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# From the DEAN'S DESK



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## SOP Climbs in 2006 Research Rankings

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Ph.D. faculty, the SOP in 2006 continued to improve its standing among the nation's 101 pharmacy schools when it comes to research.

According to data released by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, TTUHSC - SOP ranked sixth in the percentage of Ph.D. level faculty who are funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Nine of our 20 Ph.D. pharmacy faculty—45 percent—were conducting NIH-funded research in 2006. TTUHSC – SOP ranked 29th in NIH funding with more than \$2.2 million.

We also ranked 10th in obtaining

non-NIH funding, and our \$2.93 million in combined NIH and non-NIH research funding ranked 30th in 2006. Only three short years ago, in 2003, we were ranked 45th in combined research funding.

These numbers are even more impressive when one considers that the top 20 NIH-funded pharmacy schools have an average of 37 Ph.D. faculty members.

In addition to the heavy teaching load they have with the Pharm.D. and Ph.D. programs, the competition our faculty face for research funding gets tougher each year. I believe they deserve congratulations for their productivity.

*Dr. Quentin Smith (Professor and Chair; Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo) and Dr. Thomas Thekkumkara (Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Associate Dean for Research – Amarillo) also deserve a special round of applause for the work they do.*

Dr. Smith and his staff have done an outstanding job in attracting a highly productive and quality research faculty; Dr. Thekkumkara and his Office of Research staff has done a great job in facilitating resources for our research program.

Again, thanks to everyone who has helped bring this attention to our program. Keep up the good work!

## Bond Named UCSF Distinguished Alumnus



Dr. CAB Bond

honoree.

As Dr. Bond pointed out, UCSF was ranked as the top pharmacy school in the country in terms of perception, funding and publications in a poll conducted by *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy* in 2002.

Dr. C.A. (CAB) Bond has long been one of our distinguished faculty members. In May he will receive the same recognition from his alma mater, the University of California at San Francisco, when he is presented as the UCSF 2007 Distinguished Alumnus

UCSF has also received more annual research funding from the NIH every year since 1979.

“It is truly a humbling experience to be considered in the same light as the many truly great alumni who have received this award in the past,” Dr. Bond said.

Dr. Bond will receive the honor May 5 at the Commencement Ceremony for the UCSF School of Pharmacy Class of 2007. He will serve as the Honorary Marshal for the ceremony and be individually recognized for his career accomplishments.

Congratulations, Dr. Bond, on this special award.

# Students Attend 2007 Career Fair

Students from all three of our campuses recently had an opportunity to speak with potential employers as part of the 2006-2007 Career Fairs, which were held in Amarillo and Dallas.

These fairs are held once each year and give our students, especially the P4s, a chance to explore employment opportunities with various hospitals and retail pharmacies and collect information regarding available



*Amarillo P4s Rachel Mason (left) and Amanda Landrum visit with a representative of United Supermarkets Pharmacy at the 2006-2007 Career Fair.*

internships and residency programs.

This year there were representa-

tives from 29 retail pharmacies, national drugstore chains, supermarkets, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals and healthcare facilities pharmacies located in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and California.

As usual, Candace Root (Assistant to the Associate Dean of Professional Affairs – Amarillo) and Dr. Sherry Luedtke (Associate Dean of Professional Affairs – Amarillo) did a great job organizing the events.

## Whitney Fisk Receives NACDS Scholarship



*Whitney Fisk*

Whitney Fisk (P3 – Amarillo) was recently awarded a \$2,000.00 scholarship by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation.

More than 460 pharmacy students from across the country applied for this scholarship. Whitney was one of 40 who were ultimately selected to receive the award.

Applicants were evaluated based on their career goals, interest in chain community pharmacy practice, leadership activities and professional and community pharmacy involvement.

They must also be enrolled as full-time pharmacy students, have experience in chain community pharmacy and have a desire to pursue a career in chain community pharmacy.

NACDS represents chain community pharmacy, which is the largest component of pharmacy practice. The NACDS Foundation annually supports the development of future leaders in the chain community pharmacy through its Pharmacy Student Scholarship Program. This year the group awarded \$82,000 in pharmacy student scholarships to 40 students, up from 37 last year.

Good job, Whitney!

## SOP Student Recognized for Geriatric Work



*Latisha Tomlinson*

A belated congratulations goes to Latisha Tomlinson, who was selected as the SOP's 2006-2007 representative in the Garrison Institute on Aging Student Scholar in Geriatrics program.

The purpose of the program is to develop a cadre of students from all TTUHSC programs—allied health sciences, medicine, nursing and pharmacy—who have a long-term commitment to advancing geriatric healthcare and who are actively engaged in interdisciplinary projects related to geriatrics.

Latisha received a \$1,000 stipend for her participation during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Kudos also goes out to Dr. Rebecca Sleeper (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock) and Linda Goldstein (Unit Supervisor, Office of Student Affairs – Amarillo). Dr. Sleeper is a faculty advisor for the Student Scholars in Geriatrics program and Linda assisted the Garrison Institute in the student selection process related to the program.

## Introducing...

Bhakti Naik  
Grad Student/Research Assistant

Jancy George  
Post Doc/Research Associate

Zhanfei Li  
Post Doc/Research Associate

Rashmi  
Krishnapuram  
Post Doc/Research Associate

Kayla Talbott  
Sr. Business Assistant  
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**Please take a moment to welcome each of the following individuals to TTUHSC and the School of Pharmacy.**

## Phonathon Scholarships Awarded

The TTUHSC Student Endowed Phonathon recipients were recently announced and 21 SOP students were awarded one of the scholarships.

This year the Phonathon committee awarded 67 \$500 scholarships and nine \$1,500 scholarships for a total of \$47,000. Applicants were evaluated on participation in school activities, community service, demonstrated leadership ability, Phonathon-related activities and academic excellence.

SOP students in Lubbock have

the opportunity to participate in the Phonathon phone calling campaign. SOP students in Amarillo and Dallas may participate in the "Thank You" note portion of the Phonathon, which is known as the Thank-a-thon.

SOP students who received a \$1,500 scholarship included Whitney Fisk (P3 – Amarillo) and Jenna Hensley (P2).

Our \$500 recipients included: Supriya Abraham (P4 – Amarillo), Lindsay Algeo (P4 – Amarillo), Ka-

mal Bhakta (P4 – Amarillo), Adam Beam (P2), Tara Brandon (P1), Madelyne Cearley (P1), Catherine Cobb (P2), Tiffany Coomer (P2), Tu Cam Dinh (P2), Nancy Dunseth (P3 – Amarillo), Theresa Gerst (P4 – Dallas/Ft. Worth), Michelle King (P2), Frederick Labrador (P3 – Dallas/Ft. Worth), Brian Lake (P2), Vern Stairs (P2), Jessen Thomas (P3 – Dallas/Ft. Worth), Brandon Trollinger (P3 – Lubbock), Raelene Trudeau (P4 – Amarillo) and Martin Ziska (P4 – Amarillo).

## SOP Professor to Serve on Board



*Dr. Anthony Busti*

Dr. Anthony Busti (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Dallas/Ft. Worth) recently received an appointment to the Accreditation Council for Clinical Lipidology Board of Governors. Pharmacy is one of three councils that

make up the ACCL Board of Governors.

The group basically governs the entire process for those non-physician providers seeking to obtain Board Certification in Clinical Lipidology, or BCCL. Although the ACCL is endorsed by the National Lipid Association, it is a separate entity.

## Getting to Know...

### Jean Haynes Assistant Director Office of Experiential Programs - Amarillo

Jean was born and raised in North Augusta, South Carolina – just a few miles from the Augusta National Golf Course and home of the Masters Golf Tournament. She completed her undergraduate degree in Business Administration (with an emphasis in Marketing) at the University of South Carolina Aiken campus. She earned her Masters in Adult Education from the University of South Carolina.

Jean and her husband, Rick, have been married for 23 years and have lived in Amarillo with their dog Shela for three years. Rick presently works for NNSA at the Pantex plant. His job brought them to Amarillo from South Carolina, where he



*Jean and Rick Haynes pose with Shela for a Christmas photo.*

worked for the Savannah River Site.

Because of Rick's job, Jean has had the opportunity to move around the country and work in a variety of careers. She has worked as an advertising executive, a training specialist and a continuing education director. She is now working as the SOP's

Assistant Director of Experiential Programs. She says her career stops have allowed her to work with Kids in College programs to Learning in Retirement programs.

Jean says she and Rick have been blessed because they have met and worked with wonderful people throughout their careers and that they wouldn't change any of the opportunities they have experienced.

Jean and Rick are active in their local church in Amarillo and enjoy traveling. Their favorite sites so far have been Hawaii and Yellowstone National Park.

They also enjoy sports, especially football, whether it's high school, college or the pros.