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Administrative Retreat Builds Upon Research Agenda

"Research" was the focus for the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) annual administrative retreat in late July. Department chairs and program directors met for a full day to further build a research agenda based on the College's five-year strategic plan . . . "Building a Culture of Collaboration."

The third of the plan's five strategic directions, Integrative Scholarship, states that the College will increase external funding by two-fold with one-half to two-thirds of the faculty receiving some form of external funding. By 2010, 80 percent of the faculty is expected to

hold doctorates or other terminal degrees. All faculty will be expected to engage in some form of scholarship that may lie anywhere along the continuum of scholarship. Interdisciplinary research and translational research are expected to be dominant in the College. It also is the goal to have two centers of research excellence.

"This is an ambitious program, but I believe our collaborative efforts during the retreat and those in this year will help us to better achieve these goals," said Dean Beverly J. Schmoll.

The group identified a number of possible areas of research focus, such as diabetes, patient safety,

and forensic science. To further identify and refine research interests, all faculty is being asked to communicate their views on these and other research themes through a survey being initiated this fall.

From this survey, two to four areas of research will be identified. "The focus of research will assist in leading us to a national reputation and research niches distinguishing our College from other colleges with similar pharmacy and health science programs," said Dean Schmoll. "This also will help us make decisions about faculty hires so we can develop a critical mass of faculty for each research focus."

Michael Rybak, assistant dean for Research, is leading a task force to determine the best processes to proceed with identifying and developing research themes beginning with the faculty survey.

"This is a very exciting time for our College," Dean Schmoll told retreat participants. "I look forward to discussing this plan with you further and I ask for your full and enthusiastic participation in these endeavors."

(To review the College's complete strategic direction, please go to <http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/picturescape.htm>.)



At the College's 3rd annual Research Forum in September, keynote speaker Julie Thompson Klein spoke on Interdisciplinary Research, which is a goal of the EACPHS five-year strategic plan. Michael Rybak, assistant dean for Research, presents Klein, professor of Humanities in the WSU Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, with a commemorative speaker's award.

Students' Super Bowl Fever Impacts Community Health

The students of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) made a healthy impact on our community with a "Kick Start Your Heart" mixer. "It was awesome," recalls Dean Beverly J. Schmoll of one of the College's Super Bowl XL community outreach events.

Under the National Football League (NFL)-

sanctioned "Super Bowl XL 40-Days of Fitness" umbrella, the College joined the Greater Detroit Area Health Council, area health-system organizations, and other academic institutions to encourage healthier lifestyles in southeastern Michigan communities.

During the 40 days leading to Super Bowl

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WSU and Henry Ford Hospital Partner in Training Program

Wayne State University (WSU) and Henry Ford Hospital (HFH) have entered into a partnership, which moves the hospital-based Radiologic Technology program from a certificate to baccalaureate degree program.

The Radiologic Technology degree program began in September in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) and is the only baccalaureate degree program of its kind in Michigan.

"This partnership grew out of a concern that the HFH-based

training program was no longer addressing the best interests of the professional community or the patient population," explained Kathleen Kath, director, EACPHS Radiologic Technology program, and former director of the HFH certificate program.

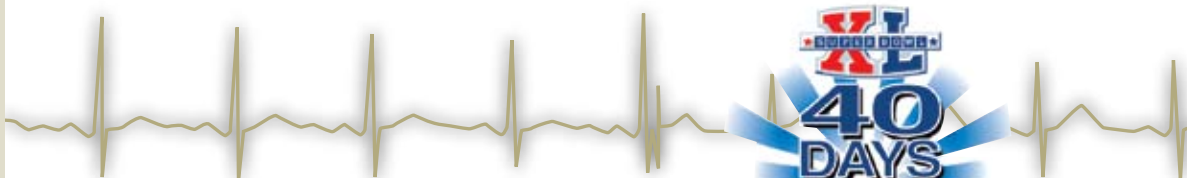
Beverly J. Schmoll, EACPHS dean, said, "This partnership brings together two quality health care institutions, one provides the general academic education, while the other provides the professional coursework and clinical experience."

The HFH-WSU

Radiologic Technology curriculum enables students to take WSU general education requirements and professional pre-requisite coursework during the first two years of study, followed by two years of professional curriculum to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. The curriculum also is designed to provide non-degree radiologic technologists with the opportunity to complete required coursework leading to a bachelor degree, while applying their previous knowledge and skills to the degree requirements.

Radiologic technologists are health care professionals who administer prescribed radiation for medical diagnoses. They perform radiographic procedures, such as fluoroscopic and CT scans, using

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EACPHS student assistant Anthony Moody, Dean Beverly J. Schmoll and Super Bowl veteran Lomas Brown were among the 500 participants at the EACPHS student-sponsored "Kick Start Your Heart" mixer.



Physician Assistant Studies student Meghan Bulger checks blood pressure during one of three health screenings offered through "The Open Door" ministry of Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

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XL (Feb. 5 in Detroit's Ford Field), participating organizations sponsored a variety of health and wellness events under the NFL Super Bowl XL logo. "Our participation in '40 Days of Fitness' just made sense, aligning with our strategic directions of social responsibility, holistic education, and positive impact on external environments," explained Dean Schmoll. "But, I never envisioned that our event would be on the scale that it turned out to be."

The three-hour student mixer "Kick Start Your Heart" used games, exercise, nutrition and other educational activities to promote a healthy heart and lifestyle.

Student representatives from the College's four departments designed and organized the activities, which were spread over two floors of the building. Games included "Can You Target Your Cholesterol" football throw; Club XL showing the effects of leisure drugs; "Eat Your Heart Out" healthy pizza tasting; the "Jeopardy" of caffeine and stimulants; "The Pace Race" obstacle course evaluating heart rate; Condom Bingo; "Lub, Dub & Grub," the price you pay for junk and other foods; "Hustle for Health and Fitness" and karate demonstrations to stimulate the heart and tone muscles.

In addition, the

students served as greeters and tour guides to guests, distributed fliers university-wide and rallied fellow students on main campus to catch a shuttle to the College for fun, health and fitness.

"I visited every game and even participated in several," said Dean Schmoll. "I was very impressed with our students' creativity to make 'getting active, getting fit and getting healthy' fun."

"Kick Start Your Heart" even drew star power. Among the more than 500 participants was former Lion and two-time Super Bowl veteran Lomas Brown. "Our College and students made quite an impression



Physical Therapy student Romina Carlesimo cheers on Super Bowl veteran Lomas Brown as he tries to beat his assistant, Daniel Robinson, in The Pace Race obstacle course.

Detroit. The health screenings, under the direction and guidance of faculty, included blood pressure and foot examinations as well as referrals for needs-based community services.

"The experience

Leading to Super Bowl game day, Physician Assistant Studies student Kimberly Wilson compiled a count down of "40 Days of Health Facts and Tips" on the EACPHS website. Approximately 7,000 hits were logged on the site.

Other College-sponsored activities occurring during this time were health screenings at a pharmacy in Highland Park and health appraisals for Special Olympics Detroit.

"The 'Super Bowl XL 40-Days of Fitness' experience was an extraordinary time for our College," said Dean Schmoll. "It brought a total commitment from faculty, staff and students. It truly was an awesome experience."



In the "End...Zone," Physician Assistant Studies students Mike Baldwin and Jennifer Konja shows the affects of unhealthy lifestyles on the organs.

on him," said Dean Schmoll, adding that Brown now serves on our Board of Visitors.

The student mixer was the culmination of several community outreach activities that the College sponsored as part of "Super Bowl XL 40-Days of Fitness." For three days in January, Physician Assistant Studies, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy students provided health screenings to 218 homeless and medically underserved through "The Open Door Ministry" of Fort Street Presbyterian Church,

was very positive and rewarding," said Stephanie J. Gilkey, director of the Physician Assistant Studies program. "It brought accessible health care services to those in our communities who are in need and provided our students with an interdisciplinary learning experience. "



Christine Carlson (right), assistant professor- clinical, gives Physical Therapy students last minute instructions before beginning foot exams during health screenings at "The Open Door" ministry. The students are (from left) Andrea Sherman, Anne Grazian, Sonika Singh, Valeri Love, Michelle Pouliot, and Dawn Allen.



Pharmacy students hosted Club XL, which focused on the negative affects of leisure drugs. Spinning the tunes of the day were DJs (from left) Jason Mulawa and Jeff Iturrer.

Faculty Distinguished Activities

Appointments . . .

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) has renewed the appointment of **Anjaneyulu Kowluru**, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, as Research Career Scientist at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center. The appointment is for seven years and brings advancement to Senior Research Career Scientist, the highest ranked research appointment in the VA system.

This fall, Kowluru was inducted into the Wayne State University Academy of Scholars. As explained in the Academy's Bylaws, this lifetime honor is "the highest recognition that may be bestowed upon faculty members by their colleagues. . . . The scholars of the Academy are chosen from the most productive and widely recognized scholars at the University." Kowluru is the first EACPHS faculty member to be accepted into the most prestigious faculty group on the WSU campus.



Anjaneyulu Kowluru

Susan Talley, program director, Physical Therapy, serves on the Advisory Board for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, MI.

Awards . . .

The 2006 Faculty Research Recognition Award was presented to **David Oupicky**, assistant professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. In receiving the award, Oupicky was cited for two extraordinary years of scholarship 2004 – 2006. He is valued for his research skills and for his

growing list of research accomplishments. In the short time that Oupicky has been with the College, he has submitted 19 grant applications totaling \$7 million. In 2004-05, he received a five-year NIH RO1 grant "Gene delivery modulated by redox potential gradients" (\$1.6 million) and a two-year NIH R21 grant "Synthetic vectors of pH-targeted gene delivery" (\$250,000). He has assembled an excellent laboratory group that includes three PhD students, two MS students, two postdoctoral fellows, a research assistant, and several professional and summer students. During the past three years, he has published 10 peer-reviewed manuscripts, a review article and three book chapters. Two manuscripts are in press, one is submitted for peer review, and four are in preparation. Oupicky joined the College in August 2002, following a three-year postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, and after earning a PhD in Macromolecular Chemistry from the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague.



David Oupicky

Linda Jaber, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, received the 2006 Excellence in Research Award in clinical research from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. She received the award for her research examining the epidemiology of diabetes among Arab Americans. The project, funded by the American Diabetes Association, was done

in collaboration with William Herman, MD, and Morton Brown, PhD, both from the University of Michigan, and Adnan Hammad, PhD, of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). The award provides \$10,000 in funds for clinical or health policy research.

Jean Garza, assistant professor – clinical, Clinical Laboratory Science, was awarded an Omicron Sigma Award for service from the Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

Fellowships . . .

Denise Rhoney, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, was selected as a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine. She was selected for the honor based on a rigorous review by the credentials committee of this multiprofessional organization. She is expected to be inducted during the organization's annual meeting in February. The American College of Critical Care Medicine is part of the Chicago-based Society of Critical Care Medicine, the international organization for intensive care healthcare providers.

Grants . . .

The WSU Research Enhancement Program has awarded \$214,000 in support to **Jayanth Panyam**, assistant professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. He was awarded the grant as principal investigator for the proposal "Enhancing Chemo- and Photodynamic Therapy in Breast Cancer Using Nanotechnology."

The Research Enhancement Program also notified Panyam that he is receiving \$96,000 in funding for his work as co-investigator on two-grant proposals "Nanotechnology-based Approaches for Understanding and Preventing Chlamydial

College Update . . .

EACPHS Office of Enrollment Management welcomed 18 students to the inaugural HealthPro Start program. This unique Bachelor of Science program leading to a professional degree is a highly competitive program which trains innovators and critical thinkers. First year students in the program are treated as part of the Pharmacy and Health Sciences community. The program emphasizes mentoring and research opportunities for each student and provides immediate and ongoing contact with program faculty and students. First-year students are guaranteed admission to the program of choice within the EACPHS as long as continuation criteria are met.

On Aug. 21, the College held orientation for 235 new students, excluding Physician Assistant Studies students who began in May. In addition, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy held orientation programs to welcome students to their respective courses of study. About 85 first year pharmacy students received their white coats.

The monthly College Information night, held the first Tuesday of each month, is drawing a high level of interest from potential students and their families. In August, Academic Service Officers and Program Directors under the direction of Interim Director of Enrollment Management Richard Slaughter hosted more than 200 persons, the largest group to date, to learn about the College's 25 degree and certificate programs in the health sciences.

Our facility is one of the few buildings on the WSU campus to have Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED) equipment. The AEDs are located on each floor next to the elevators. While in-service instruction was provided to faculty, staff and students, each AED is user friendly with audio instructions.

Pathogenesis" and "Nanoparticles in Breast Cancer Therapy-Delivery of Gene, siRNA and Chemotherapeutics."

WSU Provost Nancy S. Barrett awarded the **Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences** a Research Enhancement Grant. The \$250,000 grant will span over two years and support faculty research endeavors. The department's proposal was one of two proposals (out of eight University proposals submitted) to be awarded the enhancement grant.

Four faculty members in the Department of Health Care Sciences received a \$29,980 Innovative Technology Grant for an interdisciplinary pedagogical project. They are **Frederick**

Pociask, assistant professor- clinical, Physical Therapy; **Susan Talley**, program director, Physical Therapy; **Joseph Pellerito**, program director, Occupational Therapy; and **John McGinnity**, associate professor, Physician Assistant Studies.

Allon Goldberg, assistant professor, Physical Therapy, was awarded a Del Harder Rehabilitation Research grant. The study is looking at "whether dynamic balance training is effective in reducing risk for falls in older adults."

Programs . . .

David Bassett, professor, Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences, and

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Linda Jaber, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, served on the Scientific Committee for the 4th National Conference on Health Issues in the Arab American Community, Dearborn, MI. The two-day conference in May provided medical practitioners and health care professionals an academic forum to showcase their research, health programs and activities, and to interact with colleagues.

Christine Carlson, assistant professor-clinical, Physical Therapy, coordinated this past spring the State of Michigan Physical Therapy Student Conclave at Oakland University.

Kim Dunleavy, assistant professor-clinical, Physical Therapy, taught a course on "Mobilization and Exercise for Musculoskeletal Dysfunction" for the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Recognition . . .

The Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross recognized **Dean Beverly J. Schmoll** for her service as chair of the Board and for her 25 years of service to the organization.

Janet Brown, program director, Clinical Laboratory Science, was sworn in as president-elect of the Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science this past spring.

The 2006 EACPHS Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented to full-time faculty **Douglas Miller**, professor – clinical, Department of Pharmacy Practice, and **Patrick M. Woster**, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences; and part-time faculty **Susan Koziatek**, instructor in

New Faculty and Staff

Kevin M. Geltz is full-time assistant clinical professor and clinical coordinator for the Physician Assistant Studies (PAS) program in the Department of Health Care Sciences. Since May 2002, he served as part-time clinical coordinator in PAS. Geltz also practices clinically in Emergency Medicine at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Medicine from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, and a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Practice from Finch University-Chicago Medical School. His professional affiliations include the American Academy of Physician Assistants, Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants, and American Heart Association Instructor Network.



Kevin M. Geltz

Kathleen Kath is director for the Radiologic Technology program in the Department of Health Care Sciences. Since 1986, she has served in a similar position at Henry Ford Hospital. Kath also is an adjunct faculty at Oakland Community College, Southfield, MI,

the Occupational Therapy program, and **Mary Walczyk**, instructor in the Nurse Anesthesia program. Nominated by EACPHS faculty or students, award recipients are chosen by a committee of their peers who also are past award recipients.

where she has taught in the radiologic technology program since 1989. She received her technical education in radiologic technology from Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Allied Health and Psychology from Stephens College, Columbia, MO, and a Master of Science in General Psychology from Walden University, Minneapolis. Professional memberships include the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists, and Association of Educators in Radiologic Sciences, American Psychological Association, and the Society for the Teaching of Psychology.



Kathleen Kath

Adam F. Kempa is director for the Radiation Therapy Technology program in the Department of Health Care Sciences. He has taught and developed curriculum in Radiation Therapy Technology at Wayne State for the past 24 years, 17 of those years at EACPHS. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy Technology from the University of Oklahoma

The Pharmacy classes announced their outstanding faculty for the 2005-06 year. The P-3 class voted **David Edwards**, chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice, as Faculty of the Year; P-2 class voted **Robert Louis-Ferdinand**, professor, Department

Health Science Center, Oklahoma City, and a Master of Education degree in Instructional Technology from Wayne State University. Kempa is a registered radiation therapy technologist and board certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Professional memberships are the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists, and the Michigan Association of Radiation Therapy Technologists.



Adam F. Kempa

Dennis M. O'Brien is an assistant professor in the Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences. He is a certified industrial hygienist and registered professional engineer, State of Ohio. O'Brien earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Physics from Xavier University, Cincinnati; and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering and a doctorate in Industrial Hygiene, both from the University of Cincinnati. Professional memberships are the American Industrial Hygiene Association

of Pharmaceutical Sciences; and P-1 class, **Jesse Vivian**, professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice.

Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthesia Students presented **Prudentia Worth**, director, Nurse Anesthesia

and the American Society of Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Engineers.



Dennis M. O'Brien

Marla Stone is an administrative manager in the Business Office. She joined Wayne State University in 1985 and has held positions of increased responsibilities in administrative management, human resource/staffing levels, cost projections, budget planning, labor negotiations, contract administration, project management and procedure development. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a minor in accounting from Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI.



Marla Stone

program, with a 2006 Guiding Light Award recognizing her contributions to the social, educational and professional development of EACPHS nurse anesthesia students.

Lisa Whitmore Davis is development director for the College. Prior to joining the WSU Development Office, Davis was public affairs director for the Office of the Wayne County Clerk. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in human resources and community relations from Michigan State University. She also did post baccalaureate course work in a non-profit sector management program at Wayne State University and the School of Philanthropy, Indiana University.



Lisa Whitmore Davis

Service Anniversaries. . .

- 35 years – **Christine A. Ford**, secretary, Clinical Laboratory Science program, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences.
- 30 years – **Karmen M. Brown**, assistant professor, Occupational Therapy, Department of Health Care Sciences; **Robert T. Louis-Ferdinand**, professor, and **Shirley Ann McClain**, office services clerk, both in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- 15 years – **Jean V. Garza**, assistant professor – clinical, Clinical Laboratory Science (36 years total at WSU); **Pramodini B. Kale-Pradhan**, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice.
- 10 years – **Peter D. Frade**, chair, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences; and **Jennifer M. Moore**, academic services officer, Office of Enrollment Services.



Karmen M. Brown (right), director of Fieldwork Education and assistant professor, Occupational Therapy, was honored and celebrated on the occasion of her retirement from Wayne State University after 30 years of service. She is known nationally for her contributions to experiential education. In retirement, Brown plans to pursue her creative interests. She shows some of her artistic endeavors to Dean Schmolli.



This past spring, Patti Clayton, PhD, director for the Service-Learning Program, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, held a small group workshop on critical reflection and assessment of student learning at our College. She also presented a College-wide seminar on "The Scholarship of Teaching & Learning."



The Department of Pharmacy Practice (PPR) hosted 90 preceptors at an August breakfast honoring the professionals and their organizations, which serve as preceptors for our Pharmacy students. Outstanding preceptors, voted by the Longitudinal Advanced Practice Program (LAP) students, are (from left) James Winegarden of William Beaumont Hospital, Melissa Doyle of St. John Hospital, Susan LeRoque Davis of Henry Ford Hospital, a PPR assistant professor; and Shelia Wilhelm of Harper University Hospital, PPR assistant professor.

Student Accomplishments

Student Honors . . .

Christopher Cendrowski and **Abigail Harris**, both 2006 graduates from the Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) program, took first and second place (out of 84 individuals) respectively in the CLS/Medical Technology Mock Registration Exam at the Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Meeting this past spring.

Mandeep K. Shergill, Pharmacy student, received an Outstanding Community Impact Award from the Michigan Campus Compact. The award recognized her work in organizing a four-month medical sign language class, which was open to students and faculty to learn about the deaf culture and effective communication.

David Pitts, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, worked with Shergill to create a Student Cultural Competency Committee. She also served as president of the Academy of Student Pharmacists.

The Board of Grants of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education awarded a 2006 Gateway to Research Scholarship to **Nicole R. Pinelli**, Pharmacy student. Pinelli was among 15 students nationwide to receive \$5,000 to support participation in state-of-the-science pharmaceutical research from June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007. She is conducting her research "Neurohormonal Inhibition of Atrial Fibrillation" under the supervision of **James S. Kalus**, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice.

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technologically advanced equipment to produce images of anatomical structures for evaluation by radiologists (physicians).

To learn more about the WSU-HFH Radiologic Technology program go to the EACPHS Department

of Health Care Sciences website <http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/hcs.html> or contact the EACPHS Office of Student Affairs at 313-577-1716. The College holds monthly information meetings on all its health sciences programs.

In the News...

Matt Coleman, who earned a master's degree in physical therapy, was featured in the Jan. 8 edition of *The Detroit News*, "Wayne State graduate spends his life helping others succeed." At the age of five, he was diagnosed with cancer and eventually lost his leg to the disease. While Coleman continues to struggle with the disease and to undergo physical therapy, he is dedicating his life to helping others with disabilities.

Tyler Pray, a 2006 graduate from the Mortuary Science program, had an article "Ritual Across Cultures" published in the March/April 2006 edition of *The Independent* magazine, the official publication of the International Order of the Golden Rule. The article was reprinted in the July 2006 edition of Michigan Funeral Directors Association's *Journal* magazine. The article discusses the need for funeral directors to understand and respect the cultural differences in providing services.

Occupational Therapy students **Jennifer Guanio** and **Marwan Francesc** were featured in a spring edition of *Cass Messenger*, a publication of the Cass Community Social Services (CCSS). It was the first time that CCSS served as a host site for EACPHS fieldwork students. The experience was positive for both students and CCSS.



The Academy of Student Pharmacists, American Pharmacists Association, raised \$879 from its annual Pie-in-the-Face fundraiser. All in good fun, the faculty and student who raised the most money get the honor of being pied. This year, Prof. Patrick Woster (right) took honors among the faculty (\$298.50), while Nicole Pinelli (left) earned honors among the students (\$179.92). The money assists the organization in defraying expenses for travel to professional meetings.



Taking poster award honors at the 3rd annual Research Forum 2006 were Stacy Schepens (left center) and Nicole Pinelli. Schepens, a graduate student in the Occupational Therapy program, won in the "Graduate" category for "Relationships between trunk position sense, falls and balance confidence in older adults." Pinelli, a fourth-year PharmD candidate, won in the "Student" category for "The effects of a pharmacist-driven protocol to optimize and sustain utilization of cardioprotective medication use in a hemodialysis patient population." Dean Schmoll and Michael Rybak, assistant dean for Research, congratulate the winners on their work.



Leah Steinke, first year Pharmacy student and member of the WSU Women's Cross Country team, was the recipient of one of six Student-Athlete Dean's Awards in April. Dean Schmoll presented the award to Steinke at the sixth annual WSU Athletic Department Academic Recognition luncheon in Historic St. Andrew's Hall on the WSU campus. Steinke received the award for having the highest cumulative grade-point average among all student-athletes in our College



This year's Donors and Scholars Program awarded 77 scholarships. During a luncheon following the program, the students were able to personally thank the generosity of alumni, friends, and organizational representatives who invest in their future. Dean Beverly J. Schmoll (left) and Patricia Brogan, associate professor-clinical, Occupational and Environment Health Sciences, congratulate graduate student Tolulola A. Akinbiyi, who was awarded the Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences/Ford Motor Company African American Scholarship.

First Deputy Dean Makes Grant to Occupational Therapy Program

The Occupational Therapy (OT) program recently received a \$200,000 grant from **Martha E. Schnebly**, the first Deputy Dean of Allied Health in 1975 and a former chair of Occupational Therapy.

"Dr. Schnebly loved mentoring students and promoting evidence-based research, long before it was popular," said Joseph Pellerito, program director, Occupational Therapy. "This gift will continue to perpetuate her interest in student scholarship and empirical research for years to come. It is a fitting tribute to a woman of vision."

While working in Occupational Therapy,

Schnebly together with her friend and social worker Enid Lawlor started the first battered women's shelter in Michigan – Women in Transition (WIT). She also served in the U.S. Army during World War II and attained the rank of colonel. Her doctorate degree in Education was earned from Columbia University.

Schnebly retired as a full professor from Wayne State in 1984. She lives in Scottsdale, AZ.

For her many years of service and support to the College and University, President Irvin D. Reid bestowed "professor emeritus" status on Schnebly.



Dean Schmoll stopped at the pharmacy of Elizabeth H. Greene-Weisz (Pharm '41) June 14 to congratulate the alumna on the occasion of her 90th birthday. A practicing pharmacist since 1941, she is president of Physicians Drug Center, Inc., near the Detroit Medical Center campus. A donor of the College, Greene-Weisz established the Elizabeth Greene-Weisz Pharmacy Scholarship in 1993 to provide assistance to African-American Pharmacy students.



During the Festival of the Arts in June, the Dean and faculty from the Physical Therapy (PT) program met EACPHS alumni and friends at the Alumni Association Pancake breakfast. Dean Schmoll, (from left) Katie Palazzolo (PT '00); Sue Talley, PT program director; and Allon Goldberg, PT assistant professor; talk with (from right) Jennifer Nickita (PT '86) and Diane Dolinshek (PT '93) Nickita was one of eight EACPHS alumni honored in 2005 for outstanding achievement in her health profession.

Seven Distinguished Alumni Honored for Professional Achievements

During the College's Alumni Reunion 2006, seven alumni were honored for outstanding achievement in their health science professions. Receiving special recognition on Oct. 12 were:

Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) – **Dorothy M. Brown**, PhD, MT (ASCP) (CLS/MT '57) headed the Medical Technology program at Wayne State University from 1967 until her retirement in 1996. In 1981, the WSU Provost appointed her Deputy Dean of Allied Health Professions, with the understanding that this was an added assignment to her current position as chair of Medical Technology and that her position as Deputy Dean was subject to review upon appointment of the next dean. Brown remained Deputy Dean until 1993.

Mortuary Science (Mort Sci) – **Roger Husband** (Mort Sci '99) is director of Community Outreach in EACPHS Mortuary Science program as well as an embalming and restorative art laboratory instructor. He also is employed as a funeral director and mortician with the Swanson Funeral Home, Detroit. His professional accomplishments include the Achievement in Funeral Service 2006 from the Michigan Funeral Directors Association; Rising Star 2004 from the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association; and EACPHS Part-time Faculty Teaching Award 2002.

Occupational & Environmental Health Sciences (OEHS) – **Henry B. Lick**, PhD, CIH, CSP, ROH (OEHS '83) has more than 45 years experience as a health safety and environmental professional. During his 32-year career at Ford Motor Co., Lick held several management and health and safety assignments. Among his last assignments was the development of a first of its kind partnership between Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Ford Motor, and the UAW. He has served on numerous national and local professional boards and committees.

Occupational Therapy (OT) – **Masline Horton** (OT '56), retired, was a professor and coordinator of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Schoolcraft College, Livonia, 1968-91. She served on the Highland Park Board of Education and was a special education teacher 1966-68. Horton also worked as a special education teacher at Northville Training School, 1965-66, and was staff therapist, educational coordinator, assistant director and director of the Occupational Therapy Department, Northville State Hospital, 1955-65.

Physical Therapy (PT) – **Clarice May Brown** (PT '67), owner and director of Brighton Physical Therapy and Allied Health Services, PC, is one of the first women in Michigan to have her own private practice. She is an active member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Michigan Physical Therapy Association, where she has served on several committees beginning in 1970 as Membership chair, Nominating Committee chair for the Eastern District, Reference Committee chair, and member of the Legislative and Practice Committees and Board of Directors.

Pharmacy (Pharm) – **Daniel M. Ashby**, MS, FASHP (Pharm '71 & '77) is director of Pharmacy for The Johns Hopkins Hospital

and clinical professor with the School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland. While working in Michigan (1971-90), he served as an original member of the task force that wrote the Pharmacy Certified Technician training manual, established the Pharmacy Technician certification examination, and served as a founding member of the Michigan Pharmacy Certified Technician (PCT) Board of Examiners. He has served as a faculty member of Wayne State University, the University of Michigan, the University of Tennessee, the University of Mississippi and the University of Maryland.

Nurse Anesthesia (NA) – **Jeffrey M. Beutler**, CRNA, MS (NA '80 & '83) is chief executive officer of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). In this capacity, he serves as executive director and corporate secretary for the AANA and secretary of the AANA Foundation Board of Directors. He also serves as president of AANA Management Services, Inc. and AANA Insurance Services. Prior to joining AANA as executive director, Beutler was president and managing partner of Anesthesia Professional Services, PC, in Grand Rapids, MI. He has served on the board of directors of the Michigan and Colorado Associations of Nurse Anesthetists.



2006 Distinguished Alumni are (from left) Clarice May Brown, Physical Therapy; Henry B. Lick, Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences; Masline Horton, Occupational Therapy; Roger Husband, Mortuary Science; Dorothy M. Brown, Clinical Laboratory Science; Daniel M. Ashby, Pharmacy; and Dean Schmoll. Not pictured is Jeffery M. Beutler, Nurse Anesthesia.

Alumni Notes

Shelly Brown (Mort Sci '01) was featured in the Oct. 14 edition of the Detroit Free Press magazine "Twist." She was interviewed on the 25th anniversary of the family's business, David C. Brown Funeral Home, in Belleville, MI.

Roger Husband (Mort Sci '99), funeral director at Swanson Funeral Home, Detroit, and part-time faculty in EACPHS Mortuary Science, had the honor of embalming civil rights pioneer and activist Rosa Parks. Swanson was responsible for carrying out funeral arrangements for Mrs. Parks, who died in October 2005 at the age of 92.

Ron Melragni (Pharm '66) and **Ronald Coleman** (Pharm '68) were involved in the kick-off for a public health safety campaign on the dangers of driving while using medication. The Michigan Secretary of State and Michigan Pharmacists Association launched the campaign earlier this year.

Ericka Ridgeway (Pharm '05) received the Best Resident/Fellow Poster award at the spring meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy in Monterey, CA. Her poster presentation was "The Effects of

National Guideline and Evidence Based Medicine on Thiazide Diuretic Prescribing in Outpatient Resident Clinic."

Edward J. Rohn (Forensic Sci '03) and **Peter D. Frade**, chair, Department of Fundamental and Applied Sciences, co-authored "The Role of Diatoms in Medicolegal Investigations I: The History Contemporary Science, and Application of the Diatom Test for Drowning," published in the Fall 2006 issue of *The Forensic Examiner* 14:3; 10-15.

Joseph A. Stark (Pharm '39) was honored as the oldest member of the Polish Century Club of Detroit, during the club's 90th anniversary celebration. He was initiated into the club in 1941.

Craig Svensson, a former professor and associate chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences from November 1985 to September 2003, was named dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Gregory J. Szpunar (Pharm '80) was appointed group vice president, Global Project Management, Schering-

Plough Research Institute. He is responsible for executing and managing a global project management function for product development and commercialization process. Szpunar is based in Kenilworth, NJ.

Velma Ward (CLS/MT '50) served as a USA ambassador to the Inaugural World Forum July 4-9, co-hosted by the American Biographical Institute and International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England. She also received a certificate of Global Fellowship for attending the Forum at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, England, as part of an international delegation exclusively invited to attend due to extraordinary professional accomplishments and an interest in furthering knowledge, cultural awareness, peace and fellowship among the citizens of the world.

Christine Zambricki (NA '78 & '80) was appointed chief operations officer and chief nursing officer at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Prior to her appointment, she was chief nurse executive and administrative hospital director for William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI.

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In Memoriam . . .

Milton Bartick (Pharm '50) died Jan. 29. He left Detroit in 1959 for California where he worked in a variety of retail chain stores.

Gerald E. Bodendistel (Pharm '63) died Jan. 12 at the age of 70. He was a past president of the Michigan State Pharmacist Association and former owner of Beacon Hill Pharmacy in Grosse Pointe Park, MI.

Richard H. Schell, DEd, died on May 16 in Florida. Dr. Schell was the registrar for the College during the 1980's.

Belle Moskowitz Schwartzfeld (Pharm '50) died Nov. 28 in Arizona at the age of 96. She was a former director of pharmacy at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Mrs. Schwartzfeld was instrumental in establishing the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists. She also was a charter member of Lambda Kappa Sigma Fraternity and helped establish the Graduate Chapter. Her love of compounding led her to develop an ointment for diaper rash, which she was able to get on the hospital formularies and into the retail pharmacies.

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