



### U.S. News ranks UT pharmacy No. 3

Longhorn pharmacy is recognized among the elite of national pharmacy programs in a new report issued by U.S. News and World Report. The latest rankings, released on March 16 in the 2017 edition of “Best Graduate Schools,” represent a step forward for UT Pharmacy which had been ranked No. 4 in previous rankings by the publication. UT health programs that earned rankings include: Pharmacy (3), Social work (7), Speech-Language Pathology (7), Clinical Psychology (8), and Audiology (13). UT Nursing is a category of its own, placing 17th while UT nursing administration placed 13. The college shares the third place within pharmacy rankings with University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the University of California – San Francisco. They follow first ranked University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and second ranked University of Minnesota.



Nile Barnes

### Barnes named Educator of the Year

Dr. Nile Barnes, clinical assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, has been named College of Pharmacy Educator of the Year. Barnes coordinates the pharmacotherapy lab series, clinical skills courses including CPR training, and precepts pharmacist-interns and residents on the internal medicine clerkships at University Medical Center-Brackenridge. The annual spring event, hosted by Pharmacy Council, also saw teaching awards presented to faculty members elected by students in each professional year including Dr. Rong Cui, associate professor of pharmaceuticals, P1 award; Dr. Bryson Duhon, clinical assistant professor of pharmacotherapy, P2 award; and Dr. Richard Wilcox, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, P3 award. Dr. George Valdez, an HEB-Buda pharmacist was named preceptor of the year while Siyuan Huang won the teaching assistant award.



Diane Ginsburg

### Ginsburg named to Texas Ten

Dr. Diane Ginsburg, assistant dean for student affairs and clinical professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, was named among *Alcalde* magazine’s Texas Ten. The annual award invites members of the UT alumni community to nominate their favorite UT professor with the staff of *Alcalde*, the Texas Exes magazine, selecting the ten best. She was included in a story in the May/June issue of *Alcalde*, along with the other nine award recipients. She and other award recipients were also guests of honor at a reception at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center.



### Longhorns soar in ASHP residency match process

It was a record-breaking season for Longhorn P4 student pharmacists seeking residencies through the 2016 American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) match program. Of the 51 students seeking postgraduate year-1 residency positions (PGY-1), 45 successfully matched in one of the two rounds completed in early April. The number represents the largest number of UT students to successfully match in college history. Dean Lynn Crismon reported that the 88.2% match rate for PGY-1 residency positions is the highest match rate that the college has ever recorded. The UT success rate of 88.2% compares with a national match percentage of 66%. UT Austin has a 94.4% success rate among 2015 Pharm.D. graduates seeking postgraduate year-2 residencies (PGY-2).



## Research takes the spotlight

The art and science of discovery took center stage April 26 as the College of Pharmacy hosted the 12th Annual Louis C. Littlefield Celebrating Pharmacy Research Excellence Day. The event featured lectures by Dr. Karen Vasquez, division head of pharmacology and toxicology, and by Dr. Anthony Hickey, professor emeritus at the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy. The showcase highlighted research efforts among the College’s Pharm.D., graduate, residents and fellows as they showcased abstracts and filled the Student Activities Center ballroom with posters depicting a range of research investigations. Recognition was given to best the abstracts and poster presentations.



## Honors Day

The College of Pharmacy joined the rest of The University of Texas at Austin on April 16 in commemorating the accomplishments of the university’s highest achieving students. The college hosted a luncheon to honor its students who were designated as College Scholars or Distinguished College Scholars. The event was held prior to the university-wide ceremony that honored not only the students’ achievement, but the role that faculty play in student success. Seven pharmacy students earned the distinction of distinguished college scholar while 25 were designated at college scholars. Students honorees were presented honor cords that they can wear with their graduation regalia.



## Student duo selected for SIMS Program

Second year pharmacy students Andrea Laguado and Samuel Palka have been selected to gain a unique understanding of the disease of addiction by attending a summer institute sponsored by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. The Summer Institute for Medical Students (SIMS) program is one of several programs for medical students designed by the foundation to build awareness of addiction. The SIMS program has been expanded to allow participation by students in other healthcare fields, such as pharmacy. The two will each spend a week at the foundation’s treatment center in California where they shadow patients, family members, and care givers at the prestigious clinic. The program also includes classroom instruction and clinical observations.



## Rumbellow cited for National Public Health honor

Sarah Rumbellow, a P-3 pharmacy student, has been named recipient of the United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award. The award was established to recognize pharmacy students’ contributions to both the pharmacy profession and public health. She was nominated for the award for her dedication in advancing the Healthy People 2020 Initiatives. For the past two years, Rumbellow has served as a co-chair of Project Collaborate, a major college outreach to underserved populations. The initiative brings together students from pharmacy, nursing and social work to offer free health screenings.

### Upcoming Calendar

May	July	August
20 College convocation	4 Independence Day	21 New Student Orientation
21 UT Commencement	(campus closed)	22 White Coat Ceremony
23 UT hosted dinner at ISPOR	15 UT hosted reception at	23 Gone to Texas
Washington, D.C.	Texas Pharmacy Meeting	24 Fall 2016 Classes begin
30 Memorial Day	in Austin	
(campus closed)		