



Class of 2006 Takes Center Stage

May is graduation month for TTUHSC and the SOP, which means everyone is busy trying to put together a schedule of events befitting the students who have worked so hard to reach this special time in their lives. Despite the hard work, it's one the best times of the year because we get to celebrate achievement and reflect upon those things that make each academic year—and each graduating class—unique and special.

The month includes many dinners and awards and ceremonies, all of which lead us to the hooding ceremony and graduation march that showcase the accomplishments of another group of young men and women. There are many people who make such a month and these events successful, from the SOP staff who organizes the events to the faculty members who travel to Lubbock to the families who support our graduates for four long and challenging years. I'd like to thank each of these people for their efforts and for coming to Lubbock to give the SOP Class of 2006 the recognition they truly deserved.



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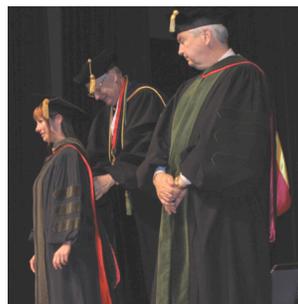
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*May 19-20, 2006
Lubbock, Texas*

Dinners Held to Honor Scholarship Donors

SOP students at each campus who received scholarships for 2005-2006 honored the individuals and organizations that made the awards possible with a Scholarship Appreciation Dinner.

The 2005-2006 scholarship donors and their student recipients included:

- Albertson's Scholarship – [*Kelly Branigan \(P2 - Amarillo\)*](#)
- Children's Medical Center of Dallas Scholarship – [*Monica Calderon \(P2 - Amarillo\)*](#), [*Hui Kang \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)*](#), [*Tracy Raabe \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)*](#), [*Stephanie Rangel \(P2 - Amarillo\)*](#)
- Gary Collins Scholarship – [*Kaysey Lowrey \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)*](#)



Hui Kang (right) with Tricia Roth of Children's Medical Center of Dallas.



Gary and Linda Collins pose with Gary Collins Scholarship recipient Kaysey Lowrey (center).

- Dean's Leadership Scholarship (sponsored by McKesson Medication Management) – [*Daniel Leslie \(P4 – Amarillo\)*](#)
- Dean's Leadership Scholarship (sponsored by United Supermarkets) – [*Allison Rowland \(P4 – Amarillo\)*](#)
- Dean's Leadership Scholarship (sponsored by Walgreens) – [*Brent Dance \(P4 – Amarillo\)*](#)
- Dean's Leadership Scholarship (sponsored by Heart of Texas Pharmacists Association) – [*Theresa Gerst \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)*](#)
- Dean's Leadership Scholarship (sponsored by Albertson's) – [*Shea Hudson \(P4 - Lubbock\)*](#)
- Education Credit Union Scholarship – [*Michele King \(P1 - Amarillo\)*](#)
- Garrison Institute on Aging Interdisciplinary Student Scholars in Geriatrics – [*Shea Hudson \(P4 – Lubbock\)*](#), [*Lyndsi White \(P4 – Lubbock\)*](#)



Shea Hudson (left) and Lyndsi White (right) pose with Barbara Cherry, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., the managing director for the Garrison Institute for Aging.

- H.E.B. Scholarship – [*Leigh Ann Roemer \(P4 - Amarillo\)*](#)
- Helen Hodges Charitable Trust Scholarship – [*Martin Ziska \(P3 - Amarillo\)*](#)

- Houston Endowment, Incorporated Scholarship – [Supriya Abraham \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#), [Amie Abshire \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Hollie Arney \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Ameenah Campbell \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Katrina Kiang \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Ruth Martinez \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Jadi Parker \(P3 – Amarillo\)](#), [Joe Valadez \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Katelyn Jill Turner Memorial Scholarship – [Thaddaus Hellwig \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#)



Thad Hellwig (right), recipient of the Katelyn Jill Turner Memorial Scholarship, is congratulated by Dr. Charles Seifert, Regional Dean for the SOP regional campus in Lubbock.

- Medco Health Solutions Scholarship – [Salman Rahim \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Charlie Taylor \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Michael Patry Memorial Scholarship – [Mindy Sexton \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#)
- National Association of Chain Drug Stores Scholarship – [Anuj Mittal \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Panhandle Society of Health-System Pharmacists Neil Pounds Memorial Scholarship – [Lacye Littlefield \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Reverend Arthur Nelson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship – [Sarah Gressett \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#)
- Roberta High Memorial Scholarship – [Teresa Nguyen \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Rural Health Education Scholarship – [Kamal Bhakta \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#), [Ariel Brumley \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Whitney Fisk \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Karen Heffley \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Jenna Hensley \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Adam Huddleston \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jamie Killingsworth \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Mary Klein \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Michelle Lord \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jennifer Montoya \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Amy Padilla-Silva \(P4 – Lubbock\)](#), [Micah Pratt \(P4 – Lubbock\)](#), [Alexia Rendon \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Leigh Ann Roemer \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Mindy Sexton \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Rebecca Warren \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Amanda Wells \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Lesley West \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Lyndsi White \(P4 – Lubbock\)](#), [Amanda Wickson \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Michelle Wickson \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Leigh Wilson \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#)
- Stanley M. Reinhaus Family Foundation Scholarship – [Holly Bland \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Stacy Larragueta \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Brooke Thomas \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Jessica Trojacek \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Tarrant County Pharmaceutical Association Scholarship – [Kaysey Lowrey \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Texas Federation of Drug Stores Scholarship – [Jamie Guyear \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#)
- Texas Pharmacy Foundation Scholarship – [Mary Klein \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#)
- Tom Thumb/Safeway Scholarship – [Angela Farnia \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Adam Fischer \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)

- TTUHSC Endowed Phonathon Scholarship – [Supriya Abraham \(P3 – Amarillo\)](#), [Elaine Chen \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Nancy Dunseth \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Joyce Fender \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Theresa Gerst \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Sarah Gressett \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#), [Jenna Hensley \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Alisa Hirschberg \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#), [Mary Klein \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Tien Le \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Daniel Leslie \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#), [Rachel Mason \(P3 – Amarillo\)](#), [Penny Sitka \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Jessen Thomas \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Leigh Wilson \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Miriam Wolters \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#), [Martin Ziska \(P3 – Amarillo\)](#)



Donors and recipients get together for a group photo at the Dallas/Fort Worth scholarship dinner.

- United Supermarkets Scholarship – [Adam Beam \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Elaine Chen \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Gina Cole \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Kenneth Cole \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association Scholarship – [Elizabeth Davis \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Jason Earthman \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Whitney Fisk \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Jacy Grimsley \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Brian Lake \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Mary Klein \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Staci Lemon \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Bonnie Morrison \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Laura Patterson \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Mindy Sexton \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Vern Stairs \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Latisha Tomlinson \(P3 – Amarillo\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association Roberta High Scholarship – [Dixie Yearicks \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association Lonnie Hollingsworth Scholarship – [Gina Cole \(P3 – Lubbock\)](#), [Kenneth Cole \(P4 – Lubbock\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association TTUHSC Endowed Scholarship – [Jenna Hensley \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#)
- Wal Mart Scholarship – [Alisa Hirschberg \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#)
- Weinstein Scholarship – Stephanie Hedges (P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth)



Stephanie Hedges (center) with scholarship donors Paul and Judy Weinstein.

SOP Students, Faculty Land 2006 Scholarships

Congratulations to [Whitney Fisk \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#) and [Penny Sitka \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), the SOP's 2006 recipients of Texas Pharmacy Foundation Scholarships. A \$1,000 check will be presented to each of these young ladies July 21 during the TPA Annual Meeting and Expo, where they will meet the scholarship winners from each of the Texas schools and colleges of pharmacy. Applicants were judged on scholarship and potential to become leaders for Texas pharmacy as demonstrated by their involvement in pharmacy school and community activities.



Whitney Fisk



Penny Sitka



Frederick
Labrador

We also extend congratulations to [Frederick Labrador \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), who was recently named the 2006 TSHP Research and Education Foundation Gene Lake Scholarship recipient. The Foundation's scholarship committee chose Frederick because he is an active member of TTSSHP, he is from the geographical area defined as being west of Interstate 35W and he has demonstrated commitment and compassion for others and the pharmacy profession. The scholarship is named for Gene Lake, who served TSHP as Fundraising Chair and R&E Foundation Board of Directors member and supported pharmacy in the West Texas region.

Finally, kudos goes out to [Patrick Gallegos \(Pharmacotherapy Resident – Amarillo\)](#) and his faculty mentor [Dr. Ann Canales \(Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo\)](#). The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy recently announced that Dr. Gallegos and Dr. Canales are one of 35 student-faculty pairs who will receive the 2006 Wal-Mart Student/Faculty Annual Conference Scholarship. The scholarship program's goal is to strengthen the skills and commitment of students to a career in academic pharmacy through their participation at the 2006 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars. Patrick and Ann will receive this scholarship at this year's meeting, which is slated for July-12 in San Diego.



Dr. Patrick
Gallegos



Dr. Ann
Canales

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).

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.

Anderson Named to Associate Dean Post



*Dr. Glenn
Anderson*

On May 15, *Dr. Glenn Anderson (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* began his duties as the SOP's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. For those of you who may not know, Glenn was an SOP faculty recruit during our early years as we were creating the School's initial programs. His experience with our original plans and his long-range perspectives in regards to our current development were major factors that contributed to his selection to this important position.

Dr. Anderson's areas of responsibilities will include curricular affairs and student outcomes assessment; however, due to the significant amount of work that the CA and SOA committees have before them for 2006/2007, I have asked

Dr. Margaret Weis (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo) to remain as the Interim Associate Dean for Faculty Development until a smooth transition can be made at some point during the next academic year.



*Dr. Margaret
Weis*

I hope you will extend your assistance to both these individuals as they work effectively on the behalf of the SOP's faculty, students and administration.

A Welcome to Our New Employees

Please join me in welcoming each of the following individuals to TTUHSC and the School of Pharmacy:

- *Savitha Krishna, Post Doctoral Research Assistant*
- *Vinay Rudraraju, Graduate Student/Research Assistant*
- *Helen Thorsheim, Research Associate*
- *Erika Wisdom, Graduate Student/Research Assistant*

Take a moment and make these people feel welcome and let them know we are happy to have them!

GETTING TO KNOW...

Thomas Abbruscato, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo



Dr. Abbruscato poses with his daughters Tatum (left), Morgan (second from left) and two of their friends at a run held in Oklahoma City.

Tom grew up in Phoenix, Arizona and received most of his college education and post-doc training at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson. That's also where he met his wife Robyn in 1993, who was also a graduate student at the time. While in Tucson Tom and Robyn spent much time camping, hiking and exploring the Sonora Desert. In January of 2000, the Abbruscatos moved to Amarillo and he began his faculty position at the School of Pharmacy. Since then their family has expanded to include two daughters: Morgan who is five-years old and Tatum who is two-years old. Tom says Morgan enjoys playing soccer and dancing and Tatum will do anything her big sister is doing.

In addition to being a full time Mom, Robyn works as an instructor at the School of Pharmacy teaching both Beginning and Intermediate Spanish for Pharmacists. She also teaches aerobics classes at the Amarillo Town Club.

Tom enjoys running, biking, and spending time with his family camping, traveling and working in the yard/vegetable garden.

During 2006, Tom has finished marathons in Phoenix and Oklahoma City and Tatum and Morgan also completed their first run at Oklahoma City. He says

he plans to run the New Mexico Marathon in September and that his long-term goal is to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

Stevie Rozzell

Senior Programmer

Staff – Center for Teaching and Learning with Technology - Amarillo



Stevie and Ashleigh with their son Collin Dakota.

Steven was born and raised in Fritch, Texas. After graduating high school in May of 1999, he attended Frank Phillips College in Borger and received his Associate Degree of Applied Science as a Computer Specialist in May 2001. Steven then moved to Canyon to begin school at West Texas A & M University and in December 2003 he graduated with his Bachelors of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems.

Steven and his wife Ashleigh have been married for two years and have a son, Collin Dakota, who is 14-months old. Steven is an avid sports fan but ranks football number one. He is a fan of the Cowboys, Yankees and Mavericks. In he enjoys spending his spare time with his family and fishing and hunting.

Charles Seifert, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS

Professor and Regional Dean

Department of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock



*Dr. & Mrs. Charles Seifert at the
2006 Lubbock Student Banquet*

Dr. Seifert was raised on a ranch his brother still owns near Hettinger, North Dakota. His parents are also both still living in Hettinger.

Dr. Seifert received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from North Dakota State University in Fargo in 1982. He proceeded on to San Antonio, Texas where he obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in 1984. During that time he met his wife, Cheryl, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in San Antonio and they were married in December of 1983.

Dr. Seifert completed an ASHP Accredited Residency in Clinical Pharmacy at Truman Medical Center and the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1985 and he and Cheryl moved to Oklahoma City where Dr. Seifert was initially an Assistant Professor and then an Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy. The Seiferts then moved to Rapid City, South Dakota where Dr. Seifert was the Clinical Director for Rapid City Regional Hospital for three and a half years prior to accepting his current position in Lubbock, where the Seiferts have lived and enjoyed the West Texas hospitality for the past eight and a half years. Cheryl is an elementary master reading teacher in LISD; she received her Masters Degree in Education from Texas Tech.

All four of the Seifert's children were born in Oklahoma (native Sooners) during the nine years they spent there. Amanda, their oldest (20), is now living at home and plans to attend classes at South Plains College this fall in costume/set design. Adam (19) is blind and severely handicapped from being born at 26 weeks. He lives permanently at the Lubbock State School where he receives wonderful care. Cole (15) is an accomplished singer and he and his father enjoy composing contemporary Christian music. Brianne (12) is an excellent equestrian and enjoys English Hunter competition. She recently acquired her own horse, a sorrel gelding named Cash (Dr. Seifert says the name implies where the money goes). The Seiferts have recently become horse groupies and purchased a travel trailer, which they enjoy pulling around the U.S. to horse shows.

In addition to Cash, the Seifert's also have a Golden Lab/Shepherd mix named Singer, a calico cat named Miss May, a turtle named Shelly and a Beta named Dr. Giggles. Dr. Seifert also enjoys singing with the Celebration Choir at Christ the King Cathedral, Big XII Sports, Minnesota Vikings football, gardening and an occasional hack at golf.