



Pharmacy School Shines at TSHP Meeting

Thanks to several student competitors and a faculty honoree from the School of Pharmacy, there was a definite TTUHSC presence at the annual Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists meeting held April 1-2 in Galveston.

In the student contests, Brandi Flemming, Pharm.D. (Pharmacy Practice Resident – Lubbock) and Dan McNatty, Pharm.D. (Pharmacotherapy Resident – Lubbock) placed first in the Resident Clinical Skills Competition and Theresa Gerst and Michelle Johnson, third-year students at the SOP's Dallas/Fort Worth satellite campus, won the Student Clinical Skills Competition. In addition, Leigh Wilson (P3 – Lubbock) finished runner-up in the Disease State Management Competition.



Michelle Johnson (left), Theresa Gerst and Leigh Wilson (right) show off their awards, which were presented by TSHP President Tracy Metting (TTUHSC – SOP Class of 2000).



Dr. Sachin
Shah

The TSHP Board of Directors also recognized the work of Sachin Shah, Pharm. D., BCOP by naming him the 2006 recipient of the Lewis S. Smith Pharmacy Practitioner Award. The 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 is an assistant professor for the SOP's department of pharmacy practice at the Dallas/Fort Worth satellite campus.

SOP Personnel Complete LEADership Program

Congratulations to four SOP staff who recently completed the TTUHSC LEADership (Leadership Development and Enhancement) Level I Program. All four Paula Breeding (Unit Supervisor and Division Coordinator, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo), Lynn Finkenbinder (Manager, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo), Dexter Harper (Lead PC/Network Support – Amarillo) and Stacey Maples (Unit Supervisor and Division Coordinator, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo) were part of a group of 21 who received certificates at a March 1 luncheon. The LEADership Program is a 32-hour course designed to introduce supervisors and managers to the fundamental management necessary to perform their jobs effectively.

SOP Faculty Promoted

Congratulations go out to several of our faculty who were granted tenure February 24 by the Texas Tech Board of Regents. This group includes: Dr. Thomas Abbruscato (Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo), Dr. Jochen Klein (Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo) and Dr. Cornelis (Neels) Van der Schyf (Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo).

In addition, the Board of Regents approved the promotions of Dr. Abbruscato, Dr. Krystal Haase (Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo), Dr. Brian Irons (Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock), Dr. Rebecca Sleeper Irons (Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock) to Associate Professor. Tenure is effective immediately upon Board approval; promotions will become effective September 1.



Dr. Thomas
Abbruscato



Dr. Jochen
Klein



Dr. Neels Van
der Schyf



Dr. Krystal
Haase



Dr. Brian
Irons



Dr. Rebecca
Sleeper Irons

Needless to say, we are very proud of each of these individuals and the contributions they made over the years that led in part to this latest success.

New Panel to Include SOP Professor



Dr. Eric
MacLaughlin

Eric MacLaughlin, Pharm. D., BCPS (Associate Professor and Division Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo) has been invited to serve on the Joint Commission Osteoporosis Management Technical Advisory Panel. Dr. MacLaughlin is an associate professor and adult medicine division head for the department of pharmacy practice at the main SOP campus in Amarillo.

Members of the newly formed panel were nominated and selected for their clinical and methodological expertise. The project represents a collaborative initiative undertaken by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the National Pharmaceutical Council, Inc. The result will be an educational monograph that addresses the current modalities for prevention, assessment, and treatment for improving the quality of osteoporosis care for use in a variety of health care settings.

The advisory panel is charged with establishing a measure-set framework and identifying the specific evidence-based performance standards pertinent to multiple health care settings. Their work will likely include work previously completed or underway by entities such as the AMA Physicians Consortium for Performance Improvement, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Quality Forum, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and RAND Corporation.

2006 Research Days Scheduled

Everyone be sure to mark your calendars for the Fifth Annual School of Pharmacy Research Days, which is scheduled to begin at noon on Wednesday, August 2 and conclude Friday, August 4. This year the event has been extended for an extra day so that attendees may take part in an all-day grant-writing seminar to be held Thursday, August 3.

The Research Days event has also been scheduled to coincide with the SOP's 10th Anniversary Celebration (Saturday, Aug. 5) and the 2006 White Coat Ceremony (Sunday, Aug. 6). So clear your schedule and join us for those events as well!

For more information about Research Days and to RSVP for the grant-writing seminar, please contact *Melissa Lockman (Research Administrator, Office of Research – Amarillo)* at 806/356-4000 ext. 326. We look forward to seeing you there!

Plans Finalized for Class of 2006 Hooding Ceremony

The schedule has been finalized for the 2006 Hooding Ceremony, which will be held 2 p.m. May 19 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater, 1501 Mac Davis Lane in Lubbock. A reception will follow the Hooding Ceremony in the Banquet Hall at the Civic Center, which is to the north of the Theater in the same building.

Graduates should arrive at the Theater no later than 12:30 p.m. appropriately dressed and with cap and gown so that photographs may be taken. Graduates will be photographed in their cap and gown and during the hooding ceremony.

Faculty who would like to participate in the Processional will need to be at the Theater no later than 1:30 and dressed for line up. Anyone wishing to walk in the Processional must be wearing his or her regalia. We would also like to have faculty volunteers to meet and greet graduates and their families prior to the Hooding Ceremony. If you would like to volunteer, please email *Sharon Harrison (Director, Student Affairs – Amarillo)* as soon as possible.

Faculty who will be attending but not walking in the Processional will use the reserved seating located directly behind the faculty participating in the Processional. The Theater has nearly 1,500 seats, so there is plenty of room for everyone. We hope to see all of you there!

A Welcome to Our New Employees

Several new faces have become part of the SOP family recently and I want to take this opportunity to welcome them. These new personnel include:

Pravakar Mondal, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Govindarajulu Nagarajan, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Yulan Luo, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Wei Li, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Sharath Krishna, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Suman Penugonda, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Clayton Pulse, Technician II

LaNita Martin, Senior Business Assistant

In addition, *Kaci Bohn, Technician II* will join the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in April.

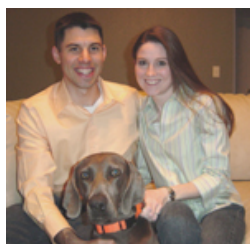
Please join me in welcoming each of these individuals to TTUHSC and the School of Pharmacy. We look forward to their contributions!

GETTING TO KNOW...

Ann Canales, Pharm.D., BCPS

Assistant Professor

Department of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo



*Ann Canales with
husband Robert and
Remington.*

Ann grew up on the family homestead near Warren, OK. The farm was settled in 1888 as part of Greer County, Texas – later to become part of Oklahoma – so Ann has proudly both Oklahoman and (somewhat) Texan roots. She spent her childhood being a “farm kid” with her two brothers and enjoyed riding motorcycles, climbing trees, ropes, etc. and participating in activities in 4-H, FFA, science fairs, and the like. She also enjoyed participating in athletics – specifically basketball (she made one trip to the state semi-finals), softball and karate.

Ann graduated valedictorian from Navajo High School and then went on to receive her Doctor of Pharmacy degree with high honors from Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she was a member of SWOSU’s inaugural Pharm.D. class in 2001. She then completed the two-year ASHP/ACCP-accredited residency in pharmacotherapy practice at TTUHSC-SOP in 2003.

Ann is currently in her third year as a faculty member at TTUHSC - SOP and practices in both inpatient family medicine and geriatrics. She is active in several pharmacy organizations including ACCP, AACP, ASHP, Rho Chi, and serves as the chapter advisor for PLS.

Ann married Pedro “Pete” Canales in June 2004 at Trinity Fellowship Church, where they met in December 2002. They currently have one “child” (Remington, a Weimaraner dog) and two “roommates” (Rustie and Chloe, both cats) and are expecting their first child later this year.

In her spare time, Ann enjoys relaxing and traveling. This summer, she will undertake her first marathon race (it’s a relay, so she says she only has to cover about 4.5 miles this time). Some words of wisdom Ann says she tries to live by every day (among others) include *Matthew 6:33 NKJV*: “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Chalan Galloway

Coordinator, Early Experiential Programs

Staff – Department of Pharmacy Practice - Amarillo



Chalan Galloway

Chalan was born and raised in Pampa. She currently lives in the “exciting town of Fritch” with her husband Robert and two kids and is working on a degree in finance and economics. “Our kids are absolutely awesome and I love spending time with them,” Chalan says.

Chalan’s son, Dathan, is six and just started karate and baseball “so that takes up a lot of time.” Her daughter, Corinne, is four and “we found out two years ago that she is almost completely deaf.” Chalan says Corinne “is an incredible kid and does not let her handicap get in the way at all. She attends a program for the deaf everyday and learns sign language. My husband and I are just trying to keep up with everything she is learning!”

When she has some spare time, which Chalan says is rare, She and Robert “love to get together with friends and go to the lake to camp out, spend time with family, or just hanging out at the house playing with the kids.”

Quentin Smith, Ph.D.

Chair and Professor

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo



Dr. Quentin Smith

Dr. Smith was born and raised in Ogden, Utah between the shores of the Great Salt Lake and the rugged Wasatch Mountains. As a boy, he spent many enjoyable hours riding horses in the foothills of Utah and working on his grandfather's ranch.

After completing his secondary education near Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Smith earned his Bachelors degree in Chemistry from Oberlin College and his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Utah. He served for 17 years as a research scientist at the National Institutes of Health.

In 1997, Dr. Smith joined Texas Tech as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. His research interests focus on drug development for central nervous system diseases. His laboratory is funded by a four-year NIH R01 grant and a five-year Department of Defense Center of Excellence grant.

Dr. Smith's wife, Helen, has a Ph.D. in Chemistry and worked for the Food and Drug Administration. His eldest daughter is a junior in the Honors College of Texas Tech University. In his spare time, Dr. Smith enjoys hiking in Palo Duro Canyon and running (especially when the wind is in the right direction) with his pet dog "Sandy." He currently is preparing to run a marathon at the urging of Dr. Tom Abbruscato (who successfully completed a marathon last year!).