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PROGRAM

Academic Procession

Introductory RemarksDr. David A. Knapp
Dean

Message to the Graduating ClassDr. Robert A. Kerr

Pharmacist's OathJohn H. Balch, RPh
President, Maryland Board of Pharmacy

Doctor of Philosophy CandidatesDr. Angela Wilks
Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Education

Academic AwardsDr. Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Special Recognition of Michael CohenDr. David A. Knapp

Recognition of Preceptors of the YearDr. Cynthia Boyle
Director, Experiential Learning Program

Leadership AwardsMs. Kristine Rapan
Past-President, Student Government Association

Message from the Class AdvisorDr. James Polli

Awards from the ClassMr. Keith Pfaff
President, Class of 2005

Hooding of Doctor of Pharmacy CandidatesDr. David A. Knapp
Mr. Keith Pfaff

Closing RemarksDr. David A. Knapp

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE - 2005

Hyuk Jin Cha¹

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Extracellular Signal Regulated Kinase (ERK) Function and Regulation During Mitotic Progression"
Dissertation Advisor: Paul Shapiro, Ph.D.

Jesse Lee Cooke, Jr.

Major: Pharmaceutical Health Services Research
Dissertation Title: "Breast Cancer Patients' Preferences for Local and Systemic Therapy"
Dissertation Advisor: Sheila Weiss Smith, Ph.D.

Surabhi Yashavant Dangi-Garimello

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Cell Cycle Regulation by Protein Kinase B (PKB/Akt) and Extracellular Signal-Regulated Kinase (ERK) Signaling Pathways"
Dissertation Advisor: Paul Shapiro, Ph.D.

Tushar Shastry Garimella

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Pharmacokinetic Studies of the Breast Cancer Resistance Protein (BCRP) Substrate, Flavopiridol, and the BCRP Inhibitor Fumitremorgin C (FTC)"
Dissertation Advisor: Kenneth Bauer, JR, PharmD, Ph.D.

Yang Guo

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Improving Nasal Drug Delivery-An Investigation of Formulation Variables and Breathing Patterns on Aerosol Performance and Nasal Deposition Site"
Dissertation Advisor: Richard Dalby, Ph.D.

Mohamed Haider²

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Amino Acid-Based Polymers for Gene Delivery"
Dissertation Advisor: Hamid Ghandehari, Ph.D.

Maria Rhona Limcangco

Major: Pharmaceutical Health Services Research
Dissertation Title: "Prevalence and Analgesic Treatment of Pain in the Medicare Nursing Home Population"
Dissertation Advisor: Bruce Stuart, Ph.D.

Meng Qiao

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Regulation of EC proliferation and angiogenesis by RUNX2 transcription factor"
Dissertation Advisors: Tony Passaniti, Ph.D/
Alex MacKerell, Ph.D.

Pallavi Nithyanandan

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "The Analysis and Prediction of Functional Robustness of Inhaler Devices"
Dissertation Advisor: Richard Dalby, Ph.D.

Deepa Shantaram Pikle

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "The Functional and Mechanistic Characterization of Escherichia coli DNA Topoisomerase III-catalyzed DNA Relaxation"
Dissertation Advisor: Russell DiGate, Ph.D.

Aditya Tatavarti²

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Micronenvironmental pH Modulation Based Release Regulation of Weakly Basic Drugs from Sustained Release Hydrophilic Matrices"
Dissertation Advisor: Steve Hoag, Ph.D.

Linn N. Thatcher

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Synthetic Methods Toward Novel Opioid Ligands with Reduced Potential for Tolerance"
Dissertation Advisor: Andrew Coop, Ph.D.

Junling Wang

Major: Pharmaceutical Health Services Research
Dissertation Title: "Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Access to Prescription Drugs During Early Years of Drug Products' Life Cycles"
Dissertation Advisor: C. Daniel Mullins, Ph.D.

Na Zhao

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dissertation Title: "Investigation of Super Disintegrant Functionality and Development of Discriminating Test Methods"
Dissertation Advisor: Larry Augsburg, Ph.D.

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE - 2005

Oluyemisi Alakija¹

Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences
Advisor: Russell DiGate, Ph.D.

Louis Flowers

Major: Pharmaceutical Health Services Research
Advisor: C. Daniel Mullins, Ph.D.

¹Graduated Summer, 2004

²Graduated Fall, 2004

PRECEPTORS OF THE YEAR

Marybeth Sniadowski Cole, BSP, Happy Harry's Pharmacy

John Jordon, PharmD, Clinical Pharmacist, Peninsula Regional Medical Center

John R. DiBona, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy, Sinai Hospital

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Keith Thomas Pfaff
Vice President	Diem Ngoc Thai
Secretary	Konjit Zena
Historian	Hoai An Truong
Treasurer	Robin Hannah Elgamil

ROBERT A. (BUZZ) KERR, PHARM.D.

Robert (Buzz) Kerr is currently Adjunct Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland's School of Pharmacy and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Dr. Kerr earned a bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of California Davis in 1966 and his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of California San Francisco in 1970. He completed a Pharmacy Residency at the same institution and joined the faculty at the University of Maryland in 1971.

As the first clinically practicing Pharm.D. educator in Maryland, he led the development of educational and pharmacy services programs that focused on pharmacists taking responsibility for drug therapy planning and outcome of therapy monitoring in inpatient and outpatient environments. Dr. Kerr helped lead the design and implementation of Maryland's creative entry-level and Non-Traditional Pharm.D. Curricula. He has received several awards including the W. Arthur Purdum Award from the Maryland Society of Health Systems Pharmacists for outstanding contributions to institutional pharmacy (the Society's highest award), a Certificate of Honor in the Outstanding Faculty Category from the Maryland Association of Higher Education, the AACP Teacher of the Year for University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (selected by faculty peers), and has twice been selected by University of Maryland students as Teacher of the Year. After 33 years as a faculty member at Maryland, Dr. Kerr recently retired from his full-time academic position as Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Science at Maryland.

Dr. Kerr has been extremely active in national pharmacy organizations. Dr. Kerr is currently serving his sixth year on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and is the Association's Immediate Past President. He has also served AACP as Chair of the Association's Council of Faculties and has twice served as the Chair of AACP's Section of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Kerr has consulted with several schools and colleges of pharmacy on curriculum design, program assessment, and preparation for accreditation.

MICHAEL R. COHEN, RPH, MS, ScD

Michael Cohen, RPh, MS, ScD, is one of the nation's foremost experts in medication safety issues. Dr. Cohen received his BS and MS in pharmacy degrees from Temple University School of Pharmacy. He is the President and Founder of The Institute for Safe Medication Practices, a non-profit healthcare organization that is leading national efforts in understanding the causes of medication errors. He also is the author of the book Medication Errors. Active in pharmacy affairs, Dr. Cohen is a member of the Sentinel Event Advisory Group for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, a member of the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Panel, the United States Food and Drug Administration, and served recently on the National Quality Forum's Evidence-Based Practices Steering Committee. In 2002, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists honored Dr. Cohen with the H.A.K. Whitney Award, the highest award in health system pharmacy.

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

Reasol Santiago Agustin
Ijeoma Nkechi Amadiogwu
Sumer Lynn Ashker
Seliat Oyinlola Badamas
Jami Lea Bailey – *Cum Laude*
Melissa Ann Baker
Tolulope Olamide Balogun
Kelli Jean Bankard
Miranda Hope Billet – *Cum Laude*
Jatandra Lee Owens Birney
Douglas Joseph Bradford
Alissa Anne Britt – *Cum Laude*
Dana Nichelle Brown
Denise Andrea Brown
Jason Allen Bunting
Stewart Wesley Carter
Yolanda Jean Chattman
Zanib N. Chaudry
Chris S. Choi
Christine K. Choy – *Summa Cum Laude*
Ellen Yoon Chun
Shelly Dhir
Deborah D. Di Vecchio
Hoai Duyen Nguyen Dinh
Honesty Michele Drumgoole
Julia Catherine Dystant
Felicia Uchechukwu Edoga
Bertha Bate Ekiko
Robin Hannah Elgamil – *Magna Cum Laude*
Adindu David Ezeocha
Carolyn Michelle Flowers
Devon Marchi Flynn – *Cum Laude*
Alison Lauren Freccia
Darren Jay Freeman – *Cum Laude*
Jenora Lyn Fuller
Teresa Fung
Alexander N. Gashti
Dawn Marie Ginter
Cynthia Lynn Glos – *Summa Cum Laude*
Hemavathi Murliya Gowda – *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael John Grimes
Adrienne M. Hanstein
Emily Ann Henson
Casey Lynn Hentz
Karina Elaine Holland
Grace Hong
Donard Donna Huynh – *Summa Cum Laude*
Cordelia Ngozi Ifeanyi-Nwanze
Jeanine Elizabeth Jackson

Cassandra Young Jakubowski
Jamie Renee Jones
Jing Ju – *Cum Laude*
Young-Joo Jun
Rachna Kapoor
Hanna Jin Kim
Janice Youngsik Kim
Mina Kim
Jenny Lyn Knipe – *Cum Laude*
Ji Hyun La Rose
Kimberly Sue Lehrfeld
Tze-wah Vivian Leung
Grace Reng-Chin Lin
Mimi Che Mei Lin
Patricia Lin – *Magna Cum Laude*
Trisha Nicole Lindo
Yue Tammy Liu
Bindu S. Mathews – *Magna Cum Laude*
Marilyn Michelle Matthews
Deborah L. McCann¹
Angela A. McMichael
Janelle Nichole Meads
Stacey YoonKyung Min
Tewodros Kebede Molla
Adil Mahmoud Monshi
Lisa Marie Moorhead
Evie Nicole Morris
David M. Mukiti
Moon Hee Na
Lori Mijong Nam
Vivek Navaneethan¹
Doan Thuc-Minh Nguyen
Jacqueline Mylinh Nguyen
Thanh Ngoc Nguyen
Christine Wanjiru Njoora
Michael Uche Obasi
Kingsley Iziudu Okojie
Naana Akua A. Osei-Boateng
Grace Park
Thomas Allen Park
Pulkita Rajendra Patel
Shelby Lauren Payne
Keith Thomas Pfaff
Chaiyapruk Phantumvanit
Piamas Puatrakul
Cheryl Ann Raab – *Summa Cum Laude*
Kristine Alice Rapan
Eileen Loulie Ripple
Scott Warrick Robinson

Christina Roberta Ross
Martin Anthony Russell
Marlene Scadden
Michael Joseph Schmor
Inna Shalito
Andrew Wilson Shifflet
Amy Lynn Shofner
Diane Caryl Smith
Tracie Samantha Stafford
Janine Arnetta Stewart²
Elizabeth Marie Stier
Samana Shahid Syed
Segmia Kenna Tata
Mary Tatiana Tavakoli
Teisha Abigale Yvonne Taylor – *Magna Cum Laude*
Diem Ngoc Thai
Laura Alison Tolen – *Summa Cum Laude*
Yen T. Trinh
Hoai An Truong
Nnenna Kalu Uzoh
Jacqueline Alexandra Valdes
Laura C. Wachter²
Natalie M. Watkins
Kristen Elizabeth Webb – *Magna Cum Laude*
Jennifer Wong
Susan Yi
Todd Philip Yori
Esther S. Yu
Heidi Leigh Zeller
Konjit Zena – *Magna Cum Laude*
Ni Zhao
Yu Zou

¹Graduated Summer, 2004

²Graduated Fall, 2004

Academic Achievement

Summa Cum Laude

Magna Cum Laude

Cum Laude

Ceremonial Cords

Certain graduates are wearing ceremonial cords of the Rho Chi Society and/or Phi Lambda Sigma, the nation's academic and leadership honoraries, respectively. The School's three endowed chairs, Drs. Augsburger, Rosen and Stuart, are wearing white cords signifying this honor.

GRADUATION AWARDS

Class of 2005

- Alpha Zeta Omega Fraternity, Kappa Chapter Prize**
for proficiency in pharmacologyLaura Alison Tolen
- Andrew G. DuMez Award**
for superior proficiency in pharmacy.....Bindu S. Mathews
- Lambda Kappa Sigma, Epsilon Alumnae Chapter-Cole Award**
for proficiency in pharmacy administrationJing Ju
- Maryland Pharmaceutical Society Award**Angela A. McMichael
Teisha Abigale Yvonne Taylor
- William Simon Memorial Prize**
for superior work in the field of medicinal
chemistry, practical and analytical chemistryKristen Elizabeth Webb
- Dr. & Mrs. Frank J. Slama Award**
for superior work in the field of biopharmacognosy.....Hemavathi Murliya Gowda
- Frank J. Slama Award**
by the School's Alumni Association to a graduating
student who has excelled in extracurricular activities.....Hoai An Truong
- Wagner Pharmaceutical Jurisprudence Prize**
for meritorious academic achievement in
pharmaceutical jurisprudencePatricia Lin
- John F. Wannewetsch Memorial Prize**
for exceptional performance and promise in the
practice of community pharmacyCynthia Lynn Glos
- Conrad L. Wich Prize**
for exceptional work in medicinal chemistry and pharmacognosyMarilyn Michelle Matthews
- L.S. Williams Practical Pharmacy Prize**
to the student having the highest general average
in basic and applied pharmaceuticalsDonard Donna Huynh
- Academic Excellence Award, Nontraditional Pathway**Deborah D. DiVecchio
- Academic Excellence Award**Donard Donna Huynh
Laura Alisa Tolen
- Leadership Awards**.....Shelly Dhir
Honesty Michele Drumgoole
Keith Thomas Pfaff
Kristine Alice Rapan
Segmia Kenna Tata
Hoai An Truong