



The Alumni Postscript

The alumni newsletter of Texas Tech University HSC School of Pharmacy

WINTER 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Alumni Dinner April 4, 2008 at the TSHP Annual Meeting in Dallas.

2008 Graduation Ceremonies: May 19th at United Spirit Arena

Annual Hooding Ceremony: May 18th, Lubbock Civic Center

Alumni are always encouraged to attend these events to reunite with colleagues and welcome new grads into the Association.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Have you visited our the Texas Tech HSC School of Pharmacy Continuing Education web site lately? Check us out for on-line, stream-line video continuing education programs, including preceptor CE!!!

For additional information on live and on-line programs visit our website at: <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/usp/ContinuingEd/>

“Our mission is to enhance the lives of the diverse people of Texas and beyond, through excellence and innovation in: educating health-care practitioners, researchers, and educators, providing pharmaceutical care and service, and advancing knowledge through scholarship and research.”



Building Projects For The School of Pharmacy’s Future

Arthur Nelson, PhD, RPh
Dean, TTUHSC School of Pharmacy

Many of our alumni and friends have asked about the construction/renovation of physical facilities that is currently on-going for the School of Pharmacy. Most everyone has heard and seen pictures of our new building in **Abilene**, and everyone that has visited the campus has been extremely impressed with the beauty and functionality of the building and furnishings. The folks in Abilene who actually built the structure according to our design and standards, and then donated it along with approximately \$1.4M of the land it sits on and parking, have really set the bar high for pharmacy facilities. As that campus grows to all four years, approximately 30 faculty, and 10-12 staff, everyone

will have an enjoyable and functional environment to learn and work.

The next project on the time-line for occupancy is the **Dallas/Fort Worth** campus facilities. We have been located in an approximately 8,000 sq.ft., renovated and expanded building on the North Texas VAMC in Dallas since the early 2000’s. While these facilities are in great shape and pleasant for the students, faculty and staff, we have simply out-grown that building to house our growing Dallas/Fort Worth program. Some staff and faculty have to share small offices that are below standard size for one faculty member alone. With the VA being located in the far Southeastern part of the Metroplex, students on rotations at other sites and faculty who do not practice and teach at the VAMC typically experience significant commute times as they move from site to campus, particularly for the third professional year. After several years

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Alaskan Cruise CE Program

The Division of Continuing Education at the School of Pharmacy is planning an Alaskan Cruise and CE Seminar aboard the Celebrity Infinity Alaskan Cruise Lines.

The cruise will depart from Seattle, Washington on July 11th with stops along the way at Sitka, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Ketchikan, Victoria (BC) and returning to Seattle on July 18th. The program will provide a total of 8 hours of continuing education (CE) including 3 hours of preceptor CE.

The Division of Continuing Education has arranged for special pricing with Cruise and Travel Partners, LLC to provide CE participants [continued on page 3]

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Award Nominations Sought

The School of Pharmacy is seeking nominations for the Distinguished Awards to be presented this spring at the 2008 Alumni dinner. The Distinguished Awards will recognize individuals for their contributions and or achievements in the areas of practice, research, and leadership. All Texas Tech University HSC School of Pharmacy Alumni, including alumni of the doctoral, PhD, and residency programs, are eligible for nomination for the awards.

The Excellence in Pharmacy Practice Award will recognize an individual

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Alumni Best Practice Award recipients will receive a Bowl of Hygieia sculpture.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Have you or a fellow alum . . .

developed a new process or guide line?

implemented a new practice at your pharmacy or institution?

completed an interesting DUE?

We would like to share in your success! The call for nominations is open until March 15th, 2008.

Please go to <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sop/alumni/> for additional information and to post your submission.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Annual Alumni Dinner with a special sculpture award, free registration to the TSHP meeting and one night hotel accommodations.

SOP Building Projects

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of making Dallas/Fort Worth facilities a priority in our budget requests, the University has approved a second building for Dallas that will be located in the Dallas Medical Center close to Children’s, Parkland, various University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center facilities, including the UT Health Sciences Library that our faculty and students have user privileges. The new site, currently under contract negotiations, will have shuttle service throughout the Dallas Medical Center, to mass transportation stops, hospitals, and clinics. There will be food facilities at hand and quality apartments that are within most students’ budgets if they wish to locate close to the Medical Center. The approximately 10,000 sq.ft. space will have a classroom seating 62 students, five small group conference rooms, and approximately 1,500 sq.ft. of faculty research laboratories, administrative, faculty, and distance education/computer technology support offices. There will also be reserve parking for the students’ faculty and staff. Designed to primarily support our P3 students in Dallas/Fort Worth, we expect to have this facility open in time for the Fall 2008 semester. We will retain our VAMC building and focus on the faculty in that part of the Metroplex and P4 students, keeping small group rooms, the classroom, and decompressing our faculty and staff. Stay tuned for pictures and layout of the new building once the contract has been signed. And yes, there will be a brightly lit, large Double T sign across the top of the building to help communicate that Texas Tech School of Pharmacy is in Dallas!

The next two buildings are on the **Amarillo** campus. First, a new 48,000 square foot research building is currently under construction to house our growing basic research program. It will be shared with Medicine’s scientists, with Pharmacy



The current Texas Tech HSC SOP Dallas building on the VA campus.

being the primary occupant. The first faculty and graduate students to relocate from the existing Pharmacy Building to the New Coulter Research Building will be our Cancer researchers. The faculty remaining in the Pharmacy Building will be “decompressed” to give them more space in support of their productive

research programs. We anticipate moving date in September 2008.

Amarillo is also expanding with a 24,000 square foot. new Pharmacy Academic Building that will be located immediately in front of the current Pharmacy Building. This building, anticipated to be open in August 2009, will have two new classrooms seating 120 students that will replace our main teaching classrooms in the existing pharmacy building, a student services suite, consolidating all student services personnel, and a Clinical Simulation and Assessment Center – a facility with patient exam rooms, debriefing conference rooms that can



Texas Tech University HSC School of Pharmacy Abilene Campus.

also be used for more Case Studies sections, two computerized manikin rooms, expanded student preparation and study rooms and a simulated patients lounge. This facility will allow us to expand our students’ direct patient care training and help our future graduates to be more skillful in their communications with patients, patient assessment skills, problem based learning, and interprofessional education with medicine and other health professions.

Finally, we have not forgotten our **Lubbock** students, faculty and staff. With a major renovation project planned for the HSC building in Lubbock, the C-pod where the SOP programs are currently housed will become University-wide teaching facilities, with a new clinical simulation center, more classrooms, expanded technology centers and small group rooms. The Pharmacy faculty and staff will be relocated, likely into a much larger space on the 4th floor of B-pod, until the final phase (likely within 5 years) to build a new faculty office building that would be shared by multiple HSC schools. The total project is in excess of \$65M, but is being planned with the University’s goal of having 4,000 HSC students by 2015.

Growing, yes! Enhancing facilities to support this growth, yes again! All of these new buildings have one goal-to provide the best possible environment for Texas Tech Pharmacy students, faculty and staff to learn and work-to keep our program at the forefront of pharmacy education nationally.

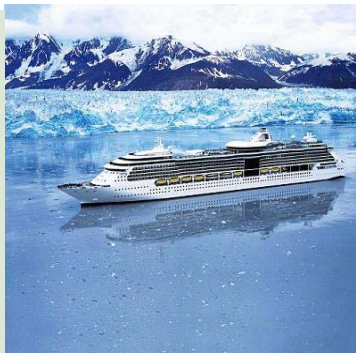
CE Cruise

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with a fabulous travel value for this all inclusive cruise. For complete details contact Donna Fansler at donna.fansler@ttuhsc.edu. Reservations will be held until May 1st with a \$500 deposit.

Stop by the School of Pharmacy booth at the Annual TSHP meeting to register for a drawing for free registration for the cruise CE program!!

Enjoy nature's pristine grandeur just as it was hundreds of years ago while completing your continuing education.



Student Organizations Reach Out to Alumni

Phi Delta Chi

Attention PDC Alumni!

You're invited to the 9th annual Beta Rho Casino Night benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital. As you all know, PDC supports the organization on the national level and this is our chapter's largest fundraiser of the year! We hope the event's fundraising will surpass all of our expectations to really help this wonderful organization. The event will be held on **April 18th at 7:00pm at The Party Barn** located at 7200 Canyon Drive. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old brothers and meet new ones. See you there!

In addition we are updating the Alumni database so please send your contact information to alicia.m.kimmel@ttuhsc.edu ASAP.

APhA-ASP

Dear APhA-ASP Alumni,

You may know that the APhA headquarters building, located on the National Mall in Washington DC, is currently being renovated. This historic building, built in the 1930s, was designed by the renowned architect John Russell Pope, who also designed the Jefferson Memorial and National Archives. It is the only privately owned building on the National Mall and is a proud piece of pharmacy history. It is projected that the expanded building will serve as the national hub for the entire profession, providing a location for pharmacists from all associations to gather, explore new opportunities, foster partnerships, and demonstrate the importance of the profession to the public, media, and policymakers. This diversely functional building for our profession at large certainly deserves renovations that represent our confidence and pride in our profession. In order to raise money to fund this massive under

taking, the APhA Foundation is selling personalized monographed bricks that will be used for paving outdoor walkways for \$1000 per brick. APhA has reserved a brick for each APhA-ASP chapter, with hopes that each chapter will buy at least one brick for use in paving the new east terrace of the building. The three APhA-ASP chapters who raise the most towards this campaign will be recognized on a donor wall of the new building.

We need your help in raising money for the Texas Tech brick. Our chapter has decided to match dollar for dollar each of the donations pledged by students and alumni (up to \$500). Any donations that we receive beyond \$500 will go towards the purchase of further bricks in the name of our chapter. Please help us ensure that the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy's name is included in this important piece of pharmacy history. Please log on to www.homeofpharmacy.org to see the projected appearance of the building and to donate to the Texas Tech fundraising effort. Any dollar amount you might choose to give can be donated online. We appreciate your efforts and loyalty to our organization.



The APhA Headquarters building located on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Alumni Notes

Melissa Threadgill ('01) married **Scott Buhlman** on August 4, 2008. Dr. Buhlman continues in her role as a Medical Science Liaison for Bristom Myers Squibb in Euless.

Mindy Sexton ('07) was promoted to **Pharmacist in Charge** at **ReCept Pharmacy** in Lubbock, Texas.

Shawn Arney ('01) and his wife **April** welcomed in to their family **Case Landry Arney** on December 7, 2007.

Yasmine Brecheen ('06) and her husband welcomed their first child, **Sabrina Ann Brecheen** on October 14, 2007.

Cris Hogue ('00) gave birth to her 2nd son, **Sean Thomas** on December 18th, 2007.



Alumni Notes

KEEP US INFORMED!!!

If you have recently received a promotion, accepted a new position, received recognitions/honors, become engaged/married, or expanded your family we would love to hear from you and share your success with your fellow alumni!!

Just send an email with your news to sherry.luedtke@ttuhsc.edu and we will include it in our next Alumni Newsletter.

Alumni Spotlight

Staten Holmes, PharmD

Texas Tech HSC SOP Alumnus 2002

Dr. Staten Holmes, 2002 alumnus of the School of Pharmacy, has traveled the world as a competitor in archery. His “day job” finds him managing a Walgreen’s Pharmacy in the San Antonio area, while he devotes his downtime to his love of archery.

Dr. Holmes has competed and represented the United States at two World Indoor Archery Championships in Aalborg, Denmark in 2005, and in Izmir, Turkey in 2007. He brought back a team bronze medal at the 2007 World Indoor Archery Championships. In addition, he is currently training for the Olympics! He made the top 16 Olympic Training Squad this past September in Conyers,



Dr. Staten Holmes is a world class archer competing in the World Indoor Archery Championships and with the Olympic Training Squad.

Georgia and is scheduled to compete at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California in April. This is the second leg of the Olympic trials process where the top 16 will be cut down to the top 8. If successful, the top 8 will be narrowed to 4 in May at a subsequent trials event in Arizona to represent the United States in the 2008 Beijing Olympics

His love of archery is a “family affair” competing alongside his wife, Jennifer. Last year, was very special to him as Jennifer also made the team and traveled with him to Turkey for the 2007 Championships. It was “pretty cool to travel overseas and compete along side your spouse!” Who knows. . . daughter Sydney may be the next in the line of archers in the family!!

In regards to his pharmacy career, Dr. Holmes has taken on the Pharmacy Manager position at his Walgreen’s Pharmacy in neighborhood in which he lives in San Antonio. He states that one of the most gratifying things about his career is the “opportunity to take care of friends and neighbors

on a daily basis. I find it gratifying to help customers with their individual needs and making a difference in their lives. ”

Dr. Holmes graduated with one of the first few classes of the School of Pharmacy and has had some time to reflect back on his training and early days of his career as a pharmacist. “I loved the

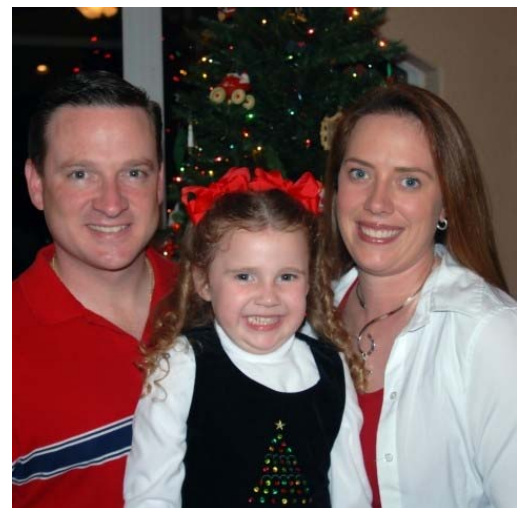
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training I received at Texas Tech. Every rotation had an impact on the development of my pharmacy career. I am thankful for all the experiences and knowledge that our professors and mentors passed along to us. Specifically, I think each rotation that I completed added to my education in many ways. I reflect back on those experiences often, and use that knowledge on a daily basis to help make decisions for patient’s regarding their healthcare needs.”

When asked about the advice he would share with current students of Texas Tech HSC SOP, he stated “Take advantage of every opportunity you have to learn and gain experience. Lessons learned during rotations will stick with you the rest of your career. No matter how hard or how tedious a situation can appear, there is always an opportunity to learn.”

Although he is extremely busy with his career and archery competitions, Dr. Holmes never forgets the most important things in his life— his wife, Jennifer and daughter, Sydney.

Good Luck at the trials in April Staten!! We are all pulling for you!!



Dr. Staten Holmes with his wife, Jennifer and 4 year old daughter, Sydney.

Alumni Awards

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who has demonstrated excellence in pharmacy practice. The type of practice is not limited to clinical pharmacy, but may entail any aspect of pharmacy practice from retail pharmacy, compounding, management, etc.

The Pharmacy Research Award will recognize an individual who has demonstrated excellence in research. All types of research expertise will be considered from bench top researchers to clinical/administrative researchers.

Former students, residents, and graduate students actively participating in research programs should be considered for nomination.

Lastly the Pharmacy Leadership Award will recognize and honor an individual who has demonstrated leadership in professional organizations, health care, and/or community service. Individuals whose leadership has brought significant credit to the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy will be considered.

Nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Awards will be accepted through March 15, 2008. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the School of Pharmacy website at <http://www.ttuhsu.edu/sop/Alumni/>.



2007 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients recognized at the Alumni Dinner: RoxAnn Dominguez ('03), Cris Frye-Hogue ('00) and Sidney Phillips ('01).

Alumni Mentorship

Many thanks go out to our alumni who have volunteered their time to participate in the mentoring roundtable discussions held at on the Amarillo and Abilene campuses. These informal roundtable discussions are held monthly for first and second year students to explore career paths. Students attend the sessions as part of their ongoing career and professional development.



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We are now in need of alumni to mentor 3rd and 4th year students on an individual basis. Mentors assist students in making career decisions, developing their curriculum vitas, and discussing a variety of issues related to the personal and career development. These discussions may occur in-person or via email discussions. Your contributions to the development of the future graduates from Tech are truly valued.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor, please contact Sherry Lued-

tke, PharmD, Associate Dean of Professional Affairs at sherry.luedtke@ttuhsu.edu for more information

Why be a mentor?

- Satisfaction in sharing your expertise.
- Gain collaborators for future.
- Increase networking.
- Gain insights to enhance your personal and professional development.
- Satisfaction in making a difference in someone else's life.
- Increase involvement with the School of Pharmacy.
- Keep abreast of new knowledge/techniques.
- Re-energize!

Alumni Notes

Tyson Cromeens ('02) was recently elected to the Vice Chair for the Chain Academy of Texas Pharmacy Association position. Tyson has been a recipient of the Paragon Award (outstanding pharmacist) for CVS Pharmacies for the last 2 years!

Chad and Aimee Coleman ('06) welcomed their son, Keller, into the family on June 18, 2007.

Sara Gibbons ('04) recently accepted the position of Director of Pharmacy at Heath-South in Fort Worth.

Anthony and Marissa Escobar Quinones ('04) have a beautiful baby girl! Elida Marie Quinones joined their family on September 20th, 2007.

Erik Maki (Resident '04) and his wife Jennifer are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kora, born June 29th, 2007. Erik is a faculty member at Drake University School of Pharmacy.



GET INVOLVED

Alumni Giving Makes a Difference

There are many ways that you, the alumnus, can give back to the School of Pharmacy to continue your tradition of excellence. All contributions, both small and large, can greatly impact the future of students. If you would like to get involved please indicate your interest below:

- Student mentoring program**
- Student professional meeting travel sponsorship**
- Alumni scholarship fund**
- Student organization support**
- Recruitment/student interviews**
- Become a preceptor/site**
- Alumni focus group**
- Other** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Please detach this form and send to:

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