

Seasons Greetings!

This newsletter is for our dedicated alumni, students, faculty and healthcare colleagues like you. We will keep you up-to-date on the successes of alumni, the good news of the college and important industry updates. Especially if you are an alum, we love to hear about the impact you are having in the communities you serve. Click on the button below to update your information with us, and I'll send you a gift from the College of Pharmacy.

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Medication Therapy Management Center

Did you know that the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy has launched a Medication Therapy Management Center (MTM)? MTM services are distinct from medication dispensing by focusing on a patient-centered process of care. Services encompass the assessment and evaluation of the patient's complete medication therapy regimen, rather than focusing on an individual medication product. At Findlay's Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Center, students work with seven in-house pharmacists to provide one-on-one MTM services to patients. By interacting directly with the patient, our students gain experience in identifying unforeseen side-effects or problems with medication regimens and provide different drug recommendations as well as guidelines for identifying future issues and tips for taking medication. If you'd like to learn more information [CLICK HERE](#).



UF Students Note Differences and Similarities in U.S. and Japanese Pharmacy Practice

(Written by Tonya Dauterman, UF Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Chair of Experiential Education, for Ohio Pharmacists Association Magazine. Story originally published September, 2017)
 The adventure began in summer 2016 for five students and two faculty members from the University of Findlay's (UF) College of Pharmacy. Visiting Kyushu University of Health and Welfare (KJUH) in Nobeoka, Japan was a true intercultural experience with the goal of comparing common pharmacy practices in the inpatient, outpatient and academic settings between Japan and the United States. Student representation included one member of each class from P2-P6.



Acute Helping Hands Food Drive Hoping to collect 78,000 Pounds of Nonperishables

The bar has been set even higher this year following the previous record-breaking Helping Hands Food Drive collection of 73,000 pounds.

The University of Findlay, in partnership with its dining service, Sodexo, will host the annual event on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Nonperishable food will be collected from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations: Kroger at 1096 Tiffin Ave. and 101 6th St.; Walmart Supercenter at 1161 Tronox Ave. and 2200 Tiffin Ave.; and on campus in front of the Alumni Memorial Union on Frazer Street.



Cleveland pharmacists visit underserved patients at home

Pharmacy program visits area patients on clock with medication adherence, chronic disease management

More than 15 pharmacists and residents work at The Centers for Family and Children in Cleveland, and a chunk of their day is spent visiting patients at home to help them with medication adherence and chronic disease management. Their clients have severe and persistent mental health issues and typically rely on Medicaid or are uninsured.

Evan Bradley Wright, PharmD, RPh, pictured above spends three days per week in the community making house calls. Most of his time is dedicated to medication counseling for patients who are new to the program.



Saving Jake

On Monday October 2nd, The University of Findlay hosted D'Anne Burwell, who is the author of the award-winning *Saving Jake, When Addiction Hits Home*. Most recently, her book was named winner of the 2016 Eric Hoffer Book Award in Memoir.

D'Anne holds a Master's degree in education. She's the mother of two young adults, and advocates for families of addicts through radio commentaries, panel meetings, and national speaking engagements. D'Anne lives with her husband in Silicon Valley. Pictured above are: D'Anne Burwell (center), John Kish, Chairman and Freda Dubsy, Executive Director of the Alcohol Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board for Hancock County.



Flu Shots in the Fields

Pharmacy students from the University of Findlay headed into the field, literally, to provide medical care to migrant workers at a local farm outside Tiffin, Ohio. Students administered free flu and tetanus shots as well as checked blood sugar and blood pressure levels. This community outreach was structured through a Pharmacy Diversity by Service course which aims to prepare pharmacy students to work with a variety of cultures.



From Clinic to Classroom : UF Professor to Offer Parkinson's Course

Approximately one million Americans currently live with Parkinson's Disease with 60,000 new cases diagnosed each year. Common symptoms of resting tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity appear in geriatric patients for a variety of reasons and as there is no definitive diagnostic test, the misdiagnosis rate of Parkinson's is strikingly high, around 25 percent. To combat this issue, the National Parkinson's Foundation (NPF) has been supporting for an increase in research, patient care resources and training in diagnosis and care for physicians and pharmacists.

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Student Spotlight: Katherine Howell



Katherine is a P5 student from Perrysburg and says that she was attracted to the University of Findlay after meeting with Brad Hammer, taking her campus tour and having her pharmacy interview with Dr. Erin Thompson. That day, she realized after taking a photo under the arch that UF was her first choice. She became interested in pharmacy as a career because her mother is a pharmacist and also because of her younger brother. He has autism and takes a lot of medications. Katherine's family are huge dog lovers and her dog is even here at school with her! On campus, she is involved in Kappa Epsilon as their Service Chair, enjoys being a part of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council and plays interest volleyball. Katherine thinks pharmacy is the best career of choice because you can have seemingly small impacts that can make a big impact on a community. Says Katherine, "You need to love what you do." We are proud of Katherine and all of our pharmacy students!

Ask an Alumni: Jessica Geiger-Hayes (Class of 2011)



Jessica lives in Powell, OH, with her husband of twelve years, Ian and her 3 children Oliver 11, Isiah 7 and Levi 4. She had Alexa while she was in pharmacy school. Currently she is working as a clinical pharmacist on the palliative care team at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, OH. Jessica was the first full-time palliative pharmacist hired in OhioHealth and the team has now grown to four. Prior to joining OhioHealth she worked for HospiceOne, now Optum Hospice Services. The most valuable thing she learned from her time here at the University of Findlay was to not be afraid to be curious and ask questions because that is how everyone learns.

Faculty Feature: Akasha Edwards



Professor Edwards was born and raised in Tobago, which is the smaller of the 2 Caribbean islands comprising the nation of Trinidad and Tobago. She's the only family member, other than distance relatives, that is living currently in the United States. Her mother is a preacher and her father retired as the Second in Command of Police for the nation of Trinidad and Tobago. She is the oldest of three children having a younger brother and sister. Her driving reason why she left for the US was because the level of care she could provide with her Bachelors of Pharmacy in Tobago was disappointing to her. So she headed to the University of Florida and obtained her PharmD. When asked why she chose to come north to Findlay she said this is her personal growth period and she wanted a fresh start somewhere different and completely out of her comfort zone! Dr. Edwards believes God will help her grow with this challenge. Cold weather is about to come upon us here in Ohio, and Akasha has never lived anywhere that it snows. So if she doesn't come to school one morning to teach her class, another faculty member might have to go pick her up! Prior to starting here in August, she was at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. One of her life ambitions is to travel every continent in the world and so far she has only been to two, as a bit of traveling is in her future plans. Fun fact about her, she is a movie buff when it comes to Marvel & DC comic movies. She can't wait for the next Thor movie to be released!

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- December 11th-14th Final Exams
- December 15th-January 7th Winter Break
- March 16th-Pharmacy Signing Day
- March 24th-Grand Rounds in Woodrow Wilson
- Overcoming The Perceived and Real Barriers to Delivery of Healthcare in A Diverse Patient Population". For more information, please contact Lauren at laurel@findlay.edu, Mackenzie at mackenzie@findlay.edu or Amanda at amanda@findlay.edu