

### **Students Reach Out to Community with Flu Vaccines**

*Dr. Katherine Elliott*, one of our 2006 graduates who presently works with us as a community pharmacy resident at the Amarillo Pharmaceutical Care Center, is leading a group of our students in an outreach flu immunization clinic that started in October. *Dr. Kenneth (Mac) McCall (Assistant Professor and Community Care Division Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* and *David Simmons, R.Ph. (Clinical Instructor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice, Community Care Division – Amarillo)* are preceptors for the clinic.

To date, the group has administered 97 flu shots to residents and healthcare workers at Potter House Retirement Center, The Cottages at Quail Creek and Canyonview Retirement Center. They also immunized 70 people Oct. 20 at the Senior Fall Festival in Amarillo.

Students who have helped with this community outreach program include: *Brent Baughman (P3)*, *Donna Boatwright (P4)*, *Dionne Browne (P3)*, *Tiffany Coomer (P2)*, *Liz Davis (P3)*, *Joyce Fender (P2)*, *George Jenkins (P2)*, *Michele King (P2)*, *Jonathan Krahl (P2)*, *Lacey Lantelme (P1)*, *Bonnie Morrison (P2)*, *Sarah Mureeba (P2)*, *Joseph Ottis (P1)*, *Norma Solis (P2)*, *Ty Stout (P3)*, *Kelly Swindell (P2)*, *Chris Tawwater (P4)*, *Jared Thornhill (P1)*, *Peter Verven (P2)* and *Dustin Whitaker (P2)*.

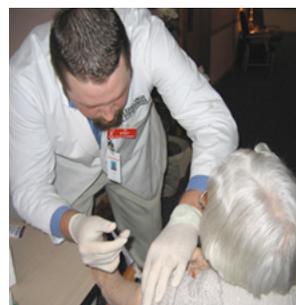
A special thanks to each of these individuals for volunteering their time to this worthy endeavor.



*Dionne Browne, a P3, answers questions from a Potter House Retirement Center resident.*



*Liz Davis, a P3 student, concentrates while preparing a dose of flu vaccine.*



*P3 student Ty Stout administers a flu shot to a resident of Potter House Retirement Center.*

### **ACCP Elects MacLaughlin, Irons to Fill Network Positions**

*Dr. Eric MacLaughlin (Associate Professor and Adult Medicine Division Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* and *Dr. Brian Irons (Associate Professor and Primary Care Division Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock)* have been elected to positions within the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's Practice and Research Network.



*Dr. MacLaughlin*

Dr. MacLaughlin will serve as chair-elect for the ACCP's Ambulatory Care PRN and Dr. Irons will serve as secretary/treasurer for ACCP's Endocrine and Metabolism PRN. Each began fulfilling their new duties following the ACCP Annual Meeting, which was held Oct. 26-29 in St. Louis.



*Dr. Irons*

## ***P4 Team Wins ASHP Competition***

One of our student organizations—The Texas Tech Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (TTSSHP)—held the annual Clinical Skills Competition on October 14. Ten teams representing the P1, P3 and P4 classes participated in the event this year.

*Martin Ziska (P4 - Amarillo)* and *Supriya Abraham (P4 - Amarillo)* were selected as the top overall team during competition and will advance to the ASHP National Clinical Skills Competition to represent TTUHSC – SOP. The national competition will take place Dec. 2-3 at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA.



*Martin  
Ziska*



*Supriya  
Abraham*

The top scoring team from each class received a \$100 gift card. Martin and Supriya were the top P4 team. The top scoring teams from the other represented classes included:

*Elaine Chen and Jessica Njoku (P3 class)*  
*Karmen Brewer and Jill Keesee (P1 class)*

Congratulations to each of the winning teams and good luck to Martin and Supriya at the national competition!

## ***Three SOP Faculty Garner President's Awards***

For the second straight year, three SOP faculty were recognized for their efforts in the classroom and the laboratory with a TTUHSC's President's Award. *Dr. Kenneth (Mac) McCall (Assistant Professor and Community Care Division Head, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)*, *Dr. Ulrich Bickel (Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo)* and *Dr. C.A. (CAB) Bond (Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* were each recognized Sept. 26 at the TTUHSC Faculty Awards Convocation. The event was held in conjunction with the annual State of the University Address, which was delivered this year by TTUHSC Interim President Dr. Bernhard T. Mitemeyer.

Dr. McCall received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award; Dr. Bickel was the recipient of the President's Research Achievement Award; and Dr. Bond was presented the University Distinguished Professor Award.

Please take a moment to congratulate each of these individuals for this important accomplishment.



*From Left: Dr. C.A. (CAB) Bond, Dr. Ulrich Bickel and Dr. Kenneth (Mac) McCall.*

## ***Pharmacy Museum, SOP Students Participate in History Festival***

The Texas Pharmacy Museum and several SOP students recently participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fannin Middle School Heritage Festival in Amarillo. The festival coincides with National Pharmacy Week and provides a wonderful opportunity for TPM and our students to inform school aged children, their families, and the general public about present and past aspects of the pharmacy profession. TPM, which is located in the basement of our main campus in Amarillo, has been an annual participant in the event since opening in 1998.

This year TPM curator *Dr. Paul Katz (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* was assisted by eight of our P2 students, all of whom are members of either the Phi Delta Chi professional pharmacy fraternity or the Texas Tech Toastmasters. The students included *Wade Dean, Rex Gueffroy, George Jenkins, Kristen Keaton, Jonathan Krahl, Julie Perez, Seth Rutherford* and *Dustin Whitaker*.

This year the SOP/TPM exhibit demonstrated pill rolling using Play-Doh<sup>®</sup> and a hand operated pill machine. Smarties<sup>®</sup> candy was ground up with a mortar and pestle to make a sugar coating for the pills. Visitors were able to watch our students demonstrate the different processes and then try their hand with the devices.

Julie Greene, who is Fannin Middle School librarian and organizes the festival, told Dr. Katz this year's festival attracted more than 1,500 visitors. Dr. Katz jokingly said that after six hours of continuous demonstrations and discussions about pharmacy, the SOP/TPM contingent felt that they had visited with all 1,500 attendees! Despite being a bit tired, he said a good time was had by all and he is looking forward to participating in the 2007 festival.

Thanks to the Texas Pharmacy Museum and our Phi Delta Chi and Toastmasters students for representing pharmacy and the SOP so well!

### **Fannin Middle School Heritage Festival 2006**



*George Jenkins (left) and Dustin Whitaker show a young festival attendee the proper technique for rolling a pill.*



*Seth Rutherford and Julie Perez give some pointers to one of the many people who visited the SOP/TPM exhibit.*

### ***Bond Receives ASHP Literature Award***

In addition to his TTUHSC President's Award, *Dr. C.A. (CAB) Bond (Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Amarillo)* was also notified recently by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists that he has been selected as a 2006 ASHP Foundation Literature Awards honoree.

Dr. Bond's article, entitled "Clinical and Economic Outcomes of Pharmacist-Managed Aminoglycoside or Vancomycin Therapy," was the top submission in the Pharmacy Practice Research category. He will receive the award at the 41<sup>st</sup> ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition December 4 in Anaheim, CA.



*Dr. Bond*

## ***A Welcome to Our New Employees***

The following individuals have recently joined the ranks of TTUHSC and the School of Pharmacy:

*Amit Rawat (Post Doctoral Research Associate)*

*Yi Qing Chen (Research Associate)*

*Kun Zhang (Post Doctoral Research Associate)*

*Prabath Biju (Post Doctoral Research Associate)*

*Venkateswaran Pillai (Graduate Student/Research Assistant)*

*Sunny Guin (Graduate Student/Research Assistant)*

*Satyanarayana Goda (Graduate Student/Research Assistant)*

*Prem Gupta (Post Doctoral Research Assistant)*

*Samuel Schwarzlose (Research Associate)*

We also have three new faculty members who are now working in our Department of Pharmacy Practice. *Dr. Thomas Parker (Assistant Professor – Amarillo)* and *Dr. Janie Robles (Clinical Instructor – Lubbock)* are both graduates of our program and will work with the Dept. of Pharmacy Practice's Pediatrics Division. *Dr. Claudia Meek (Research Assistant Professor – Dallas/Ft. Worth)* received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from The University of Texas at Dallas and will work with the Dept. of Pharmacy Practice's Clinical Research and Sciences Division.

Please take a moment to welcome each of these folks to our program!

## GETTING TO KNOW...

### **Sara Brouse, Pharm.D., BCPS, AQ Cardiology**

*Assistant Professor*

*Vice Chair for Residency Programs*

*Department of Pharmacy Practice – Dallas/Fort Worth*



*Dr. Sara Brouse with husband Jeremy and son Jacob.*

Sara was born in Ottumwa, Iowa and moved with her family to Columbia, Missouri when she was 8 years old. After earning her Pharm.D. from University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1997, she “decided to become a Wildcat” and moved to Lexington, Kentucky to complete a pharmacy practice residency and critical care specialty residency at the University of Kentucky.

In September 1998 Sara married Jeremy, her high school sweetheart. In 1999 the Brouses moved to the Dallas area when Sara accepted a position with TTUHSC - SOP as an assistant professor of pharmacy practice in the area of critical care/cardiology for our (then) newly established Dallas/Fort Worth campus.

Sara and Jeremy had a son, Jacob Andrew, in February 2006, though Sara says they had many “furry children” prior to that time (so many, in fact, she says they had to move to the country). Jacob is presently sharing the house and a 10-acre ranch in McLendon-Chisholm, TX (population 800) with his furry siblings: Tex and Tori (the family’s two greyhounds); Zoe (a Siamese cat) and Rusty (orange tabby cat); Keoki and Kyoto (two “friendly” donkeys); Hilo & Kona (two “obnoxious” goats); and a foster greyhound named B’s Omby Amby (Amby, for short).

In her spare time, Sara volunteers for the Greyhound Adoption League of Texas and works to adopt retired racing greyhounds into forever homes. She also enjoys bicycling and running and has completed several MS150 bike rides since college.

The Brouse’s favorite family hobby (minus the furry children) is traveling abroad. Their travels have taken them to nine European countries and to Japan twice. As a result, Sara can speak a limited vocabulary in five languages other than English.

### **Shawn Morton**

*Accountant*

*Staff, Department of Finance and Administration – Amarillo*



*Alex, 4-year old son of Shawn Morton and her husband, Jason.*

Shawn is the oldest of three children. She was born in Dimmitt, Texas and had the opportunity to live in several panhandle towns while growing up including Lubbock, Shallowater, and Friona. In addition, her family moved to Grants Pass, Oregon just before Shawn started junior high. She lived there for five years prior to coming back to “the great state of Texas.”

After graduating from Littlefield High School in 1996, Shawn attended West Texas A&M University where she was involved in several campus organizations. Most notably, Shawn served as treasurer for the WTAMU Student Alumni Board and participated in several community volunteer projects.

Shawn graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting. She has worked as an accountant for TTUHSC – SOP since 2003. She and her husband, Jason, have been married for seven years. Jason is the Network Administrator for Hastings Entertainment. Together Shawn and Jason share each and every day with their son Alex, who just turned 4 in September, and their dog Sparkey. Shawn and Jason enjoy camping, water sports (including SCUBA diving, skiing and wakeboarding) and spending quality time with family and friends.