

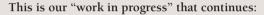


Our Work in Progress

Dear Friends,

As I make preparations to leave my post on June 30, 2013, I want to take this time to thank all of you for my wonderful 17-year tenure as Dean. I could have never asked for better alumni and friends of the college. I am very grateful for your support and energy over these many years.

Together, we have strengthened pharmacy education and the professional role of pharmacists in patient care. We built a program that stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the top pharmacy colleges in the nation.



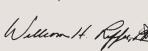
- Thanks to our many supporters, we exceeded the college's \$15M fund-raising goal set by the University of Florida's capital campaign "Florida Tomorrow."
- The current financial state of the UF College of Pharmacy is solid. In 1997, I began with \$13M in revenue, and in 2012, we have more than tripled our revenue to \$42M.
- We have enhanced our curriculum to meet the demands of pharmacists' role in health care. Our graduate programs grew from 66 to 93 Ph.D. students.
- The educational outreach of the college has expanded from one campus to four healthy campuses around the state of Florida. Our graduates consistently achieve national board scores considerably higher than the national average.
- We have expanded our professional WPPD and graduate programs across the U.S. and internationally through our entrepreneurial distance education initiatives.
- We have built / improved facilities in four cities: Gainesville -- the new HPNP building, and renovation of our 7-story research facilities. Jacksonville - renovation at Shands Jacksonville for our students there. St. Petersburg – A new building for our students there. Orlando – a new campus home for our Orlando students.
- Our college also led the university's efforts in Orlando, joining the UF College of Medicine to build the UF Research and Academic Center at the Lake Nona Medical City — in addition to our academic program, we also established a new Research Center for Pharmacometrics and Systems Pharmacology.

These many accomplishments are all due to your hard work and dedication to a vision I have shared with you over these years. A new dean search committee with faculty and staff representation from our college is now in place. We have shared with the committee, valuable input from our alumni and advisory board members that will help find the best leadership with qualities we all embrace.

Just as I was blessed to build on the solid foundation created by Dean Emeritus Mike Swartz, it is my hope and expectation that the next dean of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy will build on what we have accomplished.

God Bless you all, and thank you for your dedication,

William H. Reffer D







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ON THE COVER: Judy and Bill Riffee stand on the patio of their home where they have welcomed so many guests. (Photo by Jesse Jones/UF Health News)



Dean William H. Riffee, Ph.D. A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & PROGRESS

By Linda Homewood

illiam H. Riffee, Ph.D., dean of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy since 1996, reflects on progress as he prepares to step down from his position at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year next June.

Riffee hailed his colleagues and students as partners who helped him as he led the college into the future.

"I could have never asked for a better group of faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the college," Riffee said. "You all have done great things and have made me very proud to be associated with you."

Seventeen years ago, he and his wife, Judy Riffee, R.Ph., began building a new foundation in Gainesville, Fla. in an historic log home as Riffee accepted his new post in leading the college. Throughout many years to follow, the door remained open welcoming thousands of guests — an extended pharmacy family of faculty, students, graduates, alumni, staff and friends of the college for graduations and holidays.

"When I first assumed leadership of the college, my goal was for the faculty to have ownership, working together and enjoying good company to build a top program," Riffee said. "Looking back now, I have the satisfaction of knowing that my vision of 'There's no limit to what this college can accomplish' was on the mark."

Only the sixth dean in the college's nearly 90-year history, Riffee came to UF after 21 years on the faculty of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas. His first priority at UF was to strengthen its Pharm.D. curriculum by implementing problem-based learning, based on his belief that what student pharmacists learn through their studies is only the beginning of their professional practice. In addition to preparing students, he strongly supported faculty development that allowed the college's educators to expand their teaching methods beyond traditional approaches.

"Dr. Riffee's service to the UF community in advancing pharmacy education and research is invaluable," said David S. Guzick, M.D., Ph.D., senior vice president for health affairs and president of the UF&Shands Health System.

A pioneer in distance learning, Riffee implemented tele-education programs at multiple campuses at UT, then brought similar technologies to UF. That opened UF's professional and graduate programs to students across the U.S. and the world. Such globalized programs include the Working Professional Pharm.D. program — the largest in the nation — and expanded master's programs in forensic science, health policy, pharmaceutical chemistry, clinical toxicology, medication therapy management and clinical pharmacy. From 2001 to 2006, Riffee also served as UF associate provost for distance, continuing and executive education.

Riffee also fulfilled his pledge of "working together and enjoying good company" as he and Judy worked shoulder-to-shoulder hosting one celebration after another, three or four times a year in their home. The couple graduated together in 1967 from the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy. Riffee loves to tease her, telling guests that because his wife graduated at the top of their class, he had no choice but to continue his education to get a Ph.D.

After pharmacy school, Riffee joined the United States Public Health Service, commissioned as a Lieutenant, until 1970 when he entered a graduate program in pharmacology at The Ohio State University. He received his Ph.D. there in 1975.

Building on his early technologies at UT, in 2002, Riffee expanded the reach of the UF College of Pharmacy by establishing three new campuses in Jacksonville, Orlando and St. Petersburg, to serve students in their home communities. In addition to enhancing educational opportunities for students, he also sought to improve the college's physical facilities. During his tenure, a five-story pharmacy academic wing, which includes a clinical skills lab, was built in collaboration with the colleges of Public Health and Health Professions and Nursing in the shared Health Professions/Nursing/Pharmacy Complex. A new building also was erected on the St. Petersburg College campus and renovations were made at the Shands Jacksonville facility for Pharm.D.

students. Renovations also were made to the sevenstory pharmacy research wing of the UF Stetson Medical Sciences Building to accommodate the college's graduate research activities under way at the UF Health Science Center.

UF's pharmacy research program grew during Riffee's tenure, too. Research revenues have almost doubled, from nearly \$5 million in 1997 to \$9 million today.

In fall 2010, Riffee joined other UF leaders in breaking ground for the UF Research and Academic Center in Orlando at

When I first assumed leadership of the college, my goal was for the faculty to have ownership, working together and enjoying good company to build a top program.

Lake Nona, which benefited from \$3.5 million in College of Pharmacy resources. Building on its strong research programs in Gainesville, the college established a new Research Center for Pharmacometrics and Systems Pharmacology in the Lake Nona Medical City. The new UF facility also serves as a home campus for UF Pharm.D. students in Orlando.

This fall, in October, the college joined a campus-wide celebration of the success of the university's seven-year capital campaign. Riffee shared the results with his national advisory board members, faculty and college donors at a dinner he and Judy hosted, once more, in their home.

"Thanks to our many supporters, we have exceeded — by more than \$1 million — the college's \$15-million fundraising goal set by the UF Florida Tomorrow campaign," Riffee announced.

The Riffee's log home, built in 1930, has remained just as vibrant today as a gathering place for the families of all who have been associated with the college. Like the log home, Riffee's hope after his years of leadership is that his "work in progress" will provide a solid foundation for the next dean of the UF College of Pharmacy to build on.

Professional Pharmacy Programs Reach Milestones

By Linda Homewood



Jacob Henson, Class of 2012

n May 2012, the University of Florida College of Pharmacy reached two milestones in its Doctor of Pharmacy programs. The entry-level Pharm.D. program marked the 10th anniversary of its three distance campuses in Florida, while the Working Professional Pharm.D. (WPPD) program announced its 2,000th graduate.

In 2002, the college established campuses in Jacksonville, Orlando, and St. Petersburg, allowing more Florida students an opportunity to earn a doctor of pharmacy degree. Through distance learning technologies, these campuses share the same curriculum as the Gainesville campus. Each May, more than 300 student pharmacists from the four campuses come together as one student body to graduate at the UF commencement exercises in Gainesville.

Jacob Henson, an Army veteran who served in Iraq, received his pharmacy degree last spring after completing coursework using distance learning technology from the college's campus in St. Petersburg, Fla. Henson is the first person in his family in more than seven generations to graduate with a professional degree as a doctor of pharmacy.

Henson was serving in the U.S. Army and had completed his basic training when the 9-11 disaster struck. His unit was called into Bagdad to patrol the streets and he continued his duty in the Mideast for three more years. In 2004, he returned home to St. Petersburg, Fla. to continue his college education and received his associate of arts degree at the St. Petersburg College.

Katherine Vogel Anderson, Pharm.D., a clinical assistant professor at the UF College of Pharmacy graduated from the college in 2003 as the distance campuses first began growing. Now she is back in the college teaching students at the four campuses.

"Having the distance education programs, really goes with the theme of the Gator Nation being everywhere," Anderson said. "I am confident that the University of Florida students — who are everywhere, are well trained, they are going to be excellent pharmacists, and they care about people."

Canadian Pharmacist Robert Ford carries the distinction of being the 2,000th WPPD graduate. The program, established in 1994, allows licensed pharmacists living and working anywhere in North America to earn the UF Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Ford earned his bachelor of pharmacy in 1975 from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Upon admission to the UF WPPD program in 2009, he studied through online coursework, participated in class discussion boards and met during weekend seminars with his Las Vegas cohort.

"Furthering my education to the level of Doctor of Pharmacy was a dream that began after a conference in California early in my career," Ford said.

American Pharmacists Association Awards & Recognition

pring 2012, Dean William Riffee led his students and faculty in receiving recognition at the American Pharmacists Association meeting in New Orleans. Riffee was elected Speaker-elect to the APhA House of Delegates. Represented by more than 450 elected members from 50 state associations, the House of Delegates meets each year at APhA in a forum for discussion, consensus building, and policy setting for the pharmacy profession.

Riffee believes it's important for representatives from the academic world of pharmacy to be involved in APhA policies.

"We bridge between what is being done now in patient care and what will happen in the future as educators for the next generation of practitioners," Riffee said.

In 2013, as Speaker, Riffee will serve two years on the Board of Trustees of the APhA, which implements the policies developed in the House of Delegates.

Drug supply shortages and their impact on patient care, standardization of pharmacy practice descriptions and recognition as healthcare providers, and controlled substances regulation are some of the issues Riffee expects to weigh-in on as a delegate on the national level.

Adding to UF honors, Professor Carole Kimberlin, Ph.D. received the Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APhA-APRS) Research Achievement Award. Kimberlin was chosen for her significant contributions to pharmacist-patient relationship and communications, and her research impact on patient health attitudes and behaviors related to medication use.

Other faculty recognition included, the Phi Lambda Sigma Advisor of the Year Award to Michael McKenzie, Ph.D., senior associate dean for professional affairs, and the A. Richard Bliss Kappa Psi Grand Council Citation of Appreciation awarded to Tony Palmieri, Ph.D., an assistant clinical professor.

More than 50 UF student pharmacists, traveling by bus, joined their professors at the New Orleans meeting. Among them, Jeremy Lund, a 3rd-year student from the Orlando campus received an APhA Foundation Scholarship as the John Gans Scholar. The pharmacy students also received the Chapter of the Year award from the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation, and the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists Region 3 Award for their Heartburn Awareness project.

The UF students and alumni won the challenge for the APhA-PAC Award, by raising \$11,000 that totaled \$22,000 from the challenge matching program, far exceeding last year's PAC donations. In honor of the challenge, two APhA past presidents, Tim Tucker from the University of Tennessee and Ed Hamilton, a UF alumnus agreed to serve breakfast to the winning students. At the special student breakfast, Tucker had to wear a custom Gator apron while serving the Gator tables along with the Florida Past President, Ed Hamilton.



[top left] Carole Kimberlin [right] Jeremy Lund and Dean Riffee



(From left) Past APhA President Tim Tucker (University of Tennessee), UF students: Mika Fujinaka, Dani Underwood, Jeanette Connelly, Dean Bill Riffee, and Past APhA President Ed Hamilton (UF)

2012 Teacher of the Year

Professor of Law & Ethics Takes Leadership of Online Master's Program



Spring term at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy has brought a full round of support from its students and faculty for W. Thomas Smith, Pharm.D., J.D., a clinical associate professor in pharmaceutical outcomes and policy.

Voted Teacher of the Year, Smith now takes the helm as director of the college's Online Master of Science in Pharmacy program, developed for working professionals in non-dispensing areas of pharmacy administration.

"We have the responsibility to assist each and every one of our students in becoming professional and responsible citizens," Smith said. "Every day, I pause to appreciate how fortunate I am to be able to make such a profound difference upon the profession of pharmacy."

Smith's teaching philosophy grew out of his own student experience, he said, learning much more by "rolling up his sleeves and practicing." He also uses real-life examples from his early work in pharmacy practice to show students what they will be doing as

Since joining the college in 2008, Smith has taught a class on pharmacy law and ethics, and another on the process and outcomes of regulations. Promoted in 2011 to clinical associate professor, he also lectures on clinical research ethics.

His research focus is on disability education in pharmacy curricula and legal and ethical issues related to disability and health care. Smith has been a speaker in 2011 at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Institute, and in 2010 at the American Pharmacists Association and at the American Bar Association national meetings. He has published articles in the Mississippi College Law Review, the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education, and Academic Medicine.

Smith has served on the Education and Scholarship Committee for the American Society for Pharmacy Law. He was named chair-elect to an AACP Special Interest Group on cultural competency and health disparities and holds ABA leadership positions in the Health Law Section and on the Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law. Smith also recently completed a three-year presidential appointment on the ABA's Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law.

Smith earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1994 from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and a Juris Doctorate degree in 2005 from the Center for Health Law Studies at the Saint Louis University School of Law.

Prior to joining the University of Florida, Smith served as the Director of Operations for Corum Health Services, Inc., a long-term care pharmacy in St. Louis, Mo., and as a faculty member at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Outstanding

Michael Moné, B.S.P., J.D. Commencement Speaker Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award

Commencement Speaker Michael Moné received this year's Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award. This award recognizes an alumnus whose lifetime contributions have been truly extraordinary with lasting benefits to the profession. As vice president of anti-diversion and senior



regulatory counsel for Cardinal Health, Moné is responsible for the continuous improvement of the company's initiative to identify and stop supply chain diversion of controlled substances at the customer level. He is also responsible for developing and coordinating company responses to regulatory assessments of the anti-diversion initiative.

Moné joined Cardinal Health in 2006 as director of

regulatory compliance for Medicine Shoppe International, where he was responsible for licensing and registration of franchise and company-owned pharmacies, and educating MSI pharmacies on state and federal law and regulatory changes. He also developed a regulatory compliance program that provides an early warning system to potential compliance issues.

As a licensed pharmacist and lawyer, Moné has served in a variety of roles in private and public practice of law and pharmacy prior to joining Cardinal Health. From 1996 to 2004, he led the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy in developing statewide public health policy and investigative efforts. He also served as an attorney for the Florida Board of Pharmacy. In addition, Moné has served as an assistant attorney general in Florida as the general counsel for the Boards of Chiropractic, Osteopathic Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Pilot Commissioners. In private practice, he served as legal counsel representing clients in federal regulatory matters, and as a pharmacist in hospital and independent retail pharmacy settings.

Moné has held leadership roles within many industry associations, including the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Government Bar Association, U.S. Pharmacopeia,

American Pharmaceutical Association and Florida Pharmacy Association. He also served on the Kentucky Governor's Task Force on Controlled Substance Abuse and the Attorney General's

Task force to develop KASPER, the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System, which tracks controlled substance prescriptions dispensed within the state to stop abuse, misuse, diversion and illegal sale of prescription drugs. Moné has also published multiple works on the topics of pharmacy and law. He attended the University of Florida where he received his Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Science in pharmacy.

Leaders in Pharmacy Education

George Browning, B.S.P. Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Service Award



George Browning received the Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Service award for his many contributions to the advancement of pharmacy over the past 50 years.

Born in Sebastian, Fla, Browning graduated from the UF College of Pharmacy in 1953. He married Jeannine Brown after graduation, completed a pharmacy internship in Palatka at City Drug and was licensed as a pharmacist in 1954. His pharmacy career was interrupted with service in the U.S. Army. After his tour of duty, he worked for Black's Pharmacy in Ormond Beach for four years

and became an active member of Volusia County Pharmacy Association. Browning moved his family to Melbourne in 1960, where he learned to effectively manage pharmacy inventory and purchasing. In 1962, Browning bought his first pharmacy in a medical building and provided pharmacy services to nursing homes.

His activity in pharmacy association work continued with the formation of the Brevard County Pharmacy Association. He was elected president of the District Association for the Florida Pharmacy Association in 1966, and received the Florida Pharmacy Association's Richards Award for Pharmaceutical Public Relations in 1968.

The construction of a 1,100-square-foot building allowed expansion of surgical supplies and medical equipment. Browning's new pharmacy was the first in Brevard County to become computerized. In 1985, he opened a second pharmacy for durable medical equipment and nursing home pharmacy. His health care business expanded to offer home respiratory care and rehabilitative equipment.

Browning was recognized for many contributions to the pharmacy profession. He received the Beal Award as Pharmacist of the Year in 1979, and the Bowl of Hygeia in 1985. He led numerous organizations from 1968 to 1985, beginning with president of the UF College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. He served the FPA twice as treasurer and as president — in the 1970s and again in the '80s. He served the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists and the Academy of Pharmacy Practice of the American Pharmacists Association. He was also selected as a Fellow of the American College of Apothecaries.

In 1990, he added another 5,000 sq-ft expansion and a branch for rehabilitation services in Orlando. Since 1995, Browning's business has grown to 65 employees, and expanded with a 17,000 sq-ft facility and a fleet of eight vehicles to provide free delivery in Brevard and adjoining counties.

William Evans, Pharm.D., Ph.D. Honorary UF Doctoral Degree Recipient

William Evans, Pharm.D., a fellow academician and clinical scientist from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Florida.

Evans is director and chief executive officer of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and holds the St. Jude Professorship and Endowed chair at the University of Tennessee Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy. For the past 30 years, his research has focused on the pharmacogenomics of anticancer agents in children, for which he has received three consecutive NIH Merit Awards from the National Cancer Institute from 1987 to 2015.

The major disease focus of his research is acute lymphoblastic leukemia in children.

Evans has authored more than 300 articles and numerous book chapters. He has received several national awards for his research, including the 2009 Pediatric Cancer Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (shared with Mary V. Relling of SJCRH) and the



2009 Team Science Prize from American Association for Cancer Research (shared with colleagues at St. Jude). He is recognized by Institute for Scientific Information as a "Highly Cited Scientist" in pharmacology, based on citations of his research publications. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2002. Since becoming CEO in 2004, St. Jude has been ranked annually in the top 10 best places to work in academia by The Scientist magazine and has been recently listed by Fortune magazine among the 100 best companies to work for in the United States. St. Jude is the only NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center devoted solely to children.

Cristina Medina, Pharm.D. Outstanding Pharmacy Service Award

The College of Pharmacy Outstanding Pharmacy Service Award is presented each year to a non-alumnus who has made significant contributions to the UF College of Pharmacy and the profession. In May, the college presented this award to Cristina Medina, Pharm.D.

Medina received her Pharm.D. degree in 2000 at Nova Southeastern University. She began her community pharmacy career at CVS/pharmacy prior to graduation, working as a staff pharmacist and pharmacy manager for several years before becoming a District Pharmacy Supervisor with CVS/pharmacy. Promoted to her current role in 2005, Medina oversees professional and college relations for CVS/pharmacy. Her current responsibilities include overseeing the relationship with nine colleges of pharmacy in Alabama, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

She is also responsible for the development and strategy of the pharmacy intern program at CVS/pharmacy in her respective geographical areas. Medina works very closely with the schools of pharmacy to create internship sites and serves as the liaison between CVS/pharmacy and professional pharmacy associations. Medina serves on

various Dean's Advisory Committees, including Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach Atlantic University, University of Florida, and Florida A&M University. She serves on Nova Southeastern University's Committee of Admissions for the College of Pharmacy. She is also a member of the national advisory board for the pharmacy journal, Drug Topics. She is the 2009 recipient of the Nova Southeastern College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Publications & Invited Presentations

Department	Refereed	Non-refereed	Books	Abstracts	In Press	Presentations
Medicinal Chemistry	12	2	3	11	3	22
Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy	18	17	3	20	10	19
Pharmaceutics	33	2	5	8	2	26
Pharmacodynamics	16	4	0	14	2	5
Pharmacotherapy & Translational Research	90	4	11	67	29	84
TOTAL	169	29	22	120	46	156

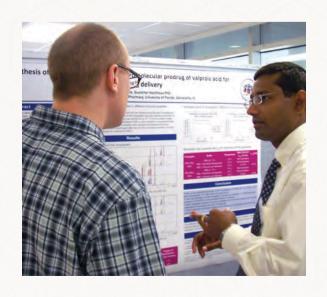


Corporate Awards

AstraZeneca	2	\$131,850
Boeringer Ingelheim Intl GMBH	1	\$6,800
FEFA Inc.	1	\$309,202
Glaxo Smith Kline, Inc.	1	\$30,759
Golin-Harris int'l., Inc.	1	5,000
Jacobus Pharmaceuticals	1	\$192,043
Media Pharma GMB & CO KG	3	\$110,421
Merck - University of Texas	1	\$57,475
Miromedic Technologies	1	\$38,500
Pfizer, Inc.	1	\$200,000
TKL Research	1	\$5,750
Watson Laboratories	7	\$236,700
Watson Pharmaceuticals	1	\$87,060
Wyle Laboratories	1	\$6,151
TOTAL	23	\$1,417,711

Awards from Foundations & Societies

TOTAL	13	\$293,813
University of Colorado	1	\$6,850
UF Foundation	1	\$100,000
Society for Women's Health Research	1	\$49,700
CHDI Foundation	1	\$28,271
American Pharmacists Association	1	\$1,000
American Heart Assoc.	1	\$77,000
American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education	6	\$19,500
American Cancer Society	1	\$11,492





Federal Agencies		
AHCA	1	\$192,650
AHRQ	1	\$25,379
Food & Drug Administration	1	\$539,114
NIH	53	\$6,173,064
TOTAL	56	\$6,930,207
FL State Agencies Dept. of Environmental Protection Department of Health	1 3	\$24,193 \$308,440
TOTAL	7	\$332,633
Other		
Miscellaneous Donors	2	\$2,200
Multiple Sponsors	1	\$7,200
TOTAL	3	\$9,400



Funding by Department

COLLEGE TOTAL	\$8,983,763	100.0%
Pharmacotherapy & Translational Research	\$4,045,279	45.0%
Pharmacodynamics	\$1,737,022	19.3%
Pharmaceutics	\$787,275	8.8%
Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy	\$913,075	10.2%
Medicinal Chemistry	\$1,501,112	16.7%

Funding by Category

TOTAL	99	\$8,983,763
Other	3	\$9,400
Foundations & Societies	13	\$293,813
Corporations and Companies	23	\$1,417,710
Florida State Agencies	4	\$332,633
Federal Agencies	56	\$6,930,207

Patent A	ctivity
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Department/ Center	Apps. Filed	Patents Issued
Medicinal Chemistry	13	6
Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy	0	0
Pharmaceutics	0	0
Pharmacodynamics	2	0
Pharmacotherapy & Translational Research	1	0
TOTAL	16	6

FACULTY HONORS



Brushwood

DAVID BRUSHWOOD, R.PH., J.D.

Pellegrino Medal — 11th annual Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute (HEAL) conference



Cooper-Dehof

RHONDA COOPER-DEHOFF, PHARM.D.

2011 — Drug Therapy Research Award, American Society of Health System **Pharmacists**



MARGARET JAMES, PH.D.

Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 2012



Kimberlin

CAROLE KIMBERLIN, PH.D.

APhA Career Research Achievement Award



ERIC KRAUSE, PH.D.

UF Excellence Award for Assistant Professors



Lipowski

EARLENE LIPOWSKI, PH.D.

Citation of Merit, University of Wisconsin-Madison



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MICHAEL McKENZIE, PH.D.

HENDRIK LUESCH, PH.D.

Frank A. Duckworth Eminent Scholar Chair in Drug Research and Development

National Advisor of the Year, Phi Lambda Sigma Honorary Pharmacy Leadership Society



Moorman

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ROBIN MOORMAN LI, PHARM.D.

2012 Pharmacist of the Year: Kappa Epsilon 2012 Jacksonville Facilitator of the Year



ANTHONY PALMIERI, PH.D.

A. Richard Bliss award from Kappa Psi for sustained contributions to the Fraternity and the Profession



Segal

RICHARD SEGAL, PH.D.

Dr. Robert and Barbara Crisafi Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy



Smith

W. THOMAS SMITH, PHARM.D., J.D. 2012 Teacher of the Year, **UF College of Pharmacy**



Whalen

KAREN WHALEN, PHARM.D.

2012 Faculty Recognition Award, **UF College of Pharmacy**



By Czerne M. Reid

A new University of Florida research and education center brings to the Orlando area vital research on new therapies and cures, increased opportunities for participation in clinical research and enhanced access to professional and graduate pharmacy education.

The UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona officially opened Nov. 30. The \$53 million roughly 106,000-square-foot facility extends UF's presence into the greater Orlando area through the following colleges, institutes and centers:

- · College of Pharmacy
- · College of Medicine
- · Institute on Aging
- Institute for Therapeutic Innovation
- · Clinical and Translational Science Institute
- Center for Pharmacometrics & Systems Pharmacology

"The new center harnesses the resources, expertise and research capabilities of multidisciplinary teams, bringing together renowned researchers, clinicians, teachers and students with the ultimate goal of providing effective therapies and improving health for patients," said David S. Guzick, M.D., Ph.D., UF senior vice president for health affairs and president of the UF&Shands Health System.

The facility, built to satisfy requirements of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, celebrated its opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and building tour. The U.S. Green Building Council LEED certification program honors energy efficiency, resource conservation and pollution reduction.

The center's proximity to the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, Nemours Children's Hospital and other health care organizations within the Lake Nona medical city complex and the wider Orlando area will foster collaboration that stimulates innovative approaches to research and patient care.



More than 250 guests gathered for a ribbon cutting reception and tours on Nov. 30, 2012, for the official opening of the new UF building at Lake Nona's Medical City.

"We, and the other major partners at Lake Nona, put down roots not to reproduce what we already have, but to originate what we all wish for: Research and innovation that elevates our ambitions, magnifies our strengths, accelerates our achievements and — lest we lose sight of the most important goal — benefits society at large," said UF President J. Bernard Machen.

The UF College of Pharmacy's Center for Pharmacometrics and Systems Pharmacology, housed at the new facility, is among the first academic centers in the nation to adopt sophisticated mathematical modeling and computer simulations to mimic clinical trials of new drugs. Simulated trials allow researchers to avoid investing unnecessarily in drugs that are unlikely to be of benefit. The result is that resources and research efforts can be better targeted toward drugs that have the potential to help millions of people, and the drugs that emerge from the process will be more likely to receive quick approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



University of Florida leaders, Florida political leaders and representatives from the colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy joined the official ceremony as Orlando Mayer Buddy Dyer and UF President Bernie Machen cut the ribbon to the entrance of the University of Florida Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona, Orlando.

"Our mission revolves around getting efficacious, safe and affordable drugs to the American public and the people in Florida," said Larry Lesko, Ph.D., director of the Center for Pharmacometrics and Systems Pharmacology, who previously worked for 20 years at the FDA. "I'm bringing a lot of that experience down here to the center and, in particular, the knowledge I have of regulatory strategies to help move potential new drugs to the marketplace in

as efficient and affordable a way as possible."

The pharmacy research center complements the education efforts of the College of Pharmacy; Ph.D. students and postdoctoral fellows will complete their training in the new center.

The new facility also allows expansion of the UF professional Pharm.D. program from 200 students to 280 over four years. Student pharmacists at Lake Nona receive the same curriculum as classmates in Gainesville, Jacksonville

and St. Petersburg. The Orlando-based students also will have access to research opportunities available at the UF Lake Nona campus and with its Medical City partners.

The UF College of Pharmacy Medication Therapy Management Communication and Care Center at Lake Nona is staffed by faculty, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Through the telehealth call center, student pharmacists gain experiential training in comprehensive medication reviews for Medicare patients and their health care providers.

The UF Institute for Therapeutic Innovation focuses on developing and testing new treatments and cures for a variety of infectious diseases caused by drug-resistant pathogens. The institute's work in basic biomedical research and clinical trials dovetails with efforts by the Infectious Diseases Society of America to have 10 new anti-infectious disease drugs on the market by 2020. The work has far-reaching implications for the practice of medicine, notably with respect to surgeries and organ transplantation, procedures that rely heavily on infection control.

"The ability to treat hospital-acquired infections supports the ability to do all those things," said institute director George L. Drusano, M.D. "That's the impact of having these new drugs."

The UF Institute on Aging and College of Medicine aging and geriatric research department clinical research unit at the Lake Nona center will allow thousands more Floridians to take part in clinical and translational research studies aimed at improving the health and independence of older adults.

Residents of Orlando and its environs will be better able to take part in ongoing and new clinical studies. The ability to broaden the pool of study participants to more of Florida's residents will help strengthen the reliability of data collected and the validity of conclusions drawn from clinical studies.

The UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute through its Community Engagement and Research Program will help increase participation in clinical studies such as the Institute on Aging's studies and others by connecting patients with a wide range of clinical trials.

"The UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona represents a community of researchers and educators working together to help meet the health needs of our broader community and the nation," Guzick said. "This investment in the lives and health of our citizens will yield dividends for generations to come."

UF student pharmacists stand beneath a commemorative plaque with David Bean – who supported pharmacy education in Orlando with a \$1.2 million gift. From left: Jennifer Orozco, Keon Thomas, Jennifer Bahnmiller, David Bean, Wendy Yuen, Jenna Ramadan and Gregory Rodriguez.



David Guzick, Ph.D., UF senior vice president for health affairs, welcomes David and Millie Bean.



UF Pharmacy Leaders – Executive Assoc. Dean Bill Millard, Sr. Assoc. Dean for Finance Michael Brodeur, and Dean William Riffee – tour the college's Center for Pharmacometrics and Systems Pharmacology at the dedication ceremony in Lake Nona.



Student Awards & Honors

Way to Represent!

Juan Hincapie-Castillo, a third-year student pharmacist at the Jacksonville campus received two appointments: A 1-year term as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association, the American Society for Health-System



Pharmacists at its annual meeting appointed him to the ASHP Council of Therapeutics, concerned with professional policies related to the safe and appropriate use of medicines. ASHP's five councils meet once a year in Bethesda, MD during Policy Week, ending this year with Legislative Day on September 20.

Jeremy Lund, a fourth-year Pharm.D. student at the Orlando campus, was invited to a position on the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists APhA-ASP IPSF National Committee. The four member committee represents APhA in the



International Pharmaceutical Students Federation. One of Jeremy's responsibilities was attending the IPSF World Congress in Egypt in August.



UF student pharmacists Ken Leonard, Jeremy Lund and Jessica Gonzalez representing the Gator Nation in Egypt.

4PD Giving Challenge: Pharm.D. Students Raised the Bar

The class of 2012 has taken the 4PD giving challenge to new heights! They rallied together and were extremely generous in their support of the college of pharmacy. Across all four campuses, the senior class has pledged \$66,971! Although the competition was extremely close, our St. Petersburg campus took the lead in this year's senior gift, donating more than \$26,000. The money raised from the challenge is used to support student professional development, individual campus needs, and ceremonial events that celebrate the passage through pharmacy school.



St. Petersburg campus Assistant Dean Jennifer Williams joins her campus representatives, Suzanna Bedy, Tiffany Beckel, and Angela Hatter, who presented a check to Dean Riffee on behalf of all four campuses.

University of Florida Simonsmeier Fellowship



Lynda Chapman, R.Ph., J.D., has been named the 2012 recipient of the Larry M. Simonsmeier Fellowship. Established by the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, the fellowship honors the late Larry M. Simonsmeier, former ASPL executive director and president and his commitment to the American Society for Pharmacy Law in promoting pharmacy law education.

Now in its second year in partnership with ASPL, the fellowship awards tuition-free enrollment in the Online Master of Science in Pharmacy program at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy to a member who demonstrates leadership in pharmacy law and a commitment to the ASPL mission.

Chapman is the founder and president of RxConfirm, an independent medication therapy management consulting firm. Her multi-professional career has interfaced the disciplines of law, medicine and politics. She has conducted health-care regulatory and health information technology research and writing and has assisted pharmacies through the CMS-DMEPOS accreditation process. As a pharmacist, she has worked in quality assurance and compliance. Her continued graduate studies in pharmaceutical regulation and policy, make her an ideal representative of Simonsmeier's vision to promote pharmacy law education through ASPL.

Larry M. Simonsmeier was a leader in ASPL for more than 25 years. A pharmacist and attorney, he moved up the academic ranks to become professor and dean of Washington State University College of Pharmacy. As a professor, he was widely admired, respected, and loved by his students. He was instrumental in creating the vision for and fostering the growth of ASPL. Simonsmeier developed the ASPL newsletter, Rx Ipsa Loquitur, into the cornerstone publication to fulfill ASPI's educational mission, and served as editor for more than twenty years.

"The University of Florida and ASPL share an educational mission to promote understanding of the legal aspects of pharmacy practice," said David Brushwood, R.Ph., J.D., a professor of pharmaceutical outcomes and policy at the UF College of Pharmacy.

Founder of the UF Online MS Pharmacy program, Brushwood established the fellowship as a tribute to his long-time friend and colleague, who had committed his professional life to teaching and to ASPL.

The American Society for Pharmacy Law is a nationwide organization with the purposes of: furthering knowledge in the law related to pharmacists, pharmacies, the provision of pharmaceutical care, the manufacturing and distribution of drugs, and other food, drug, and medical device policy issues; communicating accurate legal educational information; and providing education opportunities for pharmacists, attorneys, and others who are interested in pharmacy law.











Graduate Awards

American College of Clinical Pharmacology

At annual meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology help late September in San Diego, eight 2012 Student & Trainee Abstract Award winners were chosen and one was selected for the Wayne A. Colburn Memorial Award, given for the best paper. Hartmut Derendorf, Ph.D., a distinguished professor and department chair of pharmaceutics, congratulated three UF students/trainees, Daniela Conrado, Wan Sun and Priyanka Jadhav, who were among the eight award winners. The Best Paper Award, for the second year in a row, was awarded to Daniela Conrado. Each of the abstract award winners received a certificate, \$1,000 honorarium, complimentary registration to attend the meeting and the Honors & Awards/Regents Dinner.

American Society of Pharmacognosy

Two graduate students in medicinal chemistry received awards from the American Society of Pharmacognosy in July at its 53rd annual meeting in New York City: Lilibeth Salvador received

the Kilmer Prize, established in 1935 in honor of Dr. Frederick Barnett Kilmer who served for 45 years as the scientific director of the Johnson & Johnson laboratories. Dr. Kilmer was a prolific and respected authority on scientific and medical topics and influenced the acceptance of promotion of antiseptic methods in hospital settings. The Kilmer Prize includes an inscribed gold key, a complimentary registration, \$300 from the American Pharmaceutical Association, and up to \$700 from the American Society of Pharmacognosy to help offset the costs associated with attendance at the annual meeting. Rana Montaser received the inaugural Waqar H. Bhatti Student Travel Award and presented a poster at the meeting.



At the awards ceremony: Dr. Sriram Krishnaswami, former UF graduate student of Dr. Derendorf, received the 2012 ACCP Tanabe Young Investigator Award; Daniela Conrado, Priyanka Jadhav and Wan Sun; Dr. Manoj Jadhav, a Fellow of ACCP, is a UF post-doctoral student with Dr. Hochhaus.



Endowed Scholarships

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Dear Friends & Alumni,

Happy New Year! I'm so glad the Mayans were off — or at least our interpretation of their calendar was off — and we have more time to celebrate our family & friends and of course the University of Florida.

With any New Year comes a time for reflection and resolutions and a time to ponder. My reflection time came last November as I made the difficult decision to step down as Senior Director of Development after 10½



years. To everything there is a season and my new season will take me to the PACE Center for Girls as their Chief Development Officer for the state of Florida. I would not have been able to accept this challenge if it were not for the experience and knowledge I gained at the college through the mentorship and leadership of the many people I was blessed to come in contact with, including you, our alumni and friends.

To say it is bittersweet is an understatement, but change is an opportunity for growth and enhancement and that is what this year will bring. The college will welcome a new dean who takes leadership of an innovative, entrepreneurial college that was the only college on campus to have a positive budget increase. The next dean will have an easy transition with a solid foundation of faculty who continues to teach, mentor, discover, and develop no matter the obstacles, and students who know their education will provide them the skills to succeed in a rewarding profession.

I also leave you in the capable hands of Elizabeth Zipper, with whom many of you have already met and worked. It gives me peace of mind in knowing that our team and mission are seamless. Elizabeth is here to help you as always, zipper@cop.ufl.edu, or 352-273-6605. If you have any questions or concerns, I am still here in Gainesville, and you can always reach me at 352-256-6085 or Kellymarkey2@gmail.com.

My hope is that as the college faces this transitional time, you will be the voice that the college and its faculty, students and staff need. Always remember — it's about the strength of the college now and for future generations. We are only stewards who have the honor, however brief, to keep the traditions alive and perhaps in some small way add our mark to the chronicle of the pharmacy Gator Nation.

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Kelly Markey

Florida Tomorrow Impacts Pharmacy Today

By Kelly Markey

The College celebrated the completion of its Florida Tomorrow Campaign in October with a total of 640 donors who established 27 new endowments, committed to 13 planned gifts and contributed a total of \$16.4 million to enhance the college's educational and research programs. All told, \$16,474,577 was raised, exceeding our goal of \$15 million. Some examples of what was achieved are listed below.

• Debbie DeSantis previously made commitments to the College of Pharmacy to create a professorship in herbal medicine, enhance technology and support scholarships. In 2011, she donated \$2.2 million to the college, the largest gift in the college's history, to expand herbal research and education. She is pleased her gift is rekindling natural products education and research at UF

and the college's commitimportant field. "Natural of our therapeutic culture, complex and important," tion and research need to

· Lawrence "Laurie" DuBow a gift of \$1 million to whose research betters the families. Helping further the lives of children is a Advancing the field of



ment to advancing this products are an integral part and their chemistry is both she said. "That's why educacontinue."

and his wife, Linda, gave support Ph.D. candidates treatment of children and education and improve big focus for the DuBows. pharmacy is where Laurie

made his largest impact. "Pharmacy has just always been very good to me — and pharmacy in the state of Florida has been particularly good to me in my work life, so what better way to give back than to the University of Florida and its pharmacy program?"

· Alumni and friends also created the "Paul Doering Excellence in Teaching Professorship" to honor Paul's 35 years of service to the college and his unwavering dedication to mentoring and educating generations of pharmacy students. For almost 90 years the college has excelled in its primary mission to train pharmacists to be leaders in the profession and also ensured that pharmacists play an integral role in patient care and the healthcare system. This professorship will ensure that future pharmacy professors keep to that mission with the same level of compassion and dedication that Paul has shown.

As we forge a path for the college's continued growth, we created our "Prescription for Progress" vision statement that will move the college to a higher stage of education and healthcare. The areas that we have highlighted include creating business and entrepreneurial offerings, retaining top performing professors, increasing graduate student education, fueling innovation and supporting visionary leadership. Additionally, we are expanding the utilization of our research knowledge by:

- Understanding the body's mechanisms in specific disease states to design effective drug therapy (Pharmacodynamics)
- Utilizing genomics for individualized patient treatment (Personalized Medicine)
- Discovering compounds in new areas (Molecular and Chemical Genomic Center)
- Bringing new drugs to the market faster (Pharmacometric and Systems Pharmacology Center)

Our "Prescription for Progress" won't come from the state or its ever-shrinking dollars. It will be filled by real people who understand the vital need to support the profession by supporting its foundation — education and research. Because of you, our college mission is strengthened as we prepare our graduates in pharmacy and promote health care for all. Our prescription for success has been, and will continue to be you, our alumni and friends, who willingly step up and share your time, expertise and resources. Through your commitments, you've provided a platform of enduring growth for the college, and our students and faculty as they look ahead to Pharmacy Tomorrow.

Please go to www.cop.ufl.edu/alumni-friends/publications to view the "Prescription for Progress" in detail.

4PD Giving

Starting in 2008, the graduating classes have stepped up to commit to five year pledges to support the college that provided them the training and knowledge to be successful in a demanding profession. Thank you to those young alumni, who despite uncertainty, committed to our success.

2008

Gainesville: \$201 Jacksonville: \$2,008 Orlando: \$402 St. Petersburg: \$502

Total: \$3,113

2009

Gainesville: \$2,009 Jacksonville: \$4,864 Orlando: \$500

St. Petersburg: \$1005

Total: \$8,378

2010

Gainesville: \$9,515 Jacksonville: \$11,470 Orlando: \$500

St. Petersburg: \$16,050

Total: \$37,535

2011

Gainesville: \$10,050 Jacksonville: \$12,261 Orlando: \$5,778 St. Petersburg: \$9,544

Total: \$37,633

2012

Gainesville: \$8,750 Jacksonville: \$24,001 Orlando: \$7,500 St. Petersburg: \$26,720

Total: \$66,971

College of Pharmacy Florida Tomorrow Campaign Campaign Goal: \$15 million | Campaign Total: \$16.5 million

Planned Gifts Created During the Campaign

The following individuals chose to create their legacy at the college with a deferred gift to support areas of need that resonated with their personal desires.

Total Raised Through Planned Gifts: \$1,440,123

- Ronald & Sally Brenner Charitable Remainder Trust to support graduate student education
- Spurgeon & Mildred Cheek Gift Annuity to support business and entrepreneurial activities
- Alan & Ellen Cohen Bequest to support the area of greatest need
- John "Dolph" Cone III Bequest to support the student scholarships in honor of his son
- Valerie Griffith Bequest to support faculty development and Academy for Excellence
- Myrle & Tomi Henry Annuity to support the area of areatest need
- Robert Littler Insurance & Bequest to support student scholarships
- David & Frances Ray Annuity to support teaching, research and academic programs, including student and faculty support
- Olga Osuna Wejebe Bequest to support student scholarships in honor of her husband
- Edyth Willard Bequest to support teaching, research and academic programs
- Art G. Zupko Annuity to support graduate study in geriatrics
- Michael Schneider Bequest to support student scholarships
- Michele Weizer Bequest to support teaching, research and academic programs, including student and faculty support

Endowments Created During the Campaign

The College of Pharmacy has a total of 45 endowments, of which the following were created during the Florida Tomorrow Campaign.

Total dollars under endowment: \$22,377,580

- 1. Academy for Excellence Endowment
- 2. Cardinal Health Hospital Scholarship Endowment
- 3. Cardinal Health Independent Scholarship Endowment
- 4. Community Pharmacy Business and Entrepreneurial Endowment
- 5. Debbie Klapp Memorial Pharmacy Fund
- Debbie & Sylvia DeSantis Professorship in Natural Products
- 7. Dolph Cone-Sandy Prickett Scholarship
- 8. Dr. Allen Spiegel Graduate Endowment in Pharmaceutical Research
- 9. Dr. Robert and Barbara Crisafi Chair in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy
- 10. DuBow Family Graduate Student Education
- 11. Jack and Betty Jones Scholarship Endowment
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- 13. Lamar and Hilda Massey Scholarship Endowment
- 14. Laura and Philip Dean Scholarship
- 15. Maria and Maximino Moreno Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment
- 16. Morris and William Skor Scholarship Fund
- 17. Neal Family Scholarship Fund
- 18. Nicholas Bodor Professorship in Drug Discovery
- 19. Oscar Araujo Alumni Scholarship Endowment
- 20. Paul Doering Excellence in Teaching Professorship Fund
- 21. Robert and Stephany Ruffolo Graduate Education and Research Fellowship
- 22. Robert Littler Scholarship Fund
- 23. Ronald J. and Sally G. Brenner Fellowship
- 24. Valerie Calkin Griffith Scholarship honoring Claude and Hazel Calkin
- 25. Vogel Anderson Exceptional Leader Scholarship Fund
- 26. Walter Van Munster Scholarship
- 27. William H Riffee, Ph.D. Dean's Endowment

DEAN'S CIRCLE This report reflects donations made July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

The Dean's Circle recognizes alumni and friends who support the college with an annual gift of \$500 or more. Private donations provide the college flexibility to offer leadership opportunities for students and faculty to develop new educational initiatives, and ensures the college's ceremonial traditions continue despite the economy or state allocation.

Your gift is the fuel that allows us to move forward and adapt to the ever-changing health-care environment and keeps the Pharmacy Gator Nation in the top tier of colleges in the nation. Thank you!

You can give a gift online at: www.cop.ufl.edu/alumni-friends/giving, or contact Elizabeth Zipper at 352.273.6605 or zipper@cop.ufl.edu



Debbie DeSantis Class of 1982

TOP CLASS DONORS

Congratulations Class of 1982, our #1 TOP CLASS Donor.

Here are this year's Top 10 class giving totals. Thank you to all of our Dean's Circle alumni and friends for your support.

#1	1982	\$513,500.00
#2	1952	\$45,863.92
#3	1984	\$31,128.00
#4	1976	\$17,836.41
#5	1978	\$14,750.00
#6	1981	\$14,285.00
#7	1999	\$13,750.00
#8	2009	\$11,200.00
#9	1977	\$10,000.00
#10	2003	\$7,379.00

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The Big Picture

Is ADHD Drug Therapy Safe for Kids?

By Linda Homewood

pharmacoepidemiologist's job is to look at the big picture regarding the safety of prescription drugs. Almut Winterstein, Ph.D., a professor in pharmaceutical outcomes and policy in the UF College of Pharmacy did just that in a new study of 1.2 million youths eligible for Medicaid programs in 28 states.

Contributing to a decade-long clinical and policy debate of treatment risks for children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, Winterstein's findings conclude that children taking central nervous system stimulants such as Adderall and Ritalin do not face an increased risk of serious heart conditions during treatment.

"This is a question that has been lingering for about 10 years," said Winterstein, adding that stimulant drugs are one of the most

commonly prescribed medications for children — after antibiotics and antidepres-

Published in the British Medical Journal in August, Winterstein's results show that every year, children have an approximately one in 30,000 risk of suffering a severe cardiac event. She found no increased risk for children who were taking stimulant drugs. A cardiac event includes sudden cardiac death, myocardial infarction, stroke, and is typically caused by underlying heart disease. These results

confirm previous study conclusions that there are no serious cardiac events resulting from short-term use of central nervous system stimulant drugs by children and youths.

In 2007, Winterstein conducted the first large population study to investigate the risk associated with the use of central nervous system stimulants in children and young adults between ages 3 and 20. Published in the journal Pediatrics, her results showed a 20 percent increase in emergency clinic or doctor's office visits with cardiac-related symptoms, but no increase in death or hospital admission for serious heart conditions.

In that study, she analyzed records from 55,000 children under Medicaid who had ADHD and were undergoing treatment between 1994 to 2004. But this population was still not large enough to determine if these drugs were indeed safe for children, Winterstein

The new study, funded by the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality and in part by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, follows a similarly large study published in December 2011 in The New England Journal of Medicine, by

William O. Cooper, M.D., who looked primarily at privately insured patients.

"We complemented Dr. Cooper's study by utilizing Medicaid patients who are typically more vulnerable and at higher

Almut Winterstein, Ph.D.

risk for serious adverse events," Winterstein said. "This allowed us to examine patients with severe underlying heart conditions who received stimulants."

Looking at different population groups, each study confirmed there are no short-term effects from central nervous system stimulants, but neither reveals how these drugs affect patients in

the long term.

"It's an important issue to address," Winterstein said, "but we won't be able to answer the question until this generation of ADHD children, who began using stimulant drugs in the 1990s, reach adulthood into their 50s, 60s and 70 years of age."

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Another concern the study raised to UF researchers is related to children who were on continuous stimulant medication for more than 10 years into their adult-

minor increases in blood pressure and heart rate over a sustained period of time are unknown, Winterstein said.

Regina Bussing, M.D., a professor in the UF College of Medicine's division of child and adolescent psychiatry, said concerns about possible serious cardiovascular risks may have resulted in children not getting needed ADHD treatment.

"Dr. Winterstein and her colleagues' study yields important information for clinicians," Bussing said.

Recommended evaluation practices should continue for young patients, Bussing said, including cardiovascular monitoring. Parents will still be advised to stop medication and take the child to the emergency room, should he or she develop sudden onset of chest pain or shortness of breath, but the study alleviates doctor and parent concerns for the most serious cardiovascular events.

Though her research does cast a positive light on the safety of central nervous system stimulants, Winterstein agrees that parents should continue to seek medical care if symptoms arise. She also has concerns about the increasing use of stimulant drugs for children without weighing the long-term risks and benefits.



Faculty Distinctions

Contributions to Health Care Ethics

David Brushwood, R.Ph., J.D., a professor of pharmaceutical outcomes and policy at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, joined the ranks of world-renowned clinical ethicists in April, when he was recognized at the 11th annual Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute (HEAL) conference.

Sponsored by Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Brushwood received a Pellegrino Medal at a special ceremony, which also recognized John Lantos, M.D., a professor and director of the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center in Kansas City, Mo.

The medal is named for Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino, the first recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.

Brushwood addressed pressing health-care ethics and law issues during the HEAL program, "Moral Distress at the Bedside: A Role for Hospital Ethics Committees."

After 35 years in the pharmacy profession, Brushwood spoke of the challenges he still faces since his commitment to the profession the day he first recited the Pharmacist's Oath.

"Pharmacists are placed in an untenable position where they are ethically obligated to provide opioid medications to chronic pain patients who suffer every minute of their lives," Brushwood said, "but, they also must comply with legal requirements to deny access to abusable drugs for those who should not have them."



Bruce D. White, D.O., J.D., director HEAL, UF Professor David Brushwood, R.Ph., J.D., and Charles D. Sands III, Pharm.D., Professor and Dean, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University

A graduate of the schools of pharmacy and law at the University of Kansas, Brushwood taught at West Virginia University and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy before joining the UF College of Pharmacy. His research focus is in regulating for outcomes, pharmacist professional responsibility, and pain management policy.

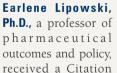
Honored

W. Thomas Smith, Pharm.D., J.D., a clinical assistant professor of pharmaceutical outcomes and policy, has received the 2012 St. Louis College of Pharmacy "Outstanding Achievement" Distinguished Alumni Award. Smith was nominated and selected for his scholarly works and commitment to improve cultural competencies and eliminate health disparities. The highest honor bestowed upon a graduate, the award includes a crystal award a \$1,000 student scholarship awarded in Smith's name.





Vinayak Shenoy, Ph.D., an assistant research scientist in the UF College of Pharmacy, was awarded an NCRP Winter 2012 Scientist Development Grant from the American Heart Association. He was awarded \$77,000 a year for four years for his research, "Therapeutic Role of ACE2 in pressure-overload induced right ventricular dysfunction and failure." As a post-doctoral fellow, Shenoy worked under the mentorship of Michael Katovich, Ph.D., a professor of pharmacodynamics.





of Merit award from the University of Wisconsin — Madison School of Pharmacy, where she received her pharmacy education through the doctoral degree. Each year, the school recognizes four distinguished alumni at its Dean's Reception. Lipowski has been a faculty member of the UF College of Pharmacy since 1990.



Julie A. Johnson, Pharm.D. (right) and R. David Anderson, M.D., review an alert that appears in a cardiac patient's electronic medical record when genetic results suggest a prescribed drug may not be effective.

Delivering the Promise of Personalized Medicine to Heart Patients

By Claire Baralt

ersonalized medicine - a concept in which an understanding of a patient's genetic makeup is used to enhance treatment - has arrived at UF&Shands, the University of Florida Academic Health Center.

Under a new standard of care, UF doctors will help ward off heart attacks or strokes after heart procedures by taking a person's genetic information into account before prescribing medications that prevent blood clots.

Starting this year, patients at Shands at UF medical center who undergo a procedure that involves passing a thin tube into the left side of the heart to diagnose or treat heart disease will now be routinely screened for biological signals in their blood that give clues about how they might respond to a common anticlotting drug called clopidogrel, also sold as Plavix.

"In 2010, the Food and Drug Administration changed clopidogrel's label to warn clinicians that it may not work for high-risk heart patients with certain genetic traits. But there hasn't been a good way to get genetic information to doctors so they can use it

during treatment," said Julie A. Johnson, Pharm.D., director of the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Personalized Medicine Program and the UF College of Pharmacy's Center for Pharmacogenomics. "Over the last year, we worked with stakeholders across our health system to tackle that challenge, and we are now able to deliver on the promise of personalized medicine."

For patients, the screening is no different than a typical blood draw. The difference is that one sample will be sent to UF Pathology Laboratories to be tested for the presence of any of seven genetic variations that influence how the body responds to clopidogrel.

Results are typically available within 24 hours and are added to the patient's electronic medical record. If the results suggest clopidogrel is not the best treatment option, the electronic medical record system will alert the cardiologist and recommend alternate drugs when a prescription is written.

"This helps us prescribe the right medication the first time and absolutely has the potential to reduce complications," said R. David Anderson, M.D., an associate professor of medicine at UF

and director of interventional cardiology and the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Shands at UF.

The new screening procedure is in keeping with the vision of the National Institutes of Health to use a patient's genetic information to tailor their health care. To allow people to take advantage of personalized medicine without fear of genetic discrimination by health insurance companies or employers, the federal government enacted a law in 2008 known as the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act.

This initial use of personalized medicine at UF&Shands will help the roughly 1,500 patients per year treated at the cardiac catheterization lab, 40 percent of whom are likely to be prescribed clopidogrel. Over time, UF&Shands will expand the new approach to more patients.

But the UF CTSI's Personalized Medicine Program doesn't stop there. "The model we've developed can provide a blueprint for other health systems that want to use evidence-based genetic information to improve patient care," said David R. Nelson, M.D., director of the UF CTSI. "This is a major step toward being able to translate more than a decade of ground-breaking genomic research into better health."

Starting in July, Stanford University will adopt the UF&Shands model. United under an NIH grant, UF and Stanford researchers also collaborated to develop a custom chip to collect and screen DNA samples for a total of 256 genetic variations that are suspected of influencing how the body responds to medications, including the seven relevant to clopidogrel.

UF Pathology Laboratories will use the new gene chip as part of a related research study that will begin in 2012. If patients choose to participate in the study, UF will store their additional 249 results in a secure database for future use in clinical care and research.

"Our patients are at the center of everything we do. This new capability is an extraordinary example of what happens when our health system and researchers work together to harness the latest medical knowledge and technology to provide the best possible care," said David S. Guzick, M.D., Ph.D., UF senior vice president for health affairs and president of the UF&Shands Health System.

The UF CTSI Personalized Medicine Program's creation and the collaboration with Stanford are funded by a grant of nearly \$500,000 through the Clinical and Translational Science Awards program, which is led by the NIH's National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences. Additional support is provided by a grant of more than \$350,000 through the NIH Pharmacogenomics Research Network.

For now, NIH funding will cover the screening costs as this technology enters the clinic at UF&Shands. UF researchers will be studying the program as it rolls out to assess and optimize its cost-effectiveness and impact on patient care.

Personalized Medicine in Action

During the program's first six months:

- More than 450 interventional cardiology patients were tested for CYP2C19, the genotype that affects how the body responds to clopidogrel and other drugs.
- Approximately 100 (22%) of the screened patients had genotypes associated with impaired metabolism of clopidogrel and other drugs metabolized by CYP2C19.

Paving the Way for Expansion

Directed by Julie A. Johnson, Pharm.D., the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Personalized Medicine Program and UF Pathology Laboratories are testing the feasibility of using a custom gene chip to



The gene chip was customized using OpenArray technology on the Life Technologies QuantStudio system.

safely and efficiently expand personalized medicine at UF Health Shands hospital.

With National Institutes of Health funding, UF and Stanford University researchers collaborated to customize a gene chip to collect and screen DNA samples for a total of 256 genetic variations that are suspected of influencing how the body responds to medications. The researchers described their process and criteria for developing the custom gene chip in the October issue of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics. Benefits of the custom chip include:

- Lower cost. The custom chip is 1/4 to 1/8 the cost of other commercially available chips.
- . More flexibility. The custom approach allows flexibility to modify the chip's content in response to new data.
- · Shorter turn-around time for results. Perhaps most importantly from a patient care standpoint, UF Pathology Laboratories can process the chip and report targeted results in the electronic medical record system within 24 hours of receiving blood samples in the lab. Alternative chips evaluated by the UF research team ranged from approximately two days to up to two weeks to process.

The custom chip is being used in a research study led by Johnson to test the concept of "preemptive" genotyping at UF Health Shands hospital. The UF and Stanford team selected genetic variations for inclusion on the chip primarily based on the strength of the evidence linking those variations to how the body responds to medicines. The study will use the chip to screen patients once for all 256 gene variants. For patients who choose to participate, their results will be securely stored for possible use in clinical care and research. In the future, as treatment guidelines for other medications are revised to take genetic variations into account, relevant results can be moved immediately into the electronic medical records of participating patients, without the need for additional blood tests.



Friends and Fellow Alumni,

I am honored to serve as Alumni President this year as we together face so many changes ahead. I hope to bring an opportunity for further growth within our Pharmacy Alumni Family.

This time of year, we begin to reflect on the year behind, while looking forward to a new year ahead. A season of change is upon us at the College of Pharmacy as Dean Riffee prepares to step down after 17 years of successfully and tirelessly leading our college.

In its nearly 90 years of history, our college has built a solid foundation in research, education and service. The building blocks were thoughtfully laid through strategic planning, time and resources. Moving forward, our goal is to continue this vision, adding to the building blocks for the next dean and for future students, who come with the same dreams we had.

One way that we, as the Pharmacy Alumni Family, can help continue a tradition of excellence is to consider pledging to the William H. Riffee, Ph.D. Dean's Endowment. This fund was created with a leadership gift from Dan and Jackie Devine and will support research, teaching, service and other programs with the greatest need as determined by the incoming dean. No matter the size, every gift helps to honor Dean Riffee's legacy while supporting the future successes of incoming leadership.

Most importantly, I want to say thank you: Thank you for being advocates, volunteers, preceptors, donors and friends. Thank you to those who have created a lasting legacy at the college. And, thank you to those who will pledge to the Dean's Endowment to honor the extraordinary leadership exhibited by Dean Riffee.

Jon Gordon, author and leadership consultant, said, "The success you create now is temporary, but the legacy you leave is eternal."

It is through our commitments that we ensure our legacy; a college that remains among the top schools nationally and provides the best training for student pharmacists who follow behind us.

Go Gator Pharmacists! Patty Kipp '78, Alumni President





Associate Exec. Dean Bill Millard, Ken Ellington, Carolyn and John Boyle, and Valerie Griffith

Grand Guard

Six members of the College of Pharmacy class of 1962 reunited for their Grand Guard Celebration in October. Inductees had a weekend filled with activities sponsored by the UF Alumni Association including a luncheon with Dean Riffee, a tour of the college by Pharmacy Ambassadors and an induction ceremony held at Emerson Alumni Hall.

Valerie Griffith was the Class Chair.

Attendees included: Carolyn and John Boyle, Bob and Marjorie McCurdy, Ken Ellington and family, Phillip Sherrod and Valerie Griffith with George Lewis.

19th Annual Ken Finger Memorial Golf Tournament

The Ken Finger Memorial Golf Tournament returned to Gainesville this year, after being held in Orlando for the past two years. Held at the Haile Plantation Golf and Country Club, 21 teams competed for a good cause. A special thank you to EmbanetCompass, our Golf sponsor as well as our bronze sponsors and local supporters who helped make this event such a success!

Congratulations to our winning teams:

1st Place: Team Albertsons LLC — Stewart Edington, Pieter Jansen, Christopher Edington, Jan Henry

2nd Place: Team 2 — Ed Hamilton, Alan Hamilton, Ryan Bootle, Jim Hagan

3rd Place: Team Beckel — Jake Beckel, John Beckel, Jennifer

Williams, Chris Williams



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Dean's Circle Dinner



At the end of August, Bill & Judy Riffee opened their home for the Dean's Circle dinner, welcoming new friends and returning supporters — faculty and alumni. Guests enjoyed visiting and sampling Italian dishes catered by locally owned, Francesca's Trattoria. Katie Vogel Anderson and Shawn Anderson spoke about establishing a scholarship to support students as they had been supported when they were students. They also shared their hope of encouraging strong leadership in the pharmacy profession.

The Dean's Circle recognizes alumni and friends (see pages 20-21) that support the college with an annual gift of \$500 or more providing student and faculty professional development and special projects. To join the circle, please contact the College of Pharmacy Development & Alumni Affairs Office at 352-273-6605







BBQ Reunion & Football

It was the perfect homecoming weekend for the College of Pharmacy's 26th annual reunion. The weekend kicked off with a Friday night welcome reception held at the Biomedical Science Atrium with special guest Alberta before Gator Growl! On Saturday morning, alumni, many from the honored class years of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002, mingled with faculty and staff before the 12:21pm kickoff. The celebration continued with a hard fought win against the Ragin' Cajuns of UL- Lafayette.







Friends Remembered

Dr. Richard A. Angorn (friend)

Mr. Richard F. Baker ('53)

Mr. Lawrence Edward Blakely ('79)

Mr. William J. Bowen Friend

Dr. Donald E. Cadwallader ('57)

Mr. Thomas C. Cheek, Sr. ('48)

Dr. Domingo Donate-Torres ('41)

Mrs. Wanda C. Ebersole ('51)

Mr. Robert C. Ferguson ('52)

Dr. Charles T. Fletcher ('54)

Mr. Clifford L. Geiger, Jr. ('57)

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Dr. Gregory E. Mitchell ('03)

Mr. Jack M. Myer ('74)

Dr. Aaron M. Perlman ('50)

Mrs. Elaine Perlman Friend

Mr. Paul W. Scott Friend

Dr. Christopher P. Smith ('08)

Mr. Edoardo J. Tommasi ('67)

Prof. Mack Tyner, Jr. (friend)

Mrs. Ann R. Vidas ('77)

Dr. Bruce L. Wheatley ('93)

Mr. Wilfred W. Wolfson ('40)



Gator Football 2013

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Sep 7	Miami (Miami)	Nov 2	Georgia (Jacksonville, FL)
Sep 21	Tennessee (Home)	Nov 9	Vanderbilt (Home)
Sep 28	Kentucky (Lexington, KY)	Nov 16	South Carolina (Columbia, SC)
Oct 5	Arkansas (Home)	Nov 23	Georgia Southern (Home)
Oct 12	LSU (Baton Rouge, LA)	Nov 30	Florida State (Home)



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