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**DECEMBER 4, 2006**

Iowa Reception at ASHP, Anaheim, CA

**JANUARY 25, 2007**

Drake 125th Event, Dallas, TX,  
Dean Rospond will be in attendance

**FEBRUARY 21, 2007**

Pharmacy Day, Alumni Achievement Awards,  
Olmsted Center, Drake Campus, Des Moines

**MARCH 2007**

Iowa Reception at APHA, Atlanta, Georgia  
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## College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Update

### ADVANCING THE PROFESSION THROUGH LEADERSHIP

Leadership in the pharmacy profession can take many forms — from the simple act of mentoring a student to political advocacy that impacts national policy. In this issue of *The Blue Sheet*, we'd like to share reflections from Drake College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences' students and alumni who exemplify leadership through their involvement with pharmacy-related professional and fraternal organizations. For some, their work is an extension of experience they gained as Drake students or the example set by a mentor — and some have been compelled to take leadership roles because of a particular issue. Student pharmacists view their leadership as a means to advance their professional careers. For others, leadership is a way of life — an important part of honoring their chosen vocation.

We understand, however, that leadership is not limited to those who hold office and that these stories only represent a fraction of our students and alumni who are doing wonderful work in the name of our profession. In addition, each member of the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences faculty is involved in pharmacy professional organizations, and most are also involved with pharmacy fraternal organizations, serv-

ing as active members and/or chapter advisors for our students.

We'd love to learn more about you! Please send your leadership story to Laura Sauser, senior advancement officer, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences at [laura.sauser@drake.edu](mailto:laura.sauser@drake.edu).

#### STUDENT LEADERSHIP BRIDGES TO PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Jennifer Fix, PH'86, says her role as the 1983-84 national Speaker of the House of Delegates for the student chapter of the American Pharmacy Association (now called ASP), helped cultivate her interest in the political process. The position allowed her to travel to various regional and national meetings, meet other students, and be politically active — an experience she described as “motivational.”

Ten years after being ASP speaker, Fix served as president of the Texas Pharmacy Association. She is also a member of the Association's Academy of Independent Pharmacists, the Tarrant County (Texas) Pharmacy Association, and her local chamber of commerce. Nationally, she is a member of APhA and NCPA. She has also served on the Texas Pharmacy Foundation Board of Directors, and is a member of the Drake College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences' National Advisory Council.

Fix says, “My exposure to the association world as a student provided me the foundation to want to continue that effort. I happen to enjoy the social aspects of the political process as much as the regulatory aspects of testifying and working toward improving laws and regulations that affect pharmacy practice.” Legislative issues Fix has been closely involved with include prompt payment of claims, fair audit practices and the dangers of importing non-FDA approved drugs from unknown sources.

President of the Class of 1973, Dick



Raylene M. Rospond, dean

Hartig, PH'73, was involved in a variety of Drake and pharmacy-related organizations including Kappa Psi fraternity, the Student Activity Club, the student chapter of APhA (serving as president), and the University Student Senate. Hartig credits Drake's smaller size for offering him more opportunities for leadership, saying, “I could assert myself and become a leader.”

Today, Hartig is a Fellow of the American Society of Consulting Pharmacists (ASCP), serves on the

Board of Directors for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), and is the chair of the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences National Advisory Council. He is also the vice chair of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Committee on Multiple Locations and has served as a board member of the Iowa Pharmacy Association. Hartig says that while some pharmacists view their work as a job or a means to another end, for him, it is a way of life. He says pharmacists should get involved with their professional organizations because taking personal responsibility for things associated with your field and being involved in the process is part of being a professional.

Brian Reisetter, PH'87, joined Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity as a way to connect with other students. Involvement with the organization gave him a sense of community within the college, and provided him with a variety of leadership opportunities at Drake and on a regional level. He has remained actively involved in the organization throughout his professional career, serving as Grand Regent from 1999-2001.

Today, Reisetter advises students to get involved in professional fraternal organizations because they create both a supportive culture and a network of mentors. They also teach valuable communication and leadership skills — skills that can easily transfer into the workplace. He says, “It doesn't matter what you do, eventually you are thrown into situations where you have to be a leader. Why not learn how to do it when the stakes are low — in a group of your friends?”

#### GREAT MENTORS = GREAT LEADERS

Susan, PH'67, and Gene, PH'66, Lutz have held many leadership positions in their years together as married couple and owners of Lutz Pharmacy in Altoona, IA. Among their combined leadership experience, both have served as president of the Iowa Pharmacy Association. Gene has also held national office as president of the APhA. The Lutzs credit the many mentors they had as students and in their professional career for fueling their interest in leadership.

A member of the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences National Advisory Council, Gene says, “We had mentors who have demonstrated to us why it's important to be involved. It instilled in us a need to give back to the profession.” He adds, “I still remember our first class — Introduction to Pharmacy — Dr. Granberg and Dr. Levine taught us about being professionals. [And] they themselves were leaders in professional organizations ... they practiced what they taught.”

Susan says, “The professors we had — and still see today — continue to support us. They weren't just your teachers, they continue to be real supporters of the professionals they are training.”

#### PURPOSE-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP

When the AIDS epidemic struck in the 1980s, Rose Sparks, PH'69, was working as a pharmacist in Orange County, California. Her work as chair of the California Pharmacists Association HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee garnered her national recognition from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) who awarded her a merit award in 1990. Sparks says, “What got me involved was working in the hospital in a little city hard-hit by the disease.” She went on to serve as Chair of the Association's Professional Affairs Committee. In 1991, she served as president of the Orange County Pharmacists Association.

While a Drake student, DeeAnn Wedemeyer-Oleson, PH'99, was involved in student professional organizations and was selected for a prestigious internship with the Iowa Pharmacy Association. From this experience, Wedemeyer-Oleson said she learned, “If you are involved, it can make a difference.”

It was only natural then, that after she began working as a pharmacist in a rural Iowa hospital, Wedemeyer-Oleson got involved in her professional organization — the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Through her work, she became concerned about the need for representation of small, rural health care systems in the Association. Wedemeyer-Oleson brought this need to the attention of ASHP leadership who went on to create a national advisory group for small and rural hospital pharmacies, appointing Wedemeyer-Oleson as the chair.

In this position, Wedemeyer-Oleson has provided testimony to the national Office of Rural Health Policy on behalf of her constituents. Because of her efforts and those of the advisory group,

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the 41st Annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December 2006 will, for the first time ever, offer a track of educational programming specifically for small and rural hospital pharmacists.

#### LEADERSHIP AS A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Andrea Nedved, is a joint PharmD/MPA student and president of the Drake University chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma, the national Pharmacy Leadership Society. She is also involved with Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity, Drake Pharmacy Unified Group of Students (DRxUGs), and the student chapters of the Iowa Pharmacy Association, ASHP and the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP). A graduate of Drake's Donald V. Adams Leadership Institute, Nedved says she wants to make the most of the leadership opportunities available to Drake students.

She says her involvement with Phi Lambda Sigma has allowed her to attend additional seminars and meetings on leadership that she believes will help further the development of her own leadership skills, ultimately impacting

her future career. “Professional careers after graduation are not solely based on grades. Employers look beyond the grades to your level of outside involvement to really see what they're getting for an employee. So much of pharmacy is based on teamwork, and organizational involvement further develops your teamwork mentality.”

Kayla Hatt, P3, is also a member of a variety of pharmacy student organizations, including Phi Delta Chi, DRxUGS, the Academy of Student Pharmacists and Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Fraternity.

Hatt says this experience has helped with her personal and professional growth and opened her eyes to the impact of pharmacy on society. She adds, “Above all, I have learned the

value of a pharmacist. The things I have experienced through my involvement reinforced what I had learned in the classroom and provided me hands-on experience. Through each organization, I have learned a different component of professionalism.”

Both students credit the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences for providing students with a variety of leadership opportunities. Nedved says, “Without the opportunities made available through the pharmacy school, I wouldn't have the experience that I need to be a leader in my profession.”

#### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

These are only a few examples of the professional and leadership involvement of Drake students and alumni. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, we invite you to come back to campus, re-establish ties with your professional organizations or fraternities, and share your personal and professional triumphs since leaving Drake. In addition if you have story ideas for *The Blue Sheet*, please let us know.

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