



From The Dean's Desk

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SOP Faculty Earn TTUHSC President's Awards

A big congratulations to three of our faculty who were recognized for their efforts in the classroom and the laboratory when they received the TTUHSC's President's Award in a ceremony held Nov. 29.

Dr. Sherry Luedtke (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo and Associate Dean for Professional Affairs) received the President's Distinguished Clinician's Award for her work in pediatrics.

Dr. Michael Veronin (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo) received the President's Young Investigator Award for his work in health informatics and telemedicine/telepharmacy applications.

Dr. James Stoll (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo) received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award.



The 2005 TTUHSC President's Award winners from the SOP include (from left) Dr. Michael Veronin, Dr. James Stoll and Dr. Sherry Luedtke.

SOP Grad Students Receive Award, Scholarship

Two of our graduate students in department of pharmaceutical sciences in Amarillo were recently recognized for their research and academic efforts.



Fancy Thomas

Fancy Thomas is a recipient of a 2005 American Association of Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAiPS) Student Research Award. Applicants were required to present their research findings at the 2005 annual meeting of American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) in Nashville. Thomas was presented her award Nov. 9 at the AAiPS Annual Meeting.

Katie Bennett, whose career objective is to spend several years as a post-doctoral research associate before moving into academia, received a \$5,000 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) scholarship. The ARCS Foundation is dedicated to providing scholarships to outstanding graduate students studying in the areas of natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering.



Katie Bennett



Dr. Cynthia Raehl

AACP Members Elect Dr. Raehl

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy has elected Dr. Cynthia Raehl (Professor; Chair, Clinical Research & Development, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo) to be its president-elect. Her three-year term on the AACP board of directors will include one year as AACP president-elect beginning in July 2006, one year as AACP president beginning in July 2007 and one year as AACP immediate past president beginning in July 2008.

Dr. Raehl is one of a select few who have been elected president of two national organizations. In 1994-95 she served as president for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She says AACP is seeking experienced national leaders to guide the organization and that “the opportunity to lead the organization that represents all U.S. colleges and universities of pharmacy is very special.”

Congratulations Dr. Raehl on your election to this important post.

Dallas Memory Walk

Some of our students and faculty in Dallas/Fort Worth participated in the Memory Walk Nov. 5 at the Dallas Zoo. The group took advantage of some nice weather and their efforts raised \$410 for the Dallas area chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. Daniel Silva (P3) was so enthusiastic about the event that walking wasn’t good enough for him—he ran the course!

A big pat on the back goes out to each of these individuals for giving their time and energy to such a worthy cause!



Members of the SOP's Dallas Memory Walk team pose for a picture. Standing, from left: Dr. April Allen, Amie Abshire (P3), Jessica Fields (P3), Chris Houston (friend of the team) and Sarah Dehoney (P3). Kneeling, from left: Dr. Amie Blaszczyk, Theresa Gerst (P3), Michelle Johnson (P3), Beth Irvine (P3), Daniel Silva (P3) and Janice Millikan (P3).

SOP Students Compete in Clinical Skills Competition

This year’s local American Society of Health-System Professional (ASHP) Clinical Skills Competition was held recently. The overall winners were Karim Prasla and Salman Rahim (P4s – Dallas/Fort Worth).

Lyndsi White and Randy White (P4s – Lubbock) finished in the first runners-up spot. Beth Irvine and Michelle Johnson (Dallas/Fort Worth) were the P3 winners and Brandon Trollinger and Monica Calderon (Amarillo) were the P2 champs.



Karim Prasla



Salman Rahim

For their efforts, Karim and Salman earned a trip to ASHP’s National Clinical Skills Competition, where they competed against teams from 82 other schools and colleges of pharmacy. The national competition was held in December at the ASHP Midyear Meeting in Las Vegas.

Preceptors of the Year Recognized

There are many reasons why our graduates are successful and the many outstanding preceptors we have are certainly among the most important. With that in mind, it was my great pleasure to present awards in November to our Preceptors of the Year.

We certainly would not be where we are today without our preceptors and each of the individuals who were recognized this year represent the hard work and dedication to pharmacy and pharmacy education that all of our preceptors display.

The honorees for the Amarillo campus include:

Dr. Brian Burleson (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)

Dr. Michelle Condren (Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)

Michael Butts, R.Ph. – Mike’s Pharmacy in Clarendon, TX

Denise Cherry, R.Ph. – Albertson’s Sav-on Pharmacy, 45th & Western, Amarillo

Dr. Amy Cunningham – Harrington Cancer Center, Amarillo



Jessica Crow (P4) and Loree Allen help me present a preceptor of the year award to Michael Butts, R.Ph.



Ellen Patterson (left) Loree Allen look on as Denise Cherry, R.Ph. receives her preceptor of the year plaque.



Loree Allen, Ellen Patterson and I present a preceptor of the year plaque to Dr. Amy Cunningham.

The honorees for the Lubbock regional campus include:

Dr. Brian Irons (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock)

Dr. Brad Stanford (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock)

Thomas Hesse, R.Ph. – Nelson Pharmacy in Brownfield, TX

Sylvia Dingus, R.Ph. – Brownfield Clinic Pharmacy, Brownfield, TX



Posing with me here are (from left) Lubbock preceptor of the year Thomas Hesse, R.Ph., Vice Chair for Experiential Programs Dr. Craig Cox, Lubbock Regional Dean Chuck Seifert, preceptor of the year Sylvia Dingus, R.Ph., Sarah Kemp (P4) and Thad Hellwig (P4).

The honorees for the Dallas/Fort Worth regional campus include:

Dr. Anthony Busti (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Dallas/Ft. Worth)

Dr. Shane Greene (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Dallas/Ft. Worth)

Dr. Angela St. Clair Pinckard – Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth

Dr. Karen Moody – Las Colinas Pharmacy in Irving, TX

Texas Pharmacy Museum Takes Old-Time Pharmacy to the Public

Since it opened in 1998, the Texas Pharmacy Museum, located in the basement of our Amarillo campus, has participated in the Fannin Middle School Heritage Festival in Amarillo. The festival, which set an attendance record this year with more than 2,000 visitors, coincides with National Pharmacy Week and provides a wonderful opportunity to inform school age children, their families and the general public about present and past aspects of our profession.

This year [*Dr. Paul Katz \(Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo and Texas Pharmacy Museum Curator\)*](#) demonstrated pill rolling using Play Dough, a hand operated pill machine and a mortar and pestle. He also used Pop Tarts to make a sugar coating for the Play Dough pills. P2 students [*Dionne Brown, Deirdre Delea, Fernando Jaquez, Mark King and Penny Sitka*](#) helped Dr. Katz with the demonstration, as did [*Shanna James*](#), a pre-pharmacy major from WTAMU. Visitors watched the staff demonstrate the different processes and were then given an opportunity to work with the devices themselves.



P2 students Dionne Brown (right foreground) and Deirdre Delea give a pill rolling demonstration to Fannin Heritage Fair visitors.

Dr. Katz and the museum also participated in the 10th annual New Mexico Archaeology and History Fair, which took place Nov. 4-5 in Artesia, NM. This fair is held in a different New Mexico city each year. Dr. Katz says Artesia was particularly appropriate for the appearance of the museum's *Chuck Wagon Therapy* exhibit because that community was situated along two of the most used and famous cattle trails—the Goodnight-Loving and the Chisum.

The *Chuck Wagon Therapy* exhibit demonstrates the medical, dental and pharmaceutical tools and supplies that were carried on the cattle drives of the late 19th century. The display uses a replica of the chuck box that would have been placed at the end of the chuck wagon and is accurate, informative and colorful. All the information used to assemble the display was obtained from an article written in 1936 by a pharmacist who, as a teenager, actually participated in cattle drives from Texas to Montana. It has previously been exhibited at the annual Fannin Middle School Heritage Festival and at the Texas Pharmacy Association annual meeting. It is scheduled to appear at several chuck wagon cook-offs in 2006 can be viewed in the Texas Pharmacy Museum when not on the trail.

Dr. David Allen to be Founding Dean at Ohio Pharmacy School

When the Ohio Board of Regents met November 10 and approved a new pharmacy program at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM), it meant we had to say good-bye to one of our founding faculty members. In conjunction with that final approval, *Dr. David Allen (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs – Amarillo)* was named NEOUCOM's Founding Dean. He will assume his new position in January and the school will begin admitting students in the 2007 fall semester.

Dr. Allen's final day at TTUHSC was Dec. 14. His wife *Loree Allen (Assistant Director for Experiential Programs, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* will also join the NEOUCOM program. Like David, Loree made many outstanding contributions to the SOP and she will be missed.

I know I speak for everyone at the SOP when I say, "good luck and thanks" to David, Loree, D.J. and Drew as they move on to this new challenge.

Hurricane Katrina Students Return to Xavier

Sheritta Horne and *Regina Alexander*, who arrived at TTUHSC – SOP in Amarillo following Hurricane Katrina, will be returning to New Orleans next semester to continue their studies at Xavier University School of Pharmacy.

Sheritta and Regina, who are both first-year pharmacy students, said they enjoyed their time at TTUHSC – SOP and want to thank everyone for helping them through such a difficult time.

Good luck ladies, from everyone at TTUHSC and the School of Pharmacy!



Regina Alexander (middle left) and Sheritta Horne present pens to Summer Balcer, (SOP assistant dean for student service) and me in appreciation for all the help they received from TTUHSC and the SOP.

Roland Patry, Dr. P. H., FASHP

Associate Professor

*Chair, Clinical Practice and Management
Department of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo*



Dr. Roland Patry

Dr. Patry was born and raised in Willimantic, Connecticut and lived there through completion of his undergraduate pharmacy education at the University of Connecticut (Go Huskies!). He worked for one year as a clinical pharmacist at the University of Connecticut Health Sciences Center before serving with the U.S. Air Force, where he alternated serving as a pharmacy officer at the regional medical center and as a missile launch officer and senior combat crew instructor.

After leaving the military, Dr. Patry earned his Master's degree and then completed a two-year residency at the VA-Houston. Shortly thereafter he enrolled in the University of Texas, School of Public Health and earned his doctorate. He served as an Associate Professor and Vice-Chair of Clinical Pharmacy and Administration at the University of Houston before moving to Dallas to become the Associate Director for Pharmacy Services at Baylor University Medical Center.

In 1996, Dr. Patry was recruited by TTUHSC - SOP to be a founding faculty member and Associate Dean for Patient Care. Since that time, he has also served as Executive Associate Dean and in his current position as Chair, Clinical Practice & Management, Department of Pharmacy Practice.

Dr. Patry has received many awards and honors for service to the profession and teaching awards from both the University of Houston and Texas Tech. Among these are distinguished service awards from TSHP and TPA; a TTUHSC President's Distinguished Faculty Service Award; a SOP Pharmacy Service Award; and a selection as a Top 50 Outstanding Alumni from the UH College of Pharmacy. He has also been designated as a Fellow, ASHP and has served as President for TSHP and the Gulf Coast Society of Health System Pharmacists. He was elected three times as Chair for the ASHP House of Delegates and served on the ASHP Board of Directors.

Roland and his wife Janice, who is a kindergarten teacher in AISD, have a daughter named Sharon. In his spare time he enjoys gardening and trying to improve his "somewhat mediocre" golf game.

James Stoll, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo



Dr. James Stoll

Dr. Stoll was born in Massachusetts and grew up in Ohio and New Mexico, in that order. He earned his B.S. degree in chemistry from New Mexico State University and his Ph.D. in biochemistry from The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. He carried out biomedical research first in the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and then the National Institute on Aging in Bethesda, Maryland before joining the TTUHSC - SOP in 1996.

Dr. Stoll's research interests are in biochemistry, molecular biology and neuroscience. Specifically, he is investigating the regulation and function of membrane transport proteins. He also is investigating the effects of estrogen and environmental estrogens on neurons in the brain that degenerate in Alzheimer's disease and aging.

In his free time, Dr. Stoll enjoys skiing, golf, gardening and chocolate chip cookies.

Misty Sutton

Senior Designer

Staff – Communications and Marketing - Amarillo



Misty Sutton

Misty was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but her family returned to Texas shortly after she was born making her the only Yankee in her family. She graduated from Lubbock Christian University, where she earned a B.A. in art. In 2002, Misty relocated back to Amarillo from Victoria, TX, where she was an art director for a local ad agency. She then began working as senior designer for the TTUHSC communications and marketing department and is responsible for the graphic design and printing of advertising and marketing materials, publications and photography for the Amarillo campus.

Her hobbies include drawing, painting, decorating and flower arranging. She also enjoys music, cooking, antique shopping and restoring her 1930's home. Misty says she is a very competitive card player and that she and her friends stay up until all hours playing spades, canasta and bid whist. She is an active member of Central Church of Christ and says God, friends and family are the things she holds most dear. She says she adores her nieces and nephews and spoils them every chance she gets!