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FOR UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI & FRIENDS

WINTER 2020

A New Vision for Iowa Pharmacy Becomes Reality



Our New Home



In late December we began the process of moving into the largest, most complex, pharmacy-dedicated educational facility in the nation. I like to say that “We have gone from worst to first”! Students began to grace our halls the day after Martin Luther King Holiday. This will be our home for many decades to come and given the manner in which it has been constructed adapting to ongoing changes in educational delivery and scientific discovery will be made much, much easier. As a pharmacist, simply walking into the building prompts an immediate smile...it is that special!

The number and types (formal and informal) of teaching space is extraordinary...large classrooms, small classrooms and everything in between including informal spaces where students can gather for peer exchange and mentoring. Now the cutting-edge curriculum that our faculty developed several years ago will no longer be hampered by cramped quarters, very limited break-out rooms, and inadequate technology. The full measure of curricular design will now be realized going forward. And the research space (with an entire shelved floor for future expansion) provides opportunities to pursue discovery that rival any cutting-edge research facility in academia or the industry. Moreover, our graduate students, who spend endless hours in the lab, will have cubicles of their own outside the laboratories rather than having a desk and personal belongings in the lab as has been done since our graduate program was first established many decades ago.

Other special features: It is the first health-sciences educational facility built in the USA that embraced ‘Universal Design’ since its inception. To the uninitiated, that means that any physically disabled student who has the intellectual capacity to pursue one of our rigorous programs of study can do so in an environment that makes it about as easy for them to utilize and traverse any segment of the facility as an abled bodied person. Adoption of this feature, despite the added cost, personally means a great deal to me! Also, the lower level... below grade...of the facility (24 feet from floor to ceiling!) will house the College’s University of Iowa Pharmaceuticals (UIP) sterile products manufacturing facility, another one- of-a-kind in the nation. Among other things, resources generated through UIP will help keep educational costs down and provide support to our program of discovery. And lastly, Alumni Hall. There is no space on the University’s campus that bears the name Alumni Hall. We will be the first. When you first walk into the building the observer is readily struck by the enormity of the open space on the first floor...that is now Alumni Hall. It is so important to me that EVERY UI College of Pharmacy alum, regardless of whether they graduated several decades ago or last May, feel that this is their home. Every effort will be made to help make that so including internal alumni created artworks and pictures that capture sentinel moments in our history.

As the eldest of eight children and growing up in a small southeastern Massachusetts town in a home filled with love and a true sense of belonging, there was a small plaque in our living room that simply read “Home is not a place...it is a feeling”. Every time I visit the town I grew up in I get that feeling. Emotion wells-up inside of me...I know that I am home. My hope and prayer is that everyone ever associated with our College...past, present, and future...will feel the same way when they walk into their new home.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald E. Letendre".

Donald E. Letendre
Dean and Professor

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Two Visions for Prosperity,

Dean Donald Letendre doesn't give up on his dreams. Patience and perseverance have been key to helping Letendre build not one pharmacy building but two, a feat few academic leaders achieve.

From his office in the previous University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, which was built in 1961, Letendre observed the College's new home take shape. He watched as skilled construction crews erected weight-bearing beams and supports, and as they labored to add layers of concrete, drywall, glass and other materials to cover the mammoth steel skeleton.

And today, having recently moved in to the new \$128 million structure, Letendre is excited about the building's central role in meeting the College's long-term research and education goals. He's also reminded of the new building's design heritage, which, in many ways, started with a sister building on a distant campus.

The first pharmacy building Letendre helped build is located at the University of Rhode Island, and that experience has definitely helped him to manage Iowa's pharmacy project. When he came to interview for the Dean's position, his understanding of fundraising, architectural, and building design put him ahead of other candidates.

"My experience at the University of Rhode Island really did inform my work with the new building at the University of Iowa," said Letendre. "One does play into the other, especially when it comes to learning patience and perseverance."

Two Campuses, One Dean

As Letendre looks back over the long process of building the new pharmacy building — which has been constructed to meet the highest standards for accessibility and sustainability, and will host Iowa's first team-based learning center, which will allow up to 130 people to collaborate — he is reminded of his first pharmacy building. That project that started in 2001, immediately after his arrival on the Rhode Island campus.

"They had a terrific pharmacy program, but the building was very dated," said Letendre. "It had served the school well, for more than forty years, but it could no longer support the educational programs the College wanted to promote. I knew right away that getting the buy-in from campus leadership to build a new building had to be a priority. What I didn't know is how long it would take to actually make it happen."

A PLAN BUT NO BACKING

One of his first lessons at the University of Rhode Island was perseverance. Letendre's project was at the bottom of the campus's capital planning list, but nevertheless, he kept politely reminding leadership of all the reasons he needed to replace the building. Finally, feeling a bit exasperated perhaps by Letendre's reminders, the then-president told him that if he could raise the money for an initial architectural and engineering plan, his project would leap to the top of the priority list. In less than 48 hours, Letendre had raised the \$250,000 necessary.

"The president told me that if he'd known I would get the money so fast he would have told me to get two-times that amount," said Letendre, with a smile. "But he was good on his word and he catapulted our project to the top of the list."

Next, Letendre had to lobby state officials to place a bond measure on the next ballot to raise money for the project. He got that support and then he and his wife, Louise, launched a statewide campaign for the pharmacy building's bond measure on the ballot.

"Louise and I spent months traversing the state of Rhode Island — going to all sorts of breakfasts and rubber-chicken dinners — to help get that bond measure passed," said Letendre. "Thankfully, it's a small state. Moreover, we worked feverishly to establish a grassroots effort to facilitate active engagement of pharmacists throughout the state which was instrumental in the bond's passage. The collective energy was awe-inspiring."

ROBERT AND CHERYL GREENWOOD CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO PHARMACY EDUCATION

Bob and Cheryl Greenwood made a substantial donation to the pharmacy building campaign. Their generous gift funded the creation of the Greenwood Active Learning Center.

The center is one of two premiere spaces for student learning. It can transform from two 60-seat classrooms to a one 120-seat classroom, or a 300-seat seminar space.



The Greenwoods have built a successful network of community pharmacies in Iowa, and have offered dozens of pharmacy students the opportunity to gain community pharmacy experience in their businesses. They have also given back to the College in other ways.

"We owe much of our success to the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy," Bob said. "We have had the opportunity to mentor and hire many young pharmacists

at our retail, compounding, and rural pharmacies. We recognize the excellence of the education provided by the college, and we want to support its growth and future success."

Bob is a member of the UI College of Pharmacy's Executive Leadership Board and Dean Donald Letendre's Advisory Committee. His connection with the College started after he and his wife established their first pharmacy in Waterloo in 1977.

The Greenwoods own four pharmacies in Iowa: Greenwood Drug in Waterloo; Denver Drug in Denver; Greenwood Pharmacy and Compounding Center in Waterloo; and Evans Crossing Pharmacy in Evansdale. They are partners in Reinbeck Pharmacy in Reinbeck, Iowa.

Bob remembered the first time he met former UI College of Pharmacy Dean Jordan Cohen in 1999. Cohen talked with him about the importance of training pharmacists to serve smaller communities across Iowa. This struck a chord with Greenwood, whose life work has been in community-focused pharmacy services.

Although Letendre left the University of Rhode Island to come to Iowa in 2007, and although the 2008 financial recession delayed the start of construction of that facility by about two years, Letendre says the experience absolutely "laid the foundation" for his efforts in planning and building support for the new UI College of Pharmacy building.

"I am proud of the work that I did to get a new College facility built at URI," said Letendre, who went back to the East Coast for the building's ribbon cutting in 2012. "It felt extraordinary to be able to say that I had a major hand in spearheading that initiative and that I had helped bring it to fruition."

A NEW VISION FOR A NEW CAMPUS

Even before arriving at Iowa, Letendre knew that building a new college facility would be necessary, in large part due to the fact that the older building, built in 1961, and the newer addition, built in 1996 did not provide the research and classroom space necessary to adequately support the College's long-term mission of serving the State and its citizens.

"Not only did we not have enough teaching and research space, we also lacked common space to foster a sense of community among our students, staff, and faculty," said Letendre. "We were very cramped."

Letendre used lessons learned from negotiating academic and legislative obstacles in Rhode Island to promote the merits of the project to Iowa's elected officials. A politician who played a crucial role, says Letendre, was Governor Kim Reynolds, who at the time was serving as lieutenant governor under then-Governor Terry Branstad. Reynolds, who was once a pharmacy technician, convinced Branstad to visit the UI College of Pharmacy not once but twice.

"[Gov. Reynolds] has always been supportive of pharmacy," says Letendre. "She was by no means an easy sell, but she understood clearly the need for the new facility immediately."

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DEAN DONALD LETENDRE

FLOOD WATERS AND FUNDRAISING

Although Letendre was carefully building support among key members of legislative committees and with the State Board of Regents, which oversees the state's public universities, nothing could have prepared him for the next hurdle: a massive flood that destroyed much of the UI campus in June of 2008.

"People knew that we were in need of a new facility, but we didn't say a word for two years. We just buttoned up because there were others on campus who needed help much more than we did," said Letendre. "But that doesn't mean that I didn't keep the idea alive."

And then, in 2010, Letendre got word that his vision for the College had not been forgotten. He ramped up fundraising efforts among alumni and key supporters, and hired the first full-time advancement professional to support fundraising at the College of Pharmacy.

Between state money, fundraising, and University loans, Letendre was able to secure \$127 million to construct the new College building. He says the College is two-thirds of the way to raising the \$16 million it promised to contribute to the project, and there are plans to pay back another roughly \$18 million in loans from the University of Iowa with income from University of Iowa Pharmaceuticals, a full-scale drug manufacturing and analytical business that will be housed in the lower level of the new building.

"We have plans to triple UI Pharmaceuticals revenues over the course of the next decade," said Letendre. "We have a business plan in place to not only grow the core business but to further diversify it. Among the diversification possibilities included exploring development of a 503b facility so we can produce medications for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, which will help them contain costs and reduce overall health care expenditures."

Letendre and others at the College are hopeful that the new building, with its impressive mortar and pestle sculpture and medicinal herb garden, as well as its spacious classrooms and labs, will help to welcome a new generation of students, staff, and scholars, and that the progeny of its programs will also help Iowans to live happier, healthier lives.

"When I first came to Iowa, people told me that the College needed a new facility but that it would never happen," said Letendre. "In fact, our dream has been realized. Recently we took ownership of the largest, most complex educational pharmacy facility in the United States, and that is incredibly exciting. I believe firmly it was worth the effort. It just took a little patience and perseverance."

A FAMILY AND CORPORATE FAMILY OF JOHNSRUDS

A father-son team of UI College of Pharmacy graduates, and their family—corporate and otherwise—have committed substantially to the success of the College's new building.

TJ Johnsrud, '66 BSPH—along with NuCara Management Group, LLC, and the Johnsrud nuclear family—have committed generously for the Johnsrud Family and NuCara Pharmacy Board Room. Separately, TJ and his pharmacist son Michael Johnsrud, '91 BSPH, also gifted to support a classroom on the first floor.

TJ Johnsrud is the founder and president of NuCara Pharmacy—initially called Conrad Pharmacy—which began in his hometown and current city of Conrad, Iowa, and has become NuCara Management Group. The group oversees and co-owns—with Dakota Drug—43 community pharmacies and home medical equipment sites in six states, along with pharmacies providing sterile compounding and HIV and AIDS medications.



The idea of a family gift, which ultimately became the board room, came first from NuCara CEO Brian Wegmann, TJ said. "Although Mike is the only pharmacist, all family members support the profession," he added. That includes NuCara team members, who are a close-knit group.

The Johnsrud family includes TJ and his children: Kristin (Jack) Johnsrud Wilson, PhD, of St. Louis; Mike (Kim) Johnsrud, '91 BSPH, PhD—the executive director and a senior research scientist at the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy's Texas Center for Health Outcomes Research and Education (TxCORE)—of Austin, Texas; Jason (Pamela) Johnsrud, BA, Diploma in International Studies, of Washington, D.C.; and Keri Johnsrud, '99 BA, of Chicago.

Both Mike and TJ Johnsrud are prominent leaders in the field of pharmacy, and are soon to be the first parent/child members of the Executive Leadership Board (TJ as emeritus).

Unique Pharmacy Careers

When you picture a pharmacist, what comes to mind?

Chances are, it is someone in a white coat at a hospital or community-based pharmacy standing at a counter tallying up and packaging pills. But while that does happen—when not being handled by a technician or robot—it isn't the whole picture. Pharmacists are well educated to be experts on medications. They often have vital conversations with patients themselves and care for them in other ways, and are valued members of various healthcare teams.

In this article you will find a sample of careers in the profession that are out of the ordinary.

"I think students should keep an open mind about careers beyond the traditional community pharmacy or hospital," said **Farah Towfic, '11 PharmD**, one of the highlighted pharmacists.

The key word is "traditional"; there are still many pharmacists in those settings. For example, two of the highlighted jobs are at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC). Pharmacists there provide a wide variety of patient care, education and research activities in a range of pharmacy specialties. In addition to those profiled, specialties include pain management and palliative care, ambulatory care, burn and trauma, oncology, transplant, critical care, psychiatry, and geriatrics.

Today there are just as many specialties for doctors of pharmacy as there are for doctors of medicine, although additional experience, training or certification is sometimes needed. Pharmacists are as easily found working from home, with technology and/or large population data as any other modern-day professional.

Pharmacists have broken away from many of their traditional roles. It may be time to update preconceived notions as well.



EMERGENCY ROOM PHARMACY

Each shift practicing pharmacy in an emergency room is unique and can change minute to minute, said **Brett Faine, '07 PharmD**, a clinical assistant professor and emergency medicine clinical pharmacy specialist at UIHC.

"The job [is] challenging and exciting at the same time," Faine added. "I never have a dull day."

Faine said he enjoys the balance of working with two types of patients: those who need care urgently in response to an unexpected event, as well as those who need continuing treatment or are seriously ill. "Emergency medicine pharmacy allows for a perfect balance of both of these patient populations," he said. "I really enjoy working at the bedside with the emergency medicine providers and nurses to care for patients in their greatest hour of need."

Faine enjoys continuing to learn on the job—through research and teaching. He was part of a group that expanded pharmacy coverage and pharmacist residencies to the emergency room, in order to improve the quality of care for patients.

CEO ENGAGEMENT MANAGER



Farah Towfic, '11 PharmD, works for an organization she strongly values: the United States Pharmacopeia (USP). Based in Rockville, Maryland, USP sets strength, identity, and purity standards of quality for medicines worldwide.

"As a former practicing community pharmacist in the U.S., I know that I took for granted the quality of medicine that we are fortunate to have here," Towfic said.

The public health organization was founded in 1820 by 11 health professionals who saw quality as a problem to address. "That was 200 years ago," said Towfic. "To work to advance what they started so long ago is an honor to me."

As USP's senior manager of CEO Engagement, Towfic provides vital, strategic support to its chief administrator. She coordinates the top official's presentation topics, taps into insights from other experts in the organization, and drafts statements in his voice.

"I ensure that the presentation or engagement covers our strategic vision, while highlighting opportunities for stakeholders to help support us," she said. "The role requires critical collaboration with people from across the organization, at all levels, through ten global sites to deliver a personalized picture for the stakeholder we're visiting."

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



For **Justin Carr, '13 PharmD**, the workweek is not just about managing diabetes, Hepatitis C, and anticoagulation clinics, but also about security checks, armed guards, and occasional target practice.

Carr is a pharmacist at the California Department of Corrections at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, California. There, he works with a team of medical professionals to care for roughly 3,000 inmates.

Carr, who grew up outside of Chicago, has a military background; he joined the Navy after high school, and later became a SEAL. When inmate patients see Carr for the first time, they seem to relate to him—an in-shape man with tattoos—better than traditional medical professionals, he said.

He intentionally uses the minimum amount of science and medical jargon with patients.

"I often review patient files so that I know what I need to say or how I need to act in order to set the right tone for a patient meeting. I find that I'm much more likely to get my point across to a patient and help them with their medical issue if I do my homework," Carr said.

BUSINESS MANAGER



Since graduating from the UI College of Pharmacy, **Jessica Frank, '07 PharmD**, has worked for OutcomesMTM, a company which leverages local relationships among pharmacists, patients and prescribers, along with innovative technology to resolve medication therapy

problems and helps to achieve optimal health outcomes. The company enables pharmacies to earn revenue for delivering medication therapy management (MTM) services with nearly \$100M paid to participating providers in 2018.

There, she has held leadership roles in the clinical services, operations, and medication therapy management (MTM) quality departments. Frank is currently the vice president of business development at the West Des Moines-based business.

Frank is a subject matter expert on healthcare quality and focuses on bringing value to payers and optimizing health outcomes for patients. She has served on a number of pharmacy industry boards and panels, including the Iowa Pharmacy Association Board of Trustees, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) MTM Technical Expert Panel, and the Pharmacy Quality Alliance Quality Metrics Expert Panel. She has collaborated with various pharmacy stakeholders to develop a standard medication therapy problem definition and associated health information technology framework to advance interoperability and quality measurement in the MTM industry.

The combination of courses that Frank took at the UI—including getting a certificate in public health—helped form her interest in managed care pharmacy. "Managed care pharmacy includes aspects of medicine, business, and population health management," Frank explained.

"Being able to impact so many patients with the work that we do while also improving healthcare quality and reducing costs keeps me motivated," Frank said.



PHARMACY CAREER TYPES

NUCLEAR PHARMACY

Some health issues can only be found—or treated—using drugs that are radioactive. Nuclear pharmacists prepare and dispense these medications.

At the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the senior nuclear pharmacist **Jim Ponto, '77 BSPH, MS**; is passing the torch to the junior **Nic Mastascusa, '08 PharmD**.

Radioactive, or nuclear, medicines are not dye. A special camera can “see” the energy the drugs emit while moving inside a person’s body, as part of procedures that diagnose, detect and/or and treat issues such as heart, gallbladder, or lung disease and some cancers.

Ponto and Mastascusa each get less radiation than a flight attendant, and their patients get about the same amount as they would during an X-ray.

Both enjoy using their knowledge of basic science—of chemistry, physics, biology, and the like—every workday. Each is a pharmacist on larger healthcare teams who also teaches and conduct research.

“I get to work with subatomic physics, the chemistry of the radiopharmaceutical, the physiology and chemistry of radiation in the body and much more,” said Mastascusa. “Then there’s the ability to safely manipulate and dispense something that is radioactive. Not many people get to do that every day.”

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 Academia: Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences (ESAS)
 Academia: Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Ambulatory Care
 Association Management
 Chain Community Pharmacy: Management
 Clinical Specialists
 Community Health Center (CHC)
 Compounding Pharmacy
 Contract Research Organization
 Corporate Management
 Government/Federal Pharmacy
 Home Health Care
 Health System Pharmacy: Inpatient
 Health System Pharmacy: Outpatient
 Independent Community Pharmacy
 Long Term Care
 Mail Service
 Managed Care
 Medical Communications/Drug Information
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 Office-based Medication Management
 Pharmaceutical Industry: Medical Liaison
 Pharmaceutical Industry: Research and Development (R&D)
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 Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM)
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 Public Policy
 Specialty Pharmacy

(source: The American Pharmacists Association)

RECENT GIFT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following is a list of donors who have made gifts or pledges over \$5,000 to the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy from April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

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Thank You

The forthcoming ceremony to dedicate our new facility is scheduled for May 1, 2020. While it recognizes the culmination of a decade-long effort, it also offers an opportunity to express our enduring appreciation to all who support our mission through their resources, time, and talent.

We remain grateful to the many alumni, friends, faculty, staff, advisors, administrators, legislators, and organizations who support the College, and particularly our new pharmacy facility, which ushers in a new era of pharmacy education at Iowa. Our entire enterprise is built upon the collective efforts and the supportive nature of the UI pharmacy family, and our sense of responsibility to this family underlies all we do.

It is in this collaborative nature that we invite you to join more than 750 others who have chosen to invest in our building campaign, and countless others who support our mission through scholarship, research, and programmatic support. We look forward to recognizing you in Alumni Hall with a gift to the Building Campaign of \$1,000 or more. Additionally, an investment in a collaborative classroom, laboratory space, academic community, or faculty office is a wonderful way to recall your time on campus, honor a former or future alumnus, or commemorate a beloved mentor or family member.

Your investment positively impacts the College while uniting the past, present, and future of Iowa pharmacy in a common vision, ensuring our continued tradition of excellence.

Thank you. We look forward to celebrating you in May.

To learn more about how to support the UI College of Pharmacy, contact Philip Greazel, Director of Development, at philip.greazel@foriowa.org.



IOWA PHARMACY EVENTS



1. Members of the Genesis Board coated P1 students at the White Coat Ceremony on August 24. Front row, left to right: Farah Towfic, '11 PharmD, Emily Vyverberg, '09 PharmD, Kelly Brock, '02 PharmD. Back row, left to right: Matthew Witry, '08 PharmD, '13 PhD, Eddy Airiohuodion, '17 PharmD, Nathan Harold, '12 PharmD, Brianne Bakken, '15 PharmD, '17 R, '17 MHA, Matthew Farley, '15 PharmD, and Dayton Trent, '19 PharmD

2. Dean Letendre, Yihong Qiu, '92 PhD — Chicago, Illinois

3. Richard, '70 BSPH, Sandy Walling and Dean Letendre — Spring Branch, Texas

4. Sanjeev Kothari, '98 PhD, Tony Tong, '91 PhD, Lian-Feng Huang, '93 PhD, Devalina Law, and Gerald Burke, '91 PhD attend the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Iowa Reception

5. P3 student Reid Peloquin administers a flu shot to Dean Letendre

6. Brand Newland, '05 PharmD, Dean Letendre, and Samm Anderegg, '11 PharmD — Austin, Texas





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7. Several recipients of the Osterhaus Medal For Lifetime Achievement were present at the 2019 ceremony: Front row, left to right: Victor Yanchick, '62 BSPH, '66 MS, Ann and Robert Osterhaus, '52 BSPH, the Award's namesake, and Jannet Carmichael, '75 BSPH. Back row, left to right: TJ Johnsrud, '66 BSPH, Thomas Temple, '77 MS, Pat Keefe, '69 BSPH, Dennis Helling, and Dean Letendre
8. Ben, '10 PharmD, and Jenny, '09 PharmD, Colwell and Will, '09 PharmD and Erin, '09 PharmD Meeker reunite at a Pregame Tailgate
9. Jill Bonsall, '14 PharmD, and Brett Leslie attend the Alumni, Family, and Friends Reception
10. Charles Hicks, '69 BSPH celebrated his 50th class reunion alongside his wife Barbara
11. Charles, '69 BSPH and Sue Dayton attend the Alumni, Family, and Friends Reception
12. Bernie Cremers, '64 BSPH, Julie and Don, '64 BSPH, Schalekamp, and Dean Letendre — Iowa City, Iowa
13. Gary Christensen, '09 PharmD, and his wife Lisa, attend a Pregame Tailgate

Jonathan Doorn – 2019 College of Pharmacy Award for Teaching Excellence

Jonathan Doorn has received the 2019 College of Pharmacy Award for Teaching Excellence. Doorn—who holds a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry, and master's degree and doctorate in Toxicology—is an associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics (PSET). He was promoted last year to full professor. He has led the Division of Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry for more than four years and been a member of PSET since 2004.

He is fueled professionally by undertaking advanced work in the biomedical sciences—especially in medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, and toxicology. He is driven to stay up to date in his fields and to pass along that knowledge to students of all levels.

Doorn is crystal clear on why he does what he does for a living. “By providing high-quality education and training for the next generation of health professionals and scientists, I have an opportunity to improve human health,” he said.

Likely because of that clarity, he receives “overwhelmingly high praise” on student reviews of teachers, said Rob Kerns, PSET department head. Beyond instructing, Doorn has “spent endless hours” in groups implementing a new curriculum, creating content and developing courses, and serving as chair of high-level committees that have a wide-ranging effect on students, Kerns added.

Notably, Doorn co-directs the university's Oxidative Stress and Metabolism Core of the Center for Environmental Health Sciences Research Center; and is a member of the Center for Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing and the Iowa Neuroscience Institute. His research conducted with graduate students has led to more than 40 peer-reviewed publications. Doorn

regularly serves on scientific review committees—such as for the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. He has provided numerous invited lectures both nationally and in Europe and Asia. He also serves on several editorial advisory boards for scientific journals, and is an associate editor for the journal *NeuroToxicology*.

The collegiate Teacher of the Year has been a welcoming face in the College as he has helped do everything from interview potential students, to heading up graduate thesis committees, and everywhere in between. He teaches to undergraduate, graduate, and professional (PharmD) students in the university, including those who belong to other colleges and pull from other disciplines.

Students who have taken Doorn's classes or worked in his laboratory say he is inspiring, excellent at teaching to different types of learners—when helpful, through new technology—and that he truly cares about them and their success.

“Dr. Doorn was my first in-person encounter with the University of Iowa, and is a key reason I chose the College of Pharmacy as my new home as I was setting forth in my graduate career,” said Rachel Crawford, who joined his lab early last year. She added that as an advisor, Doorn “is understanding and patient, but always pushes and inspires my lab partners and me to do our best work.”

When circumstances led to a group of professional students in need of an advisor, Doorn took on

the extra load, regularly meeting with them for a few months. “I am so grateful and lucky that Dr. Doorn was the team mentor for our professional discovery project,” said Anne Hwang, one of the PharmD students in the group. “We had a difficult time until Dr. Doorn helped us. He motivated and encouraged each of us.”



CLASS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

The UI College of Pharmacy recognizes outstanding faculty in each Doctor of Pharmacy class with the Teacher of the Year award. The Teacher of the Year is a student-nominated award.

Class of 2022 Teachers of the Year



Ramprakash "Ram" Govindarajan is a clinical assistant professor at the UI College of Pharmacy and director of Pre-formulation and Formulation Development at University of Iowa Pharmaceuticals (UIP). At UIP, he leads activities aimed at development of drug products for new chemical entities for use in clinical studies.



Associate Professor **Dave Roman**, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics, received his PhD in medicinal chemistry & molecular pharmacology from Purdue University School of Pharmacy. Roman currently teaches an integrated pharmacotherapy course in the College.

His research interests include the discovery and development of small molecule interventions, or "pre-therapeutics" agents that have potential to become drugs.

Class of 2021 Teacher of the Year



Keshelle Lockman is a clinical assistant professor at the UI College of Pharmacy and the Carver College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine. She is a clinical pharmacy specialist in the outpatient Supportive and Palliative Care Clinic at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where she works on an

interdisciplinary team providing palliative care. At the College, she co-directs the Certificate in Palliative Care and the UI Teaching and Learning Curriculum for pharmacy residents.

Class of 2020 Teacher of the Year



Mary Schroeder is an associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science. She received a PhD in economics from Emory University in 2011. Schroeder's main research area is the economics of health and healthcare, with an emphasis in how information and incentives affect treatment decisions. She is currently

working on projects assessing treatment choice and effectiveness in cancer, cardiovascular disease and stroke.

PRECEPTORS OF THE YEAR

As teachers, experts, specialists, and mentors, UI College of Pharmacy preceptors provide learning experiences outside the standard classroom. They assist students in the application of their knowledge and skills in direct patient care and other practice settings. Each year the College recognizes exceptional preceptors with the Preceptors of the Year award in three categories.

APPE Preceptor Excellence Award



Pamela Wiltfang, '12 PharmD / MPH is currently the director of clinical services and innovative practice for NuCara Management Group, LLC, oversees all clinical pharmacy services for NuCara locations in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota and Texas. In Wiltfang's current position, she is responsible for

developing, implementing and ensuring the success and sustainability of all the clinical programs that NuCara is involved in.

IPPE Preceptor Excellence Award



William "Bill" Drilling graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 1985. After graduation, he joined the family business with his brother and father and became employed at Drilling Morningside Pharmacy. In 1986, Bill and his brother Don became co-owners of the business. As a pharmacist, Bill Drilling has been very proactive in encouraging employees to enter the pharmacy career.

Faculty Preceptor Excellence Award



Jim Hoehns, '92 BSPH, '94 PharmD, is an associate clinical professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. He is a clinical pharmacist and research director at the Northeast Iowa Family Practice Center (NEIFPC) in Waterloo. NEIFPC is the medical home for the Northeast Iowa Family Medicine

Physician Residency Program. Hoehns has been in this shared position since 1995. He maintains an ambulatory clinical practice and also spends time rounding with the resident physician inpatient team at a local hospital. He is a preceptor and teacher for pharmacy students and medical residents.

2019 HOMECOMING ALUMNI AWARDS

2019 Osterhaus Medal for Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients



Dennis Helling, PharmD, ScD (Hon), is the executive director emeritus, Pharmacy Operations and Therapeutics, Kaiser Permanente Colorado, and a clinical professor at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Helling served Kaiser from 1992–2013. He graduated from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy (BSPHarm) and University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy (PharmD), and completed a clinical/hospital pharmacy residency at Cincinnati General Hospital. Later, he received an Honorary Doctor of Science from Mercer University. Helling was a founding member and president of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and served as president of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation.



Lyle Bighley, '63 MS, '66 PhD, is an individual investor and pharmaceutical consultant. Born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from the University of Minnesota in 1960. He furthered his education at the University of Iowa with a Master of Science degree in hospital pharmacy in 1963, and a PhD in pharmaceuticals in 1966. After earning his PhD, Bighley worked as an associate research pharmacist for Parke, Davis and Company and later as a senior analytical chemist for Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing. In 1969, he returned to the UI as a professor, where he taught for eight years. In 1977, he began working with Marion Laboratories, where he was the director of scientific and chemical affairs and the vice president of research and development and scientific affairs. Bighley retired in 1991 as senior vice president, R&D Planning and Administration for Marion Merrell Dow.

Distinguished Alumni Awards



Ronald Betts, '73 MS, PhD, has more than 40 years of experience in pharmaceutical and diagnostics technology conceptualization, product development, approval and commercialization in two major areas: point-of-care diagnostics and drug/device combinations for localized, site specific drug delivery. Betts holds a bachelor's degree and PhD from Iowa State University. He received a Master of Science degree in Medicinal Chemistry and Natural Products from the UI College of Pharmacy, under the direction of Professor Emeritus John Rosazza.



Ann Lehan, '76 BSPH, is a community pharmacist who co-owns Lehan Drugs and Home Medical with locations in DeKalb, Sycamore, Rockford and Freeport, Illinois. **Timothy Lehan, '76 BSPH**, is a community pharmacist who is also a co-owner of Lehan Drugs and Home Medical. He has advanced the profession of pharmacy through involvement in the Illinois Pharmacists Association (IPhA) and the UI College of Pharmacy (Executive Leadership Board).

Genesis Alumni Awards



Monica Fay-Azhar, '03 PharmD, MBA, is the senior vice president of global medical affairs at Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in the Greater Boston area. She received an MBA from Capella University in 2008 and a PharmD in 2003 from the University of Iowa.



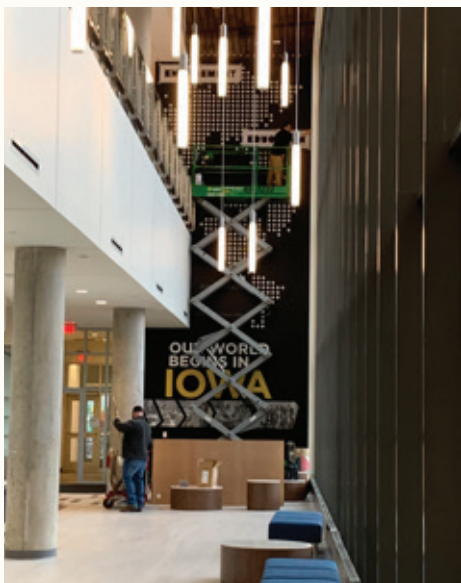
Scott M. Hynes, '00 PharmD, PhD, is currently director of the Global PK/PD and Pharmacometrics Department at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Indiana. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Iowa in 2000, followed by his PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Michigan in 2005.

Honorary Alumni Award



Leslie J. Williams, BSN, MBA, is the founder, president and chief executive officer of ImmusanT. Founded in 2010, the company is developing a new class of therapeutic vaccines to change the lives of people living with autoimmune diseases. Williams has served on public and private biotechnology and non-profit boards, in addition to the UI College of Pharmacy's Executive Leadership Board.

MOVING DAY



All smiles during our move into the new building over Winter Break 2020!

CLASS NOTES



Harold "Hal" Jackson, '62 BSPH, received the 2019 Hawkeye Distinguished Veterans Award in a November ceremony. The award honors distinguished members of the armed forces who have demonstrated exceptional service to both the United States and their communities.



Paul Naber, '70 BSPH, has retired after 50 years in community pharmacy. He practiced in Iowa for 20 years and Washington State for nearly 30 years, and will continue as a consultant in retirement.



Wayne Ideus, '84 MS, joined the expanded commercial team at Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (Pii) as a senior director of business development.



Randy McDonough, '87 BSPH, '97 MS, '00 PharmD, received the 2019 National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) National Association of Retail Druggists (NARD) Ownership Award. His son, **Aaron McDonough, Class of 2021**, presented the award to him during the 2019 NCPA Annual Convention. The NARD Ownership Award recognizes an independent community pharmacist who embraces entrepreneurial spirit through promotion and demonstrated excellence in the field of community pharmacy ownership.



Vijaya Joshi, '14 PhD, was part of the team of inventors on a new patent issued to **Aliasger Salem**, Bighley Chair and professor. The patent describes a new way to make 'cold' tumors 'hot' by treating them with a specialized chemotherapy formulation that makes the tumor susceptible to attack by the immune system.



DJ Murry, '87 BSPH, '91 PharmD, was promoted to professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.



Nicole Gattas, '02 PharmD, was among over 100 St. Louis-area educators honored with an Emerson's Excellence in Teaching Award in November. The award honors area educators – from kindergarten teachers to college professors – for their achievements and dedication to the field of education.



Tyler Gums, '16 MS and **Michael Johnsrud, '91 BSPH**, were featured in a recent issue of TxCORE's *CORE Insights* for their research.



Nancy Shapiro, '93 BSPH, '95 PharmD, has been appointed as a member of the 2020 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Task Force on Medication Access. She was charged to produce an ACCP white paper on improving medication access that addresses issues such as prior authorization barriers, impact of health disparities, and cost.



Megan Kelchen, '18 PhD, received a Graduate Deans' Distinguished Dissertation Award for 2019 from the UI Graduate College for her dissertation, "Topical Treatment of Infantile Hemangiomas: In Vitro Evaluation of Novel Beta-Blocker Formulations and In Vivo Characterization of Lesional Skin."



Susan Skolly Danziger, '80 BSPH, PharmD, was the recipient of an Exceptional Service to ABAT (American Board of Applied Toxicology) Award from the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology in 2019.



Several alumni were selected to participate in the Iowa Pharmacy Association Leadership Pharmacy in August 2019, a practitioner leadership program for pharmacists in Iowa and Wisconsin:

Matthew Farley, '15 PharmD

Brian Glenn, '13 PharmD

Adam Weinkauff, '11 PharmD and adjunct assistant professor

Pamela Wiltfang, '12 PharmD and adjunct assistant professor

Matt Witry, '08 PharmD, '13 PhD and assistant professor

Heidi Wood, '08 PharmD

Katy Klinefelter Parsons, '15 PharmD/MPH, and members of the Frohwein/Parsons family, were honored with the Family Spirit Award from the UI Center for Advancement in November. The award recognizes a Hawkeye family—spanning at least three generations—that supports the UI and personally or professionally contributes toward bettering the state of Iowa and its communities.



Yiran Zhang, '17 PhD, Richmond, VA, received the 2020 American Pharmacists Association Weiderholt Prize for Best Published Paper Award for Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences for the paper "Consumer decision making for using comprehensive medication review services"

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Robert and Dorothy Ohrlund
College of Pharmacy Building Fund
Pharmacy Student Aid Fund

Robert and Laura Oyler
College of Pharmacy Opportunity Fund

Nagesh and Bharathy Palapu
Pharmaceutics Research and Enhancement Fund

Lyneta Grap and Ronald Piel
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College of Pharmacy Building Fund

Hal Schimmelpfennig
College of Pharmacy Building Fund

Ronald and Linda Schmits
Ronald and Linda Schmits Pharmacy Scholarship

William and Nancy Stagner
College of Pharmacy Building Fund

Rhea Talley
College of Pharmacy Building Fund

Nancy and John Toth
Norgaard-Berry Scholarship

Walgreen Co.
Pharmacy Student Aid Fund

William Winckler
Albrecht/Winckler Scholarship

Wisconsin Pharmacy Foundation
College of Pharmacy Building Fund

IN MEMORIAM:

Helen Byington died peacefully on November 21, 2019 at Oaknoll Health Center in Iowa City. She and her late husband **William Byington, '52 BSPH**, operated Whetstone's Drug Store since the 1950's in downtown Iowa City.

Michael Caparelli, '75 BSPH, died on August 30, 2019 after a brave battle with cancer in La Jolla, California. He practiced pharmacy for over 40 years in the San Diego area.

Donald Clay, '53 BSPH, died on January 17, 2019 in Bloomington, Illinois.

Chris Decker, '88 BSPH, passed away on July 30, 2019 at Agrace HospiceCare after a courageous, hard fought battle with glioblastoma. Decker was the CEO of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin for nearly 30 years. He loved his work and took great pride in helping make a positive difference in the pharmacy profession.

Robert Easterday, '57 BSPH, passed away on September 5, 2019 in Fort Lupton, Colorado. He owned Easterday Drug in Fort Lupton for many years.

John Engel, '52 BSPH, passed away on September 10, 2019 in Williamsburg, Iowa. He and his late wife, Adella Engel, '43 BSPH, owned and operated Peterson Drug for many years until their son, Kenneth Engel, '76 BSPH, purchased the family business.

Ronald D. Schoenwald, BSPH, PhD, passed away after a long illness on August 21, 2019, surrounded by the love of his family. He was a professor of pharmaceutics from 1978-2001 at the University of Iowa, ending his career as a Distinguished Professor. Schoenwald was a recipient of the Dale E. Wurster Research Fellow Award from the UI College of Pharmacy and 1993 was honored as a distinguished alumnus of Purdue University College of Pharmacy. He retired in Arizona with his wife, Joanne, in 2001.

Ellis Ray Shelden, '59 BSPH, passed away on September 14, 2019 in Marion, Iowa. He was a former owner of Edison Pharmacy in Marion, longtime inspector for the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, and active in the Iowa Pharmacy Association and Linn County Pharmacy Association.

Larry Spillers, '59 BSPH, died on January 10, 2020 at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa. He was a co-owner of Rockingham Drugstore in Davenport, Iowa for many years, and then worked at Huy-Vee.

Ronald Spivey, '76 PhD, passed away on January 26, 2020 surrounded by his closest family. He was a former senior vice president and chief scientific officer at Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and a member of the UI College of Pharmacy Executive Board.

James Wallace, '80 BSPH, died following a short illness on August 7, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

FUTURE HAWKEYES



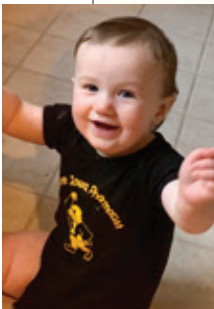
Travis Tubbs, 2001 PharmD, and wife **Megan Mormann, 2012 PharmD,** welcomed daughter **Madelyn Jade** on January 2, 2019.



Prit Patel, 2013 PharmD, and wife **Tirtha** welcomed daughter **Dhriti** on June 18, 2019.



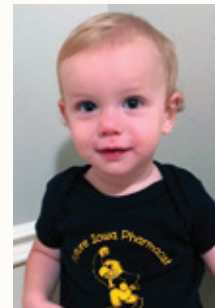
Elizabeth Amelon, 2012 PharmD, and husband **Matt** welcomed son **Ethan James** on March 15, 2019. He joins big sisters **Ella** and **Molly** at home.



Elizabeth Dinges, 2005 PharmD, and husband **Clark** welcomed daughter **Teddy (Theodora) Jane** on November 6, 2018. She joins big brother **George** at home.



Samantha Garretson, 2014 PharmD, and husband **Barry** welcomed daughter **Abigail Jo** on June 22, 2018. She joins big sister **Kinley** at home.



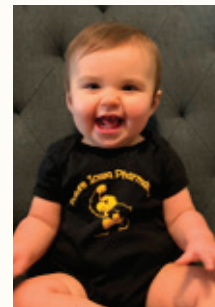
Emma Kraayenbrink, 2012 PharmD, and husband **Micah** welcomed son **Charlie James** on June 5, 2018. He joins big sister **Cecilia** at home.



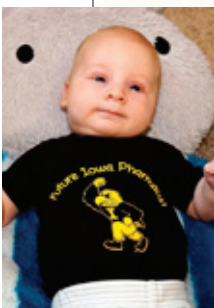
Pamela Wiltfang, 2012 PharmD, 2012 MPH, and husband **Jason** welcomed son **Jackson Li** on November 3, 2018. He joins big brother **Bradley** at home.



RaShauna Applewhite, 2010 PharmD, and husband **Nolan** welcomed their fourth child, **Canon Kobe** on April 19, 2019. He joins two brothers and a sister at home.



Courtney (Creary) Krekel, 2012 PharmD, and husband **Devin** welcomed daughter **Elizabeth Marie** on January 22, 2019. She joins big brother **Will** at home.



Matthew Witry, 2008 PharmD, 2013 PhD, and wife **Sarah Benson Witry,** welcomed son **Charles** on June 24, 2019. He joins big sister **Maggie** at home.



Marty Bruck, 2011 PharmD, and wife **Megan** welcomed a daughter **Jane Louise** on December 25, 2018.



John Powers, 2012 PharmD, and wife **Heather Heit, 2008 PharmD,** welcomed twin boys Logan and Liam on May 8, 2019.



Vijaya Joshi, 2014 PhD, and **Sandeep Bodduluri, 2012 MS, 2016 PhD,** welcomed son Rishi Bodduluri on May 29, 2019.



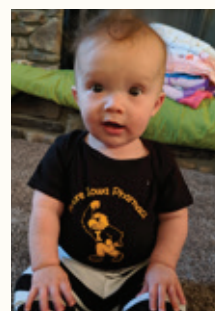
Alyssa Vosecky, 2017 PharmD, and husband Ryan welcomed daughter Reagan Elizabeth on July 27, 2019.



Justin Graf, 2013 PharmD, and wife Anna welcomed son James Marshall on September 13, 2019.



Abby Cate, 2015 PharmD, and husband Joe welcomed son William Davis on September 1, 2018.



Suzannah Hekel, 2018 PharmD, and husband Travis welcomed son Silas on January 28, 2019.



Jacob Shell, 2013 PharmD, and wife Marci welcomed twin boys Archer Gregory and Everett John on March 1, 2019.



Tara Feller, 2014 MPH, 2015 PharmD, and husband Danny welcomed son Gavin Eugene on March 25, 2019.

Jaidev Chakka, PhD candidate, and Himabhargavi Kotha welcomed daughter Aadhya on May 19, 2019.



Katy Rolfes, 2014 PharmD, and husband Matt welcomed daughter Abby Elizabeth on January 21, 2019. She joins big brother Jack at home.



Rachel Lienemann, 2015 PharmD, and husband Pat welcomed son August Paul, on May 24, 2019.



Raghu Ramanathan, PhD candidate, and Vidhya Ramamoorthy welcomed son, Ramcharan on May 25, 2019.



Renata Vaschevici, 2014 PharmD, welcomed a boy Nicholas Jacob on August 7, 2019. He joins big brother Christian.



Scott Kollasch, 2016 R, and wife Amber welcomed son, Kasen Alan on May 13, 2019.

COLLEGE NEWS

UIP Assists with New Toothpaste Development

University of Iowa Pharmaceuticals (UIP), recently assisted Rowpar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. with the development of its new ClōSYS® Silver toothpaste. UIP provided various aspects of product development on a contractual research basis. ClōSYS® Silver toothpaste is formulated for Adults 55+ and contains both stabilized chlorine dioxide and sodium fluoride. According to Rowpar, the unique formulation of ClōSYS® Silver toothpaste promotes mouth health, enhances remineralization of enamel, reduces re-growth of biofilm, kills harmful bacteria, and reduces oral malodor.

Jim Ratcliff, CEO of Rowpar, "We are pleased with the latest result of our collaborative relationship with the University of Iowa Pharmaceuticals, and College of Pharmacy. UIP offered Rowpar efficient and effective assistance in product development enabling us to complete the project on time and with the highest quality." ClōSYS® Silver toothpaste has been available on the market as of January 2020.

College Welcomes New Students for 2019-2020



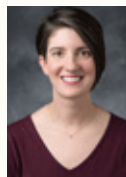
One hundred and twelve Doctor of Pharmacy students recited the Oath of the Pharmacist and were officially welcomed into the profession and College during the annual White Coat Ceremony on August 24 at Hancher Auditorium. Students were coated by members of the Genesis Board, including **Eddy Airiohuodion, Bri Bakken, Kelly Brock, Matt Farley, Nate Harold, Farah Towfic, Dayton Trent, Emily Vvyerberg, and Matthew Witry.**

The PharmD class of 2023 is 70 percent female and 30 percent male, with 65 percent coming from Iowa. The class represents ten different states/territories (Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Puerto Rico, and Wisconsin) and nine are international students. Forty percent are underrepresented minorities and 63 percent have a bachelor's degree or higher.



Eleven new graduate students also enrolled in the UI College of Pharmacy for the 2019-2020 school year. The students began PhD programs in Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry, Health Services Research, and Pharmaceutics. They participated in orientation activities which included meeting with professors, touring the health sciences campus, and attending a welcome reception with faculty, staff, and current graduate students.

The 11 graduate students represent five different countries: China, Egypt, Jordan, Nigeria, and the United States; and six states: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, and Pennsylvania.



Assistant Professor **Nicole Brogden, '07 PharmD**, was elected as co-chair for the Gordon Research Conference: Barrier Function of Mammalian Skin, and will serve as co-chair for the 2023 meeting.



Barry Carter, '78 BSPH, emeritus professor, and his collaborators published an article, "2014 Evidence-Based Guideline for the Management of High Blood Pressure in Adults" in the *Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA)*, which was named a Top Article of the Decade. The article was one of ten selected by JAMA editors as the most

important published by JAMA between 2010 and 2019.



Bob Greenwood, adjunct professor and UI College of Pharmacy Executive Leadership Board member, was inducted into the 2019 Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa Business Hall of Fame this past fall.



James Hoehns, '92 BSPH, '94 PharmD, clinical associate professor and program director at the Northeast Iowa Medical Education Foundation, received the Family Practice Center Faculty Teacher of the Year Award from the Northeast Iowa Family Medicine Residency Program Class of 2019.



Andrew Jatis, Class of 2021, received an ACCP Foundation Futures Grant Student and Resident Investigator Award for his project, "Exploration of Prohibitin-1 as a Novel Therapeutic in Glucose Homeostasis and Insulin Signaling." Jatis is PI on the project, which will be conducted in the lab of

Associate Professor **Ethan Anderson.**



Dean Donald Letendre was selected as commissioner-elect to the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) – International Commission. Dean Letendre was also recently awarded the 2020 Outstanding Dean Award by the American Pharmacists Association. The award recognizes college

of pharmacy Deans who have made significant contributions to APhA–ASP chapters and who have promoted, with distinction, the welfare of student pharmacists through various community service, leadership and professional activities.



James Ponto, '77 BSPH, MS, clinical professor, was selected to participate in Trust CoLab, a joint effort between United States Pharmacopeia and the MIT Center for Collective Intelligence.



Kashelle Lockman, clinical assistant professor, is the recipient of American College of Clinical Pharmacy's 2019 New Educator Award. This annual award recognizes an ACCP member who has made outstanding contributions to the discipline of teaching and to the education of health care practitioners. Lockman was also accepted into Cambria Health Foundation's Sojourns Scholar Leadership Program. As part of the two-year leadership program, she will receive \$180,000 in funding to conduct an innovative and impactful project in the field of palliative care, "Preparing Pharmacists for Interdisciplinary Palliative Practice."



Aliasger Salem, Bighley Chair and professor was appointed as a chartered member of the "Developmental Therapeutics" National Institutes for Health Study Section and serving a six-year term which began in 2019.



Jamie Sinclair, adjunct assistant professor and director of Pharmacy Services at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, was elected to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Board of Directors.



Graduate student **Sumeet Singla** received the Trainee Award and Student Abstract Travel Award for his presentation, "Pharmacodynamic Modeling of the Relationship between THC Concentrations and Corresponding Changes in the Heart Rate," at the 2019 American College of Clinical Pharmacology Annual Meeting.



Pharmaceutics graduate students, **Jaidev Chakka** and **Rasheid Smith**, and visiting scholar, **Izola Ramalho**, were awarded an American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Best Abstract

Award for their posters, and were recognized at 2019 AAPS PharmSci 360 in November.



Christine Lawson and **Aaron McDonough**, both **Class of 2021**, received a \$1,500 scholarship for their essays at the Independent Pharmacy Cooperative Conference

in May 2019. **McDonough** and **Brandi Hageman**, **Class of 2021**, were also recipients of a National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Foundation Presidential Scholarship.



Office of Professional Education Created

Two units in the College have been reorganized to better support the Doctor of Pharmacy program and its students. The new Office of Professional Education was created from the former Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Assessment, Curriculum, and Compliance. As part of this reorganization, Clinical Assistant Professor **Mary Elizabeth Ray** is now the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Clinical Associate Professor **Susan Vos** is the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. The overarching aim of the office is to prepare each student pharmacist to succeed in a rapidly-changing health care environment.

Grants Funding Received

Ethan Anderson, associate professor, is among the PIs on a four-year American Heart Association grant, entitled "Strategic Focused Research Network." The project, a collaboration between E. Dale Abel in UI Cardiovascular Medicine and researchers at Mass General Hospital (Harvard Medical School), will investigate mechanisms that increase the risk of cardiovascular disease in people with type 2 diabetes. The total funding for the project is \$3.8 million, with \$1.1 million designated for Anderson's lab.

Korey Kennelty, assistant professor (Co-PI), and **Jeff Reist**, clinical associate professor (Co-I) were awarded a \$630,000, three-year grant from the UI Injury Prevention Research Center for their pilot project, "Medication Empowerment and Deprescribing for Safety in Assisted Living Facility Residents."

Associate Professor **Linnea Polgreen** received a \$693,432, one-year award from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for project, "A Pharmacist Intervention for Monitoring and Treating Hypertension Using Bidirectional Texting."

Susan Vos, associate dean, was among the PIs on a \$297,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support the UI's Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP).

Meng Wu, adjunct faculty member and director of the UI High Throughput Screening Facility, received a five-year R50 Research Specialist (Core-based Scientist) Award from the National Cancer Institute.

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3:30 pm

UI College of Pharmacy
Building Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, May 2, 2020
7:30 am

Zada Cooper Leadership Symposium
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become the best leader you can be!*

