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## Message from the Dean

Friends and Family of the UF College of Pharmacy,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying your first unofficial days of summer. As we have ended this academic year, grateful for the safety of our students and employees, we are also grateful for your continued support.

A large portion of the readers of this newsletter consists of alumni of the UF College of Pharmacy who are receiving this email via their "findlay.edu" email

address, which will be inactive later this month. It is very important to our college and to ME to keep connected with each of you. If you are receiving this email via your UF email address, would you please click [HERE](#) to provide an alternate email address I can use to keep you up to date? Thank you, in advance.

As you will read, we have accomplished much in the culmination of this academic year, and I am pleased to share these accomplishments with you. Wishing you the best in the coming summer days, please enjoy the updates from our students, faculty, and alumni. The amazing things these individuals are able to do are because of your support. Thank you!

We are #Oilerstrong!

Debra L. Parker, PharmD  
Dean, College of Pharmacy

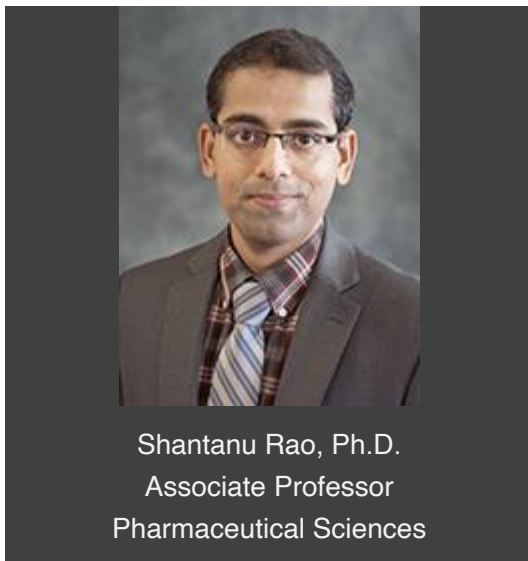


## **UF College of Pharmacy Boasts #1 National Residency Placement Rate**

As they entered the commencement weekend, the Class of 2022 gathered for a farewell luncheon with faculty and staff. Tributes, words of gratitude, and class awards were

shared, as well as the announcement to this class that, with a post-graduate residency placement rate of over 96%, this cohort of students ranked number one in the country! We are extremely proud of this group of students and wish them all the best as they enter their residencies and careers.

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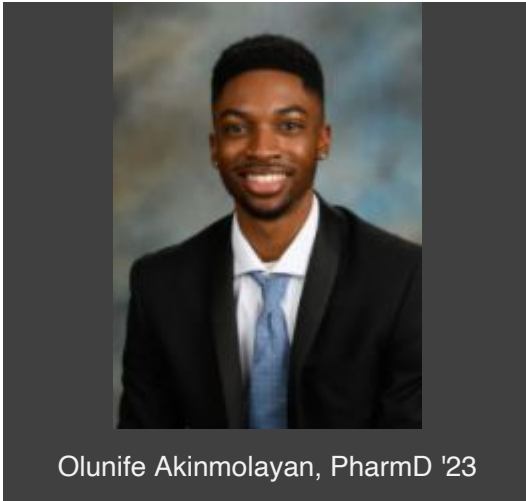


## **Dr. Shantanu Rao Named as 2022 Teacher of the Year**

Congratulations to Dr. Shantanu Rao, named in April as the 2022 UF College of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year. According to Debra Parker, Dean, "Receiving this award once is impressive, given the number of talented and supportive faculty in our

program, but this is Dr. Rao's SECOND time receiving this award, which truly speaks to his impact and the impression he makes on the students. Dr. Rao is very unassuming, but I can tell you he is an outstanding researcher, scholar, and educator of future pharmacists." Congratulations, Dr. Rao!

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## **APhA-ASP Names UF Senior Pharmacy Student to National Executive Committee**

Olunife Akinmolayan, a native of Chicago, IL and a student active in “every facet of university life” during his time on campus, has been named to one of only two national positions as the American Pharmacists Association Academy of

Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)  
National Member at Large.  
According to Dean Parker, “Olunife has been a ‘natural’ at organizational leadership during his time on campus and is truly passionate about the profession and ways we can better serve our communities. He is truly a change-agent, and APhA-ASP has made an excellent choice!”

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## 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 19-22 and July 10-13. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register, and feel free to share this link!



IPPE Preceptor of the Year-  
Dr. Cara Donough



APPE Preceptor of the Year-  
Dr. Patrick Divoky

## 2022 PRECEPTORS OF THE YEAR

Each year, UF students nominate

IPPE and APPE Preceptors of the Year. Each recipient must have made a positive impact on students through their exemplary teaching and mentoring, each receives a personalized plaque and certificate, and their names are placed on the perpetual plaque in the Experiential Office of the College of Pharmacy. To read more about the students' amazing choices [CLICK HERE!](#)

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Victoria Ayoola, PharmD '22

## **UF Student Selected for National Public Health Service Award**

The United States Public Health Service is a national recognition awarded to students for their efforts and positive impacts on public health in their communities. This prestigious award is named to a select few pharmacy graduates each year across the country. Dr. Victoria Ayoola, UF PharmD '22, has volunteered her time and efforts not only in our city, but in Cleveland and Columbus, and served in a national office for the Student National Pharmacists Association. She has led local, regional, and national initiatives and has spearheaded efforts targeted at improving health by improving literacy in refugees and immigrants, reducing stigma in minorities battling mental illness and addiction, and educating others about health inequities in our country. According to Victoria, "My philosophy and values are rooted in the service of others and the advancement of health equity. I am a champion for fostering public health equity and excellence."

Congratulations, Dr. Ayoola!

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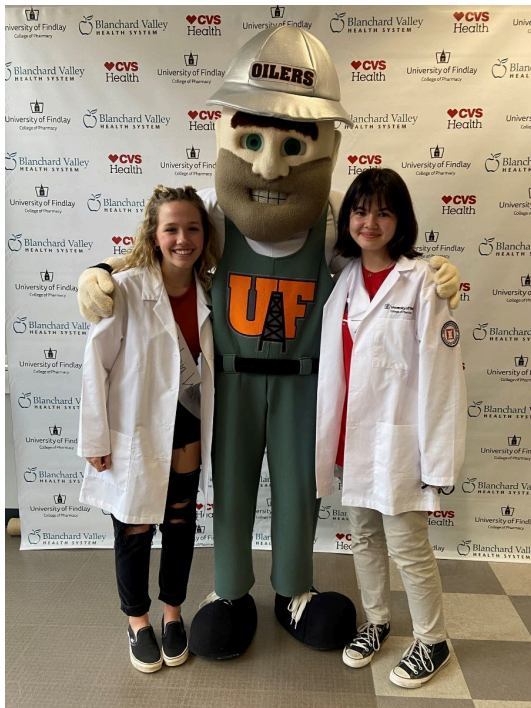


Dr. Jerome Adams  
20th Surgeon General

## University of Findlay Hosts 20th U.S. Surgeon General

University of Findlay's [College of Pharmacy](#) welcomed Dr. Jerome Adams, 20th Surgeon General of the United States, Distinguished Professor, Presidential Fellow, and Executive Director of Health Equity Initiatives at Purdue University, to campus on in April as the keynote speaker at the University's second annual [Health Equity – I Can Make a Difference](#) event, which was open to the public. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

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## In Case You Missed It: UF College of Pharmacy in the News

In February, we let high school students across Ohio and neighboring states know about an upcoming career exploration opportunity...UF's own [Very Important Potential Pharmacist \(VIP2\) Day](#). With approximately 100 students registering for the event and plenty of media attention recapping the experience, suffice it to say we are opening the door for the next generation of pharmacists to learn about the important impact pharmacists make in our communities! Click on any of the following links to learn more!

- [WFN: UF Holding Event For Students To Explore Pharmacy](#)

- **The Courier:** [Former surgeon general to address UF event](#)
  - **WLIO:** [University of Findlay gives potential pharmacists an inside look at their program](#)
  - **Daily Advent:** [University of Findlay gives potential pharmacists an inside look at their program](#)
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