COLLEGE NEWS

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY JOINS NIPTÉ as its SEVENTEENTH MEMBER
The National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education (NIPTÉ) Board has conferred official membership by the Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy. NIPTÉ, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization of sixteen organizations dedicated to fundamental research and education in pharmaceutical product development and manufacturing. The goal of NIPTÉ is to increase science and engineering-based understanding of this area such that novel state-of-the-art technologies can be developed and science-based regulations can be implemented.

PRESIDENTIAL IMPACT FELLOWSHIP
Dr. Mansoor Khan, Professor and Vice Dean of the College Station Campus, has been named as a 2017 Presidential Impact Fellow to honor and recognize his continued development and excellence. As an honoree, Dr. Khan will receive the lifelong title of Presidential Impact Fellow. The Fellowship is intended to help each honoree elevate their transformational learning, discovery, innovation, and impact.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT CHAPTER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD
The Gamma Omega Chapter of the Rho Chi Honor Society of the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy has been selected for the Chapter Achievement Award for Region 6, and the Chapter was recognized at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Rho Chi Society on Sunday, March 26 in San Francisco, California, in conjunction with the American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting. The Chapter Achievement Award recognizes the full scope of chapter activities as documented in the annual report.

TSHP ANNUAL MEETING
Thirteen students from the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy participated in the clinical skills, disease state management, and poster competitions at the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists (TSHP) Annual Seminar in Galveston on April 28, 2017. Kevin Tran (P2) and Lois Kim (P2) placed first in the student section of the 2017 TSHP Research & Education Foundation Poster Competition. Olivia Collado (P3) received honorable mention in the practitioner education category. Sasha Cruz (P4) was the recipient of the TSHP Research & Education Foundation Celso and Matiana M. Cuéllar Sr. Scholarship and the Central Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists Scholarship.
COLLEGE-WIDE PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER DAY

On March 30, 2017, nearly 100 members of the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy participated in the Texas A&M Health Science Center Disaster Day mass casualty simulation. The 2017 mock disaster scenario was a Category 5 hurricane that made landfall in the Houston metropolitan area, which led to severe flooding across the Brazos Valley.

This also marked the first year all four classes, P1 through P4, of the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy were represented at Disaster Day. Students, faculty, and residents provided over 500 volunteer and service learning hours in various roles including simulated patients, dispensing pharmacists, clinical pharmacists, clinical observers and event planning. The coordinators for the Rangel College of Pharmacy were Michelle Yazdchi, Matthew Ward, Janson Rector, and Dr. Bree Watzak. Please follow the link for The Eagle press release: Disaster exercise helps Texas A&M medical students develop skills for mass casualty scenarios.

TEXAS PHARMACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Over 50 students from the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy attended Texas Pharmacy Day at the Capitol in Austin on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. During their visit, students met with their legislative representatives to discuss proposed bills and regulations affecting pharmacy and were able to discuss the impact of pharmacists on health care. The event was organized by the Texas Pharmacy Association.

RESIDENCY MATCHES FOR 2017

Three students from the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy Class of 2016 have been matched for PGY2 residencies, and 14 students, which represents 18%, from the Class of 2017 have been matched for PGY1 residencies. Sixty-seven percent are Texas residencies and 33% percent are out-of-state residencies in Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma, Florida, and Indiana.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Awards, Honors and Scholarships Committee of the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy selected the following students to receive scholarships for the Spring 2017 semester:

- **Estill Foundation Scholarship** – Melynda Alverez (P4), Sasha Cruz (P4), DeAnna Le (P4), Monica Partida (P4), Monica Pham (P4), Whitney Strong (P4), Jennifer Tran (P4), Edward Uzowulu (P4), Khoa Vo (P4), Shannon White (P4).
- **Dr. James Robertson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** – Tanner Dodd (P4), Monica Pham (P4), Jennifer Tran (P4)
- **CVS Health Foundation Pharmacy School Grants Program Scholarship** – Kassandra Cervera (P3), Olivia Collado (P3), Sasha Cruz (P4), Josue Garcia (P4), Juan Garcia (P3), Lorena Hernandez (P4), Joseph Nnani (P1), Ifeyinwa Nwolisa (P1), Monica Partida (P4), Dealer Rockwell (P2), Hien Vo (P3)
- **Dallas Area Pharmacy Association (DAPA) Scholarship** – Abisola Tairu (P3)
Lois Kim (P2) has received and accepted a summer pharmacy internship offer at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. After an application and an interview process, she was offered an internship in the Pediatrics Inpatient Area and will be completing her internship from June 5 to August 4, 2017. As one of the highly ranked and well-established hospitals in the country, Johns Hopkins offers the Pharmacy Internship Program, which aims to provide the selected pharmacy students an insight into hospital and health-system pharmacy practice.

FACULTY NEWS

Andrea Luce, Pharm.D., Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, has been appointed as Vice Chair of Pharmacy Practice for Houston, effective May 1, 2017.

Juan Castro, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, has been appointed Interim Vice Chair of Pharmacy Practice for Kingsville, effective June 1, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS
Prof. John Bowman has been re-appointment to the Regional Health Awareness Board was approved by Nueces County, San Patricio County, and the City of Corpus Christi.

Dr. Michael J. Miller, 3/2017 to Present -Guest Editor, Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy, Special Themed Issue on Interventional Approaches to Health Literacy in Pharmacy Practice and Education.

Dr. Michael J. Miller, 4/2017 Invited Reviewer, ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Practice Advancement Demonstration Grant 2016 (GRPM).

PRESENTATIONS


**Elmageed, Zakaria A.** Invited Speaker: Texas A&M College of Medicine, College Station, held on Thursday April, 20, 2017. Title: New insights into the role of Exosomes in prostate cancer progression.

**Bowman, J., Joseph, M.** Invited Speakers: Regional Stakeholder Symposium on Prescription Drug Abuse, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, held on Friday, March 3, 2017. Title: Medications Are Safe….Right?

**PUBLICATIONS**


**Book Chapters**


**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**


**GRANTS**


**NEW HIRES**

**Faculty**

*Jose Hernandez, Ph.D.*, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College Station, Texas.

*Michael Miller, R. Ph., DrPH, FAPhA*, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College Station, Texas.

**Staff**

*Zhixing Wu, Ph.D.*, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, Kingsville, Texas.