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Sparks Named Southwestern College of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus



L. David Sparks

L. David Sparks of Sugarland, Texas, was recognized at the Annual Honors & Awards Convocation on May 1 as the 2006 Southwestern College of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus.

Since his graduation from the College of Pharmacy at SWOSU in 1966, Sparks has made numerous contributions to the profession of pharmacy. He was an independent pharmacist in the Tulsa area for more than two decades. During that time, Sparks provided numerous services to his patients, including specialized dosage formulations for drugs. He also introduced compounding pharmacy to the hospice environment and was instrumental in establishing the Oklahoma Hospice organization.

In 1988, his interest in specialized dosage formulations and compounding provided Sparks with a unique career path in pharmacy. At that time, he moved to Texas and became chief executive officer and, four years later, president of Professional Compounding Centers of America known as PCCA.

At this time, PCCA has more than 3,500 independent pharmacist members located throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. To further support compounding pharmacists, Sparks established Eagle Analytical Services, a PCCA company that provides specialized quality control testing for compounding pharmacists.

Sparks has been very active in efforts to preserve the rights of pharmacists to compound and was instrumental in obtaining passage of the FDA reform legislation that ensures that compounding pharmacists are able to maintain their vital roles and preserve the important patient, physician and pharmacist relationship.

He is a member of Rho Chi, Kappa Psi, APhA, TPA, a fellow of the American College of Apothecaries, and is the founding director of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists. Sparks is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Houston and in 1999 was named by American Druggist as one of the "50 most influential people in pharmacy".

Sparks and his wife Kay provide a Southwestern Pharmacy scholarship for professional students who have completed Pharmaceutics II and Pharmaceutical Care Lab I and have a strong interest in compounding. Both are distinguished alumnus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and graduates of the College of Pharmacy.

Dowling Pledges \$5,000 to FOCUS Campaign

Don Dowling of Frisco, Texas, has pledged \$5,000 to the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation as part of the fundraising campaign.

Dowling, a 1956 graduate of SWOSU, is currently a pharmacist with the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, Texas. Dowling spent 42 years with Wyeth Laboratories where he started in field sales and retired as the company's director of sales. He then started working for the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, which provides services for 14,000 patients each year free of charge.

Dowling, a graduate of Rush Springs (OK) High School, is not the only member of his family who is a graduate of SWOSU. Sons Jeff and Doug are 1978 and 1979 graduates of the College of Pharmacy. Numerous

family members are also SWOSU pharmacy graduates.

While at SWOSU, Dowling was president of Beta Tau Beta fraternity.

"(I wanted to donate to the Southwestern Pharmacy because) my degree from Southwestern Pharmacy gave me the opportunity to spend 42 years with a large pharmacy corporation...then, after failing retirement, (the chance) to enjoy a pharmacy career in a crippled children's hospital...."

Don Dowling, '56

He and his wife, Barbara, have three sons and one daughter, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He enjoys church,

work, traveling and watching his grandchildren grow up.

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy is focusing on three areas during the current FOCUS campaign, including scholarships, academic program enrichment and endowments.

For information about giving to the Southwestern College of Pharmacy, call the Southwestern Pharmacy Foundation at (580) 774-3191 or Pharmacy Alumni and Development Office at (580) 774-3190.

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Dr. Virgil Van Dusen
2006 Bernhardt Award Winner

Van Dusen Wins Prestigious Bernhardt Award

Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, a professor in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, won the 2006 Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the prestigious annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Dr. Virgil Van Dusen has a long history with SWOSU. He arrived on the campus in 1973 as a freshman pharmacy major and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1978. His pharmacy practice experience includes work in hospital and retail pharmacy. He also has been actively engaged in the practice of law since receiving a Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa.

Van Dusen began his career at SWOSU in 1989 as a clinical pharmacy instructor and moved to the pharmaceutical sciences division in 1994. He has authored over 20 professional journal articles and has given more than 75 invited presentations. In the College of Pharmacy, Van Dusen has served on the

Policy Committee and currently serves on the Awards and Curriculum Committees. He currently serves as advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Pharmacists and co-advisor for the student chapter of the American Society for Health-Systems Pharmacists. Because of his numerous qualifications, Van Dusen was recently selected by the AACP to participate in the yearlong inaugural class of the Academic Leaders Fellowship Program.

Dr. Van Dusen has served as a question writer for the NAPLEX. He is also a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and the American Society for Pharmacy Law. Locally he has served since 1999 on the Professional Advisory Committee for Samaritan Home Care and Hospice of Clinton Regional Hospital. He recently served as president of the Weatherford Soccer Club and is currently a member of the Weatherford Board of Education. In addition, he has been actively involved in youth sporting events, either as a coach or manager. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Weatherford where he continues to serve as a deacon and teacher. Van Dusen and his wife Susan have two children, David and Abby.

Welch Honored as OSHHP Pharmacist of the Year



E. Ben Welch, associate professor in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy has been named Pharmacist of the Year by the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP).

Welch teaches in the SWOSU Department of Pharmacy Practice. The Edmond resident joined the SWOSU College of Pharmacy in 1989 and, since that time, has been training pharmacy students. His training sites include St. Anthony and St. Michael hospitals in Oklahoma City.

Each year since 1974, the OSHP has selected an individual to bestow its highest and most prestigious award, Health-System Pharmacist of the Year. The selection criteria for the award includes service to the profession, contributions to pharmacy programs, cooperation with the entire healthcare team and service to the community.

For the **2005-2006** academic year, the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation awarded **\$68,100** in scholarships to **86** of the Southwestern **College of Pharmacy** students.

"I know the scholarship will undoubtedly help me financially, but more importantly, it will continue to provide the motivation to meet and surpass the already high standards at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy."



Daytin Farrow
2nd Year Pharmacy Student, Scholarship Recipient

More Faculty & Staff News

***Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy** and its dean, **Dr. H. David Bergman**, a Purdue University graduate, were recently featured in the Purdue University 2006 spring publication of *The Purdue Pharmacist*. Bergman is profiled in the article, and he talks about the successful College of Pharmacy at SWOSU and its strong reputation. "This reputation is attributed to the excellent students in the program, the high-quality and dedication of our faculty, and successful and very loyal alumni who inspire others through their profession."

***Southwestern College of Pharmacy professors Carroll (Les) Ramos, Erin Callen and Elizabeth (Betsy) Poorman** were recipients of the AACP Teacher of the Year Awards at the Pharmacy Graduate Recognition Ceremony held on May 12. Ramos was honored in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, while Callen and Poorman were selected in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. The awards were voted on by College of Pharmacy Practice students.

***Nancy Toedter Williams** attended the ASHP Mid-year Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas last December. She presented two posters "Tracking the Growth of Drug Therapy Literature Using PubMed (P-5D)" and "Evaluation of Parenteral Nutrition Management at a Community Hospital (P-68E)."



College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. H. David Bergman (second from left) presents AACP Teacher of the Year Awards to Carroll (Les) Ramos, Erin Callen and Elizabeth (Betsy) Poorman.

Kessler Named Roche Preceptor of the Year



Barbara Kessler, Roche Preceptor of the Year, stands with Pharmacy Alumni & Development Officer Patti Harper and Southwestern College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. H. David Bergman.

Barbara Kessler ('83) of Owasso received the Roche Preceptor of the Year Award at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Roche Laboratories, Inc. provides this award to an outstanding member of the volunteer clinical pharmacy faculty at SWOSU in recognition of his or her contribution to the educational process

through the pharmacy practicum course. The recipient is chosen by full-time clinical pharmacy faculty with assistance by the third-year professional students.

Kessler is director of pharmacy at Orthopedic Hospital of Oklahoma in Tulsa, where she is also a preceptor for SWOSU. She has had extensive

experience in education, hospital and retail pharmacy work having served in pharmacies in the Tulsa area as well as Albuquerque, N.M., El Paso, Texas and Indianapolis, Ind. She has also taught at El Paso Community College. She has two children, Erika, 14 and Emily, 10.

Pharmacy Receives \$4,000 from Abbotts

Kent and Jalee Abbott of Hydro have donated \$4,000 to the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation.

The Abbotts have designated that \$2,000 be used for the Abbott Family Scholarship that will benefit a third year practice student and the other \$2,000 for a PharmcareOK Scholarship that will benefit a second year pharmacy student.

Both Kent ('78) and Jalee ('77) are lifetime members of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association. The Abbotts said they wanted to make a contribution to the campaign because SWOSU provided them with an education that allowed them to succeed.

"The Pharmacy School at SWOSU continues to attract students from families and towns that understand the importance

of helping others," the Abbotts said. "SWOSU produces pharmacists with a good work ethic."

Kent is a graduate of Holdenville High School, while Jalee is a Hydro High School product. At one time, Jalee's family boasted the most active practicing pharmacists with nine.

Donor Spotlight Smith Wycoff

Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation has received a \$10,000 gift from former Weatherford resident Smith Wycoff, who now lives in Eufaula.

Wycoff said he wanted to contribute to Southwestern Pharmacy because he is thankful for what the College of Pharmacy did to prepare him for a career in pharmacy.

Wycoff operated a pharmacy in Weatherford for many years

until he retired. He was named the Southwestern College of Pharmacy Outstanding Alumnus in 1996. He is a member of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation Board of Directors and lifetime member of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Wycoff, a 1967 graduate of SWOSU, has three children and four grandchildren. He is enjoying traveling and boating during his retirement years.



Class Notes

1967,2004 - **David Pittman**, owner of Sooner Pharmacy in Sulphur, received a Profile in Excellence Award from Oklahoma Baptist University. He has operated Sooner Pharmacy since 1968. He is currently vice chairman of the Oklahoma Department for Rehabilitation Services Commission and president of the OPhA.

1968 - **Thomas Hale** donated 360 free copies of his book Medications and Mothers' Milk 11th Edition 2004 to the Southwestern College of Pharmacy senior class. The book is a reference manual concerning the use of medications in breastfeeding mothers.

1970 - **Linda Payne Lynch** was honored for 10 years of service to Southwestern College of Pharmacy at the VA outpatient clinic in Lawton.

1986 - **Gary Smith** did a Hospital Residency in OKC then went to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for four years. He then went to dental school at Baylor. He and his wife Kathleen have been married since 1989 and have two children, Scott and Emma.

1989 - **Tammi Hartsfield Tysel** completed her PharmD from the University of Arkansas. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Annika in February. She is currently the Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville, TX.

1991 - **Shannon Forehand** qualified for the 110th running of the Boston Marathon. Out of over 20,117 runners he placed 239th overall. He completed the 26.2 mile course in a personal record time of 2:44:49.

1993 - **Donald Branham** was recently named regional IHS Pharmacist of the Year and national IHS Pharmacist of the Year.

2000 - **Tara Jacobs** and her husband Lonnie welcomed their first child, Jason Patrick on April 14, 2006.

2005 - **Jennifer Neuharth Cravens** married Chad Cravens on May 20, 2006.

Send Your News

We want to hear from YOU, i.e. career, enjoying retirement, just married, special achievement, family, pharmacy school memory, etc. Send your news online at:

www.southwesternpharmacy.com

Homecoming 2006 College of Pharmacy Alumni Events

Saturday, October 28
(Third Floor of the CPP Building)

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Open House

11:00 AM

50-Year

Recognition Ceremony

Honoring Class of 1956 Graduates

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Pharmacy Alumni Lunch

Join the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association

Your \$25 Annual or \$250 Lifetime membership in the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association benefits Southwestern pharmacy students, the College of Pharmacy, and the entire profession of pharmacy. Join your fellow alumni in making a difference! Become a member of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Association today.

Pharmacy Grads Establish Perkey Family Scholarship

Sally Perkey and Haley Perkey Meadors have established a scholarship with the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation, Inc. Mother and daughter are both graduates of Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy. The Perkey Family Scholarship will benefit deserving 3rd-year pharmacy students at SWOSU College of Pharmacy. This year's recipient was Lindsey Shepherd of Arapaho.

Perkey, a 1977 graduate, and her husband, Jerry live in Hobart where she is the Director of

Pharmacy at Elkview General Hospital. They also have a son, Adam, who is a student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Meadors, a 2004 graduate, lives in Oklahoma City where she is a Staff Pharmacist at Walgreen's Pharmacy. Her husband, James, a College of Pharmacy student is currently doing his rotations.

Perkey and Meadors want to give back to a school that is such an asset to their pharmacy careers.

"If everyone could give a little, it could make a big difference."

Sally Perkey



Haley Perkey Meadors and Sally Perkey

The Southwestern Pharmacy is focusing on academic enrichment, scholarships, and endowments for the future. For additional information about contributing to the Southwestern Pharmacy, call the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation office at 580-774-3191 or the Pharmacy Alumni & Development Office at 580-774-3190.

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Calendar of Events

Fall 2006

August 23 - Fall Semester Begins

September 9 - Pharmacy Alumni Association Council Meeting

September 16-17 - Continuing Education Seminar (Tulsa)

September 30 - Parent's Day

October 15-22 - Continuing Education Cruise

October 19-22 - Fall Break

October 28 - Homecoming

November 11-12 - Continuing Education Seminar (OKC)

November 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break

December 22 - Fall Semester Ends