

# Looking Back at SWOSU College of Pharmacy

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## Looking Back:

1970s

- The east wing of the Chemistry, Pharmacy, Physics Building was completed in 1970, and the Pharmacy Annex was completed in 1975.
- Years before Oklahoma required yearly continuing education for pharmacists, SWOSU began presenting C.E. programs under the first director, Gary Porter. He would be succeeded by Dr. David Ralph and then by Patti Harper.
- Through the efforts of Dean Walter L. Dickison, the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation was created in 1974. The Foundation allowed the School to survive difficult times during the 1980s.
- In 1975, an innovative gerontology program was established through a grant written by Dr. H.F. Timmons and Robert Maynard.

1980s

- After Dr. H.F. Timmons served as acting Dean of the School of Pharmacy, Dr. B. G. Keller, Jr, was appointed Dean in 1981.
- The School's dispensing lab became computerized through systems donated by chain pharmacies.
- On September 1, 1988, Dr. David Bergman became the Dean. He was the first off-campus Dean since Dr. W.D. Strother in the 1950s.
- The curriculum underwent sweeping change to meet the challenge of future graduates as the School of Pharmacy entered its second fifty years.

1990s

- The Consultant Pharmacy Certificate Program was initiated in 1993.
- In 1995, Dr. Vilas Prabhu received the inaugural Bernhardt Award for Academic Excellence at SWOSU.
- In 1998, the PharmD degree and a mechanism to fund it were approved. The first Doctor of Pharmacy class was selected.
- In 1998, the College began an association with the Agape Medical Clinic, allowing faculty and students to help the medically underserved.

2000s

- In 2000, the innovative non-traditional Doctor of Pharmacy program was inaugurated.
- In 2001, the first Doctor of Pharmacy class graduated. These graduates were the first students in the 100-year history of SWOSU to be awarded a degree entitling them to be called "Doctor."
- In 2005, the local student SWPhA chapter won the National Operation Diabetes Award through the leadership of SWPhA President Janet Seratte and sponsors Dr. Nina Morris and Dr. Shelly Stockton.
- In 2005, the College established the Alumni & Development Office with Patti Harper appointed as director.