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Dear colleagues,

I am so pleased to have been appointed by Dean Eddington as the new chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS) and am privileged to be taking the reins from previous chair Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, who served as department chair for nine years and returns to her full time role as director of our Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions.



PPS is home to many talented faculty and staff, and I look forward to sharing news of their clinical, teaching, research, and outreach endeavors with all of you through this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Jill A. Morgan, PharmD, BCPS
Professor and Chair

Faculty Member Participates in White House Summit on Antibiotic Stewardship



As part of the continued effort to combat antibiotic resistance, the Obama Administration convened a White House Forum on Antibiotic Stewardship on June 2 to bring together key human and animal health constituencies involved in antibiotic stewardship, which is the development, promotion, and implementation of activities to ensure the responsible use of antibiotics. As part of the event, more than 150 food companies, retailers, and human and animal health stakeholders, including [Nicole Brandt, PharmD, MBA](#), a professor of pharmacy practice and science, highlighted commitments to implement changes over the next five years to slow the emergence of resistant bacteria and prevent the spread of resistant infections. Dr. Brandt was invited to participate in the summit as president-elect of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). She will become president of ASCP in November and participated in the summit in a panel discussion on antibiotic resistance in post-acute long term care settings. [Read more here.](#)

Students Have "Stellar" Success at Residency Match

On March 20, thousands of fourth-year student pharmacists across the country waited with bated breath as the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) announced its Residency Match Day results. At the School of Pharmacy, 52 student pharmacists learned their fate as they matched to residency positions at institutions such as Johns Hopkins Hospital, Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, Oregon Health and Science University, Kaiser Permanente, and Yale-New Haven Health System. The School of Pharmacy achieved its highest success rate with this year's match, with 52 students matching to post graduate year (PGY) 1 positions across the country, which is an 84 percent match rate. Among the Big 10 pharmacy schools, we were third in total PGY1 matches and were eight in total PGY1 matches among all pharmacy schools in the country. The School of Pharmacy's joint [residency program](#) with the University of Maryland Medical Center also had a successful match. Eighteen first- and second-year residents and fellows will join or continue in the program this month to advance their knowledge and skills in a number of specialty areas, including ambulatory care, cardiology, geriatrics, pain and palliative care, and psychiatry. [Read more here.](#)

Faculty and Students Have Presence at the Maryland General Assembly

In an effort to bring

awareness to Maryland's elected officials about pharmacy education and the practice of pharmacy, faculty and students from the School of Pharmacy traveled to Annapolis throughout the 2015 legislative session to meet as groups and one-on-one with the state's policy makers. From participating in the Maryland Pharmacy Coalition's (MPC) annual Legislative Day to



testifying before House and Senate committees on specific bills, the School of Pharmacy had a strong presence at the General Assembly throughout the 90-day session. PPS faculty member's [Nicole Brandt, PharmD](#), professor, and [Bethany DiPaula, PharmD](#), associate professor, testified in favor of bills that authorize a pharmacist to administer self-administered drugs to a patient under specified circumstances and that expand the list of health care providers with whom pharmacists can enter into a collaborative practice to include nurse practitioners. Both bills passed. [Read more here.](#)

Faculty Member Receives University Diversity Award

[Charmaine Rochester, PharmD, CDE, BCPS, BCACP](#),

associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, received the University of Maryland, Baltimore Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Recognition Award for Outstanding Faculty for her volunteer work with two organizations that help female victims of human trafficking. Dr. Rochester received the award during UMB's Black History Month celebration in February. She was recognized for her volunteer efforts through her church as director of its Women's Missionary Union, a group that works with orphans, widows, and underserved female communities to help meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. [Read more here.](#)



Poison Center Staff Celebrate 20 Years with CSPI Designation

For two employees of the [Maryland Poison Center \(MPC\)](#) at the School of Pharmacy, this year marks a special anniversary - more than 20 years with a highly sought after but difficult to attain distinction: certification as a specialist in poison information (CSPI). For Lisa Aukland, PharmD '92, and Eric Schuetz, BSP Pharm '86, the certification recognizes their in-depth knowledge of how to handle any potential poisoning situation they might encounter as they work the phones at the MPC. According to Bruce Anderson, PharmD, associate professor and director of the MPC, Dr. Aukland and Mr. Schuetz were some of the earliest poison information specialists at the center to seek this certification, which has inspired other staff to follow in their footsteps.

[Read more here.](#)



Kudos!

Our department's faculty are regularly recognized at the local and national level for their expertise. Here is a short list of recent accomplishments.

- **Jeffrey Gonzales, PharmD**, associate professor, was appointed chair of the Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Education Committee for the Society of Critical Care Medicine and received

- a 2014 Society of Critical Care Medicine Presidential Citation.
- **Stuart Haines, PharmD**, professor; **Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD**, professor, and **James Trovato, PharmD**, associate professor, were named to the list of 25 Top Pharmacy Professors published by the Medical Technology Schools blog.
 - **Amy Ives, PharmD**, assistant professor, was elected secretary of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Laboratory Special Interest Group and was named chair-elect of the Eastern States Residency Conference.
 - **Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD**, associate professor and associate dean for student affairs, received the Mentor of the Year Award from the Maryland Pharmacists Association at its annual meeting in June.
 - **Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD**, professor, was named Teacher of the Year by the School of Pharmacy's graduating Class of 2015 and was appointed to the Maryland Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board.
 - **Katy Pincus, PharmD**, assistant professor, was elected to UMB's Faculty Senate.
 - **Brent Reed, PharmD**, assistant professor, was named the School of Pharmacy's alternate delegate to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and was appointed to the Advocacy Coordinating Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Affiliate of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.
 - **Charmaine Rochester, PharmD**, associate professor, received the Maryland Reserve Corps Best Practice Award from the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy.
 - **Deanna Tran, PharmD**, assistant professor, was named the School of Pharmacy's Student Government Association Faculty Advisor of the Year.
 - **Chanel Whittaker, PharmD**, associate professor, was named one of the School of Pharmacy's American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Teachers of the Year.

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