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Message from the Dean

Friends and Family of the UF College of Pharmacy,

I hope this college update finds each of you well. When I last wrote, we were just a few weeks ahead of classes beginning. I am pleased to now share highlights from the beginning of the academic year with you, including new faculty, this year's new students, the annual White Coat ceremony, Rho Chi selection, Homecoming, plans for our annual reception at ASHP (live!) in December, and more! Our program continues to thrive not only due to the students, faculty, and staff, but because of YOU and your support. We could

not do what we do without your support in so many ways. From me to you,
"Thank you!"

As always, I remain grateful for the continued support of Oiler Nation and the
College of Pharmacy.

We are #Oilerstrong!

Debra L. Parker, PharmD

Dean, College of Pharmacy



UF Homecoming 2022 Celebrating 140 Years Together

The University of Findlay will celebrate Homecoming & Family Weekend October 7th - 9th. This year's theme is "Celebrating 140 Years Together." Among the MANY events happening that weekend, celebrating our legacy as well as the bright future ahead, make note that the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) will host the "Pharmal", a formal cocktails and dance event, on Friday evening, October 7th, and the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) will host the annual 5K Saturday morning, October 8th. Click [HERE](#) to register for these events as well as the many other great activities

scheduled for the weekend. Connect with students as well as alumni! We look forward to seeing you there!



Join us in Vegas!

Calling all University of Findlay College of Pharmacy students, alumni and friends! Please join us at our reception in association with the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas. The reception will take place at Eyecandy Sound Lounge on Sunday, December 8th from 5 pm -7 pm. Click below for more information and to register. See you there!

[Register Here](#)



UF College of Pharmacy's 2022 White Coat Ceremony

A symbol of professionalism. A milestone on the path to becoming a pharmacist. The White Coat. The UF College of Pharmacy's annual White Coat Ceremony represents the entrance into the professional portion of the program. On August 26th, members of the Class of 2026 received their white coats in the presence of hundreds of family and friends. Faculty, staff, the College's advisory board, the Ohio Pharmacists Association, the Ohio Society of Health System Pharmacy, and the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy also turned out to support these bright young student pharmacists. According to Dean Parker, "One of the most special

aspects of this year's ceremony is that in the pocket of each white coat was an inspirational and supportive message for each student. Our students matter. We are here to help them succeed in achieving their goals. This is one small gesture to demonstrate that." During the ceremony, each student received their white coat, and were joined by all pharmacists in attendance in reciting the Oath of a Pharmacist, affirming their commitment to excellence and service to others. Special thanks to CVS Health, who sponsored the event and reception, and provided Dr. Hannah Rumer to provide the keynote address. Congratulations once again to the Class of 2026!



**Celebrating a True
Legacy and
a Life Well Lived:**

Dr. William Ruse (1934-2022)

Dr. William Ruse passed away in August 2022 at the age of 88. For anyone who is a native of this region of Ohio, the name Dr. William “Bill” Ruse is well known. For those who may not have known him, Bill was a living example of service to his community, and a foundational member of many long-standing institutions. To the University of Findlay and the College of Pharmacy, Bill was a dear friend and driving force in the College. He and former UF President Dr. DeBow Freed worked closely with our founding dean, Don Stansloski, as well as with John Stanovich and Pat Malone to champion the case for the establishment of a college of pharmacy at UF.

Dean Debra Parker reminisced, “He served as the chair of our advisory board for many years, served as an adjunct professor teaching pharmacy economics and administration, and was an extremely generous donor to our program for the last two decades; frankly, we wouldn't be here without Bill and his vision and support. He was a dear friend to many of us, and I am so very sad that he is gone, but WHAT a life well-lived, and what an impact he has had on so many in the campus community as well as the city of

Findlay itself.”

Bill was a life-long learner, having earned a pharmacy, law, master’s, and honorary doctorate degree. He served as the CEO of Blanchard Valley Health System from 1964-2001. To learn more about Bill and his amazing legacy, click [HERE](#).

College of Pharmacy Welcomes New Faculty Members



Ben Aronson, PharmD



Rachel Kahle, PharmD

We are pleased to introduce to you Dr. Benjamin Aronson and Dr. Rachel (Kohls) Kahle. They joined the faculty of UF's College of Pharmacy in August.

Dr. Aronson is a native of Minnesota, having earned his PharmD and PhD from the University of Minnesota, before moving to Ohio to teach in the pharmacy social sciences at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. He joins UF to teach pharmacy administration and economics and has been a welcome addition to the program, bringing fresh ideas and skills in making the "business of pharmacy" engaging for the students.

Dr. Kahle is originally from Columbus Grove, Ohio, and earned her

PharmD from UF before completing residency training in the Bon Secours Mercy Health System St. Rita's Hospital in Lima, Ohio. Dr. Kahle will be teaching a variety of pharmacy practice topics, with her area of focus being hospital/inpatient care. According to faculty who worked with Rachel as a student, "We knew what we were getting with Rachel. Her work-ethic, organization, and ability to explain complex material in a direct manner make her an excellent addition to our team."

Welcome, Ben and Rachel!



New First Professional Year Cohort

On Friday, August 12th, we welcomed twelve new Pharmacy Oilers (pictured above) into the College. These individuals started directly in the first professional year

here at UF, and joined colleagues already here to form the 2026 cohort. The Class of 2026 spent the day bonding as a cohort, with activities including arch ceremony for the new students, an “amazing race” around campus for everyone, and orientation to the ins and outs of life as a first professional year student here at UF. The class is 59% female and includes students from Texas, Oregon, New Jersey, California, Minnesota, New York, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. Welcome, Class of 2026!



The 2022 Arch Ceremony

First-year pharmacy students beginning their college career marched through the University of Findlay Arch on a beautiful, sunny August day. They were cheered by the faculty, staff, cheerleaders, and band as they processed with their UF Pharmacy bucket hats proudly displayed to mark their place in the College of Pharmacy. Earlier that day, twelve first professional year students that were transferring into the program also marched through the arch to keep the tradition going for all of our students coming to UF.

The Griffith Memorial Arch was commissioned in 1923 in memory of Caddie Griffith by her parents. It was widened in 1990 to allow more students to safely pass through to commemorate them joining the University community by entering the arch from Main Street to campus. Legend warns against going through the arch again until graduation, at which time the new alums walk through the arch again, this time leaving the University to do their important work in the world. This is a time-honored tradition at the University of Findlay.



Career Fair 2022

Thursday, September 15, 2022 was a big day for the College of Pharmacy's Experiential Department and the P4, P5, and P6 students. The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy hosted its annual Career Fair on that day, and it was a success for both employers and students!

Thirty-eight employers attended, including 25 hospitals, eight community pharmacies, and other employers including those with fellowship programs, the University's Telehealth Center, a non-profit focusing on healthy lives for all members of the family, a drug and medical device contract resource organization (CRO), and an entity that future grads with various health-care related industries, including biotechnology and biomedicine. The

health care systems that have residencies were able to share details about the residency process as well as their expectations for residents. Several community-based employers conducted interviews with many of our P6 students while the P4 and P5 cohorts researched different organizations for experiential education placement.

The P6 students took their first practice NAPLEX test and attended a professional etiquette luncheon. After the luncheon, they joined a professional development session to learn about fellowships and residencies, the biotechnology sector, and financial decision-making.

After the Career Fair, most of the Hub Site attendees stayed for the Hub Site preceptor meeting, where they received updates about the APPE program as well as the College itself. To round out the day, pharmacists were invited to join the P6 students for the “Safety in Technology” CE program led by Dr. Michele Holey PharmD, the Medication Safety Officer for the Mount Carmel Health System. **Next year's Career Fair is Thursday, September 21, 2023. Mark your calendars!**



Medication Collection

On Saturday, August 13th, 2022, Dr. Tim Burkart and a team of UF pharmacy students participated in a Medication Collection that took place at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay, OH. This was a joint effort between the University of Findlay College of Pharmacy, Blanchard Valley Health System's (BVHS) Pharmacy, Hancock County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS), and the Findlay Police Department. In addition to being full-time faculty in the college and Assistant Director of Experiential Education, Dr. Burkart serves as a member on the ADAMHS Board's Opiate Task Force and Hancock

County's Opioid Fatality Review Board, and has a clinical practice site at BVHS focusing in anticoagulation management. He works with the ADAMHS Board, local law enforcement, and various community partners to set up medication collections multiple times a year throughout the Findlay area.

At this three-hour collection event, 52 cars come through the drop-off area, turning in over 139 pounds of unused or expired medications from the Hancock County region. In addition to coordinating safe disposal of the medications turned in, the group also provided information about support programs for recovery and substance use disorder, as well as Deterra® bags (a product that allows for safe disposal of medication at home). The next medication collection event is set for October 29th, 2022 in conjunction with the DEA's National Medication Takeback Day. It will take place from 8 am to 12 pm at the Findlay Municipal Building and will once again include participants from the College's faculty, staff, and students, the ADAMHS Board, and local law enforcement.



Congratulations to UF's Newest Inductees to Rho Chi!

As the academic honor society in pharmacy, the Rho Chi Society encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement, stimulates critical inquiry to advance pharmacy, contributes to the development of intellectual leaders, promotes the highest ethical standards, and fosters collaboration. This year, the Rho Chi Society is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary— its first chapter was established in 1922— and the leadership of Dr. Sandra Earle, who served as the chapter’s advisor for 10 years since its founding at UF in 2012. The chapter thanks Dean Parker, Executive Vice President Darin Fields, and previous Rho Chi President Brooklyn Cassidy for sharing inspirational comments during the event and the Class of 2023 Rho Chi members for leading

the ceremony.

Class of 2024 Inductees, pictured above, are: StefaniRae Brewer, Lauren Bruns, Alexander Canaday, Amanda Crase, Katelyn Harris, Taylor Le, Kyla Long, Madison Pazey, Hunter Rickett, and Sydney Wenzinger.

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