

## REPORT TO THE TEXAS PHARMACY CONGRESS

### FSOP Impact Report: 2020 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

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#### FSOP RECEIVES 2020 HEED AWARD



Top Colleges for Diversity

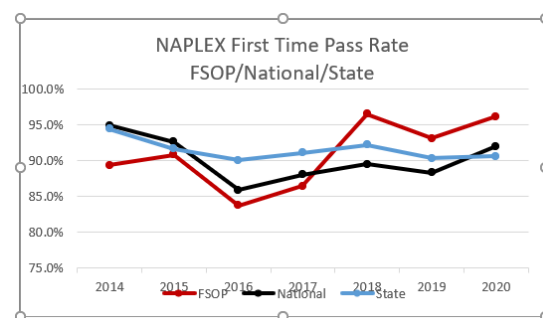
The Feik School of Pharmacy received the 2020 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the premier diversity-focused publication in higher education. The annual Health Professions HEED Award — is a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The FSOP will be featured, along with 45 other recipients, in the December 2020 issue of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. Only two other pharmacy schools in the nation received this award. The FSOP is one of the top pharmacy schools in the U.S. to graduate Hispanic pharmacists. This recognition affirms the school's dedication to its mission of "advancing healthcare to diverse populations."

#### CLASS OF 2020 NAPLEX SCORES

As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 77 of the 80 FSOP Class of 2020 graduates have taken the NAPLEX exam and have achieved a 96.1% passing rate for first time test takers! By comparison, the state average passing score is 90.6% and the national average is 91.7%. FSOP scores have been above the state and national average for the past three years.

The results of the MPJE law exam have been reported as well. Again, the Class of 2020 performed quite well, with a 94.4% passing rate. The state average passing rate was 91.1%, and the national average was 85.7%.



#### FSOP 2<sup>ND</sup> IN 2020 BEST PHARMACY SCHOOLS



The Feik School of Pharmacy was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the top 25 schools in GradReport's **2020 Best Doctoral Pharmacy Degrees** in the nation, on the *2020 Best Colleges for Earning Potential* list. GradReport's data-driven college rankings by majors are based on salary data of over 5 million graduates as well as median total debt from College Scorecard. The write-up about the school notes the offering of a dual degree that combines the PharmD with a Master of Arts in Administration (MAA). The MAA requires 30 semester hours of graduate coursework and can be earned concurrently with the PharmD.

#### NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS IN FALL 2021

This year has seen the creation and development of two new degree programs to widen and enhance employment options for students in the pharmacy field. The first is a 2-year certified Pharmacy Technician program that can be attained at substantially less cost than the PharmD with a wide array of employment opportunities at very competitive salaries. The second opportunity is a Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree that will prepare pharmacists for industry pharmacy tracks. Both programs are completing the UIW approval process now and plan to enroll first classes in fall 2021.

#### RESEARCH GRANT BRINGS STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Paulo Carvalho, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received a Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Program (SC3) grant for *Novel artemisinin derivatives for chemogenomic profiling of Plasmodium falciparum*. The 4-year grant is in the amount of \$389,028. Dr. Carvalho will focus those resources to give UIW students research opportunities, and to help them see practical applications for some of what they learn in Biology and Chemistry classes.

SCORE is a research capacity-building program that seeks to increase the research competitiveness of faculty at institutions with an explicitly stated mission or historical track record in graduating students from groups nationally underrepresented in biomedical research with B.S./B.A., M.A., M.S. or Ph.D. degrees in biomedical-related sciences.

## PRECEPTORS WELCOME FSOP STUDENTS

Our 4th year students are being provided all of the necessary rotations they have worked so hard to get ready for. Feedback from preceptors indicates that FSOP students are noted as being well prepared and with a heart for serving their patients. The word cloud at right is comprised of words preceptors most frequently use when writing about FSOP students.

One preceptor commented: "UIW students are always stand-out-from-the-crowd. You can always tell when a student is from Feik from the demeanor, to knowledge, to willingness to jump outside of their scope of work. They're always willing to do more, and others have complimented me about them!"



## FSOP STUDENTS IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITY



1100+ flu vaccines given in University Health System free drive-through clinic. 15 FSOP students volunteered to serve. Nelson Wolff Stadium Oct. 2020



Spring Ingram Park Mall Health Fair – APhA students vaccinate and screen 120 attendees. Feb. 2020



Sponsored by H-E-B, Phi Delta Chi students vaccinated 100 attendees at Las Palmas H-E-B. H-E-B. Oct. 2020



Feast of Sharing held by H-E-B, APhA students volunteer over Christmas break and vaccinate 400. Dec. 2019



Kappa Psi students on ARISE Winter Health Mission Trip to the Rio Grande Valley, with teams from Optometry, Nursing, Ettling Center and College of Humanities. 340 community members received free screenings, flu vaccinations and prescription eyeglasses, providing a total value of care of \$125,000. Dec. 2019



PDC students gave flu shots to 100+ at H-E-B Zarzamora. Oct. 2020



SNPhA members vaccinate over 200 at the annual Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church Health Fair. Nov. 2019



APhA students provide flu shots & medical screenings for 150 – fall Ingram Park Mall Health Fair. Nov. 2019

## TPA STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD

During the Texas Pharmacy Association Virtual Conference and Expo, July 23-25, 2020, the FSOP was recognized at their Celebrating Pharmacy Excellence in Texas Awards Ceremony. The Feik School of Pharmacy was chosen to receive the TPA Student Advocacy Award this year. To qualify, a school must have made significant contributions to the profession which align with the TPA mission to enhance and evolve the role of pharmacy.

