

TEXAS Pharmacy

REPORT TO THE TEXAS PHARMACY CONGRESS

MAY 2017



Dr. Patrick Davis

Davis to deliver Pharm.D. commencement address

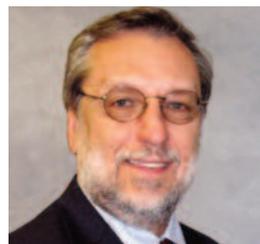
Dr. Patrick Davis, senior associate dean for academic affairs, will deliver the keynote address when the College of Pharmacy celebrates the Class of 2017 at Commencement 2017. Davis, a University of Texas Distinguished Teaching Professor, will step away from his administrative duties and return to teaching full time beginning with the fall semester. This convocation will also mark his last time to introduce degree candidates in his administrative role. He is recipient of numerous teaching and advising honors at the college, university and UT System level. He is also recipient of the President's Civitatis Award for outstanding service to the university. Commencement 2017 celebrates 121 May graduates as well as three targeted for August graduation.



Dr. Richard Wilcox

Wilcox named educator of the year

Dr. Richard Wilcox, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, is the 2017 Educator of the Year. The announcement was made in April during the student-sponsored awards ceremony. "I love helping students learn, especially seeing how what they learn about model diseases can be applied to other diseases that they will study on their own." Other teaching excellence honorees announced at the event include Dr. Carla Van Den Berg, P1 curriculum; Dr. Jamie Barner, P2 curriculum; Laurajo Ryan, P3 curriculum. Dr. Lucas Hill was named IPPE Preceptor of the Year while Hannah O'Mary was named to receive the teaching assistant excellence award.



Dr. Richard Wilcox

DiGiovanni joins LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes

John DiGiovanni, the Coulter R. Sublett Endowed Chair in Pharmacy, has been appointed as associate director of basic research at the LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes of the Dell Medical School effective May 1. He will be responsible for coordinating basic cancer research across the Institutes' research programs in collaboration with cancer researchers on the UT Austin campus. He will also serve as co-chair of the research center's Basic and Translational Research Working Group. He will maintain his appointment within the College of Pharmacy as well.



Dr. Maria Croyle

Texas Health Catalyst honors Croyle

Dr. Maria Croyle, professor of molecular pharmaceuticals and drug delivery, is one of three researchers selected to receive funding from the Texas Health Catalyst, a program of The University of Texas at Austin's Dell Medical School in collaboration with UT's Cockrell School of Engineering, College of Natural Sciences, College of Pharmacy, and Office of Technology Commercialization. Croyle and her team were cited for the project "Dissolvable Film for Storage, Transport, and Delivery of Thermolabile Therapeutics," a study that led to technology to stabilize biological medications and vaccines in a dissolvable film.



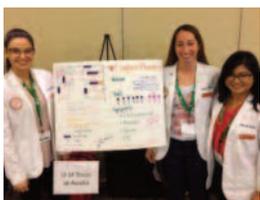
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The University of Texas at Austin
College of Pharmacy



Research Day celebrates discovery

The art and science of discovery took center stage as the college celebrate the 13th annual Louis C. Littlefield Celebrating Pharmacy Research Excellence Day. Dr. Robert Messing presented the distinguished faculty lecture followed by Dr. John Kozarich presenting the keynote scientific lecture. Awards for abstracts went to Sabrina Van Ravenstein (undergraduate); Jessica Yang (Pharm.D.); Fan Meng (graduate); and Reese Cosimi (postdoc/residency). Poster awards went to Alexander Chick (undergraduate); Ralph Galega (Pharm.D.); Sabin Kshattry (graduate); and Nina Vadieli (residency). A record breaking 215 participants attended the gathering.



Longhorns win national compounding competition

Longhorn student pharmacists captured first place in the National Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition conducted in Florida during Spring Break. The three-person team, including Jade Fitzsimmons, P3; Hannah Bustillos, P2; and Christine Borunda, P1, competed against teams from 18 schools of pharmacy across the country to capture the top spot in the event sponsored by Medisca, the Medics Network, and the LP3 Network. The champions took home trophies and a \$1,000 check to the college.



College receives NACDS diversity recognition

The UT Austin College of Pharmacy is recipient of a \$15,000 diversity scholarship from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation. The college is one of two colleges of pharmacy to receive the group’s 2017 excellence in diversity program, recognized for its program to partner with two historically black colleges to select 15 students to attend a one-week program designed to expose the students to pharmacy school and the profession.

Students awarded CSL Grant through UTHSCSA

Students Khine Tun and Thuy Nguyen have been awarded a Community Service Learning grant from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. The grant will fund their project they are working on with Dr. Lucas Hill to expand the reach of Operation Naloxone to the San Antonio community. Based upon the high marked their application received from the review committee, they were asked to resubmit a revised budget to expand the grant from \$500 to \$4,000.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

May

- 19 College of Pharmacy Convocation
- 20 University-wide graduation ceremonies
- 22 College gathering at ISPOR, Boston
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday

June

- 1 Summer classes begin

August

- 27 New Student Orientation
- 30 Fall Classes Begin



Cultural Day 2017