



AMARILLO CAMPUS NAMES NEW REGIONAL DEAN

Krystal Haase, PharmD, is the new regional dean of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy (TTUHSCSOP) on the Amarillo campus, effective January 1, 2023.

“I am very excited to have Dr. Haase take on the role as our new Amarillo regional dean,” TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Dean Grace Kuo, Ph.D., PharmD, said. “She is an excellent pharmacist with two board-certified specialties in pharmacotherapy and critical care. She is a native of the Texas Panhandle and is well connected with the Amarillo community.”

At the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy, Haase has served as a faculty member for 23 years, division head of adult medicine for 10 years, and program director for various residency programs in Amarillo since 1999. She has won numerous teaching awards locally, regionally, and nationally. Haase has served in multiple committees and actively participated in professional organizations, including the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties, the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the Society of Critical Care Medicine. She is also very active in community service.

Craig Cox, PharmD, has taken over Haase’s previous role of division head of adult medicine. Cox has a wealth of experience in teaching, clinical practice, and leadership experience, and will continue his leadership of the experiential education office in addition to these new administrative duties.

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Kalin Clifford, PharmD, associate professor of pharmacy practice with a geriatrics specialty, is involved with the care of many older adults living with Alzheimer's disease. As part of Alzheimers Awareness Month, Clifford shared some of what his work entails and why he is optimistic about future diagnosis and treatment options for the disease. Read the full story [here](#).



Eric MacLaughlin, PharmD, professor and chair of Pharmacy Practice, gave two presentations at the 2022 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions meeting held in Chicago in November. The presentations, titled "Pharmacologic Interventions: HYGIA Trial Overview" and "Anticoagulants, antiarrhythmics, antihypertensives, and more: Walking the tightrope with fall risk" were each part of larger sessions.

FACULTY RECEIVE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



Hiranmoy Das, PhD, professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the Amarillo campus, was selected as a 2022 President's Excellence in Research Award recipient. Mary Klein, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the Abilene campus, was selected as a 2022 President's Excellence in Community Engagement Award recipient. Both received their awards at the TTUHSC Faculty Convocation and Awards Ceremony in Lubbock.

FACULTY GRADUATE FROM ACCP ACADEMY

Irene La-Beck, PharmD, associate professor in the Immunotherapeutics and Biotechnology department at the Abilene campus, graduated from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's (ACCP) Leadership and Management Academy, which helps participants build leadership and

management skills to guide and inspire others through the completion of 18 hours of core modules and 8 hours of elective programming. Celine Zhong, PharmD, assistant professor, graduated from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's (ACCP) Teaching and Learning Academy, which helps clinical educators develop the skills necessary to guide and inspire the clinical pharmacy profession through the completion of 16 hours of core modules and 4 hours of elective programming.



PROFESSOR PUBLISHED IN HARVARD BUSINESS

A presentation given by Kaci Bohn, Ph.D., associate professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Amarillo campus, at the Teaching Professor Conference was selected for publication by Harvard Business Publishing. The article, titled "Phrasing Matters When Posing Questions to Students" provides tips for how to ask students the right questions for maximal retention of material.



ALUMNI HONORED AT CEREMONY

The TTUHSC Alumni Association honored the accomplishments and contributions of several TTUHSC alumni at the 2021-2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony held on October 21. Two School of Pharmacy alumni were among those honored.



Shawn E. Hodges, PharmD: Leadership Award

Hodges graduated with a Doctorate in Pharmacy from TTUHSC School of Pharmacy in 2001. Upon graduation, Hodges was awarded a one-year fellowship with Eli Lilly where he served as a liaison between the FDA and the Lilly Regulatory Affairs team. After completing his fellowship, he developed telehealth training courses and lectures for hospice pharmacy practitioners focusing on the appropriate use of compound medications for patients receiving end of life care.

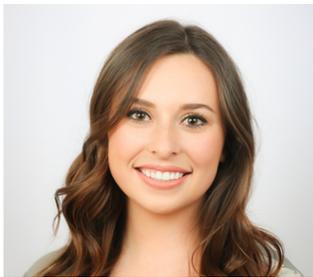
In 2007, Hodges purchased a compounding-only pharmacy called Innovation Compounding which focused on treatment for hospice patients, men's health, women's health, animal health, and wellness therapies. In 2021, Hodges' pharmacy dispensed 140,000 prescriptions to patients in 49 states and was recognized as a top 5 small business by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. At the end of 2021, Hodges sold Innovation Compounding to Revelation Pharma and became CEO of the company.



Kaytlin E. Krutsch, PharmD, MBA, BCPS: Pharmacy Research Award

Krutsch received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 2014, and is now a researcher, professor, and leader at the InfantRisk Center at TTUHSC School of Medicine. Krutsch has spent the last decade relentlessly pursuing the translation of knowledge into action in women's healthcare and leadership. She believes mothers deserve better: better answers to their medication questions, healthcare experiences that foster respect, and encouragement that their health is equally as important as their child's. Her lectures on women's health have been translated into more than 25 languages. Since 2019, she has focused on researching medication transfer into breast milk and supporting the utilization of knowledge in this field. With Dr. Thomas Hale, she also co-authored the best-selling manual of lactational pharmacology, Hale's Medications and Mothers' Milk.

RESIDENT RECEIVES SEED GRANT



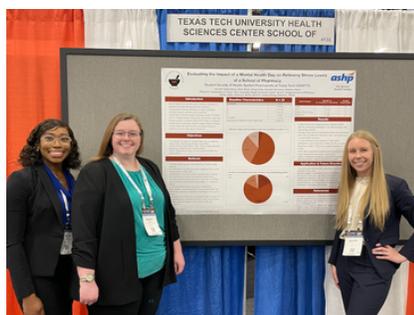
The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) recently selected Amanda Charlton, PharmD, PGY2 Pharmacotherapy Resident, as one of two recipients of the fifth annual Post-Graduate Year 2 (PGY2) Pharmacy Residency Research Seed Grant. She was recognized for her proposal: “Distribution and Accessibility of Board-Certified Pharmacists.” Read the full press release [here](#).

TTUHSCSOP WELL REPRESENTED AT ASHP MIDYEAR MEETING & EXHIBITION



In December, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) held their 2022 Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition at Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Several TTUHSCSOP alumni, faculty and students attended and presented at the event. TTUHSCSOP students presented 17 posters covering a variety of topics and four members of the TTUHSCSOP Double T Organization also presented a group poster.

Presenting a poster at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting is a noteworthy accomplishment, as posters have to be submitted and accepted by ASHP. To see all student poster topics, click [here](#).



FIVE STUDENTS SECURE FELLOWSHIPS



The TTUHSCSOP Class of 2023 already has five students who have secured fellowship positions upon graduation.

- **Faatimah Arshad** - UNC-GSK Regulatory Affairs Fellowship (Oncology)
- **Somto Egbuonu** - Worldwide/US Medical Affairs Immunology, Dermatology & Rheumatology, at Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) in conjunction with Rutgers Institute for Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships (RPIF)
- **Hedieh Khandan Rooshakib** - Post-doctoral fellowship position in Medical Affairs/Medical Communications with Relevate Health
- **Namra Malek** - Postdoctoral Fellow in Medical Affairs and Scientific Communications with ECIR Medical Communications
- **Maxwell Okunrobo** - Clinical Residency/Industry Fellowship Program with Bristol Myers Squibb in conjunction with Florida A&M University

STUDENTS COMPETE IN APHA-ASP COUNSELING COMPETITION



The American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Counseling Competition was held in January. Afsana Musharof, P2 at the Dallas campus, placed first at the competition and will represent TTUHSCSOP at the national competition in March. Minitha Jacob, P4 at the Abilene campus, placed second and will serve as alternate.

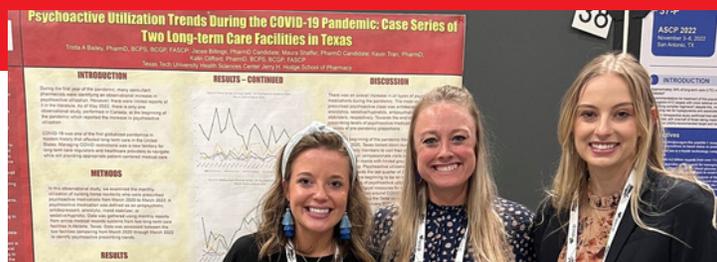
STUDENTS HOST CLASSGIVING



In November, the Dallas student council hosted a "Classgiving" where they provided a turkey and all students had the opportunity to bring their favorite Thanksgiving sides or cultural dishes. In addition to this event, student council also provided meals for students who were unable to be with their families on Thanksgiving day.

FACULTY, STUDENTS PRESENT AT ASCP ANNUAL MEETING

In November, the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) held their annual meeting in San Antonio. TTUHSCSOP was well represented with a poster presentation given by P4 students Jacee Billings and Maura Shaffer and Trista Bailey, PharmD, associate professor of pharmacy practice. Becky Mahan, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, also presented a continuing education session and several TTUHSCSOP students attended the meeting.



STUDENT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



In October, the Double T student organization partnered with volunteers from Pet Partners to host a dog therapy event on the Dallas campus. At the event, students had a great time interacting with Tommy and Maverick, therapy dogs who are trained to provide comfort and affection.

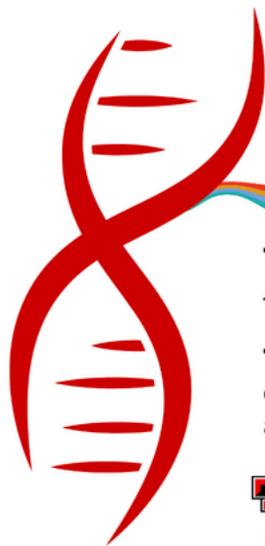


In October, Dallas campus students partnered with the Irving and Arlington police departments to help with the DEA Medication Take Back Day at multiple sites. The purpose of the event was to encourage the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure to prevent medication misuse and addiction before it begins.



In November, several P4 students helped provide free memory screenings for the Amarillo community as part of the National Memory Screening Day event that was hosted by Texas Tech Physicians Geriatric Oncology.

DID YOU KNOW THE ORC HAS A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR RESEARCHERS?



New Opportunity for Commercializing Your Research Tools & Reagents

The Office of Research Commercialization (ORC) has entered into a Master Cell Line Licensing Agreement with industry partner, Applied Biological Materials (ABM).

This partnership enables ABM to serve as an authorized distributor of licensed cell lines developed by researchers within the Texas Tech University System for 'research use only' to academic institutions.



Research Commercialization



Applied Biological Materials, Inc.

Benefits to Researchers:

- Broader dissemination of cell lines to the academic community
- Removes burden from faculty researcher on managing internal/external requests and distribution
- Opportunity to further commercialize via industry licensing
- Revenue generated from sales is shared back to creator of cell line

Interested in Learning More?

Contact Jennifer Souter in the ORC at jesouter@ttu.edu

The ORC is pleased to announce that its first cell line licensed to ABM was developed out of the TTUHSCSOP. Dr. Devin Lowe, associate professor in the Department of Immunotherapeutics and Biotechnology has developed a [stable, CHO cell line](#) engineered to secrete peptide/Major histocompatibility complexes (MHC). This novel research tool has potential to provide for long-term expression of soluble, covalently-linked peptide/MHC molecules for multimerization based on end user's needs for downstream assays. This cell line enables the detection of antigen-specific CD8+ T cells for use in basic, translational, and clinical research as well as testing and evaluation of immune response in vaccine development. Dr. Lowe's cell line will soon be available in ABM's catalog (SKU # T3282) for researchers throughout the world to access.

NEW YEAR OFFERS TIME TO REFLECT



2022 was filled with accomplishments for TTUHSCSOP and our faculty, staff, and students. An annual report was created to reflect on and celebrate a successful year.

View the full report [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Spring Medication Cleanout collection cycle will kickoff in March and continue through April. 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, visit MedicationCleanout.com

Event Dates:

Amarillo Campus: March 25

Abilene Campus: April 15

Lubbock Campus: April 22

FEBRUARY:

- 28: Texas Pharmacy Day at the Capitol

MARCH:

- 3: WTPA Spring Retreat
- 15: Residency Match Day
- 17: University Spring Break Holiday
- 24-27: APhA Annual Meeting

APRIL:

- 3-7: SOP Spring Break
- 21-23: TSHP Annual Seminar

MAY:

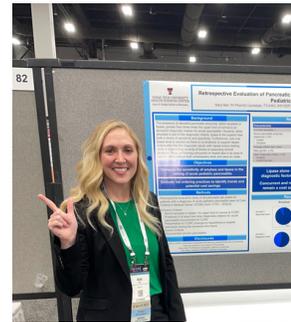
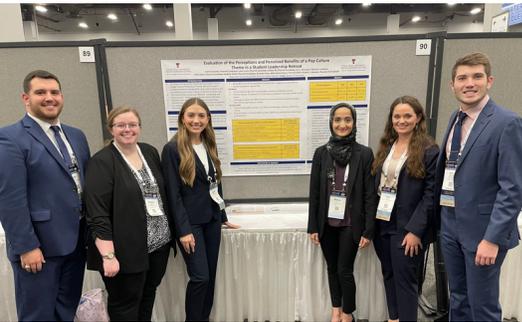
- 11: Celebration of Achievement, Noon-1:30pm
- 20: Graduation
- 29: Memorial Day Holiday



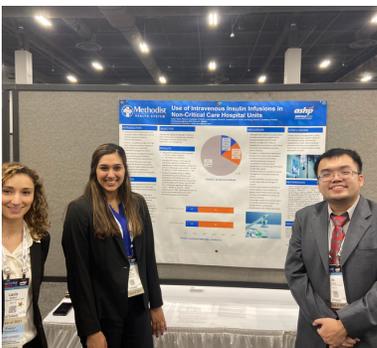
Fun Around Campus



Holiday Fun



ASHP Meeting



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