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# The SIG Newsletter

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# College of Pharmacy News

## 2020 Admissions

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy (COP) admitted 65 students in 2020. These students have completed a minimum of 61 semester hours of pre-pharmacy courses with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50. The selection process is competitive and based on a number of factors, including science and mathematics grade average, overall grade average, American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores, Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) scores, motivation, character, and communication skills. Welcome new COP students!



- Spring
  - o 23 applicants were selected. The class is 35% (8) male and 65% (15) female with a mean age of 22 years. They have a mean GPA of 3.354, a mean ACT of 25.35, and an average composite PCAT of 58.2%.
- Fall
  - o 42 applicants were selected. The class is 52% (22) male and 48% (20) female with a mean age of 21 years. They have a mean GPA of 3.51, a mean ACT of 25.95, and an average composite PCAT of 53%.





## Faculty & Staff News

- Dr. Hardeep Saluja was recognized with the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award. This award is presented to an outstanding faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service. Dr. Saluja is the 5th COP faculty member to earn this recognition.
- Dr. Krista Brooks received the 2019-2020 Brandy Award for Faculty of the Year. The Brandy Awards are voted on by the entire SWOSU student body making this a notable achievement.
- Dr. Brooke Gildon was selected as a Fellow of the Pediatric Pharmacy Association for her sustained and distinguished contributions to the profession and the Pediatric Pharmacy Association.
- Dr. Tiffany Kessler of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Dr. Erin Callen of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences were voted 2020 AACP Teachers of the Year by graduating P4 students.
- Dr. Jeanna Smith was appointed Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Co-curricular Activities Coordinator.
- Several faculty were awarded tenure and/or promotion in 2020; these changes went into effect August 14th.
  - Dr. Brooke Gildon received tenure and was promoted to Professor.
  - Dr. Jeremy Johnson received tenure.
  - Dr. Tiffany Kessler was promoted to Professor.
  - Dr. Tami Moser was promoted to Professor.
  - Dr. Hardeep Saluja was promoted to Professor.
- Jessica Cinnamon, Administrative Assistant, joined the Pharmacy Alumni Office.
- The COP welcomed new Student Coordinator Chelsey Powers.
- In September of 2020, Leshia Keeton retired from her position as student coordinator for the College of Pharmacy after thirteen years of service. During those thirteen years, Leshia worked closely with pharmacy students helping them navigate their way through their four years in the College of Pharmacy. Many students have commented about her approachability and willingness to help. In April 2019, Leshia was presented the Brandy Award for outstanding staff of the year.





## Dr. Thompson Retirement

After 28 years with the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Dennis Thompson has retired. Over the years he served in a variety of positions within the COP, first as the Assistant then Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice, then as Interim Dean and Dean of the College of Pharmacy; he returned to the classroom in 2015. During his time at SWOSU he impacted generations of students through his work in the classroom and his leadership roles. During his career Dr. Thompson contributed to the body of pharmacy knowledge through numerous publications and he was selected as a Brodie

Scholar-in-Residence for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). His service to the profession included positions in national and state pharmacy organizations including Chair for the Drug Information Panel of Annals of Pharmacotherapy and President of the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Dr. Thompson received many honors during his career, notably he was named a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FASHP), Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (FCCP), Academic Leadership Fellow AACP, and Distinguished Alumnus of the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. We thank Dr. Thompson for his dedication to the profession and to the College of Pharmacy and wish him well as he moves on to fun new adventures; he will be missed!

## Annual Professionalism Dinner

The College of Pharmacy Professionalism dinner for Spring 2020 was held in the Ballroom of the SWOSU Student Union on January 28th. This annual event is a formal dinner hosted by the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Professionalism Committee for all first-year pharmacy students. The goal of this dinner is to educate and help students develop the professional skills that are necessary for successful careers in pharmacy. The featured speaker for the event was Dr. Nina Morris who served as SWOSU COP faculty for over 40 years. She spoke about her experiences in pharmacy and the value of professionalism while urging the students to be life-long learners as they are the future of the profession. Dr. Morris is still involved in the flu shot clinic held by the COP as well as the Agape Clinic in Weatherford that provides medical services to those in need.





## Faculty/Student Publications

The COP faculty and students continued their hard work which resulted in a number of publications.

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## Rural Health Center

The SWOSU Rural Health Center (RHC) was proud to receive continued Full Recognition status of their Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) in September 2020. The DPP began its first Lifestyle Change Program cohort in October 2016. Three RHC pharmacists, Aimee Henderson, PharmD, BC-ADM, CDCES, Kalie Kerth, PharmD, and Sarah Yount, PharmD, CDCES, are trained as DPP Lifestyle Coaches. The DPP Coordinator, Sarah Yount, applied with the CDC in August 2016 for the RHC and received the initial Pending Recognition to begin the program. The Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP) requires biannual data submission where specific de-identified information is submitted on a minimum of five participants every six months. Data assessed includes attendance rate (program retention), average attainment of 5% weight loss (participant outcomes) and ensuring a minimum of 22 sessions were delivered over the course of the 12-month program. There are three stages of recognition with the CDC DPRP – Pending, Preliminary and Full. After 12 months of data review meeting all quality standards, SWOSU RHC moved into the Preliminary Recognition status. In October of 2018 after 24 months of data submissions meeting all quality requirements, SWOSU RHC was granted Full Recognition by the CDC DPRP. Every two years a program is reassessed for maintenance of Full Recognition.

Sarah Yount, DPP coordinator, obtained her Master Trainer Select training through Emory University's Diabetes Training and Technical Assistance Center (DTTAC) in 2017 and began providing Lifestyle Coach trainings for pharmacists, nurses, dietitians, and community health workers in Oklahoma in 2018. An elective course was incorporated into the College of Pharmacy beginning in the Spring of 2018 to provide the Lifestyle Coach training for interested students. This elective incorporates additional clinical pharmacy programs that can be provided through the pharmacy and in collaboration with physicians.

Since 2016, the SWOSU RHC has led nine DPP cohorts, reaching over 40 individuals to help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes. Since 2018, the RHC has provided Lifestyle Coach training to over 70 individuals. With over one million Oklahomans estimated to have prediabetes SWOSU RHC considers it a great honor and responsibility to provide this evidence-based structured Lifestyle Change Program. Nationally, it is estimated that one in three of those born after the year 2000 will develop type 2 diabetes in their lifetime. In Oklahoma, this trend is that one in two of those born after 2000 will develop type 2 diabetes. Prevention is possible and we want to do our part in creating a new trajectory of health for our future.





## Legislative Day

The 2020 Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA) Legislative Day was held at the Oklahoma Capitol Building on March 10, 2020. Student pharmacists were encouraged to attend because it provides an opportunity for them to see both how the legislative process works and a chance to interact with legislators on issues affecting pharmacy. A total of 42 SWOSU student pharmacists from the P1, P2 and P3 classes attended. Some P4 students also participated in the event.

Registered pharmacists, pharmacy faculty, and pharmacy students listened to presentations during a one-hour briefing meeting. Several speakers provided insight and information about current legislative issues concerning pharmacy. Attendees then had the opportunity to visit various offices and meet with senators and representatives to discuss pharmacy related bills. Student pharmacists were also able to meet with OPhA Legislative Committee Members. Attendees were

invited to hear discussion on HB 2314 and actually witnessed it being passed during the morning session!



# Student Achievement

## Student News

- Staff Sgt. Benjamin Anderson, an air freight journeyman assigned to the 137th Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron, was awarded the Oklahoma Star of Valor in a ceremony March 7, 2020, at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base, Oklahoma City.
- Jackson Beach worked with preceptor Lucas Coody, Pharm.D., to create a video guide detailing how to locate and complete a PBM complaint form through the Oklahoma Insurance Department website. It has been widely shared in Oklahoma via Facebook and the NCPA national office has expressed interest in highlighting their work.
- Elizabeth Brown, a first-year student pharmacist, was selected as the recipient for the West Texas Pharmacists Association (WTPA) scholarship. The scholarship was presented to Elizabeth during the 99th WTPA Annual meeting on March 7th in Amarillo, Texas.
- Whitney Dovel was selected as the 2020 recipient of the APhA National George F. Archambault Scholarship.
- Brianna Hassett co-wrote an article in September with preceptor Darrell Willyard that was presented during a Community Oncology Alliance (COA) National call. The article was used as the basis for a letter sent to PBMs regarding issues with how oral adherence for cancer patients is determined. The National Community Oncology Dispensing Alliance (NCODA) has expressed interest in printing the paper in their quarterly publication.
- Brianne Kirchgessner was 1 of 8 students selected for the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Student Leader Council.
- Benjamin Sandecki participated in the Great Cycle Challenge to raise money for the Children's Cancer Research Fund. His efforts led to him being featured on a New York City Times Square billboard.
- Caitlin Seigrist served as the opening keynote speaker for the Texas Rural Education Association (TREA) virtual conference. Caitlin is the fourth generation of her family to attend SWOSU and was a 2018 TREA scholarship recipient.
- Local ACCP Clinical Research winners for 2020 were Christian Sletten, Rachel Cook and Niagra Tankersley.



## 2020 Residency Match

Seventeen recent graduates opted to further advance their training and began post-graduate residencies in July. SWOSU graduates matched with Post-Graduate Year 1 and Year 2 (PGY1, PGY2) programs across the United States. Congratulations to these recent graduates!

- Graduates pursuing PGY1 training:
  - o Dominique Abeyta – Hillcrest Medical Center; Tulsa, OK
  - o Darby Ballesterio – CHI St. Vincent Infirmary; Little Rock, AR
  - o Jared Barnett – Claremore Comprehensive Indian Health Care Facility; Claremore, OK
  - o Pascha Brim – Cox Medical Center; Branson, MO
  - o Saleena Brownell – Cherokee Indian Hospital; Cherokee, NC
  - o Kyle Klish – St. John Medical Center; Tulsa, OK
  - o Brooke Lizotte – Cook Children’s Medical Center; Fort Worth, TX
  - o Sierra Mullen – Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center; Fort Worth, TX
  - o Caroline O’Hare – Jesse Brown VA Medical Center; Chicago, IL
  - o Tashrique Rahman – Hillcrest Medical Center; Tulsa, OK
  - o Secilia Ramirez – Baptist Health Medical Center; North Little Rock, AR
  - o Erin Selby – NCPA Executive Residency; Alexandria, VA
  - o Colton Sharp – University of Minnesota/Walgreens/UMP Bethesda Clinic; Minneapolis, MN
  - o Victoria Thompson – Integris Baptist Medical Center; Oklahoma City, OK
  - o Chloe Williams – Tucson Medical Center Healthcare; Tucson, AZ
- Graduates pursuing specialized PGY2 training:
  - o Erika Heffner – CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health System; Tyler, TX (Emergency Medicine)
  - o Conner Patton – Northwestern Memorial Hospital; Chicago, IL (Solid Organ Transplant)

# Organization News

## American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SWOSU chapter of the APhA-ASP has taken part in many activities during 2020. During the month of February, Operation Heart, Operation Brain, and Operation Women's Health were all very busy. Operation Heart encouraged students to track their steps, diet, and exercise; those who participated were entered to win a "Heart Box" at the end of the month. In addition to providing blood pressure screenings, students also handed out fruit, healthy recipes, and educational leaflets. Operation Brain (together with NCPA) co-hosted a Mental Health First Aid training to educate attendees about how to handle situations when encountering a patient in distress regarding mental health, substance use, or general concerns in crisis and non-crisis circumstances. Operation Women's Health held a speaker meeting on domestic violence where students were educated by employees from a local women's shelter about the importance and prevalence of domestic violence in our society. They were taught how, as future pharmacists, to look out for signs of domestic violence and the options available to help protect them.



In March, members involved in Generation RX presented to Clinton High School students about the dangers and unknown risks associated with vaping, especially during adolescence. On March 10th, pharmacy students from both SWOSU and OU gathered at the Oklahoma State Capitol for OPhA Legislative Day. Students were paired with pharmacists to lobby with each legislator present at the Capitol that day for over 12 pharmacy and health-care related bills. Attendees got to sit in on the Senate and Representative sessions and even had the chance to see an important bill passed by the House of Representatives. Students were educated about the bills

ahead of time on campus by OPhA Executive Director Debra Billingsley and Keaton Hasty, PharmD from Blanchard Drug.

The organization hosted a socially distanced event in September 2020 to create excitement for the Fall 2020 semester. An outdoor movie night allowed student pharmacists the opportunity to relax on the COP lawn and watch the movie Black Panther. Also, during the fall semester, Operation Immunization partnered with Walgreens to provide influenza vaccines to City



of Weatherford employees for the first time ever, and in November held a flu shot clinic for COP students, faculty, and staff. For National Diabetes Month in November, members of Operation Diabetes focused on continuous blood glucose monitoring systems. A small group of students were given the opportunity to use these devices and then share their experiences with a larger audience of student pharmacists. Throughout the semester, APhA-ASP has been a strong advocate for National Overdose Awareness Day, Women's Breast Cancer Awareness, and Mental Health Awareness through posters and social media.





## National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)

To kickoff Fall 2020, NCPA held officer elections on Thursday, September 3rd. The new position of "President-Elect" was added to replace the role of Vice President in the organization. Current NCPA Officers have been attending webinars made available by the National Office to help guide each officer in their role or position in



the organization. This year, NCPA implemented free lapel pins to each chapter member who is also registered nationally, as an incentive to new and current members. At each meeting, NCPA gave away gift cards in order to encourage attendance. On September 29th, NCPA hosted a speaker meeting with the owner of Osborn Drugs and immediate past president of NCPA Nationals, Bill Osborn. Mr. Osborn had great advice to give for future independent pharmacy owners, answering many questions at the end of a successful meeting. This meeting had a great turnout with 72 attendees! Mr. Osborn donated \$100 dollars to our NCPA chapter, and that amount was matched by current CEO of NCPA, Doug Hoey. Doug Hoey is the son of Phil Hoey, who has a dedicated bench in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy courtyard.

NCPA had a very successful SWOSU sweater and t-shirt sale as a fundraiser. As part of this years' service project NCPA also worked on a promo video for COVID safety, including social distancing and wearing a mask. The NCPA National Convention was hosted virtually on October 18th-19th, and had an all-time-low cost of \$25 to attend. The national convention offered many opportunities to learn about vital topics that are changing the world of independent pharmacy; some opportunities included panels with pharmacy residents and even the CEO of NCPA. There were all kinds of sessions available for students to get to know more about independent pharmacy, from



the "Pharmacy Lingo 101" session, to the "Miss America" session. As a current hot-topic, legislation was also discussed during the convention as a good refresher for NCPA's legislative chair, Jackson Beach. Beach has been keeping NCPA up-to-date on the Rutledge vs. PCMA Case concerning PBMs and state laws. The NCPA Foundation Virtual Awards Ceremony awarded scholarships to two members including Nick Lockyear and to the current NCPA student-chapter President, Brianne Kirchgessner. Kirchgessner also had the honor of presenting three scholarships during the ceremony.



## Student Chapter of the Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists (sOSHP)

The members of sOSHP at SWOSU have been keeping busy throughout 2020. On April 16th sOSHP hosted their Annual Residency Panel via Zoom. This informational panel covered a variety of topics including the application process, day-to-day tasks, and much more about pharmacy residencies. Six current pharmacy residents were eager to share their experiences and answer questions throughout the Zoom session.

On October 5th, sOSHP hosted a virtual speaker meeting with Dr. Mark Gales who provided information to the students about the Clinical Skills Competition that was to take place on October 15th and 16th. He shared valuable information with the individuals in attendance about the process of the

competition and how to better prepare themselves as competitors. This virtual event was well attended with numerous students joining in.

This year the local Clinical Skills Competition was conducted virtually over a 2-day period to allow students to participate from any location. Nineteen teams competed with representation of members from the P1 – P4 classes. Each team enrolled in the competition participated on the first day creating and submitting a care plan; the top 50% of the teams were selected to move forward and present their care plans on the second day. This year's winning team advanced to the national competition and competed virtually at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting held December 5-6, 2020.

### **Winning team: Adam Fick and Barrett Powell**

2nd Place: Raven Hayworth and McKinley Tankersley

3rd Place: Whitney Dovel and Morgan Lewis





## Phi Delta Chi (PDC)

To begin the fall 2020 semester, Phi Delta Chi hosted three recruiting events: a virtual Jackbox game night, an outdoor 90's themed picnic and hangout, and a car wash! All events had a wonderful turnout of both students and advisors who enjoyed these activities to kick off the semester while being safe and abiding by strict COVID-19 guidelines. Phi Delta Chi's Fall semester candidate class hosted a virtual "Song Box Bingo" night for a prize of a \$25 gift basket.



In addition to regular meetings on Zoom, Phi Delta Chi's Brotherhood Committee implemented a new monthly announcement called the "Brotherhood Spotlight." The Brotherhood Spotlight is a Google Doc that is sent out so that any member of PDC can nominate another member for being outstanding. The committee also held a drawing for prizes each month from a basket of names of each brother who had made an 'A' on an exam during that month. The Brotherhood Committee hosted virtual pumpkin painting for the month of October, providing supplies to each member who needed them and providing a relaxing study break spent with brothers. Additionally, a Phi Delta Chi Spotify Playlist was created, and each member was encouraged to add their favorite songs and listen to the favorites of other members. These events have been geared to keep the members in touch with one another virtually during these distancing times.

PDC held a very successful shirt and sweater sale that raised over \$200 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Another St. Jude fundraiser was done by collaborating with different businesses in Weatherford that allowed decorated jars for donations to be placed in these areas for a delegated amount of time. Phi Delta Chi's Fall 2020 candidate class hosted a fundraising service project for Weatherford High School. The chapter acquired a list from Weatherford High School of some current supplies needed. The list included items like Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, and disinfectant spray. There was a labeled bin set up on the third floor of the CPP for the week of October 19th-23rd that encouraged both faculty and students to donate supplies for a chance to win a custom gift basket, and there was a great turnout of donations. Phi Delta Chi Service Committee hosted a heart-healthy customized canned food drive for the Weatherford Food and Resource Center. Phi Delta Chi also took shifts to help at the Weatherford Food and Resource Center during their busiest times in October and November. Phi Delta Chi has not let COVID-19 hinder the safety and efficacy of their events or duties as an organization of brotherhood and service.





## Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS)

The Alpha Psi Chapter of PLS strives to honor and recognize those individuals in the College of Pharmacy who have demonstrated significant leadership skills as students and in the profession of pharmacy. SWOSU's PLS chapter is proud to have admitted 23 new members into their leadership society this year. The chapter hosted a banquet to induct these individuals on November 13th. Each new member, as well as the chapter officers, attended the banquet; guests were invited to experience the event via Zoom.

Beginning in the fall, the PLS chapter started awarding an individual student in the College of Pharmacy the title "Leader of the Month". Students who stand out in displaying effective leadership skills in the profession of pharmacy are nominated for the award by faculty members as well as their peers. The first students selected for this honor were Jackson Beach (August), Andrea Wilson (September), Cole Eichelberger (October), and Abigail Thibodeaux (November).



## Rho Chi

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Rho Chi Academic Honor Society at SWOSU strives for academic excellence in pharmacy and seizes opportunities to aid their fellow classmates in their studies. In the Spring of 2020, Rho Chi members held tutoring sessions open to the entire College of Pharmacy. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and classes moving online, Rho Chi was not able to host other events that normally would have been held in the Spring. As students returned to campus in the Fall of 2020 Rho Chi held a canned food drive from the end of October to the end of November. All proceeds were donated to the Weatherford Food and Resource Center, a non-profit organization that provides supplies to people in need and sees an increased demand during times of unexpected hardship.



## The COP's Response to the COVID Epidemic

In the fall of 2020, Dr. Randy Curry, College of Pharmacy Rural Health Coordinator and Assistant Professor at SWOSU reviewed an email he received regarding provider status for pharmacies. He became interested in obtaining authorization to vaccinate, primarily for providing the service for SWOSU administration, faculty, staff, and students.

Randy decided to apply for provider status for the Rural Health Center at SWOSU. Together with the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, and SWOSU administration, the process was started in November. At the time, no pharmacies could get the COVID vaccines. The only point of distribution for the area was scheduled at the county level for January 2021. Randy decided that the Rural Health Center had the potential to serve Weatherford and the surrounding area.

In December, Randy sought approval from SWOSU administration for the use of SWOSU facilities, and from the Oklahoma State Department of Health for vaccine supply. Randy was able to organize the first clinic at the beginning of January 2021. A small POD of 300 appointments was scheduled for January 8th. The response was significant. The following week, 1000 patients were able to schedule vaccinations.

Large clinics were then set for every Friday of the spring semester, at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, on the SWOSU campus. Each clinic is planned to conduct 1200-1300 appointments. Vaccine appointments are available via the OSDH portal. Clinics are conducted by pharmacy and nursing students, and SWOSU volunteers. A few Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) nurses also help vaccinate. In all, about 75 volunteers assist for each clinic. These clinics process approximately 185 patients per hour. Clinics have consistently averaged 1000 vaccinations each Friday.

Since some senior citizens were having a difficult time with scheduling appointments via the online state portal, Randy decided to hold smaller PODs on Tuesday mornings. Attendance is in the range of 25-100 patients per day.

As vaccine appointments become more accessible, and as phases of eligible patients are completed, SWOSU clinic sizes will be modified to accommodate those still seeking vaccination. These patients will likely be SWOSU students and those living within the Weatherford community.

SWOSU clinics have delivered 3 of the currently available vaccines, Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson. As of Friday, March 26th, when this article was written, SWOSU has provided 14,000 vaccinations!