

IN COLLEGE NEWS



John Richburg



Renee Acosta



Karen Rascati



Karen Vasquez



John DiGiovanni

### Administrative changes begin in September

The energy sparked of a new academic year takes on extra emphasis in 2015 as the College begins the fall semester with several administrative changes. Beginning in September, changes within the college include:

- Dr. John Richburg, professor of pharmacology/toxicology, to associate dean for research and graduate studies;
- Renee Acosta, clinical associate professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, to assistant dean for admission and advising;
- Dr. Karen Rascati, professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, to graduate student advisor;
- Dr. Karen Vasquez, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, to head the Division of Pharmacology and Toxicology;
- Dr. John DiGiovanni, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, to director of the Center for Molecular and Cellular Toxicology.

“It’s an exciting time in the history of the college,” said Dean Lynn Crismon. “We have recently completed a comprehensive strategic plan where we clarified our college’s direction and priorities for the next few years. I’m excited to welcome these additions to our administrative team to help steer the college as we implement this ambitious plan for our college’s future.”



Robert Talbert

### Talbert to Receive Parker Medal

Dr. Robert L. Talbert, the Smithkline Centennial Professor Emeritus in Pharmacy, has been selected to receive the Paul F. Parker Medal from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). The award, established in 2002, is the highest honor bestowed by ACCP. Talbert will receive the award at the opening general session of the 2015 Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in San Francisco in October. He joins Charles Walton in being the only other faculty member from the college to receive the Parker Medal. Dr. Talbert has received numerous awards for his teaching and his contributions to pharmacy education and practice including the college’s Arlyn Kloesel Outstanding Preceptor Award and of the Robert G. Leonard Memorial Lecture Award which is awarded jointly by the college and the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He is recipient of ACCP’s Outstanding Educator Award, and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award.



*Francis Lam*

### **Lam named to Regents teaching award**

Dr. Francis Lam, clinical associate professor of pharmacotherapy, has been awarded the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award. Lam's nomination was submitted by U System by the UT Health Science Center San Antonio where he has a cross appointment as professor in the Department of Pharmacology. The award is the foremost teaching honor in the UT System. He was among four members of the San Antonio-based campus to receive the award and the only recipient from the College of Pharmacy for 2015.



*Nile Barnes*

### **Barnes named to board appointment**

Dr. J. Nile Barnes, clinical assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, has been named one of three new appointees to the board of trustees of the TMF Health Quality Institute of Austin. Barnes is board-certified as a pharmacotherapy specialist as well as a pharmacist immunization provider/instructor. He is residency trained in internal medicine pharmacotherapy and practices at University Medical Center-Brackenridge.



*Staff awardees Joe Adcock, Vanessa Lopez and Danette Adams*

### **College salutes staff**

College staff took center stage in June as the college recognized staff members for service, merit, and excellence awards. The awards were presented at the annual staff appreciation gathering held this year that included a fajita lunch and a riverboat ride on Lake Austin. Staff excellence awards are presented annually to four staff members. Each was presented a framed certificate and a check for \$1,500. Recipients of staff merit awards received a framed certificate, two-months use of a college staff parking space outside of the Austin pharmacy complex, and two tickets to a fall home football game. Classified, administrative, and professional staff members with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 50 years of eligible service were honored along with their counterparts throughout the university at the 2015 Annual President's Staff Awards ceremony in May. A total of 14 members of the college staff were recognized during the university's 2015 service program.



*Staff awardees Dorothy Gillette, Iris Jennings, Laura Patterson, Jody Curtis and Sharla Brewer*



### Welcome Class of 2019

Members of the Class of 2019, all 133 of them, are about to start their academic journey through the College of Pharmacy. The college is ready to roll out the welcome mat with a wealth of events and activities planned in conjunction with New Student Orientation. The welcome begins with a Sunday reception and includes informational sessions, opportunities to meet fellow classmates, upperclassmen, administrators, faculty and staff. Highlights of the welcome include the Monday afternoon White Coat Ceremony, considered the bookend ceremony to graduation, and the Tuesday evening, campus-wide Gone to Texas celebration.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August

- 24 New Student Orientation begins
- 25 White Coat Ceremony
- 26 Gone to Texas
- 27 Classes begin

### September

- 7 Labor Day holiday

### October

- 10 NCPA meeting begins, Washington, DC
- 15 Advisory Council meeting
- 25 AAPS meeting begins, Orlando, FL
- 26 COP Reception at AAPS

### November

- 6 Alumni Reception/Awards Ceremony
- 7 Homecoming Tailgate Party

### December

- 4 Last class day
- 23 Winter break