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## Message from the Dean

Greetings from The University of Findlay! As the weather begins to feel like Fall, and I reflect back on the summer, it was packed with activity on campus. Hosting pharmacy camps, health professions camp, and a science refresher camp, attending conferences, presenting scholarly activity, and preparing for the coming academic year have kept us busy. The summer culminated with the annual White Coat Ceremony and the launch of our distance PharmD pathway. We are proud to be the first and only pharmacy program in the state of Ohio to offer this flexible learning approach to future pharmacists. I invite you learn more about the distance pathway by visiting <https://pharmdonline.findlay.edu/>.

I continue to be proud of the work of our students, faculty, and staff, and am ever-grateful for the support of our alumni and other friends of the program.

In Oiler Spirit,



Dr. Debra Parker  
Dean, College of Pharmacy



## White Coat 2023 Unites University of Findlay Student Pharmacists Across the Country

The 2023 Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony is always a momentous occasion in the life of a student pharmacist, but this year marked an additional significance for the College, as it is the first in which students in the [direct-entry pathway](#), [the professional on-campus pathway](#), and [the distance learning pathway](#) all merged to embark on their first professional year. “The ability to bring this opportunity to an increasingly diverse group of future pharmacists is gratifying. It has been many years in the works, and the life experiences and perspectives this group collectively bring really enhance the learning environment. We are excited to work with all of them. Their futures are bright.”



## Ohio Legislation that Could Change the Profession...

Two pieces of legislation are being considered by Ohio Legislature. Please read on to learn more. According to Dean Debra Parker, "It is important for our voices to be heard. Anyone who lives in the state of Ohio will be impacted by the outcomes of these bills. I urge Ohio voters to contact their Senators as soon as possible to voice their opinions." Here are summaries you may find useful:

### **HB-73: Opposition to the Enact Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act (HB 73)**

This bill requires pharmacists to dispense medication for all purposes including off label prescribing without the discretion of the pharmacist and creates a potential drug shortage supply.....

“A pharmacist shall dispense, and a hospital or inpatient facility shall allow the dispensing of an off-label drug to a patient if a prescriber has issued for the patient a prescription for the drug.”

This will require a pharmacist to dispense any drug for which there is a prescription, even if it is against their professional judgement. Here is a link to the bill in its entirety. [https://search-](https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general_assembly_135/bills/hb73/PH/02/hb73)

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This legislation has already passed the House and is now in the Senate. Please write to your state senators and ask them to oppose this bill.

To find your State Senator:

Ohio Senate: Go to <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/district-maps>

- Enter your address
- Click on your Ohio Senator's page,
- Look for a "contact" tab- usually upper right hand side of the page
- Paste your HB 73 letter in the message area.

### **HB 80 : Pharmacist Care, to amend sections 4729.01 and 4729.45 and to enact section 4729.21 of the Revised Code**

This bill provides patients more access to basic health care for conditions such as strep throat (test and treat), COVID (test and treat), Influenza (test and treat), and HIV medication administration. This bill would allow pharmacists, in accordance with a statewide written protocol, to conduct screenings, order labs and diagnostic tests, evaluate the results of screenings, and to test and treat the flu, COVID-19, and strep throat. It also authorizes pharmacists, in accordance with a physician approved protocol, to administer by injection (1) HIV treatments drugs in long-acting or extended- release forms and (2) other drugs specified by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy.

The bill modifies and enhances the services that pharmacists are permitted to provide as part the statutory definition of "practice of pharmacy".

Please ask your House Representatives to support this bill as it is currently in committee.

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- OR you can email it to the house representative directly.



## University of Findlay In the News

Hosting pharmacy camps as well as health professional camps aimed at increasing exposure and increasing diversity in healthcare have kept UF faculty busy this summer.

Check out these spotlights in the news in the region!

[Toledo's WTOL highlights UF College of Pharmacy's collaboration with Chicago Middle-Schoolers aimed at increasing diversity](#)

[University of Findlay gives high school students a chance to learn more about the pharmacy field](#)

[Pharmacists-to-Be Go to Camp](#)

## UF Pharmacy Faculty Expands

Welcome to Drs. Lauren Forsythe, and Nicole Horstman, and Ryan Waldschmidt as they join the UF College of Pharmacy.



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### **Dr. Lauren Forsythe**

Assistant Professor of Social and  
Administrative Pharmacy

Dr. Forsythe graduated from the University of Findlay, College of Pharmacy in 2015 and completed her veterinary pharmacy residency at Purdue's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Following completion of her residency, Dr. Forsythe spent three years at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital as a Clinical Pharmacist followed by four years at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Service Head. Dr. Forsythe is a Diplomat of the International College of Veterinary Pharmacists. In addition to her teaching position, Dr. Forsythe is the lead author of the book *Drug Compounding for Veterinary Professionals* and provides consulting services to veterinary practices through her company *Foresight Pharma Solutions*. Outside of work, Dr. Forsythe enjoys running, cake/cookie decorating, and spending time with her husband and 3 boys (5 years old and 3-year-old twins) as well as her dog and 3 cats.



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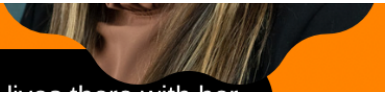
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### **Dr. Nicole Horstman**

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

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Dr. Horstman was born and raised in Kalida, Ohio and still lives there with her husband, Austin and her 4-month-old daughter, Bryn. She attended the University of Findlay to obtain her pharmacy degree and graduated in 2021. After graduation she matched with Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center to complete a PGY-1 pharmacy residency. After residency Dr. Horstman accepted a position as an Emergency Department pharmacist and practiced there until she accepted the faculty position here at the University of Findlay. Dr. Horstman will continue to practice at Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center while teaching at UF. In her free time she enjoy spending time with her family, as she has four brothers and 10 total nieces and nephews! Dr. Horstman also enjoy shopping, reading (she even started a book club after residency), watching the Buckeyes and the Bengals, and spending time with friends. Dr. Horstman is very excited to come back to the place where she fell in love with pharmacy and to help prepare future generations of pharmacists.



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## Dr. Ryan Waldschmidt

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Ryan Waldschmidt, PharmD, RPh is a pharmacist from Allison Park, Pennsylvania. Growing up, he worked for his uncle at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Ingomar, Pennsylvania, where he grew to love pharmacy. He then attended and graduated with his PharmD degree from the Ohio Northern University (ONU) Raabe College of Pharmacy. After graduation, he completed his residency with Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network (CPESN), the ONU Healthwise team, and Jackson Pharmacy and Wellness Center (JPWC). He looks forward to continuing his professional career at the University of Findlay and JPWC!

# TEXTBOOK PUBLICATION

**Contemporary Physical Pharmacy  
and Pharmaceutics for professional  
pharmacy curriculum.**



**Dr. Arindam Basu Sarkar**

## **Dr. Arindam BasuSarkar - Addressing a Gap in Pharmacy Education**

Congratulations to Dr. Arindam BasuSarkar on his recent textbook publication entitled, "Contemporary Physical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics for professional pharmacy curriculum."

According to Dr. BasuSarkar, "My motivation is that there was not a single book that was written keeping this core course in mind. The textbooks that are available on the market either do not cover all of the necessary aspects of physical pharmacy in adequate detail, or they dwell on the practice part of pharmaceutics without detailing the physical pharmacy principles that apply.



Thus, there was always a lack of a proper textbook for this course which is an essential part of any Pharm. D. program in North America. This book is written to bridge the existing gap in content."



## **Perry & Rao Publish Work on Pharmacy Student Performance and Perspective**

Drs. Shantanu Rao and Laura Perry recently published "Student performance and perspective on repeated top drug information assessments in a pharmacy skills laboratory course".

<https://pharmacyeducation.fip.org/pharmacyeducation/article/view/2187/1598>

“Our faculty are constantly looking for the most effective and valuable techniques to help students retain and apply what they are learning in the classroom. This is a great example of that, and I am so pleased these faculty members are sharing what we are learning with fellow educators. This helps us all continue to move pharmacy education forward.” – Debra Parker, Dean.

**FULBRIGHT RESEARCH PROJECT**  
Dr. M. Chandra Sekar

## **International Pharmacy Ambassador, Dr. M. Chandra Sekar Recipient of Coveted Fulbright Award**

Those who know Dr. Chandra Sekar know he has long advocated for international exchange of ideas and improving healthcare around the globe. His life-long passion has culminated in his receipt of the Fulbright-Nehru award.

This award is a highly competitive award that is selected by Fulbright Foundation established by the State Department of US and the Government of India. This award is even more significant because it is the first time the UF College of Pharmacy faculty member has been awarded. This grant will help Dr. Sekar and his team of researchers conduct their proposed project "Improving patient care by empowering community pharmacists in India". This objective will be achieved by carrying out the first randomized control trial of pharmacist management of hypertension, followed by diabetes management in 2024. This grant would not have been possible without active involvement and support of the Co-PI Satheesh S Gottipati, Associate Professor and Dean of Academics from Vignan Pharmacy College, Vadlamudi, Guntur, India. Congratulations, Dr. Sekar!



## **College of Pharmacy's Choose Ohio First Scholarship Recipients Recognized**

The Choose Ohio First program awards competitive scholarship funding to

Ohio's colleges and universities to support undergraduate and qualifying graduate students in innovative academic programs.

(<https://ohio.gov/residents/resources/choose-ohio-first>). University of Findlay students joined University President, Dr. Katherine Fell, in a social to celebrate their receipt of this scholarship and kick off the academic year. College of Pharmacy recipients (pictured here with Dean Debra Parker) included: Abigail Aulby, Genevieve Bennett, Carlie Bertke, Emily Brickner, Mikayla Buchanan, Caroline Dye, Addie Fitzgerald, Haleigh Gatchel, Morgan Hannon, Mason Laube, Kameryn Moening, Eden Nygaard, Asia Penn, Macy Rickel, William Schlabach, Eddie Shick, Nick Simmermeyer, and Zaedyn Wedge.



## **Kyushu University of Health & Welfare, Japan & UF College of Pharmacy Open Doors for Faculty and Students**

A decade-long relationship between the UF College of Pharmacy and the Kyushu University of Health and Welfare (KUH) was rekindled with the recent visit of Dr. Hiroaki Kimura (KUH) to Findlay. The relationship fosters exchange between our two faculty as well as the opportunity for students to visit and learn about the practice of pharmacy in another country. Pictured: Dr. Hiroaki Kimura, Dean Debra Parker, and President Katherine Fell.





## UF Alumni and Friends - There are UF College of Pharmacy LinkedIn Opportunities for YOU!

Are you following us on LinkedIn? The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy has TWO opportunities for you to do so.

The first is a closed group for alumni, current students, faculty, and staff; it exists for networking and job opportunities. If you fall into one of these groups, click [HERE](#) and join us as we build Oiler Pharmacy Alumni networking opportunities.

We also invite all readers to click [HERE](#) to follow what's going on in the College of Pharmacy!

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Join us! You are invited to support our preparation of future pharmacists by supporting initiatives such as pharmacy travel, scholarships, state of the art skills labs, international education, and more! Please click [HERE](#) to do so, and thank you for supporting our students.

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