



Bethany Boyd

Alumni Association honors three

Longhorn pharmacists honored three of their own as they gathered Nov. 6-7 for Homecoming 2015. Among this year's award recipients were:

- Bethany Boyd, B.S. '88, M.S. '94, and Ph.D. '97, recipient of the William J. Sheffield Outstanding Alumnus Award;
- Paul Davis, B.S. '70, recipient of the Legend of Pharmacy Award; and
- Rebecca Attridge, Pharm.D. '08, M.S. '10, recipient of the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award.



Paul Davis

The awards were presented at the Friday evening Alumni Reception and Awards Ceremony at the UT Club. On Saturday, Longhorn loyalists did not let deter them from the annual Tailgate Party where members of the Classes of 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005 were recognized.



Rebecca Attridge



Lance Ray

Ray named Preceptor of the Year

Lance Ray, Pharm.D. '06, was named the 2015 Arlyn Kloesel Preceptor of the Year at the annual Preceptor Conference in August. Ray served as an emergency department pharmacist and the investigational drug pharmacist at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. He is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS). He was treasurer of the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists and a Texas delegate to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists House of Delegates. He recently relocated to Colorado. Preceptors named to regional preceptor awards including:

Austin/Temple/Waco – Archana Banerjee
 Dallas/Fort Worth – Lance Ray
 El Paso – Terri Martinez

Galveston/Houston – Dehuti Pandya
 Rio Grande Valley – W. Ben Fry
 San Antonio – Dewayne Davidson



Robert Talbert

Talbert receives Parker Medal

Dr. Robert L. Talbert, the Smithkline Centennial Professor Emeritus in Pharmacy, received the Paul F. Parker Medal from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) at the group's October 2015 meeting in San Francisco. The award is the highest honor bestowed by ACCP. He joins Charles Walton in being the only other UT Austin faculty member to receive the honor. Dr. Talbert is recipient of ACCP's Outstanding Educator Award and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award.



Robert Talbert

College mourns Leroy Knodel

Dr. Leroy Knodel died unexpectedly on August 21, 2015. He served as a clinical professor and assistant head of the college's Pharmacotherapy Division at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA). He coordinated experiential pharmacy education for the San Antonio region and taught Advanced Evidence Based Practice in the Pharm.D. program. He served as administrative director of the Pharmacotherapy Office of Evidence-Based and Interprofessional Education. He also was a tenured associate professor at UTHSCSA's Department of Emergency Medicine where he was equally engaged with the education of medical students.



Chris Frei

Frei leads translational science program

Dr. Christopher Frei, associate professor of pharmacotherapy, has been named director of the Translational Science Ph.D. Program. Frei, who also heads the Division of Pharmacotherapy, follows Dr. Michael Lichtenstein as director. The program draws from faculty and research resources of The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, UT San Antonio, and UT Health Science Center San Antonio. These institutions will jointly award the new degree. Participating but not offering a degree, is the UT School of Public Health, San Antonio Regional Campus. The program draws students with health professional doctoral degrees or health-related Master's degrees and trains them to conduct innovative translational research.



Andrea Gore

Gore co-authors study linking diabetes, obesity to chemical exposure

Exposure to chemicals known as endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs), may contribute to development of diabetes and obesity, according to a statement recently released by the Endocrine Society, and co-authored by Dr. Andrea Gore, professor of pharmacology and toxicology. Gore also serves as chair of the task force that developed the statement. "The evidence is more definitive than ever before - EDCs disrupt hormones in a manner that harms human health," said Gore. The statement goes on to say that the threat is particularly great when unborn children are exposed to EDCs.



Horns take NCPA honors

The UT student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) was named the Outstanding NCPA Student Chapter of the Year at the national association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The award is based on activities during the preceding school year including the number of community service projects, guest speakers at meetings, fundraising, attendance at national NCPA meetings, and promoting pharmacy ownership. The chapter received a cash prize with the award. The local chapter was also cited to receive NCPA's Health & Wellness Challenge Award while three Longhorn student pharmacists received NCPA Presidential Scholarships. Recipients include Cody Gummelt (president), Lynn Pham (legislative affairs chair), and Timothy Phan. The chapter was named eighth runner up in the Good Neighbor NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition. Dr. Nathan Pope serves as faculty adviser for the chapter.



HAP named to leadership award

The Hispanic Association of Pharmacists (HAP) has been named to receive a 2015 Community Leadership Award from the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition. The award is given annually to individuals or organizations who improve the lives of others within their community by providing or enhancing opportunities to engage in sports, physical activities, fitness or nutrition-related programs. This year 47 awards were made nationally. The Longhorn pharmacy students sponsored, organized and participated in the Fit and Fun Fest Run at Brooke Elementary School in Austin Independent School District. The event consisted of a fun run where the elementary school students ran laps and won prizes for their success in exercising. Following the run, HAPS provided five booths designed to educate children about the importance of eating healthy. In addition, children were taught about ideal blood pressure ranges, arteriosclerosis, healthy eating portions, and implications of obesity on daily lifestyle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

26-27 Thanksgiving holiday

December

4 Last class day
23 Winter break begins

January

4 University opens
18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(campus closed)



Students express gratitude to donors at UT Thanks Day.