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# A Note from Dean Stephen Hoag



## As this issue of the *Pharmakon* reaches you,

the College will be nearing completion of a comprehensive self-study in preparation for our next site visit evaluation for re-accreditation of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. We last conducted a self-study in 1994-95 for re-accreditation in 1996.

The self-study includes a detailed evaluation of nearly everything we do, such as sections on the curriculum, faculty, student affairs, resources, and our on-going assessment processes. The study in each area was conducted initially by a faculty committee with student representation. Committees each drafted a report on their findings, and the faculty as a whole met to discuss reports one at a time, to be sure that the entire faculty agreed with the final draft of all reports. Members of the Pharmacy National Advisory Board and other alumni also reviewed reports to aid us in assuring that our self-study was comprehensive and reports were accurate.

Perhaps the most challenging part of our self-study and our ongoing processes is the area of assessment. Virtually all college and university programs are expected to design and conduct a comprehensive assessment program, especially in the area of student outcomes. We are working continuously to expand and enhance our assessment program. It is apparent that a comprehensive assessment program will be, in large part, the basis of self-studies in the future.

In my 29 years in pharmacy education, the accreditation process has changed from one of judging programs to one focusing on program development. This welcome change enables us to be as open and honest as possible, reporting on all the positive features of our program, as well as areas in need of improvement. In all areas of the study, we report plans for improvement and growth. With our own honest self-evaluation and the input of individuals who will make up the site-visit evaluation team, the entire accreditation process is very helpful.

Many people might think that being re-accredited is the best thing to come out of the process, but I think it's what we learn about ourselves and the plans that come out of the process. An honest self-evaluation represents a strong foundation for planning.

With this letter I must also tell alumni and friends that I have accepted a position with the University of Minnesota to head a new program for them in Duluth. This opportunity is one of those attractive opportunities too good to ignore. However, leaving friends, alumni, students and colleagues at Drake is the difficult part. Drake and the College are special because of the people. I will work hard to stay in touch.

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# Breaking New Ground in Technology Using Palm IIIc in Education and Patient Care

by Brad Tice

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has long been a leader in pharmacy education. Now it is extending its leadership role into technology and entrepreneurship. In May 2001, the College was awarded a Palm, Inc. medical grant and received 120 Palm IIIc units, with the stipulation that the PDAs be used for patient care. In other words, they could not just be used to provide drug information.

To meet this need and to establish pharmacists in more of a care-provider role, my friend Todd Viegut, a software architect, and I developed a program to enable students, and soon pharmacists, to enter patient drug therapy interventions into the Palm unit, which can then pool the intervention data in a central database.

My work as director of the Drake/Osco Community Care Laboratory has been focused primarily on the implementation of "pharmacist care" in the community pharmacy environment. In this capacity, I've experienced difficulty integrating additional training such as certificate programs in disease state management into practice, in documenting patient care, in quantifying the value pharmacists bring to the health care system, and struggled with the lack of a process to integrate pharmacist care and the insufficient support systems to facilitate patient charting and follow-up. The Pharmacy Intervention Documentation System (PIDS) has been designed to break down many of those barriers.

## BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

PIDS enables students and pharmacists to document their interventions through drop-

Brad Tice is assistant professor of pharmacy and director of Drake/Osco Community Care Laboratory



down menus and prompts that minimize text entry. PIDS also automatically generates SOAP notes by filling data into pre-designed templates. Follow-ups are automatically scheduled with the SOAP note in the pharmacist's Palm datebook. A handy alarm reminds the pharmacist of appointments one day in advance. In the near future, drug information and treatment guidelines will be added to the program to prompt the student and pharmacist on which patient care questions to ask, providing both an active learning tool for students and a patient care tool for pharmacists.

The real power of PIDS comes when the interventions are synchronized to the central database. Here, the College can report on all aspects of the information and use it to evaluate students, preceptors and practice sites by assessing the type of interventions students are performing, including the numbers of interventions, disease states of interventions, and levels of complexity of the interventions.

From these data, we can ensure that students

perform at an acceptable level and get a good breadth and depth of experience.

In addition, interventions can be evaluated to assess the curriculum. If students perform a low number of interventions in a certain disease state, Drake's CPHS can identify if the student needs more focus on this area, or if there is a lack of opportunities based on the types of rotation experiences being provided or a need to enhance this topic in the curriculum.

## UNCHARTED TERRITORY

Because pharmacy practice has a need for technology, I started a company, Rx Intervention Systems, to pursue the development of this product for the commercial market. This has led the CPHS down uncharted territory and is expected to open doors for both faculty and students. The College is currently looking at ways to structure a for-profit incubator for faculty intellectual property. This also could bring additional funds into the College and enhance faculty salaries to help attain one of the College and Drake University's strategic plan goals of recruiting and retaining faculty and staff of the highest quality.

To extend the lessons learned in these areas, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice Renae Chesnut and I, with the help of our partners in the Shaping Your Pharmacy Future program, are investigating opportunities to develop an entrepreneurship track within the curriculum. We hope the track will better prepare students to step into entrepreneurial roles in pharmacy practice, immediately following graduation. **P**

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# IN BRIEF

## PHARMACY RECEIVES \$500,000 GIFT

Dick and Brenda Hartig of Dubuque, IA, made a \$500,000 gift to the Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in June. The gift will be used to endow the Hartig Pharmacy Fund, which will support a distinguished professor award, faculty development and student scholarships.

The Hartigs operate America's second oldest family drug chain, Hartig/USA Drug, which was founded in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1904 by Albert J. Hartig, a pharmacist and Dick Hartig's grandfather.



Dick and Brenda Hartig

Dick Hartig, a 1973 graduate of Drake's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and a 1981 graduate of the Drake MBA program, said his family has had a long association with Drake. His father, Kenneth A. Hartig, graduated from Drake in 1940 and his brother, Bill Hartig, graduated from Drake in 1977.

"Brenda and I wanted to provide a meaningful and appropriate way not only to say thank you to

Drake, but also to provide assistance to faculty and students in continuing their legacy of academic excellence," Dick Hartig said.

Stephen Hoag, dean of the Drake College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, had praise for the Hartigs' commitment to the college.

"Dick and Brenda have supported students and faculty in many ways. This gift is one of the most generous we have received," he said. "We are honored that we will have the Hartig name associated with such meaningful support."

Dick Hartig entered the pharmacy business shortly before graduating from Drake when his father died suddenly in January 1973. "At the time, I was one of nine children, and the only one pursuing pharmacy," he said.

"It was 'sink or swim' time and, fortunately, our family had many friends and customers pulling for us. I look back on my years at Drake as some of the best ones of my life. My education has served me well and if I can help someone become a pharmacist or assist in making their education more affordable, and they choose to practice in this area, then I feel good about having given something back to Drake and to the future of pharmacy."

Hartig Drug Stores has been serving the Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin markets since

1904. The company operates traditional drug stores and a long-term care pharmacy. Hartig Drug Stores has partnered with Finley Hospital of Dubuque and operates Finley-Hartig Homecare, a store and service organization specializing in durable medical equipment supplies and oxygen.

## CAMPAIGN DRAKE COMES TO A CLOSE ON TOP

Five years and thousands of donations later, Campaign Drake ended on May 31 by exceeding its goal of \$190 million, the largest amount of money ever raised by Drake University. Thanks to the generous support and dedication of alumni, friends, faculty and staff, Campaign Drake brings significant improvements to Drake's programs and campus.

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has benefited greatly from the success of Campaign Drake. Examples of special projects being supported in the CPHS by Campaign Drake include: the establishment of the Weaver Medal of Honor, recognizing outstanding achievement in pharmacy by Drake alumni; the Osco Drug Informatics Laboratory in Harvey Ingham Hall; a new Drake/Osco Community Care Laboratory, which will be housed in up to 15 Osco Drug Stores in the

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## Alumni Profile

Candace Prashad, PH'01

**Background:** A pharmaceutical sales representative for drug giant Eli Lilly & Co., Prashad has a busy life traveling to providers in the northern part of Iowa. She jumped right into the job after graduation with eight weeks of company training to explore the disease states of the pharmaceuticals she promotes and to

learn how to competitively sell to the providers in her territory.

**Notable Achievements:** District Achievement Award from Eli Lilly for 2001 performance for her contribution to an excellent district sales record achieved.

**Off-the-Job Interests:** Watching movies, traveling, and a new golf hobby.

**Favorite Class at Drake:** "Therapeutics" with Dr. Reynolds. Prashad enjoyed learning about different disease states and the medicine to treat them, saying "it's why I went to pharmacy school."

"My Drake education provided me with an opportunity to enhance my communication skills, which has played a huge part in my success as a pharmaceutical sales representative. I am able to communicate more effectively with the providers I call upon which impacts my ability to sell. Having a pharmacy degree has given me a competitive edge against others in my field because I am viewed as a resource by the customers I call upon. Not only am I knowledgeable about the products that I promote, but I am also able to discuss many disease states and various pharmaceuticals should my customers have any questions."

Chicago area; as well as the Donald F. Davidson Practice Laboratory in Fitch Hall.

### FACULTY RECEIVE AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING

Three Drake pharmacy faculty members received awards in the 2002 Innovations in Teaching Competition sponsored by the Council of Faculties for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and supported by an educational grant from Merck and Co, Inc.

Among the three winning portfolios (out of a total of 26 entrants), was a portfolio submitted by Drake's Raylene Rospond, associate professor of pharmacy practice and associate dean, Sandy Dirks, instructor of pharmacy and director of pharmacy experiential programs, and Dennis K. McAllister of Midwestern University. Their portfolio was titled, "Student Directed Experiential Learning in a Program of Continuous Competency Assessment."

Rospond, Dirks and McAllister will receive a stipend to attend the annual meeting and seminars of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) in July in Kansas City, MO. They will also present their innovations at a special session on July 16.

Another Drake faculty member received an honorable mention in the competition. Kimberly Plake, assistant professor of social and administrative sciences, was recognized for her portfolio titled, "A Course on Chronic Illness: Learning the Patient's Perspective."

AACP is a national organization representing and supporting all U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy.

### TICE IS NAMED DISTINGUISHED YOUNG PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

Brad Tice, assistant professor of pharmacy and director of Drake/Osco Community Care Laboratory, was selected as the 2002 Distinguished Young Pharmacist, presented at the Iowa Pharmacy Association's annual meeting in Des Moines in July.

The Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award is part of a national awards program sponsored by Pharmacists Mutual and the state pharmaceutical associations. Created in

1987, the award is designed to encourage young pharmacist participation in the association and community activities. The award recognizes a young pharmacist in each state for involvement and dedication to the practice of pharmacy.

### BJORNSON NAMED LEVITT MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Drake presented its top award for mentoring to Darrel Bjornson, associate professor of pharmacy administration, at the Spring Faculty/Staff Recognition Ceremony in May. Bjornson received the 2002 Madelyn M. Levitt Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award, created in 1994 by Madelyn M. Levitt, national chair of Campaign Drake, and a long-time member of the University's Board of Trustees.

Provost Ron Troyer shared comments from Drake students and faculty members who wrote letters of nomination and support for Bjornson, a practicing pharmacist for 25 years before he joined the Drake faculty in 1992. Troyer noted that Bjornson has described his philosophy of mentoring in these terms: "It's quite simple - set an example, be available and be caring."

Troyer then quoted from a letter by Chuck Phillips, associate professor of pharmacy administration, who wrote, "Professor Bjornson's mentoring ability goes beyond advising students. He is an 'equal opportunity mentor' - mentoring both students and colleagues. He has helped many young faculty members in our college begin their research careers. I believe Dr. Bjornson represents what Madelyn Levitt envisioned a mentor to be: a collaborator rather than a director; a resource rather than an authority; an adviser rather than a preacher; a peer rather than a superior; and most importantly, a friend rather than someone 'just doing the job.'"

Bjornson also has earned the gratitude of many students. One student wrote that "Outside of the classroom, Dr. Bjornson can be found advising students on career opportunities, finding internships, working with them on research projects and listening to frustration and personal hardships. His sympathetic ear has gained him the resounding praises of countless students. He treats everyone he meets like a professional and can really make you feel like he is listening to you and helping you to the best of his ability. He never asks for anything in return, he merely smiles and laughs with you like a true friend."

In accepting the award, Bjornson said he values his relationships with students as much as he once valued his relationships with patients. "To the students whom I have had the pleasure to work

with over the years and especially to the students and others who have supported this nomination - thank you very much. You will remain vivid in my mind."

### PLANNED GIVING SITE MAKES DONATING SIMPLE

Planned giving just got easier. Drake's new planned giving Web site, located just off the alumni gateway, puts all the important information about donating to Drake right at your fingertips. The site includes brief descriptions of the variety of donation options available, tips on the process of charitable giving, and a form that allows donors to give money through the planned giving site.

"Drake's new planned giving Web site is a wonderful way to learn more about ways to give that will benefit you as well as Drake University," said Nancy Stefani, director of gift planning at Drake. "It's only a quick click away at [www.drake.edu/alumni](http://www.drake.edu/alumni). Please visit soon!"



Darrel Bjornson receives the Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award from Madelyn Levitt

# Gaining While



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**"B**uenos aires, La Clinica."

A friendly face greets patients at the door of the free clinic located in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood on the southeast side of Des Moines. La Clinica de La Esperanza (The Clinic of Hope) provides medicine and health services to the neighborhood's low income Latino population. La Clinica also provides a unique opportunity for Drake pharmacy students to get involved in the community, as well as gaining valuable hands-on experience in a rotation different from that of a typical hospital or neighborhood pharmacy.

"There are only a handful of pharmacy schools across the country that offer experiential opportunities in free medical clinics and opportunities to work with diverse patient populations such as this," said Lesley Leuwerke, PH'00, assistant clinical professor of ambulatory care and head of the experiential rotation program at La Clinica. "I think our experiential site is valuable because it allows students to see the direct effects of public health policy and the difficulties of access to pharmaceuticals for the indigent population."

"Free clinics are a very important resource for patients that have no health coverage and cannot afford to see a regular doctor," said Jennifer Donovan, a senior PharmD major who finished her rotation at La Clinica last spring. "Pharmacists can play an important role at the clinics, and that it is greatly appreciated by the patients."

Experiential rotations are a part of every pharmacy major's life. Where Drake's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is unique is in the variety of hands-on opportunities it provides to students, particularly in working with patients from a variety of cultures and backgrounds.

"I wanted to be part of a rotation where I could really work with the patients to find the best treatment for them and help a population that really needed it," continued Donovan. "At other rotations, most of the patients have options of where they can go for health-care and can seek more medical care if necessary. But the patients at La Clinica have very limited resources."

Mary Martin, director of Health Care Access Network, Inc., the company that oversees La Clinica and 18 other free clinics in Iowa, has witnessed the benefits of involving Drake pharmacy students at the clinic.

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- Jennifer Donovan, senior PharmD

# Giving

## Rotation Program Teaches Students, Helps the Community

“For example, a patient with H. pylori required a very complicated regime of medications to eradicate the infection,” Martin recalled. “Two pharmacy students worked together to help obtain the needed meds and spent time with the patient to identify his learning style. Then they created a matrix he could understand and use to help him comply with this difficult schedule for taking multiple meds. Since he spoke only Spanish, they provided the education and materials in Spanish!”

“There is a great need for a clinical pharmacist in this environment,” said Leuwerke, who has watched the clinic grow from a strictly walk-in clinic to a site offering medical treatment in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, family planning, and primary care. “Not only for drug therapy evaluation and management, but to educate the providers about prescribing cost-effective medications. By using cost-effective drug therapy and obtaining medications through pharmaceutical manufacturer medication assistance programs, we are improving access greatly to medications for our patients at La Clinica.”

Martin remembered one pharmacy student who used her knowledge of Spanish to create teaching handouts

with pictures of cold and allergy medications so that non-English speaking patients could recognize the appropriate over-the-counter medications for their symptoms. Martin laminated the handouts and still uses them today.

An added benefit of working in a free clinic that offers so many services is that it gives students a model of clinical pharmacy practice experience involving an interdisciplinary team. Pharmacy students work with nurse practitioners, physicians, and medical students to provide the diverse population with the treatment they need.

“While developing their clinical practice skills, I hope to expose students to different cultures and help them understand the importance of empathy, curiosity and respect in a culturally diverse environment,” said Leuwerke.

One of pharmacy major Donovan’s favorite La Clinica memories involved the use of free medication for a man who desperately needed it.

“One man had classic symptoms of diabetes – frequent thirst and urination, and significant weight loss. The doctor took a random blood sugar of the man and it came back significantly high,” recalled Donovan. “We were able to diagnose him and give him samples of medication that would last him until his follow-up visit.” P



### Student Profile

**Erin Dzedzic**

**Major:** Pharmacy DP2

**Hometown:** Waterford, WI

**Internship/Work Experience:**

Internships at Mercy Health Systems in Janesville, WI, Dahl’s pharmacy, and Pharmacy Station. Dzedzic also volunteers at a retail pharmacy in Des Moines.

**Notable Achievement:** Donald V. Adams Leadership Academy graduate, Alpha Phi Omega, LEAP (Leadership

Advancement Program), National Residence Hall honorary member, Junior of the Year nominee, Jewett Hall president, Order of the Alpha award for Alpha Phi Omega.

**Campus Activities:** Residence Hall Association, Alpha Phi Omega, MACURH (Midwest Affiliated College and University Residence Halls) bid team, National Residence Hall honorary, Drake Community Center, Don Adams Leadership Academy, and Relays committee.

**Off-campus Interests:** Working with youth ages 8-23 in the community at the Drake Community Center, and other volunteer opportunities in the community. Other interests include going to the Civic Center and experiencing Des Moines Culture.

**Career Aspirations:** “I would love to work for the Drug Enforcement Agency. I think that the opportunity to work with drug dogs would be exciting. On the other hand, I also would like to work on the pediatric or emergency room floor at a hospital.”

“The Drake faculty has taught me to look at problems from all different points of view. When I look at a problem now, I try to figure out what people are affected, and what the best possible outcome for all of them is. Usually, this method applies to situations we will face in our practice, but it helps me as a leader to consider every possible option, and decide on the one that a majority of the people can deal with. I have always been told that they might not be happy with your decision, but they can deal with it.”

# REGIONAL SCOOP: CHICAGO

Nicknamed the Windy City, Chicago is home to the Sears Tower, an impressive lakeshore, and incredible shopping on the Magnificent Mile of Michigan Avenue.

## BUSINESS

Home to the busiest airport in the world, Chicago is a bustling and vibrant city with 15 Fortune 500 companies headquartered downtown, including transportation giant Boeing, media corporation The Tribune Company, and food industry leaders Sara Lee and Quaker Oats.

Chicago has more than 300,000 businesses in the metro area, ranking the city third in the country behind New York and Los Angeles.

While the majority of Chicago workers are employed in finance, real estate and insurance companies, the city stays true to its blue-collar roots with steel and construction firms like Inland Steel Industries and Smurfit-Stone Container. Other large corporations that call Chicago home include printer R.R. Donnelly and Sons, telecommunications giant AT&T, accounting firm PriceWaterhouse Coopers, and LaSalle Bank, sponsor of the world-famous Chicago Marathon.

## CULTURE

There is no shortage of activities available for any tourist or resident of the city and its many suburbs.

The Windy City borders Lake Michigan, boasts the world's second tallest building, and hosts a variety of sports teams including including the Cubs and White Sox, the Bears, the Bulls, the Chicago Fire, and the Blackhawks and Wolves. Music enthusiasts flock to the popular Chicago Blues and Jazz Fests, and others enjoy the wide range of shopping opportunities from Michigan Avenue to Little Chinatown to Navy Pier. Chicago also is the site of several world-renowned museums, including the Art Institute, the Shedd Aquarium, the Field and Science Museum, and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Other entertainment options include joining the TV audience of nationally syndicated shows, "Oprah," "The Jenny Jones Show," and "The Jerry Springer Show," all taped in Chicago.



"Chicago is a great place to live, work and raise a family. I found the community at Drake to have the same family atmosphere. I felt right at home on the Drake campus. And now, with so many alumni in the Chicagoland area, I am able to continue to develop the relationships I formed over 20 years ago."

Mark Rauman, PH'81, GR'82, pharmacy supervisor, Target Stores



"Chicago has something for everyone. It is a big city with a Midwest feel. You can have big business or small town relations within your professional and personal life. I love it here and call it home!"

Bobbie Riley, PH'88, director of recruiting and college relations, Albertson's Inc.

"The Chicago weather gets a bad rap. It's delightful here much of the year, and we don't worry about fires, floods or mudslides! Chicago is a tremendous city with endless cultural activities."

Jack Ellis, PH'57, retired dry products plant manager for Abbott Laboratories

## ALUMNI CHAPTER

Thinking of visiting or moving to Chicago? Connect with other Bulldogs in the area through Drake's Chicago Alumni Chapter by contacting Carol Noyce Molino, BN'85, at 630-260-9953. Or, contact Stacy Rungaitis, alumni director of the Chicago Office at 847-397-9400.

You can connect in cyberspace by visiting Drake's online alumni community at [www.drakealumni.net](http://www.drakealumni.net).

## CHICAGO BY THE NUMBERS (2000 data)

Greater Dallas population	8,272,768
Median Rent	\$1,723.00
Average House Price	\$155,960
Average Household Income	\$41,549
Unemployment Rate	7.2%
Number of Drake alumni	5,000



## NAB Members

Liz Cardello, director of professional & college relations, CVS

Morgan Cline, founder, Cline, Davis & Mann

Donald Davidson, retired

Jim De Muth, professor, University of Wisconsin

Charlie Dragovich, manager of pharmacy practice & communications, National Association of Chain Drug Stores

John Forbes  
Medicap Pharmacy

Dick Hartig, CEO  
Hartig Drug

Steven Herwig, otorhinolaryngologist, Iowa ENT, P.C.

William Jagiello, family practice physician, Mercy Franklin Medical Clinic

Carl Jakopec, director of government sales, Forest/Inwood Laboratories, Inc.

Russ Johnson, chairman emeritus, Medicap Pharmacies, Inc.

Jerry Karbeling, pharmacist & owner, Big Creek Pharmacy, senior VP public affairs & corporate development, IPA

Patty Kumbara, VP operations, Outcomes Pharmaceutical Health

Gene Lutz, owner/manager, Lutz Pharmacy

Melissa Murer, executive director, Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

Tammy Napoli, corporate manager of recruitment, Walgreen Company

Charlie Porter, president & COO, Medicap Pharmacies, Inc.

Mark Richards, owner, Richards Pharmacy

Bobbie Riley, director of recruiting and college relations  
Osco Drug/Albertsons

Michael Seifert, pharmacy-non foods mgr., Dahl's Pharmacy

Bob Schnarr, owner, Morton Village Pharmacy

Jim Spratt, president & CEO, First Stop of Iowa

Robert Stessman, pharmacist, Manning Regional Healthcare Center Manning Pharmacy, Inc.

Tom Temple, executive vice president, Iowa Pharmacy Association

Mary Walbridge Patton, project leader, St. Louis College of Pharmacy

Jamie Vortherms  
Marsh Drugs

Lawrence Weaver, president, Larry Weaver Associates

Darwyn Williams, president, Williams Drug, Inc.

**The Drake University College of Pharmacy National Advisory Board met on Oct. 4** to receive Dean Stephen Hoag's update on the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, review the Self-Study Report for Accreditation, and examine enrollment and budgetary issues.

Discussions of state and national issues affecting pharmacy and their impact on the CPHS were held, and the Board received nominations for the Weaver Medal and the Alumni Achievement Award. Any CPHS alumni may make additional nominations by contacting me by e-mail at [rhartig@usadru.com](mailto:rhartig@usadru.com).

The CPHS National Advisory Board welcomes input from our friends and alumni. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support of Drake. You can be proud of our continued excellence in education and in the leadership of our College.

Sincerely,  
Richard Hartig

## Class Notes

**Jared Nieman PH'68**, San Diego, CA, is an anesthesiology resident at the University of California, San Diego.

**Thomas Hanson PH'76**, Bartlett, IL, was elected a vice president of the Illinois Pharmacist Association.

**Fred Berneking PH'79**, Waterloo, IA, has joined NuCara Pharmacy as a customized medication specialist.

**Mark Rauman PH'81**, Bolingbrook, IL, was promoted to pharmacy supervisor for Target Stores and won the Outstanding Leadership Award for Target Pharmacy.

**Ron Kijowski PH'82**, Minooka, IL, was recently promoted to district manager in the osteoporosis division of Eli Lilly & Co.

**Amy Elizabeth Quart Farlinger PH'89**, Cresco, IA, completed a program at Drake University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences called Shaping your Pharmacy Future.

**Cathy Rakers PH'89**, Portland, OR, has started her own company, Rakers Relief, a temporary pharmacist agency serving independent pharmacists.

**DeeAnn Wedemeyer-Oleson PH'99**, Guthrie Center, IA, was selected for the 2001-2002 Adjunct Faculty Preceptor of the Year by Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

**Melissa McCarter King PH'00**, Trenton, MO, recently became co-owner and manager of Hometown Pharmacy.

**Katherine M. Sage Olson PH'00**, Petaluma, CA, was appointed staff pharmacist at Long's Drugs.

# CLASS NOTES

**Lauren B. Angelo, PH'01, GR'01**, Chapel Hill, NC, received a \$1,000 American Pharmaceutical Foundation Incentive Grant for Practitioner Innovation in Pharmaceutical Care.

**Amber Boyd PH'01**, Rock Falls, IA, has joined Wal-Mart as a store pharmacist.

**Jane McLaughlin-Middlekauff PH'01**, Colorado Springs, CO, was appointed chief of inpatient pharmacy at the U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital.

## Faculty News

**Lesley A. Leuwerke**, assistant professor of pharmacy and health sciences, joined the CPHS this fall.

Leuwerke also presented “Prevention of Glucocorticoid-Induced Osteoporosis in Male Veterans” at the annual Iowa Pharmacy Association meeting.

**Laurie Schenkelberg**, assistant professor of pharmacy and health sciences, joined the CPHS this fall.

**Denise A. Soltis**, instructor of pharmacy and health sciences, joined the CPHS this fall. Soltis also was appointed a member of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy’s Technician Working Group.

**Brad Tice**, director of Drake/Osco Community Care Laboratory and assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was selected as a member of the Pharmacy Leaders Advisory Board for the Glaxo-SmithKline/APHA/Wharton Executive Management Program. Tice also presented “Shaping Your

Pharmacy Future: A Strategic Leadership Program to Strengthen Iowa Pharmacy” at the annual Iowa Pharmacy Association meeting.

**Edward Bell**, associate professor of pharmacy practice, received the Blank Children’s Hospital Pediatric Recognition Award. Bell also was elected chair of the Advisory Board for the *Journal of Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics*.

**Raylene Rospond**, associate dean of external pharmacy affairs, department chair of pharmacy practice, and associate professor of pharmacy practice, was recognized as a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Rospond also was elected to a two-year term as a trustee representing Region 3 for the Iowa Pharmacy Association. In addition, Rospond co-wrote and edited the book *Patient Assessment in Pharmacy Practice*. Rospond also

presented “Unique Ambulatory Care Experience Through Partnerships with a Human Services Provider” at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Spring Forum.

**Lon Larson**, Windsor distinguished professor of pharmacy administration, published “Succeeding in Academe — Self-Management and Passion,” in the *Journal of Pharmacy Teaching*. Larson presented “Self-Efficacy and the Ability to Resolve Ethical Problems” at the Teaching and Learning Conference at Rockhurst University. Larson also was selected as Teacher of the Year in the CPHS. In addition, Larson and **Chuck Phillips**, associate professor of pharmacy administration, co-published a book chapter titled “Business Planning” for the book *Managing the Patient-Centered Pharmacy*.

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## Faculty Profile Ron Torry

**Title:** Associate professor of pharmacology. Torry came to Drake in 1998 and teaches classes in pharmaceutical sciences, principles of drug action, advances in cardiac diseases and general pharmacology. Prior to teaching at Drake, Torry was an experimental pathologist at Methodist Research Institute, Clarian Health, Inc. in Indianapolis, IN.

**Background:** PhD in physiology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL, in 1988; post-doctorate work at the University of Iowa until 1993; research at Methodist Hospital and Methodist Research Institute in Indianapolis, IN.

**Professional Associations:** American Physiological Society, American Heart Association, Microcirculatory Society, and Iowa Physiological Society.

**Research Interests:** How various proteins regulate vascular growth and maturation in ischemic heart tissue as well as their influence on the vascularity of normal and pre-eclamptic placenta.

**Notable Achievement:** Elected as a fellow to the American Heart Association; asked to serve on peer review research review committees for the American Heart Association and the National Institutes of Health.

**Off-the-Job Interests:** Golf, coaching soccer and basketball, camping, keeping up with my three daughters.

**Favorite aspect of teaching:** “I enjoy the interactions with students in the classroom/laboratory and I enjoy the challenge of trying to teach well. One keeps me young, one ages me considerably, and both keep me humble.”

**Proudest moment as professor:** “I have been very fortunate to have had some remarkable students working with me in the laboratory over the years and many of them have gone on to top-notch Ph.D. programs, internships, and/or residencies. I am very proud of their personal and professional accomplishments.”

“Very early in my career here, I received a message from a former student thanking me for teaching a particular course. To a faculty member, just returning to academia as I was at the time, that simple event had a profound psychological impact on me.”

**John Rovers**, associate professor of pharmacy and health sciences, presented “The Value of Case-Based Learning to Clinical Teaching in Pharmacy Programs” at the Monash University Pharmacy Practice Symposium in Australia on Experiential Teaching and Learning in Pharmacy.

**Geoffrey Wall**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, co-published “The Pharmacotherapy of Xerostomia in Primary Sjogren’s Syndrome” in the journal *Pharmacotherapy*, and “Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease” in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. Wall also presented “The Development of a Pocket Guideline, Including Speciation in Information Concerning Fungi in a Medical Intensive Care Unit to Improve Appropriate Use of Antifungal Drugs” at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Spring Forum.

**June Johnson**, associate professor and vice chair of pharmacy practice, wrote a chapter titled “Interdisciplinary Patient Care” for the book *Managing the Patient-Centered Pharmacy*. Johnson also presented “Blood Glucose Pattern Management in Diabetes” to Iowa pharmacists. For the annual diabetes conference, Diabetes Potpourri, Johnson presented “Advances in Insulin Formulations: Implications for Your Patients” and “Insulin and Oral Agents: What’s New and What’s Coming.”

**Linda Krypel**, associate professor of pharmacy, contributed a chapter titled “External Ear Disorders” for the book *Handbook of Non-Prescription Drugs*. Krypel also presented “Herbal and Dietary Supplements-Facts and Fiction” at the Medicare annual meeting. In addition Krypel received a grant for more than \$50,000 from Proctor & Gamble to continue her work as editor of the NMA Web page. Krypel also acted as a consultant in

the *Consumer Reports on Health* October edition.

**Kimberly Plake**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, co-published a chapter titled “Introduction to Health Care Delivery: A Primer for Pharmacists” for the book *Long Term Care*. Plake also co-presented with **Carrie Sarvis**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and **Angela Tice**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, a paper titled “Evaluation of Inhaler Technique Using the Aerosol Inhalation Monitor (AIM)” at the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

**Renaë Chesnut**, assistant dean for student affairs and assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was named Mentor of the Year in the CPHS.

**Christine Myers**, instructor of pharmacy practice, was named Faculty Preceptor of the Year in the CPHS.

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# Talk of the Town

Welcome to *Talk of the Town*, the public forum for airing opinions, gripes and predictions regarding issues of interest to Pharmacy and Health Sciences faculty, students and graduates.

## Who should have control of Medicare prescription drug coverage – if legislation creates Medicare prescription benefits – the private sector or the government?

“With many of the private sector companies dropping their current Medicare supplemental insurance that covered prescription drugs in the past few years, what makes anyone think they will be willing to get back in the market if Medicare prescription drug coverage passes?” - Mary Gurney, PH'87, pharmacist, Osco Drug



“Attempts by private industry to offer prescription coverage have already proven fruitless and fraught with competitive pressures.” - Peter Norling Smith, PH'75, MD, FACC, cardiac electrophysiologist, medical director of Heart Failure Clinic at the Marshfield Clinic, clinical assistant professor in medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical School

“The rapidly failing Medicare Plus Choice program is proof that any Medicare drug benefit will have to be federally run. The federal government is best positioned to means-test the benefit, which should be done to maximize the program’s cost-effectiveness.” - Joshua S. Benner, PH'98, director, Health Economics, Eponomics Research, Inc.

“As can be seen by the ever-increasing complexity of HMO/PPO-based coverage plans, private industries have shown repeated inability to properly manage healthcare.” - Troy A. Groetken, JD, LLM, PH'94, pharmaceutical patent attorney, McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

“The issue is not just governmental structure. The real question is who in the private sector should be playing the major role in defining the Medicare prescription program. Pharmacists, patients, and physicians need to play the preeminent role in assuring that patients participate in a program that will help assure access, affordability and quality health care. Government could

play an important administrative role.” - Jerry Karbeling, PH'74, Iowa Pharmacy Association, Big Creek Pharmacy

“The most workable long term solution would be to create a small independent board with mandatory equal representation from government and industry, protected by law from lawsuits and whose decisions are binding. The intent is similar to the checks and balances in government written into the Constitution.” - Floyd E. Leaders, Jr., Ph.D., PH'55, CEO, Botanical Enterprises, Inc.

“Market forces (economics) should drive the program. Given the nightmare of the partisan politics being played in Washington, D.C. today, I have concerns about whether the government could be effective in delivering a program of this magnitude.” - Patrick Verdun, PH'84, clinical oncology specialist, Genentech, Inc.

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