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Message from the Dean

Greetings and Happy New Year from the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy! Spring semester has started, and despite recent frigid temperatures, our hearts are warmed by the stories in this month's issue of RxConnections. While the pandemic and variants of the COVID-19 virus continue to disrupt life as we knew it, we have been able to maintain safe, inperson, on-campus education. We continue to work to educate our communities near and far in disease prevention, including vaccination.

We are #Oilerstrong!

Debra L. Parker, PharmD Dean, College of Pharmacy



Alumni Spotlight

Dallas Smith (PharmD '17) Making an Impact Around the Globe

Dallas Smith, Pharm.D. '17, has made quite the impact on the world since graduating from the University of Findlay. Smith grew up in rural Ayersville, Ohio, on a small family farm, and during his senior year of high school, as he sifted through ideas of what to study in college, he came across the field of pharmacy. "I discovered that pharmacy was a really fascinating profession that could allow me to focus on disease prevention. It immediately sparked my interest," said Smith. UF was relatively close to his hometown, something that was important to Smith in choosing a college, and,



along with being impressed with Findlay's Pharmacy Program, he had an interest in Oiler basketball, a sport he played and loved in high school. Being offered the opportunity to play for UF was the icing on the black and orange cake for Smith, and he chose the University to further his athletics and education. <u>READ MORE</u>



Very Important Potential Pharmacist (V.I.P.²) Day

Ever wonder what pharmacists do? Come explore the profession at Findlay's V.I.P.² Day! Findlay's College of Pharmacy will host VIP² (Very Important Potential Pharmacist) day on Friday, March 25th. During this fun, interactive event, students will get an overview of pharmacy practice as they spend time in the lab compounding chemicals, learning about physical assessment, and filling prescriptions under the supervision of our College of Pharmacy faculty and teaching assistants. They will get an overview of Findlay's Pharmacy Program as well as some souvenirs to take home.

These students should be:

• Any high school student dedicated to academics

· Interested in science and math

Considering a career in healthcare
<u>Register Now!</u>



Summer Camp 2022

Back by popular demand, UF will host its annual summer camp in June AND July. Do you know of a high school student who will be a junior or senior in the Fall of 2022? We invite them to join us in an interactive on-campus, four-day, three-night event to explore pharmacy as a career. Camps will be offered June 19th - 22nd and July 10th -13th. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register, and feel free to share this link!



Advisory Board Spotlight

Teresa Hoffmann-Ash, PharmD Named Chief Operations Officer (COO) of Anderson Hospital

Congratulations to Dr. Teresa Hoffmann-Ash, UF College of Pharmacy Advisory Board member, who has recently been named as Anderson Hospital's (Cincinnati, Ohio) Chief Operating Officer. She has worked across the continuum of patient care, ranging from ambulatory practice to acute care. Her expertise includes employee engagement, service line expansion, patient relations, and provider engagement. Most recently, she served as the Director of Pharmacy, Outpatient Infusion, Outpatient Wellness Center at Mercy Health - West Hospital in Cincinnati. Teresa began her career with Mercy Health in 2010, and over the course of her career she has progressed through clinical and managerial positions in which she has interacted with, supervised, and collaborated with a wide variety of healthcare professionals, including nurses, dieticians, respiratory therapists, physicians, and more. Dr. Hoffmann-Ash provides a wealth of perspective and insight to our Board, and serves as an excellent example for our students of a pharmacist who has improved patient care directly as well as through effective management systems.



Julie Oestreich, Ph.D., Pharm.D. Assistant Professor of

Pharmaceutical Sciences



Jason Guy, Pharm.D. Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Who Says Learning Can't Be Fun?

Congratulations to Drs. Jason Guy and Julie Oestreich on their publication "Game-Based Learning in Pharmacy Education." Long-time advocates and national speakers on game-based learning (GBL) to encourage engagement in education, these UF College of Pharmacy faculty members have published their work highlighting evidence on GBL content areas, design, and assessment. Click <u>HERE</u> to read more.



International Engagement

Dr. Chandra Sekar Represents UF Around the Globe

Congratulations to Dr. Chandra Sekar, Assoc. Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, on his recent speaking engagement with healthcare colleagues in India on "The Changing World of Healthcare." Attended by approximately 300 people and 50 international pharmacy programs, he was able to share perspectives from the United States and University of Findlay College of Pharmacy, contributing toward the creation and deepening of understanding of global healthcare needs.

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