



### *P3 Students Excel in Competitions*

Hearty congratulations go out to [Brent Dance \(P3 – Amarillo\)](#) and [Leigh Ann Mosier \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#) for their recent accomplishments in national and state pharmacy student competitions.



Brent  
Dance

Brent was runner-up at the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) National Counseling Competition held April 4 in at the APhA Annual Meeting in Orlando. After winning the SOP chapter's competition, Brent advanced to the national contest where he competed against representatives from all 92 of the nation's pharmacy schools. Prior to the competition Brent was given a list of 10 medications to study. When it was his turn to compete, a medication was randomly selected and Brent was given five minutes to prepare to counsel a patient about that medication. Brent obviously put his time to good use and showed he has the ability to work well under pressure.

Leigh Ann was the winner of the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists (TSHP) Clinical Skills Disease State Management competition held April 8-11 at the TSHP 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Austin. Her competitors included students from all four Texas pharmacy schools. The competition is designed to test each student's counseling skills and basic knowledge of common disease states. This was the third year Leigh Ann has entered the competition. She earned Honorable Mention (second place) at the 2004 event.



Leigh Ann Mosier (center)  
receiving her award for the TSHP  
Clinical Skills competition.

### *Chimalakonda Named GSBS Student of the Year*



Prasad  
Chimalakonda

Prasad Chimalakonda, one of our graduate students who recently completed his studies in the pharmaceutical sciences department graduate program, has been named 2005 Student of the Year by the TTUHC Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS).

The award will be presented at the May 20 Convocation for the School. Prasad has also been selected to be the GSBS Seal Standard Bearer for both Convocation and Graduation ceremonies the following day. He was selected from nominees from each of the ten GSBS programs.

Prasad recently defended his dissertation entitled "*Pharmacodynamics of a liver-targeted dextran prodrug of methylprednisolone.*" He has also accepted a position with Bristol Meyers-Squibb in Wallingford, CT where he will work as a Senior Scientist I in the Metabolism & Pharmacokinetics Discovery Division.

On behalf of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the entire SOP, I'd like to say we are extremely proud of Prasad and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

## *SOP Researcher Receives International Recognition*



*Dr. Neels  
Van der Schyf*

*Dr. Neels Van der Schyf (Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Amarillo and Graduate Program Advisor)* has been awarded the FARMOVS Prize in Pharmacology and Drug Development by the South African Academy of Sciences and Arts, which is that country's equivalent of the National Academy of Sciences.

The FARMOVS Prize is South Africa's highest award for pharmacology and drug development research. Dr. Van der Schyf will receive the award June 24 in Pretoria, South Africa.

## *TSHP Recognizes Members of SOP Family*

Four individuals with ties to TTUHSC – SOP were recognized for their contributions to the profession at the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists (TSHP) Awards Luncheon held April 8. The event was part of TSHP's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar, which took place in Austin. Those honored included:

- *Chis Amaya (Class of 2003)*, who received the TSHP Resident/Fellow Award for demonstrating a commitment to the profession of pharmacy through service, practice, education, research, and/or other activities. Chris is completing a specialty residency in internal medicine at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital.
- *Dr. Brian K. Irons (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock)*, who received the Lewis S. Smith Pharmacy Practitioner Award for demonstrating a commitment to the profession of pharmacy through exemplary patient care and exceptional relationships with other health care professionals.
- *Dr. Traci Metting (Class of 2000)*, who received the New Pharmacist Award for her unselfish devotion to the practice of pharmacy. Traci is also TSHP's incoming President.
- *Randy Ball, R.Ph. and TTUHSC – SOP Preceptor*, who received the Pharmacy Leadership Award for demonstrating outstanding leadership through his service as a TSHP board member and as pharmacy director for Harris Fort Worth Hospital.

In addition to these awards, *Dr. Roland Patry (Professor and Chair, Clinical Research and Management)* won the award for Best Poster Presentation in the administrative category.



*Incoming TSHP President Dr. Traci Metting, who received the TSHP New Pharmacist Award, presents the Pharmacy Leadership Award to Randy Ball.*



*Dr. Brian Irons receives the Lewis S. Smith Pharmacy Practitioner Award.*



*Dr. Roland Patry (center) receives the TSHP award for Best Poster Presentation.*

Each of these individuals is very deserving of the recognition they received from TSHP and we are proud to have them as part of the TTUHSC – SOP family.

## *Dinners Held to Honor Scholarship Recipients*

SOP students who received scholarships for 2004-2005 and the donors who make the scholarships possible were the guests of honor at Celebration of Achievement Dinners held in April at each campus.

The Lubbock dinner took place April 12 at the International Cultural Center. The dinner for Dallas/Fort Worth honorees was held April 19 at the Hackberry Creek Country Club. The Amarillo Club hosted the Amarillo event April 26. The donor and student honorees included:

- Albertson's Scholarship – *Shea Hudson (P3 - Lubbock)*
- Bexar County Pharmaceutical Association Scholarship – *Lindsay Algeo (P2 - Amarillo)*
- Children's Medical Center of Dallas Scholarship – *Sonia Gonzales (P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth), Ellen James (P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth), Melanie Pavlicek (P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth), Hui Kang (P2 - Amarillo), Tracy Raabe (P3 - Amarillo), Stephanie Rangel (P1 - Amarillo)*
- Dean's Leadership Scholarship – *Callie Wilson Flores (P4 - Lubbock), Alisa Hirschberg (P3 - Amarillo)*
- Education Credit Union Scholarship – *Elsi Ofoh (P1 - Amarillo)*
- Gary Collins Scholarship – *Meghann Skalak (P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth)*



*From left: Dr. Richard Leff (D/FW Regional Dean) Gary Collins and Meghann Skalak (Gary Collins Scholarship recipient).*

- H.E.B. Scholarship – *Patricia McHazlett (P4 - Amarillo)*
- Honors at Entrance Scholarship – *Brent Dance (P3 - Amarillo), Christina Foley (P1 - Amarillo), Daniel Leslie (P3 - Amarillo), Laura Patterson (P1 - Amarillo)* and *Miriam Wolters (P3 - Amarillo)*
- Houston Endowment, Incorporated Scholarship – *Sarah Dehoney (P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth), Hollie Arney (P2 - Amarillo), Amie Bates (P2 - Amarillo), Ameenah Campbell (P1 - Amarillo), Jadi Jones (P2 - Amarillo), Ruth Martinez (P1 - Amarillo), Joe Valadez (P1 - Amarillo)*



*Houston Endowment, Incorporated Scholarship winners from Amarillo included Amie Bates, Ruth Martinez and Jadi Jones.*

- Katelyn Jill Turner Memorial Scholarship – [Britt Ross \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#)
- McKesson Medication Management Scholarship – [Becky Jun \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#), [Kaysey Lowery \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Medco Health Solutions Scholarship – [Isabel Garcia \(P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Michael Patry Memorial Scholarship – [Sarah Gressett \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#)
- National Association of Chain Drug Stores Scholarship – [Jamie Guyear \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Panhandle Society of Health-System Pharmacists Neil Pounds Memorial Scholarship – [Whitney Fisk \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#)



*Mikki Grosz, R.Ph. poses with Whitney Fisk, recipient of the Panhandle Society of Health-System Pharmacists Neil Pounds Memorial Scholarship.*

- Reverend Arthur Nelson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship – [Jason Cornish \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Roberta High Memorial Scholarship – [Charlie Hart \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#) and [Eric Pendarvis \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#)
- Rural Health Education Scholarship – [Amy Padilla-Silva \(P3\)](#), [Micah Pratt \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#) and [Lyndsi White \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#), [Karen Heffley \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Jaime Killingsworth \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Leigh Ann Mosier \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Wesley Skalak \(P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#) and [Lesley West \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- SOP Academic Excellence Scholarship – [Edison Dy \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#), [Charlie Taylor \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#), [Meghana Patel \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Salman Rahim \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Donna Boatwright \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jason Cornish \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Joseph Kung \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jacquelyn Murphy \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jian Shi \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Raelene Trudeau \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Martin Ziska \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)



*Charlie Taylor, left, and Edison Dy, Lubbock recipients of the SOP Academic Excellence Scholarship*

- SOP Texas Resident Scholarship – [Brandi Flemming \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Stephanie Hedges \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Melanie Boatwright \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Rebecca Warren \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Stanley M. Reinhaus Family Foundation Scholarship – [Stacy Larragueta \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Van Nguyen \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Brooke Thomas \(P2 – Amarillo\)](#), [Jessica Trojacek \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Tarrant County Pharmaceutical Association Scholarship – [Karim Prasla \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Texas Federation of Drug Stores Scholarship – [Angie Dean \(P4 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Texas Pharmacy Association Academy of Consultant Pharmacists Robert Clayton Scholarship – [Callie Wilson Flores \(P4 - Lubbock\)](#)
- Texas Pharmacy Foundation Scholarship – [Daniel Leslie \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation Scholarship – [Thaddaus Hellwig \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#)
- Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation El Paso Scholarship – [Christopher Cochrane \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation Gene Lake Scholarship – [Raelene Trudeau \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Tom Thumb/Safeway Scholarship – [Lai Man \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- TTUHSC Chancellor’s Council Scholarship – [Rachel Dunseth \(P4 – Lubbock\)](#), [Chris Okolo \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#), [Maria Ceja \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Theresa John \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Jessica Fields \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Theresa Gerst \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Laura Ngo \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Kimberly Noska \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Brandon Trollinger \(P1 – Amarillo\)](#), [Dolia Yomtoob \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#)



*Chris Okolo (left), a Lubbock recipient of the TTUHSC Chancellor’s Council Scholarship, with Dr. Charles Seifert, Lubbock Regional Dean.*



*Dr. Richard Leff, D/FW Regional Dean (left) poses with Maria Ceja and Theresa John, D/FW recipients of the TTUHSC Chancellor’s Council Scholarship.*

- TTUHSC Endowed Phonathon Scholarship – [Callie Wilson Flores \(P4 – Lubbock\)](#), [Sarah Gressett \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#), [Sarah Dehoney \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Kaysey Lowery \(P3 – Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Kamal Bhakta \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Brent Dance \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#), [Whitney Fisk \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Theresa Gerst \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Mary Klein \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Alisa Hirschberg \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#), [Allison Walker \(P4 – Amarillo\)](#), [Miriam Wolters \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#)

- United Supermarkets Scholarship – [Tammy Ratliff \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#), [Theresa Breithaupt \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Race Dulin \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Michele Lord \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association Scholarship – [Micah Pratt \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#), [Tammy Ratliff \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#), [Sonia Gonzales \(P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Walgreens Scholarship – [Melissa Magnanti \(P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Allen Seiger \(P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#), [Robert Baughman \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Carrie Chennault \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Angela Farnia \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Horace Favila \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jason Hollingsworth \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Josh Jones \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Robin Murphy-Clemendot \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)



Amarillo recipients of the Walgreens Scholarship included (from left) Angela Farnia, Robin Murphy-Clemendot, Jason Hollingsworth, Robert Baughman, and Carrie Chennault

- Walgreens First Generation College Student Scholarship – [Jason Brown \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jessie Heaton \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#) and [Rafael Veasy \(P1 - Amarillo\)](#)
- Wal Mart Scholarship – [Adam Fischer \(P3 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- Weinstein Scholarship – [Heather Seiger \(P4 - Dallas/Fort Worth\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association Scholarship – [Alisia Baker \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#), [Kamal Bhakta \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Donna Boatwright \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Gina DellaValle \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jessica Fields \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Jason Hollingsworth \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#), [Joseph Young \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#), [Larry Thompson \(P4 - Amarillo\)](#), [Amanda Wickson \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#) and [Michelle Wickson \(P2 - Amarillo\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association Lonnie F. Hollingsworth Appreciation Scholarship – [Kandice Ballman \(P3 - Amarillo\)](#)
- West Texas Pharmacy Association Roberta High Scholarship – [Lyndsi White \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#) and [Randy White \(P3 - Lubbock\)](#)

## GETTING TO KNOW...

### **Jochen Klein, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor*

*Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Amarillo*



*Dr. Jochen Klein*

Jochen grew up in Germany and, having finished high school with a focus on languages, somehow decided to study pharmacy (probably because his sister had done the same thing, he says). He quite enjoyed his studies at University of Heidelberg, but it was such a shock when he registered as a pharmacist at the age of 23 that Jochen says he wondered “what should I do for the rest of my life?” So he got himself a stipend to study biochemistry at Emory University in Atlanta, became hooked on research and returned to Germany to pursue a Ph.D. He says his doctoral thesis was actually in toxicology (carcinogenesis) but he changed gears during his postdoctoral years when he worked on the regulation of acetylcholine synthesis in the brain. Ever since, brain diseases and drugs acting in the CNS have been his research focus.

Jochen worked for more than ten years at Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz School of Medicine in Germany where he continued his research and taught all sorts of pharmacology to medical students. In addition to central cholinergic systems, he became interested in Alzheimer’s disease, stroke and fetal alcohol syndrome. He says he also has a long-standing interest in centrally acting plant constituents from ginkgo and St. John’s wort, so he was happy to teach neuropharmacology and herbals when he joined TTUHSC in 2002.

Jochen says coming to the SOP was a big move for him and my family, which includes his wife Petra (who is also a pharmacist) daughters Kristin and Maxi. However, he and his family have settled in and feel comfortable in Amarillo.

Jochen’s goals for the next few years at TTUHSC are “to do some decent research and be respected as a teacher.” He says it would also be nice to have a little time left to spend with his family (“we want to see more of the US!”) and to entertain some hobbies. In his spare time, Jochen says he enjoys “pretty standard stuff” such as reading, watching movies, and enjoying the occasional glass of wine. “Like any true German, I am a soccer fan—I played myself for twenty years—but just for fun, and occasionally I wonder about modern America – so similar and yet so different from Europe!”

### **Mark Hendricks**

*Communications Coordinator*

*Staff, Office of the Dean – Amarillo*



*Joey (left) and Mark Hendricks*

Mark was born in Dallas but has lived in Amarillo most of his life. After graduating from Amarillo High in 1979 he worked as a machinist until 1986 when he returned to school. He received his Bachelor’s degree from West Texas State University in 1990.

Mark and his wife Debra have a 23-year old daughter named Rachael, a 21-year old son named Joey and four dogs. Rachael is the aquatics director at Amarillo Community Center. She and her husband John Paul are expecting their first child in July. Joey is a PFC in the Army and has been serving in Iraq since November.

Mark is an avid sports fan and particularly enjoys watching the Detroit Tigers, Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos in person and on television. He also plays more than 100 softball games a year and loves to cook, write, read and spend time with Debra and their family.

**Diane Kretschmer, R.Ph., Pharm.D.**  
*Assistant Clinical Professor*  
*Chief, Lubbock Area Pharmacy Services*  
*Department of Pharmacy Practice – Lubbock*



*Dr. Diane Kretschmer*

Diane was born and raised in the “very small town” of Floyd, which is just west of Portales in Eastern New Mexico in an area sometimes referred to as the “Lap Lands of Texas” because Texas “laps” over the border about 30 miles. She grew up on a hard working ranch/dairy and every spring her parents would sell the manure for fertilizer to local farmers. Diane says her parents always put that check into a savings account for her and her brother and that she used that money to go to pharmacy school. “I can honestly say that I went through school on (let’s be politically correct) ‘organic fertilizer!’” When her job gets tough, she says she is just glad that she is inside where she is warm and dry and clean.

Diane received her B.S. in Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and her Pharm.D. from TTUHSC via the TxPharm program. She has been the Chief of Lubbock Area Pharmacy Services since May 2001 and is in charge of two pharmacies in Lubbock: one located in the International Pain Institute and one currently located in the Texas Tech Medical Center Southwest building. Her work is ever-changing and encompasses almost all aspects of pharmacy practice including long-term care, chemotherapy and IV therapy, investigational drugs, pain management and telepharmacy.

Diane and her husband Joe have been married almost 17 years. They have two children: Bailey, who is 7 and Dalton, who is almost 2. They also have a dog, a cat, three fish and a hamster. This is why Diane no longer has hobbies, unless you count going to soccer and softball games and helping with first grade homework. However, Diane says there is nothing she would rather be doing than spending time with her family because both of her children are gifts directly from God and she appreciates every minute with them.