The COPHS Welcomes Dean Stemley

The College welcomed Dr. Edward C. Stemley to the college as its new dean in September 2013. Dean Stemley has begun his tenure with great enthusiasm and optimism. He comes to the College from Xavier University (New Orleans, Louisiana) where he served as Vice Chair in the Division of Clinical and Administrative Sciences. During the Fall 2013 Preceptor Conference, Dean Stemley shared his vision and goals for the College. Dean Stemley is currently conducting a six month assessment of the College’s operations.

Homecoming 2013

The theme of Texas Southern University’s (TSU) homecoming celebration was “Proud of Our Stripes”. The COPHS’ Events Committee and Alumni Association coordinated the festivites including the College’s annual fish fry and barbecue. The College was awarded third place for its portrayal of the homecoming theme in its lobby. The College placed first in the Motorized Vehicle category and second place in the Walking Unit of the Grand Tiger Homecoming Parade. Pictured at top right are Dean Stemley and Renard Thomas, Chair of Health Sciences. Pictured at bottom right are former COPHS Dean Barbara Hayes and Dean Stemley.
The COPHS Welcomes New and Returning Students

The COPHS hosted its first annual “Orientation Day” on August 21, 2013. This day is designed to provide students, staff, and faculty with information on academic resources, advising, upcoming events and college news. The Office of Student Services hosted orientation sessions with incoming and returning pharmacy and health sciences students. The orientation sessions were followed by a luncheon that opened with the College’s Pledge of Professionalism. Dr. Tina Cuellar, Director of Curriculum, Review and Testing at Elsevier, gave an inspirational address that focused on interprofessional education and professionalism. Dr. Cuellar engaged the audience in a game of Jeopardy that tested their knowledge of each of the College’s health professions.

Faculty/Staff News

Faculty Receive Distinguished Honor of Promotion and Tenure

Nora Osemene, PharmD
Promoted to Professor

Flora Estes, PharmD
Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure

Edward Bell, PhD
Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure

Kasturi Ranganna, PhD
Promoted to Associate Professor

Zivar Yousefipour, PhD
Promoted to Tenure at the current rank of Associate Professor

Uche Anadu-Ndefo, PharmD
Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure (not pictured)

Cheung Receives Funding from the Research Centers for Minority Institutions (RCMI)

Dr. Lily Cheung PharmD, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, (pictured left), has received funding ($50,000) from the RCMI Translational Research Network Small Grants Program for her proposal, “Pharmacokinetic Pharmacodynamic Study of Metformin with Gastric Bypass Surgery.”
The COPHS Annual White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony took place Thursday, September 5, 2013 on TSU’s campus in the Rod Paige Education Building. The College ushered in 116 first professional year pharmacy students that make up the Class of 2017. The White Coat Ceremony is a shared tradition in the health professions field that celebrates students and their journey towards becoming pharmacists. The keynote address was delivered by Melvin Hurd (BS, Pharmacy ’97). Secretary, Joe A. DaSilva, CAE, FACHE Texas Pharmacy Association (TPA) Chief Executive Officer attended the 2013 White Coat Ceremony. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

Student Accolades

Fourth professional year student, Christopher Amune, assisted the pharmacy staff of Park Plaza Hospital in a brown bag event at Bellaire’s City Hall. Topics discussed included "Tips You Should Know Regarding Your Medications" presented by Paulette M. Bickham, Director of Pharmacy; "Side effects and Drug Interactions" presented by Ivy Luong, Clinical Pharmacist; and our own Christopher Amune discussed "Counseling and Getting to Know Your Pharmacist".

Christina Mathew, fourth professional year student, was featured in Park Plaza Hospital’s news issue, “The Pulse of Park Plaza”. The article focused on Christina’s growth from technician to future pharmacist. As a technician at the hospital since 2007, she is currently completing her internal medicine rotation in pharmacy at Park Plaza.
Student News

Career Fair

The College held its annual career fair Friday, October 4, 2013. This venue serves as an opportunity for fourth professional year pharmacy students to network and interview with potential employers. Students participated in 20 minute interviews between 9am and 4pm. Approximately 270 interviews took place throughout the day, with 90 students taking advantage of the opportunity to interview.

The Office of Experiential and Practice Programs

The COPHS Certifies its First Class of Pharmacists in Medication Therapy Management

The College held its first Medication Therapy Management certification training October 18, 2013. Twenty-six local pharmacists, including College alumni and faculty, completed the 7.0 hour CEU training.

The class was led by Dr. Reginald D. Harris, Founder and President of Info Source Communications, LLC. He has over 20 certifications including ambulatory pharmaceutical care and immunization therapy as well as leadership management. Dr. Harris serves as a clinical pharmacy faculty member at the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy.

TSU COPHS and Memorial Hermann Partner to Implement Integrated Acute Pharmacy Practice Model

Dr. Shantera Davis, Director of Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences and Assistant Professor, is partnering with Doina Dumitru, Pharm.D., MBA, Director of Pharmacy at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital to implement an integrated acute care pharmacy practice model at the hospital. The team hopes that this model will transform the current model into a practice that provides comprehensive direct patient care pharmacy services to each hospital patient.

2013 Career Fair Participating Employers

CVS
HEB
Wal-Mart
Walgreens
Kroger
Randall’s
Albertson’s
Alumni News

The Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists R&E Foundation Board of Directors awarded the 2013 C.A.B. Bond Memorial Grant Program to Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center. The project team, headed by Pharmacy Operations Manager Rodney Cox, (PharmD, 1999) will explore "Evaluation of Medication Reconciliation and Discharge Counseling during Transitions in Care."

In Memoriam

The College mourns the passing of Dr. Rodney E. Bailey, (BS, Pharmacy, 1985 and PharmD, 1995) (pictured at left). Dr. Bailey is the father of two of our current students, Ms. Jasmine Bailey and Ms. Jana Bailey. He is also a longtime supporter of the College.

It is with deep regret that we also announce the passing of Dr. Jimmy Jones (PharmD, 1995).

The College recognized Mrs. Gay Dodson, R.Ph., Executive Director/Secretary, Texas State Board of Pharmacy (Pictured top right.), for her service to the TSU Pharmacy program and the practice of pharmacy for the past 30 years during the Fall Preceptor Conference. Ms. Iona Grant is pictured bottom right with Dean Stemley, accepting the award on behalf of Mrs. Dodson.