



### ***Student Organization Shines at National Meeting***

The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), one of our outstanding student organizations, was recently singled out for the hard work and dedication of its membership. In fact, the group brought home three awards from the APhA national meeting in San Francisco.

For Region VI, which includes all pharmacy programs in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas, our APhA-ASP chapter received a first place award in two categories: the Operation Immunization Patient Care Project and the Heartburn Awareness Challenge Campaign. [Penny Sitka \(P2\)](#) accepted the award for Operation Immunization and [Alisa Hirschberg \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#) accepted the award for Heartburn Awareness.



*Ryan Burke (P1) and Alisa Hirschberg (P4 – Amarillo) discuss information contained in a brochure for the APhA Heartburn Awareness Campaign.*



*Daniel Leslie*

The chapter was also named the national first-place recipient of the Membership Achievement award for recording a 66 percent increase in membership, the largest growth of any chapter in the nation.

Chapter president [Daniel Leslie \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#) says the organization's membership now stands at 194 TTUHSC - SOP students, which is roughly 57 percent of our total enrollment. He credits Membership Vice President and President-elect [Lee Jaquez \(P2\)](#) who accepted the award on behalf of the chapter, for the increase in membership. "Without his hard work and determination this could not have been accomplished," Daniel says.

Every member of the chapter should be very proud!



*Lee Jaquez*

## ***HSC Announces WTPA Scholarship Recipients***

TTUHSC - SOP students recently received a total of \$16,000 in scholarship support from the West Texas Pharmacy Association.

P1 recipients of a \$1,000 WTPA Scholarship included *Jason Earthman, Jacy Grimsley, Brian P. Lake, Bonnie Morrison* and *Vern Stairs*.

P2 recipients included *Elizabeth Davis, Whitney Fisk* and *Laura Patterson, Mary Klein (Lubbock), Staci Lemon (Lubbock), Mindy Sexton (Lubbock)* and *Latisha Tomlinson (Lubbock)* were our P3 recipients.

In addition, *Kenneth Cole (P4 – Lubbock)* and *Gina Cole (P3–Lubbock)* were named co-recipients of the WTPA Lonnie Hollingsworth Scholarship and will split a \$2000 award and *Dixie Yearicks (P2)* was awarded the \$2,000 WTPA Roberta High Scholarship.

A big pat on the back to each of these students!

## ***SOP Student Elected to APhA Leadership Position***



*Rachel Mason talks with a patient at the 2006 Health Fair.*

Congratulations go out to *Rachel Mason (P3 – Amarillo)* who was elected to be the 2006 Region 6 MRM (Midyear Regional Meeting) Coordinator for the American Pharmacists Association MRM scheduled for Oct. 21-23 in Kansas City, Missouri.

APhA-ASP holds the MRMs each fall in all eight APhA-Academy of Student Pharmacists regions across the country. The meetings bring together members of APhA-ASP chapters and provide a forum for discussions of common interest, to encourage interest and participation in professional development and educational programs and to inform APhA-ASP members of the business and activities of APhA, the ASP and the profession in general. They also offer leadership development and networking opportunities, career information and professional education dealing with contemporary issues.



*Dr. Anthony Busti*

## ***Busti-SWLA***

*Dr. Anthony Busti (Asst. Professor, Dept of Pharmacy Practice – Dallas/Fort Worth)* recently received some good news when he was nominated and appointed to serve a two-year term on the Southwest Lipid Association (SWLA) Board of Directors by the group's membership.

"I am excited about this new opportunity and the doors it has already opened for further collaborative research," Dr. Busti said.

SWLA is one of four regional groups within the National Lipid Association and primarily represents cardiologists and lipidologists from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Wyoming.

Congratulations Dr. Busti. I'm sure you will once again admirably represent TTUHSC – SOP and the pharmacy profession.

## ***TSHP Selects Shah for Practitioner Award***



*Dr. Sachin  
Shah*

Kudos to *Dr. Sachin Shah (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Dallas/Fort Worth)*, who has been named the 2006 winner of the Lewis S. Smith Pharmacy Practitioner Award by the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists' Board of Directors. Dr. Shah will receive the award at the TSHP Awards Lunch, scheduled for April 1 at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston.

The Lewis S. Smith Pharmacy Practitioner Award is given annually to a practitioner who demonstrates a commitment to the profession of pharmacy through exemplary patient care and exceptional relationships with other health care professionals. Dr. Shah certainly meets those criteria and we are very pleased and proud that his efforts are being recognized.

## ***GETTING TO KNOW...***

### **Mark Lyte, Ph.D., M.S., MT (ASCP)**

*Professor*

*Department of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock*



*Dr. Mark Lyte*

Dr. Lyte was born and raised in New Jersey and earned his B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences from Fairleigh Dickinson University, which is also located in the Garden State. He received his Ph.D. in 1983 from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel and completed postdoctoral fellowships and training at the Medical College of Virginia (1983-1985) and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1986. He is also board certified in clinical laboratory medicine.

Prior to his arrival at TTUHSC, Dr. Lyte spent seven years in and around Minneapolis, MN working as a professor in the department of biological sciences at Minnesota State University-Mankato. He also served as professor and director of surgical research for the department of surgery at the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation/Hennepin County Medical Center and an adjunct professor for the department of surgery and the department of food science and nutrition at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Lyte says he made the decision to devote his career to research because working in the laboratory provides “the ability to do something that can potentially benefit people all over the world.”

Dr. Lyte and his wife, Phyllis, have been married 28 years and have two children. Joshua, 20, is a junior history major at Texas Tech. He also has a minor in biology and is doing undergraduate research in an organic chemistry laboratory. Jeremy, 16, is a junior at Frenship High School and hopes to major in philosophy at Texas Tech.

“Everyone in my family has been so happy to find how friendly and warm the people in West Texas are. Coming from Minnesota where people pride themselves on “Minnesota Nice,” we can honestly say that our experience in West Texas far outshines Minnesota in the degree of warmth and hospitality that we have been shown as new arrivals in Texas.”

In his spare time Dr. Lyte enjoys long distance cycling and playing basketball with his sons. He says he “also keep trying to beat my kids at video games, largely without success.”

## **Deeatra Craddock, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCCP**

*Assistant Professor*

*Department of Pharmacy Practice – Dallas-Fort Worth*



*Dr. Deeatra and  
Alonzo Craddock*

Although she feels like a native Texan, Deeatra was born and raised in rural Lowndesboro, AL, and obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. She pursued advanced community practice experience by completing a community practice residency at the University of Texas-Austin immediately after graduation.

Deeatra says the move to Texas was an awesome one for her in many ways. She and her husband, Alonzo (a native Texan), are enjoying their second year of marital bliss and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new addition to the family, who is scheduled to arrive in March! Until then, Deeatra and Alonzo have plenty to keep them busy until the new addition arrives as they try and keep up with the lives of their two teenagers, 15-year old Kelbey and 13-year old Kelton.

In her down time, Deeatra enjoys reading, traveling and spending time in the great outdoors. She says she frequently returns home to visit with her parents, two brothers (Jason and Eli) and sister-in-law (Aletia) and a host of other family and friends. She says she also visits as often as she can to “partake of some of the best home cookin’ Alabama has to offer!”

## **Cinda Courtney**

*Manager*

*Staff – Communications and Marketing - Amarillo*



*Cinda's  
granddaughter Elli*

Cinda was born and raised in Wichita Falls, Texas and is a self-proclaimed doting, silly, fun-loving grandmother! In fact, Cinda says she sent in her granddaughter Elli’s photo “because she is much cuter than I am!”

Cinda graduated “eons ago” with a B.S. degree in elementary education “from that university in Austin whose football team won the 2005 national championship.” In the 1970s she married an attorney and moved to Amarillo. After raising teenagers as a single parent and “living to tell about it,” Cinda says she is thrilled with her children’s choice of spouses. Her son Trey and wife Leah are the parents of Elli, with “Baby Claire” on the way. Trey works with Laity Lodge Retreat Center and Youth Camp in Kerrville, Texas. Cinda’s daughter Liza married Brandon Baker, “a super guy” who is graduating from OU law school in May and will be practicing in Edmond, OK in the fall. Cinda says she has now been either a student, parent, mother-in-law or employee of almost half of the Big 12 schools!

Cinda has been the Communications and Marketing Manager at the Amarillo campus for many years and loves the challenges presented by the world of marketing, the media and public relations. She says her hobbies include bargain-hunting and shopping, reading, traveling and decorating “in that order” and she is “always looking for a new adventure!”