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# Rx Connections

Sustaining relationships with pharmacy alumni, students, faculty and healthcare colleagues through pharmacy education.



## Calling all students AND alums!

A season of gratitude....

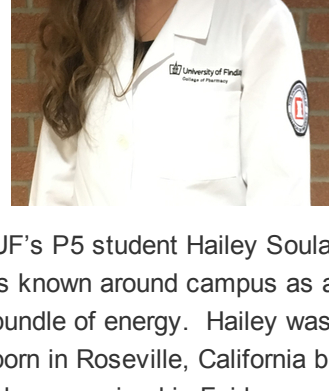
Calling all students AND alums! In the spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude, I want to know...."Who Inspired YOU?" As you think back to your high schools (never mind how long ago that may have been), is there one particular teacher that sparked your interest in the sciences? Maybe that was your chemistry teacher, your guidance counselor, your math teacher.... Well, with your help, I'd like to honor and recognize those teachers that you feel played a role in starting you on the path that led to you being a pharmacist today. Here's what I need – I promise it's quick – "[Click Here](#)" or below and answer the questions. It's that easy. We'll take it from there. Thank you!

-Dean Debra Parker

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## Student Spotlight:

### Hailey Soulati



UF's P5 student Hailey Soulati is known around campus as a bundle of energy. Hailey was born in Roseville, California but she was raised in Fairborn, Ohio. As the current president of Kappa Epsilon (KE), she and several other KE members have founded a student-run immunization clinic that goes out into the community, and into the workplaces to vaccinate the local businessmen and women. According to Hailey, through this clinic, pharmacy students are not only bettering the health of the community but also enhancing the educational experience of the students involved. Hailey interns at Discount Drug Mart, but no matter where her career takes her, she aspires to use her education to the fullest in educating other healthcare providers and patients about the best use of medications. She chose Findlay because it was the only program she visited "...where professors treated me like a person and not just another number". Says Hailey, "It was the only school that felt like home to me." When she started school, she says she was extremely introverted and scared to be away from home; because of this, she joined organizations within the pharmacy program as soon as she could, and this is her recommendation to everyone! "The earlier you get involved, the more you get out of the organization and your education, and the more enjoyable your overall experience will be here!"

## Area pharmacy students fill many roles

Fall season you'll see pharmacy students out and about giving flu shots. But they are up to a lot more than that.

Laura Inbody, a 22-year-old student at the University of Findlay, said pharmacy studies involve a lot of time management. There are a lot of assignments, but in the big picture, "Patients' lives are relying on you knowing this information," she said. "You have to want it."

Inbody originally began studying engineering at Ohio State University, but soon realized she wasn't "passionate about anything" in engineering. A chemistry teaching assistant connected her with a toxicology lab, where she learned about pharmacy and thought, "I want to know more." [READ MORE](#)



## October 2018 OPA Extern

### Profile: Taylor Allen

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Pharmacy School: The University of Findlay

Rotation Month at OPA: October 2018

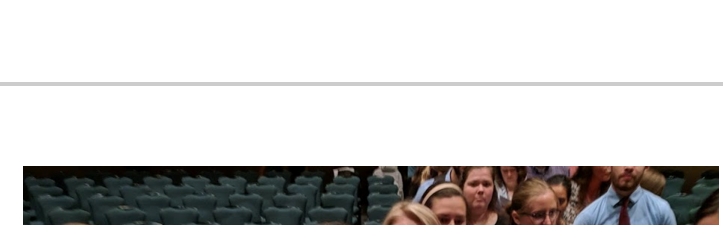
How did you get interested in the profession of pharmacy?

As a high school student, I began my quest to determine what career I wanted to pursue. During that time, my grandmother and grandfather experienced rapid decline in their mental capacity due to Alzheimer's disease. As they grew more dependent, I volunteered to help with their medications. This provoked me to shadow a local, independent pharmacist – and, needless-to-say, I loved every second of it. At that point, I realized I had a passion for pharmacy and a growing interest in geriatric care. [READ MORE](#)



## Career Fair

On the 20th of September, 332 pharmacy students and 28 hub sites attended the 2018 Career Fair held in the AMU. All students in the Pharmacy program were required to attend, but the benefits to each student varied. P1s weren't sure what to expect during one of their first forays into the world of pharmacy. P5s viewed the event as an opportunity to network and firm up their choices for their P6 rotation year. P6 students also attended to network and receive information on residencies and career opportunities; many had interviews that day for open positions at the participating pharmacies. The P6 students also attended a formal luncheon where they learned about proper etiquette for dinner interviews. Overall, the Career Fair was well attended and of benefit to all.

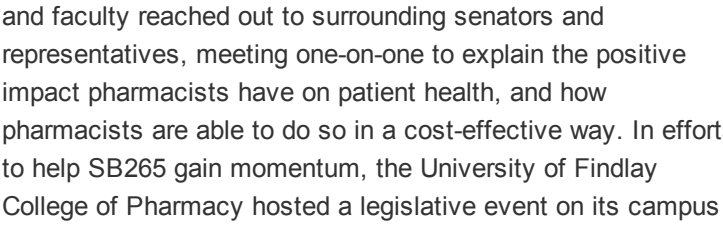


## Legislative Day

Who said legislation couldn't be exciting? Legislation in 2018 regarding pharmacy services in Ohio has been a hot topic, and UF pharmacy students are getting in on the action. By way of background, Ohio Senate Bill 265 was introduced by Senator Matt Dolan supporting pharmacists to be recognized as providers in efforts to help Ohio improve health care access, outcomes and reduce overall health care cost. Additionally, the Ohio Pharmacists Association has been a huge supporter of this bill. All around the state, colleges of pharmacy each pledged to push their legislators to support this bill. Through the Summer and Fall, University of Findlay College administrators and faculty reached out to surrounding senators and representatives, meeting one-on-one to explain the positive impact pharmacists have on patient health, and how pharmacists are able to do so in a cost-effective way. In efforts to help SB265 gain momentum, the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy hosted a legislative event on its campus on Monday, October 1, 2018. Ohio representatives and local political leaders were invited to campus to hear the message how passing SB265 would permit certain health insurers to provide payment or reimbursement for services provided by a pharmacist. Guest speakers from the Ohio Pharmacists Association (Emie Boyd, Executive Director), practicing pharmacists and a patient advocate provided testimony. In addition to their participation in this event, UF pharmacy students spent time in class reviewing the process for passing legislation in Ohio, and each wrote a letter to their respective Ohio Senator and Ohio House Representative. Over 350 letters were sent to Ohio legislators in support of this bill from the College. As of the writing of this update, SB265 has been passed by the Ohio Senate Insurance Committee as well as Ohio Senate. The bill will now go to the House of Representatives for approval. It would then go before Governor Kasich to be signed.

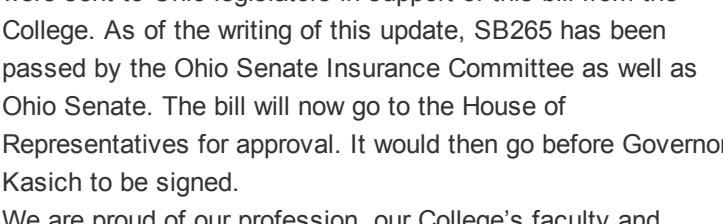
We are proud of our profession, our College's faculty and students and their efforts to support legislation that increases patient access to pharmacist care.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming active in legislation, please consider attending OPA's Pharmacist Legislative Day on December 4th. Details can be found on [OPA's website](#).



## Curiosity Creates a Career

Summer internships are a time for growth and education for Findlay students ending in a rewarding professional experience. For Laura Inbody, a year-four transfer student in the College of Pharmacy, it ended with an awards ceremony as well. During a summer internship with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes (NINDS), a division within the National Institute of Health (NIH), her pharmaceutical research was awarded the Exceptional Summer Student Award and she was asked to deliver a podium presentation during the NINDS awards ceremony. [READ MORE](#)



## Learning Diversity Through Service

Compassion is derived from understanding and love. This concept is what drives Associate Professor Sandra Earle, Pharm.D., in her mission to prepare University of Findlay pharmacy students to improve patient lives throughout their careers. Earle's "Diversity through Service" course offers experiences in the classroom and the field where students strive to achieve greater cultural competency, and therefore acquire a more comprehensive understanding of the human condition. The course addresses topics regarding classist struggle, race and power, and cultural barriers not only in the service of pharmacy, but in life. [READ MORE](#)

## Ask an Alumn:

### Tom Pierson, Class of 2016



You didn't have to know Tom Pierson (Class of 2016) for more than a few minutes when he was a student at UF to know he would advance quickly in his career! Following graduation, he completed a PGY1 and a PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration residency at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Health. Now, only two years after graduating, he has accepted the position as Pharmacy Manager of Specialty Clinics and Anticoagulation Services at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH. Tom's areas of oversight include ambulatory specialty pharmacy clinical program development and implementation, anticoagulation services, and patient outcome data management and reporting. According to Tom, "There are many things I learned during my time at the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy that have helped to shape the person I am today. If I were to pick the most valuable lesson learned, however, it is the importance of building and maintaining meaningful relationships. The impact of building your professional network and seeking mentorship cannot be overstated. Any successes I have had as a pharmacist and pharmacy leader have only been possible because of the network of mentors and colleagues who have guided and supported me throughout my education and early career. As my fellow UF classmates and I progress in our careers, we all look forward to learning about and meeting the great pharmacists and leaders who also began their careers as students at UF College of Pharmacy!"

## Faculty Feature:

### Dr. Lori Ernsthause, Pharm D, BCPS



A native of Millbury, Ohio, Dr. Lori Ernsthause attended the University of Toledo where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. After graduation she completed a PGY1 residency at the Toledo Hospital Family Medicine Residency program in Toledo, Ohio, worked at a small independent pharmacy and also at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center before joining the faculty at The University of Findlay in 2007. During her career at UF, Dr. Ernsthause was the first coordinator of experiential education, went on to serve as a full-time pharmacy practice member, and now serves as Chair of the Pharmacy Practice Department and Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs. Lori currently lives in Pemberville, close to their family's farm with her husband, Wes, daughters Emily (age 5) and Laineys (age 3), and miniature schnauzer, Lily. According to Lori, "I feel blessed to work with such a great group of people and enjoy interacting with the students in and outside of the classroom."

## Upcoming

### Dates/Events:

December 8th UF Scholarship Competition Day

December 10th-14th Finals

December 22nd-January 1st Christmas Break

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