



## *PROFESSOR NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF PHARMACY*



Craig Cox, Pharm. D., was named president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). The AACP is the national organization representing pharmacy education in the United States.

Cox is a professor of pharmacy practice and vice chair for experiential programs at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy.

He also serves as an ex officio member of the Curricular Affairs Committee and continuing education, as well as chair of the Preceptor Advisory Council.

“Dr. Cox has extensive experience at the local, state, national and international levels representing our school as well as the pharmacy profession, and he will provide valuable perspectives as president of the AACP,” said Quentin Smith,

Pharm.D., dean of the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy. “This is a tremendous honor for him and for our school.”

According to the AACP, pharmacy is the third largest health profession – after nursing and medicine – with more than 300,000 clinicians practicing in community-based practices, hospitals/health systems and many other health care settings.

The AACP provides leadership in enhancing the quality of education and training in its member institutions, which includes the 142 schools of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as well as individual members.

Cox will begin a three-year term as president July 2022.

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# SIX FACULTY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT FACULTY AWARD CONVOCATION



On November 4, Six TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy faculty members were recognized at the virtual State of the University and Faculty Award Convocation. Charles Seifert, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS and Rebecca Sleeper, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASCP, BCPS, received the President's Award for Interprofessional Teamwork. Trista Bailey, PharmD., BCPS, BCGP, FASCP, Amie Blaszczyk, PharmD., BCGP, BCPS, FASCP, Kalin Clifford, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCGP, FASCP and Becky Mahan, Pharm.D., BCGP, BCACP, received the President's Team Teaching Award.

## TTUHSC PHARMACY FACULTY MEMBER AWARDED NIH RESEARCH GRANT

Magdalena Karbowniczek, M.D., Ph.D., a professor in the Immunotherapeutics and Biotechnology Department at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Abilene campus, was recently awarded a \$2.8 million NIH grant that will help further her lung diseases research. Karbowniczek will receive \$718,036 in year one from the National Heart, Lung, And Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health to support research that investigates the role of extracellular vesicles in promoting the progression of pulmonary lymphangioliomyomatosis.

As reported to the AACP, the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Offices of Sciences received a total of \$4.9 million in extramural grant funding for the 2020-2021 federal fiscal year. Karbowniczek's award is a welcomed addition to the 2021-2022 year.



# FIVE FROM TTUHSC SCHOOL OF PHARMACY IN TOP 2% OF RESEARCHERS



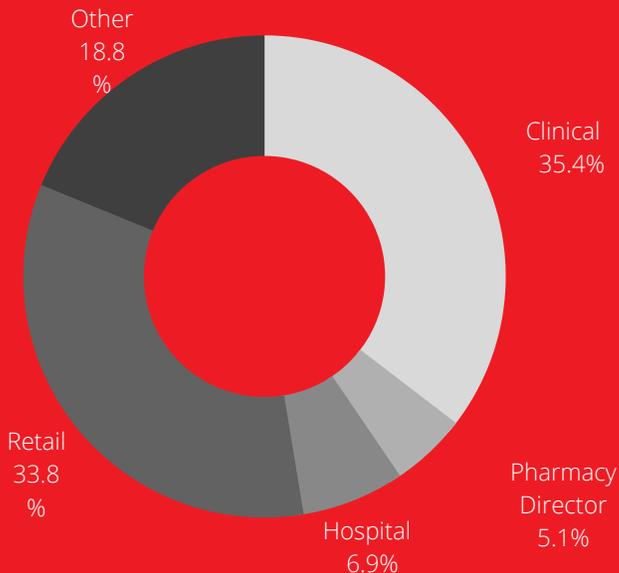
Five Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy team members have been named among the top 2 percent of working scientists in the world based on a recent study by Stanford University.

The study uses an algorithm and a variety of metrics to systematically rank the most influential scientists by scientific field as measured by citations. It updates an earlier study that created a public database of 100,000 top scientists classified into 22 scientific fields and 176 subfields. Like the first study, the 2020 update includes separate data for impact over a career and a single year.

TTUHSC School of Pharmacy team members who ranked in the top 2 percent include:

- Cynthia Raehl, Pharm.D. (Pharmacology & Education)
- Sanjay Srivastava, Ph.D. (Oncology)
- Ulrich Bickel, M.D. (Neuroscience & Pharmacology)
- Lance McMahon, Ph.D. (Neuroscience & Pharmacology)
- Quentin Smith, Ph.D. (Neuroscience & Pharmacology)

# AACP REPORT SHOWS SHIFT IN DEMAND FOR PHARMACISTS



The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's (AACP) most recent demand report show that the number of clinical pharmacy job postings exceeded retail pharmacy for both 2020 and 2021, a shift from the norm. AACP broke postings into the five categories shown in the graphic to the left.

The number of new pharmacist job postings also rose from 2020 to 2021. There were 12,639 new pharmacist job postings in 2020 compared to 14,915 in 2021, an 18 percent increase. The highest number of job postings continue to be in the southern part of the country.

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Several members of the TTUHSC-Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy faculty and staff contributed to the winter issue of Panhandle Health Magazine.

The issue covered topics related to pharmacy research, education and practice.

View the issue or any of the individual articles listed below here.

- Texas Tech School of Pharmacy after 25 Years by Quentin Smith, PhD
- Training a New Generation of Pharmacists: An Overview of the Department of Pharmacy Practice by Eric MacLaughlin, Pharm.D. & Krystal K. Hasse, Pharm.D.
- Cutting-Edge Biomedical Research on the Amarillo Campus of TTUHSC: History and Outlook by Ulrich Bickel, MD
- Specialty Training and the Role of Clinical Pharmacists by Kenna Payne, Pharm.D.
- Building a Research Hub in the Panhandle: The Evolution of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences by Tom Abbruscato, PhD & Desmond Dunn
- A Story of the Importance of Research: One West Texas Laboratory by Helen Thorsheim, PhD & Quentin Smith, PhD
- Pharmacists Improve Patient Safety: Promote & Involve Them in Your Healthcare by Charles F. Seifert, Pharm.D., FCCP
- Stem Cell Research at the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy by Hiranmoy Das, PhD
- Medication Cleanout: 13 Years and Running by Jeanie Jaramillo-Stametz, Pharm.D., MS
- Bootstrapping Our Way Out of the Pandemic Testing Crisis by Todd Bell, MD & Eric MacLaughlin, Pharm.D.

# TWO STUDENTS PLACE IN TOP ELEVEN AT ASHP NATIONAL COMPETITION



In December, Giftina Wilson, a P4 in Amarillo and Matthew Gehrlein, a P3 in Dallas represented Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) National Clinical Skills competition. The pair placed in the top 11 teams in the nation and only five points out of 100 separated them from the first place team after round one.



Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy has awarded nearly \$740,000 in scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.

Scholarship funds include both competitive and non-competitive awards that were distributed to 93 percent of TTUHSC School of Pharmacy students.



Alexis Hyman, P3 on the Abilene campus, was awarded the One for All Award at the Kappa Psi Fall Southwest Province Assembly.

Alexis is Vice-Regent, philanthropy chair and historian of Kappa Psi Epsilon Tau in Abilene. This award recognizes the good deeds and involvement in the Fraternity, community and profession and winners are nominated by their chapters.



At the end of the 2021 Fall semester, 85 TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy students earned a place on the Dean's List. All students who earn this honor must have a GPA of 95 or higher for the semester.

# *RENOVATIONS TO DALLAS CAMPUS 5TH AND 7TH FLOOR COMPLETE*



The fifth and seventh floor renovations to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Dallas campus are complete. The 64,148 square foot building was officially purchased in 2019 and renovations began soon after.

Fifth floor renovations include updates to classrooms, the sterile products lab, the compounding lab, a multipurpose room and student lounge and commons areas.



Seventh floor renovations include new windows, updates to multiple classrooms, offices, a computer lab, student commons and study rooms.

While the roof has been completed, renovations continue to be a work in progress for other areas of the Dallas campus, like the façade of the building. The fourth and the sixth floor areas are slated to be the next completed and the goal for completing the entire project is the summer of 2023.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



The Spring **Medication Cleanout** collection cycle kicks off this weekend. The Drive through collections allow the public to drop off unwanted medicines and sharps to dispose of them in a free, legal and environmentally responsible manner. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer, visit [MedicationCleanout.com](https://www.MedicationCleanout.com).

Event Dates:

Amarillo Campus: March 19

Abilene Campus: April 9

Lubbock Campus: April 30

## MAY 6:

- Celebration of Achievement - noon-2pm Abilene: SOP2300, Amarillo: SOP100-Auditorium, Dallas: SW450, VA100, Lubbock: 1C110A. Nominations can be made [HERE](#) until noon on April 11.

## MAY 18-20:

- Faculty Retreat - on the Amarillo campus.

## MAY 20:

- P4 Awards Ceremony - 4:30pm in the Amarillo Harrington Auditorium, SOP Main Building. Nominations can be made [HERE](#) through March 25.
- Graduation Reception - 6:30pm on the Amarillo campus. Class of 2022 graduates, their families, faculty and staff are welcome.

## MAY 21:

- Graduation - 10:00am in the Hodgetown Ball Park in downtown Amarillo.

