamer Fandy) and Executive Director of Experiential Education (Julie Testman).

The nationwide challenges in enrollment and admissions, students’ personal and professional development, and increased assessment expectations were a few of the most important considerations in determining this new structure. This new structure will not only allow smooth operation of all the school’s activities but will also enable leadership development opportunities of the existing faculty and staff. This structure will be conducive to a bright future for the UC School of Pharmacy and help to ensure the continuing success of our students for many years to come. The school was fortunate to fill these leadership positions internally with a group of outstanding faculty members who are highly talented and quite capable of performing these administrative duties. Several new faculty positions have also been filled or are in the process of being filled to overcome the gaps created by these changes. We look forward to many exciting years ahead of us with this new leadership structure and programmatic changes in place!

Sincerely,
Dr. M. O. Faruk Khan
Interim Dean, UC School of Pharmacy
Before serving in his role as Interim Dean for the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, Dr. Faruk Khan started his service to the school in August 2018 as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He has published more than 50 scholarly research articles and served as the primary investigator on several grants. He hopes to advance pharmacy education through the publication of the first volume of a new four-volume book series – “Medicinal Chemistry for Pharmacy Students”. His research specializes in medicinal chemistry and rational drug design, pharmaceutical analyses, organic and peptide synthesis, and enzymology. More recently, his interest has expanded to the area of assessment and educational scholarships.

Khan received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He completed post-doctoral research at Hiroshima University in Japan, then University of Manchester in the United Kingdom and went on to obtain a Master of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship and Global Management from Florida A&M University. In 2013, he became a professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Science and Research at Marshall University School of Pharmacy. Khan also served as associate professor and chair of Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, before going to Marshall University. At SWOSU, he assumed the inaugural Homer F. Timmons Endowed Professorship and founding coordinator of SWOSU Center of Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Khan is an academic research fellow of American Association of College of Pharmacy (AACP). He served in several leadership roles in AACP as well as American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. He created several Master of Science and doctorate level exchange programs with international universities and also partnered with Pharmaceutical Industries in providing analytical services for their drug products. He has also successfully completed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduates Equivalent Examination conducted by the National Association of Pharmacy in Chicago, Illinois.

Before securing his role at the University of Charleston, Khan served as a professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Science and Research at Marshall University School of Pharmacy. Khan also served as assistant and associate professor and chair of Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SWOSU) College of Pharmacy before going to Marshall University. At SWOSU, he assumed the inaugural Homer F. Timmons Endowed Professorship and founding coordinator of SWOSU Center of Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

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Khan received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in pharmacy from University of Dhaka, in Bangladesh. He completed his doctorate in medicinal chemistry at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom and went on to obtain a Master of Business Administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Khan completed post-doctoral research at Hiroshima University in Japan, then University of Mississippi, and finally at Florida A&M University.
DAVID BOWYER
DEPT. OF PHARMACY PRACTICE CHAIR
HOMETOWN: PINEVILLE, WV

David G. Bowyer is the Chair and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice. Prior to being named as Chair in August of 2013, he served as Experiential Director for the school since the program’s inception in 2006. He earned his B.S. in Pharmacy from West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in 1984 and has worked in a variety of practice settings during his pharmacy career, including both hospital and community pharmacy in primarily rural settings. He has also worked in long-term care settings.

Bowyer has served in a variety of offices in the WVSPHP including two terms as president. He has also served on several committees with the ASHP and the AACP. WVSPHP has awarded Bowyer several honors. In 2019, he was selected by the WVSPHP to receive the coveted Dr. James H. Bred Award in recognition of meritorious services in furthering the interests of the profession of pharmacy in West Virginia. Bowyer is certified as both an Immunizing Pharmacist and a Medication Therapy Management Pharmacist by the American Pharmacist Association and serves as a trainer for these programs. He was an originator of the West Virginia Pharmacist Care Alliance and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Rural Health Association. In July of 2017, David was appointed by the governor to serve a five-year term as a member of the WV Board of Pharmacy.

Fandy is a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology. He has published over 50 original research articles and abstracts in the field of oncology and experimental therapeutics. He published over 50 original research articles and abstracts in the field of oncology and experimental therapeutics. He published over 50 original research articles and abstracts in the field of oncology and experimental therapeutics.

TAMER FANDY
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES CHAIR
HOMETOWN: CAIRO, EGYPT

Dr. Tamer Fandy joined the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences faculty in January 2017. He earned his pharmacy degree at the College of Pharmacy, Cairo University. Fandy received a master’s degree in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. In addition, he completed a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Sydney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University. Prior to joining UCSOP, Fandy was an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Albany College of Pharmacy. Fandy is a board-certified geriatric pharmacist and a licensed pharmacist in Maryland, Vermont and West Virginia. His research focuses on both basic and translational research in the field of molecular epigenetics and experimental therapeutics. He has published over 30 original research articles and abstracts in field of molecular genetics, and Fandy is a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.

GANNETT MONK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS
HOMETOWN: KENNA, WV

Dr. Gannett Monk graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from West Virginia University in 1995 and earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of Charleston School of Pharmacy in 2003. Gannett has practiced as a hospital pharmacist at both Charleston Area Medical Center and Cabell Huntington Hospital, a home-infusion pharmacist with Centum Healthcare and Infusion Solutions, and as an academic pharmacist teaching at the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy (UCSOP). Throughout his practice, his focus has always been on one-to-one face-to-face interactions with patients to optimize their care. Monk has strived to expand the traditional role of the community pharmacist, focusing on improving the overall quality of life of his patients through counseling and global assessment. Monk teaches predominantly in the laboratory courses at the UCSOP, to help guide future pharmacist’s growth as clinicians in this age of expanding clinical roles in the field of pharmacy.

Dr. Julie Testman serves as the Executive Director of Experiential Education Department and associate professor of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Charleston. She joined the UCSOP in 2005, completed a PGY-1 residency with the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, and joined the UCSOP faculty in 2006.

She has clinical pharmacy practice experience in ambulatory care and is a board-certified pharmacist-solution specialist, board-certified geriatric pharmacist, and a fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. Testman has completed multiple professional certificate training programs in her areas of interest and is active in professional service at the school, state, and national levels. She currently serves on the board of directors and Education Committee of the West Virginia Geriatrics Society, the Nominating Committee for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Experiential Education section and as the chair for the Mid-Atlantic Experiential Education Consortium. Her professional and research interests include experiential education and senior care pharmacy. Testman also serves as a co-director of the UCSOP Scholar in Geriatric Pharmacy Track.
Dr. Michelle L. Knight has been employed as an Assistant Professor at the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy since 2015. In 2019, Knight accepted the position of Executive Director of Enrollment and Admissions. In conjunction with these positions, Knight also works as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist at a local family medicine clinic and endocrinology practice.

Knight obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy in 2013 and went on to complete two years of post-graduate training. Her PGY-1 residency was through Florida Memorial University College of Pharmacy and Health Science in 2013 and PGY-2 through the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and UF Health Family Medicine. Knight is Board Certified in Diabetes Management and is recognized as a Certified Diabetes Educator and Tobacco Treatment Specialist. She has also obtained additional certificates in Teaching and Learning, Pharmacist & Patient-Centered Diabetes Care, Pharmacy-Based Cardiovascular Disease Risk Management, Community Pharmacy-Based Point-of-Care Testing, and Immunization.

Notable service commitments include co-advisor of the student pharmacy organization Lambda Kappa Sigma and the University of Charleston Pre-Pharmacy Club, an ambulatory care and academia mentor for PGY-1 residency programs, a member of the Charleston Alzheimer's Association Walk Planning Committee, and several roles within the AACP.

Carly Stover graduated from West Virginia University in 2015. She received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and went on to complete her PharmD degree from West Virginia University in 2011. She completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency in 2012 and a Pharmacy Practice Residency in Geriatrics in 2013 at Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) in Charleston, WV. She also earned Board Certification as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist and Geriatric Pharmacist. In 2013, she joined the faculty at the UCSOP, as well as completed the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Pain and Palliative Care Traineeship, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Academy Teaching and Learning Certificate Program. Her practice site is at CAMC with the inpatient palliative care team. She assists the team regarding therapy decisions related to pain and symptom management for patients experiencing chronic, life-limiting illness. Hall serves as co-director of the UCSOP Scholar in Geriatric Pharmacy Track and is a co-advisor for the student chapter of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI).