



Pharmacy School Shines at TSHP Meeting

Thanks to several student competitors and a faculty honoree from the School of Pharmacy, there was a definite TTUHSC presence at the annual Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists meeting held April 1-2 in Galveston.

In the student contests, *Brandi Flemming, Pharm.D. (Pharmacy Practice Resident – Lubbock)* and *Dan McNatty, Pharm.D. (Pharmacotherapy Resident – Lubbock)* placed first in the Resident Clinical Skills Competition and *Theresa Gerst* and *Michelle Johnson*, third-year students at the SOP's Dallas/Fort Worth satellite campus, won the Student Clinical Skills Competition. In addition, *Leigh Wilson (P3 – Lubbock)* finished runner-up in the Disease State Management Competition.



Michelle Johnson (left), Theresa Gerst and Leigh Wilson (right) show off their awards, which were presented by TSHP President Tracy Metting (TTUHSC – SOP Class of 2000).



Dr. Sachin Shah

The TSHP Board of Directors also recognized the work of *Sachin Shah, Pharm. D., BCOP* by naming him the 2006 recipient of the Lewis S. Smith Pharmacy Practitioner Award. The award is given annually to a practitioner who demonstrates a commitment to the profession of pharmacy through exemplary patient care and exceptional relationships with other health care professionals. Dr. Shah is an assistant professor for the SOP's department of pharmacy practice at the Dallas/Fort Worth satellite campus.

SOP Personnel Complete LEADership Program

Congratulations to four SOP staff who recently completed the TTUHSC LEADership (Leadership Development and Enhancement) Level I Program. All four *Paula Breeding (Unit Supervisor and Division Coordinator, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)*, *Lynn Finkenbinder (Manager, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo)*, *Dexter Harper (Lead PC/Network Support – Amarillo)* and *Stacey Maples (Unit Supervisor and Division Coordinator, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* were part of a group of 21 who received certificates at a March 1 luncheon. The LEADership Program is a 32-hour course designed to introduce supervisors and managers to the fundamental management necessary to perform their jobs effectively.

New Panel to Include SOP Professor



*Dr. Eric
MacLaughlin*

Eric MacLaughlin, Pharm. D., BCPS (Associate Professor and Division Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo) has been invited to serve on the Joint Commission Osteoporosis Management Technical Advisory Panel. Dr. MacLaughlin is an associate professor and adult medicine division head for the department of pharmacy practice at the main SOP campus in Amarillo.

Members of the newly formed panel were nominated and selected for their clinical and methodological expertise. The project represents a collaborative initiative undertaken by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the National Pharmaceutical Council, Inc. The result will be an educational monograph that addresses the current modalities for prevention, assessment, and treatment for improving the quality of osteoporosis care for use in a variety of health care settings.

The advisory panel is charged with establishing a measure-set framework and identifying the specific evidence-based performance standards pertinent to multiple health care settings. Their work will likely include work previously completed or underway by entities such as the AMA Physicians Consortium for Performance Improvement, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Quality Forum, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and RAND Corporation.

SOP Faculty Promoted

Congratulations go out to several of our faculty who were granted tenure February 24 by the Texas Tech Board of Regents. This group includes: *Dr. Thomas Abbruscato (Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo), Dr. Jochen Klein (Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo) and Dr. Cornelis (Neels) Van der Schyf (Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo).*

In addition, the Board of Regents approved the promotions of Dr. Abbruscato, *Dr. Krystal Haase (Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo), Dr. Brian Irons (Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock), Dr. Rebecca Sleeper Irons (Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock)* to Associate Professor. Tenure is effective immediately upon Board approval; promotions will become effective September 1. Needless to say, we are very proud of each of these individuals and the contributions they made over the years that led in part to this latest success.



*Dr. Thomas
Abbruscato*



*Dr. Jochen
Klein*



*Dr. Neels Van
der Schyf*



*Dr. Krystal
Haase*



*Dr. Brian
Irons*



*Dr. Rebecca
Sleeper Irons*

Students Receive Star Spangled Scholarships

Thirteen SOP students were recently named recipients of a TTUHSC Star Spangled Double T Scholarships. A total of 40 scholarships, each worth \$250, were awarded to TTUHSC students. The SOP recipients included: *Gradee Adrian (P1), Shana Ben-Poorat (P2), Kenneth Cole (P4), Kendra Cravens (P1), Jacy Grimsley (P1), Mai Kim (P1), Mindy Sexton (P3), Michele King (P1), Lai Man (P4), Anna Munoz (P1), Jessica Njoku (P2), Laura Patterson (P2) and Micah Pratt (P4).*

SOP Student, Organization Receive ODMA Awards

The Office of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs recently selected the winners of its 2nd Annual ODMA Awards. The awards recognize individuals and programs that support the advancement of diversity and cultural awareness within the university and the communities we serve.



Penny Sitka

This year the ODMA Student Award went to *Penny Sitka (P1)*. The ODMA Program Award went to the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) and was accepted by chapter president *Daniel Leslie (P4 – Amarillo)*.

We all know how important it is to support diversity and cultural awareness are we very proud of the efforts for which Penny and APhA were recognized.



Daniel Leslie

SOP Grad Student Honored by GSBS



Dr. Alamdar Hussain

Alamdar Hussain, Ph.D., a December 2005 graduate from the SOP's Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program in Amarillo has been named Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

As the recipient of this award, Dr. Hussain, who is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, will be the speaker at the GSBS convocation on May 19 and will carry the GSBS symbol at the TTUHSC commencement ceremonies on May 20.

2006 Research Days Scheduled

Everyone be sure to mark your calendars for the Fifth Annual School of Pharmacy Research Days, which is scheduled to begin at noon on Wednesday, August 2 and conclude Friday, August 4. This year the event has been extended for an extra day so that attendees may take part in an all-day grant-writing seminar to be held Thursday, August 3.

The Research Days event has also been scheduled to coincide with the SOP's 10th Anniversary Celebration (Saturday, Aug. 5) and the 2006 White Coat Ceremony (Sunday, Aug. 6). So clear your schedule and join us for those events as well!

For more information about Research Days and to RSVP for the grant-writing seminar, please contact *Melissa Lockman (Research Administrator, Office of Research – Amarillo)* at 806/356-4000 ext. 326. We look forward to seeing you there!

SOP Student a Winner in “From Here it’s Possible” contest



Alexia Rendon

Kudos to Alexia Rendon (P2), who won third prize in the student division of TTUHSC's “From here, it’s possible” contest. The contest was hosted by the Texas Tech University System Office of Communications and Marketing, who will use the stories it received in a campaign to bring increased visibility to Texas Tech's and the Health Sciences Center's academic excellence.

Alexia was recognized at a celebration reception held April 27 at the Merket Alumni Center in Lubbock.

A Welcome to Our New Employees

Several new faces have become part of the SOP family recently and I want to take this opportunity to welcome them. These new personnel include:

Pravakar Mondal, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Govindarajulu Nagarajan, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Yulan Luo, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Wei Li, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Sharath Krishna, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Suman Penugonda, Post Doctoral Research Assistant

Clayton Pulse, Technician II

LaNita Martin, Senior Business Assistant

Kaci Bohn, Technician II

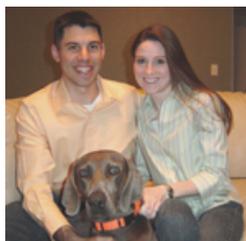
Please join me in welcoming each of these individuals to TTUHSC and the School of Pharmacy. We look forward to their contributions!

GETTING TO KNOW...

Ann Canales, Pharm.D., BCPS

Assistant Professor

Department of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo



*Ann Canales with
husband Pete and
Remington.*

Ann grew up on the family homestead near Warren, OK. The farm was settled in 1888 as part of Greer County, Texas – later to become part of Oklahoma – so Ann has proudly both Oklahoman and (somewhat) Texan roots. She spent her childhood being a “farm kid” with her two brothers and enjoyed riding motorcycles, climbing trees, ropes, etc. and participating in activities in 4-H, FFA, science fairs, and the like. She also enjoyed participating in athletics – specifically basketball (she made one trip to the state semi-finals), softball and karate.

Ann graduated valedictorian from Navajo High School and then went on to receive her Doctor of Pharmacy degree with high honors from Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she was a member of SWOSU’s inaugural Pharm.D. class in 2001. She then completed the two-year ASHP/ACCP-accredited residency in pharmacotherapy practice at TTUHSC-SOP in 2003.

Ann is currently in her third year as a faculty member at TTUHSC - SOP and practices in both inpatient family medicine and geriatrics. She is active in several pharmacy organizations including ACCP, AACP, ASHP, Rho Chi, and serves as the chapter advisor for PLS.

Ann married Pedro “Pete” Canales in June 2004 at Trinity Fellowship Church, where they met in December 2002. They currently have one “child” (Remington, a Weimaraner dog) and two “roommates” (Rustie and Chloe, both cats) and are expecting their first child later this year.

In her spare time, Ann enjoys relaxing and traveling. This summer, she will undertake her first marathon race (it’s a relay, so she says she only has to cover about 4.5 miles this time). Some words of wisdom Ann says she tries to live by every day (among others) include *Matthew 6:33 NKJV*: “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Chalan Galloway

*Coordinator, Early Experiential Programs
Staff – Department of Pharmacy Practice - Amarillo*



Chalan Galloway

Chalan was born and raised in Pampa. She currently lives in the “exciting town of Fritch” with her husband Robert and two kids and is working on a degree in finance and economics. “Our kids are absolutely awesome and I love spending time with them,” Chalan says.

Chalan’s son, Dathan, is six and just started karate and baseball “so that takes up a lot of time.” Her daughter, Corinne, is four and “we found out two years ago that she is almost completely deaf.” Chalan says Corinne “is an incredible kid and does not let her handicap get in the way at all. She attends a program for the deaf everyday and learns sign language. My husband and I are just trying to keep up with everything she is learning!”

When she has some spare time, which Chalan says is rare, She and Robert “love to get together with friends and go to the lake to camp out, spend time with family, or just hanging out at the house playing with the kids.”

Quentin Smith, Ph.D.

*Chair and Professor
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo*



Dr. Quentin Smith

Dr. Smith was born and raised in Ogden, Utah between the shores of the Great Salt Lake and the rugged Wasatch Mountains. As a boy, he spent many enjoyable hours riding horses in the foothills of Utah and working on his grandfather’s ranch.

After completing his secondary education near Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Smith earned his Bachelors degree in Chemistry from Oberlin College and his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Utah. He served for 17 years as a research scientist at the National Institutes of Health.

In 1997, Dr. Smith joined Texas Tech as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. His research interests focus on drug development for central nervous system diseases. His laboratory is funded by a four-year NIH R01 grant and a five-year Department of Defense Center of Excellence grant.

Dr. Smith’s wife, Helen, has a Ph.D. in Chemistry and worked for the Food and Drug Administration. His eldest daughter is a junior in the Honors College of Texas Tech University. In his spare time, Dr. Smith enjoys hiking in Palo Duro Canyon and running (especially when the wind is in the right direction) with his pet dog “Sandy.” He currently is preparing to run a marathon at the urging of Dr. Tom Abbruscato (who successfully completed a marathon last year!).