

IN COLLEGE NEWS



Pan Am Cooperative Program graduates

Pharmacy Coop Program Garners National Recognition

The Cooperative Pharmacy Program (CPP) between the UT Austin College of Pharmacy and UT Pan America has been cited as this year's top program for increasing achievement for Latino students. Excelencia in Education, a non-profit organization from Washington, D.C. made the announcement in October. Dr. Lydia Aguilera, assistant dean for CPP, attended the awards ceremony on behalf of the program. The program was selected for the honor from a field of 165 program applications representing 22 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Awards are presented at three academic levels: associate, bachelor, and graduate.



Dr. Janet Walkow

Take Your Medicine - College launches first MOOC

Dr. Janet Walkow, executive director and chief technology officer of the Drug Dynamics Institute (DDI), led the college into the world of massive open online courses (MOOCs) with the September launch of "Take Your Medicine - The Impact of Drug Development." The course, offered through edX.com, drew an enrollment of more than 19,000 world-wide. Other instructors for the class included Dr. Alan Watts, assistant director of the DDI and Dr. Donna Kidwell, DDI project director. Guest presenters including alumni, faculty and staff as well as leaders in the pharmacy industry and government regulators also were featured throughout the 13-week course.



Dr. Chris Frei

Frei to lead Pharmacotherapy Division

Dr. Chris Frei has been appointed as division head for the Pharmacotherapy Division that is located on the campus of the UT Health Science Center San Antonio. Frei, an associate professor of pharmacy, has served the college within the division since January 2006. In his research lab, Frei studies clinically important infectious diseases including pneumonia, skin and soft tissue infections and HIV. Of particular focus in his research is methicillin resistant staphylococcus (MRSA). He has been recognized internationally for advancing knowledge in the field of MRSA. In 2011, Frei was recognized as "Mentor of the Year" by the Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists, "Young Investigator of the Year" by the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists, and "Distinguished Young Alumnus of the Year" by the UT Austin College of Pharmacy.



Dr. Nathan Pope and NCPA members

NCPA chapter earns national recognition

The UT Austin chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) returned from NCPA's 115th annual convention and trade exposition in Orlando, Florida after being named as the Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year. Dr. Nathan Pope serves as faculty advisor of the group and Sheevum Patel is student president of the local chapter. Ravi Davuluri was named as the NCPA Student Chapter Outstanding Member of the Year for the UT Austin chapter.



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Pharmacy students provided health screenings including blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugars and body mass index at events throughout the Austin area this fall. In doing so, they provided vital health information to countless individuals who otherwise would not have access to this information. In addition, students also provided flu vaccines at several conferences, including one of the largest gatherings in which they participated, the Hispanic Community Health Fair at the Travis County Expo Center in September.



Flu vaccines for UT athletes

Pharmacy students help keep Longhorn athletes healthy

College of Pharmacy students did their part to help assure Longhorn athletic victories when they provided flu immunizations to all athletes during a September flu vaccine blitz. The program provided flu vaccine, most often in the form of nasal mist, to more than 300 student athletes. The pharmacy students were supervised by faculty member Renee Acosta, Dr. Nile Barnes, Prof. Sharon Rush and other faculty preceptors.



Race for the Cure

Longhorn KE group joins race for the cure

Members of the UT Austin Kappa Epsilon chapter raised more than \$2,000 for breast cancer research as they participated in the 2013 Race for the Cure through the streets of Austin. Assistant Dean Diane Ginsburg (pictured at left) joined the team and hosted a bagel celebration at the conclusion of the race.

IN FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS



Dr. Patrick Davis

Davis among Provost's teaching fellows

Dr. Patrick Davis, senior associate dean for academic affairs, has been named among 20 leading faculty innovators at UT Austin who have been appointed as inaugural Provost's Teaching Fellows. The new program is designed to strengthen faculty participation and governance in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), to enhance faculty collaboration across disciplinary and institutional boundaries, and to support specific faculty-led products to improve teaching and learning. Davis was among nine designated as 2013 Provost's Senior Teaching Fellows who will take on a variety of leadership roles for two years including leading faculty learning communities, reviewing grants to support curricular and pedagogical innovation, and participating in operational governance for the CTL.



Dr. James Karboski

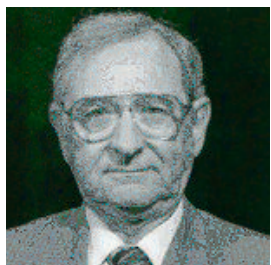
Karboski cited for teaching honor

Dr. James Karboski, clinical professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, is among the 26 faculty members from UT Austin selected to receive 2013 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards, the highest teaching honor awarded by the Regents. Karboski and the other UT Austin recipients joined honored faculty from campuses across the UT System in receiving the awards during an August ceremony on the UT Austin campus. Karboski was chosen among the recipients to address the UT System Board of regents at the Board meeting on Wednesday where the winners were officially announced.

IN ALUMNI NEWS



*Connie Gelineau and
Alexis Balko*



Billy Wylie



Rudy Garza Jr.



Mark Newberry



Aida Garza

Alumni Association honors four

The College of Pharmacy Alumni Association recognized Billy Wylie, Rudy Davila Jr., Mark Newberry and Aida Garza at its 2013 Annual Awards Reception. Wylie, B.S. '55 and M.S. '66, was honored posthumously with the association's highest award, the William J. Sheffield Outstanding Alumnus Award. Davila, B.S. '55, was named recipient of the Legend of Pharmacy Award. Other honorees included Mark Newberry, Pharm.D. '03, recipient of the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award and Aida Garza, recipient, Wm. Arlyn Kloesel Preceptor of the Year Award. Also at the reception, Connie Gelineau of Richardson assumed the presidency of the Alumni Association, replacing outgoing president Alexis Balko.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Dr. Steve Weitman

All College Seminar features look at oncology agents

"Development of New Agents in Oncology" is the focus of an all college seminar scheduled for November 21. The free event which is open to the public begins at 4 p.m. in the South Pharmacy Building's PHR 3.106.

Guest speaker is Dr. Steve Weitman with the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (CTRC) at The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA). Weitman serves as director of the CTCRC's Institute for Drug Development. At UTHSCSA, he works to create and support oncology drug development, build experimental clinical (phase I and phase II) programs, and develop individualized patient cancer treatment initiatives involving both laboratory and clinical teams.

November

21 - All College Seminar
28 - Thanksgiving
29 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December

6 - Last Class day
13 - Holiday Party
24 - University closed

January

2 - Staff returns
8 - Faculty retreat
13 - Spring Semester begins
20 - Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday
24 - PharmD admission
interviews
25 - PharmD admission
interviews
31 - PharmD admission
interviews

February

1 - PharmD admission
interviews

March

1 - Explore UT
10 - Spring Break begins
23 - SOT meeting Phoenix, AZ
28 - APhA meeting Orlando, FL