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MATCH DAY SUCCESS



On March 16, fourth-year students interested in completing a residency after graduation learned where they will spend the next stage of their training during Pharmacy Residency Match Day. A total of 45 students from all four TTUHSCSOP campuses were successfully matched during Phase I of the process.

On April 14, three fourth-year students were successful matched during Phase II. Bringing the total number of fourth-year students beginning PGY1 residencies this summer to 50 with two students finding placements outside of the match process.

Additionally, we had three alumni who successfully matched with PGY-1 programs and 10 who matched to PGY2 programs

TSHP FULL OF FIRSTS FOR PHAM



The [Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(TSHP\)](#) Annual Seminar was full of firsts for Jennifer Pham, P4 at the [Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Abilene](#) campus. Jennifer and her teammate, a P4 from the University of Houston, were awarded first place in the Clinical Skills Competition. As a first-time poster presenter, she shared her “Evaluation of fidaxomicin availability and use for *Clostridioides difficile* infection upon transitions of care.” Jennifer was also awarded the Sidney Phillips Memorial Scholarship from the TSHP R&E Foundation, making her the first TTUHSC student to receive the honor.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Hiranmoy Das, PhD, professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the Amarillo campus, accepted an invitation to be a member of the [Editorial Board of the Journal Diseases & Research](#). The invitation was made based on Das' research interests and academic achievements. Membership will allow Das to contribute a manuscript to the journal and share research outcomes on diseases.



Lindsey Courtney, PharmD, assistant professor in the Pharmacy Practice department at the Amarillo campus, was selected by students as a 2022-2023 Outstanding Faculty of the Year for the School of Pharmacy. The award, sponsored by the TTUHSC Student Government Association, honors faculty members who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic, flexible, accommodating, patient, empathetic, and demonstrate an interest in learning and belief that teaching is an active process.



Thomas Thekkumkara, PhD, university distinguished professor, was granted approval from the Board of Regents in March to receive an emeritus appointment, effective April 1, 2023. Thekkumkara had 23 years of service to the School upon his retirement and held multiple positions, the most recent being Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admission, during his tenure.



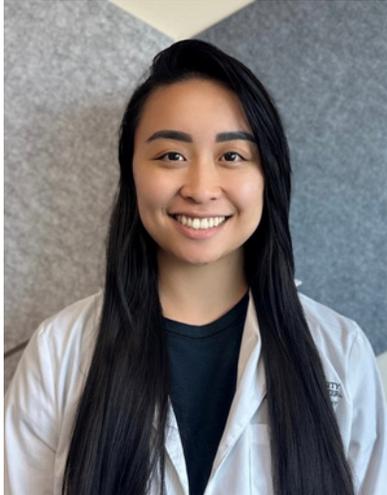
Sanjay Srivastava, PhD, distinguished professor and chair of the Immunotherapeutics and Biotechnology department, was named a [Lifetime Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\)](#) in the Section on Pharmaceutical Sciences. Election as a Lifetime Fellow is a prestigious honor given to those who make significant contributions to the advancement of science for the betterment of society. In April, Srivastava also presented a plenary talk on “Melanoma Therapy: Challenges and Opportunities” at the [International Summit on Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology](#).

DUNN NAMED CITIZEN ON THE MOVE

In February, Desmon Dunn was named a 2022 Citizen on the Move by the Amarillo Globe-News. Dunn is the basic science administrator at the TTUHSC-Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Amarillo campus, and an active volunteer and advocate for various organizations in the community.



ARNETT SELECTED FOR ACVP BOARD



Alexandria Arnett, P2 at the Dallas campus, beat out student applicants from across the country to be selected as the Student Pharmacist Board Member of the American College of Veterinary Pharmacists (ACVP) for 2023-2024.

Alexandria chartered the American College of Veterinary Pharmacists student chapter at TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy in 2022. In addition, she has held several leadership positions in pharmacy organizations, including President of ACVP, Treasurer and Chaplain of Kappa Psi, and President-Elect of NCPA. Alexandria is passionate about pursuing a career in veterinary pharmacy and hopes to make a meaningful impact in this field.

NIH RESEARCH SCHOLAR PLACES SECOND

In March, Khadijah Mohiuddin, P2 at the Dallas campus, placed second in the Graduate/Professional School category at the 2023 NIH Research Scholar Program. Mohiuddin's research was aimed towards assessing diabetes and cardiovascular risk in women. She evaluated various social determinants of health that put diabetic women at a greater risk of the onset of cardiovascular disease as compared to diabetic men. Her placement allowed her to go on to present her research at the NIH All of Us convention.



STUDENTS PLACE IN TOP 5 AT SNPHA NATIONAL COMPETITION

Five students from the TTUHSC Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) Chapter created a service project that will have a lasting impact on an underserved community as part of the Prescription for Service (P4S) National competition sponsored by Walmart. The group, which included Tina Thai, Parker Lenheiser, John Huynh, Alán Nguyen, and Daisy Doan, placed in the Top 5 teams and was granted \$2500 to implement their project this semester. They will go on to present their project to the Walmart judge at the SNPhA/NPhA National Conference in July for the chance to be awarded an additional scholarship that would be divided amongst the team members.



CAMPUSES CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT



On Thursday, May 11, all four TTUHSCSOP campuses participated in the annual Celebration of Achievement. The event recognized professional organizations, government accomplishments, students, faculty, and staff, and included faculty and staff trivia. Award recipients are listed below.

OUTSTANDING CLINICIAN

Abilene - Berkley Freund (P4)
Amarillo - Thomas Tran (P4)
Dallas - Jasmine Stinson (P4)
Lubbock - Savannah Ellis (P4)

OUTSTANDING PATIENT ADVOCATE

Abilene - Faith Windham (P3)
Amarillo - Xavier Cerde (P4)
Dallas - Kevin Zhang (P4)
Lubbock - Shelby Zachary (P4)

PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR

Abilene - Brian Terrell
Amarillo - Sherry Luedtke
Dallas - Chelsea Krueger
Lubbock - Janie Robles

STUDENT ROLE MODEL

Abilene - Maura Shaffer (P4)
Amarillo - Ikechukwu Achonye (P3)
Dallas - Alexandria Arnett (P2)
Lubbock - Eric Kennison (P4)

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Abilene - Gracie Daniels (P3)
Amarillo - Jennifer Hale (P2)
Dallas - Alan Linh Nguyen (P2)
Lubbock - Lakyn Lucio (P4)

ADJUNCT PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR

Abilene - Danielle Thomas
Amarillo - Jacy Malone
Dallas - Grace Poon
Lubbock - Katherine Weigartz

P1 GO GETTER

Abilene - Jonathan Chacko
Amarillo - Grace Onaiwu
Dallas - Taylor Boyd

P2 RISING CLINICIAN

Abilene - Denise Anderson
Amarillo - Duke Cullins
Dallas - Senahid Selimovic

STAFF MENTOR

Abilene - Bridgett Gann
Amarillo - Camille Stoddard
Dallas - Amanda Hines

TEACHING TEAMS OF THE YEAR

P1 – Biological Foundations in
Pharmacy and Patient
Assessment w/Lab
P2 – Cardiovascular
Pharmacotherapy
P3 – Neurosensory/Psychiatric
Pharmacotherapy

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

P1 – Dawn Kochanek
P2 – Debra Notturmo-Strong
P3 – Christopher Selby

EXCELLENCE IN STAFF SERVICES

Kristin Bell
Rebecca Perry



WTPA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



In March, the West Texas Pharmacy Association awarded scholarships to 16 TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy students. Congratulations to Jacy Bien, Jacee Billings, Travis Cain, Sarah Casselberry, Gracie Daniels, Heather Hillert, Traylor Moses, Emmanuel Reynoso, Maura Shaffer, and Faith Windham of the Abilene campus; Duke Collins, Mary-suong Le, Katie Phelan, Avery Queen and Hayden Vogler of the Amarillo Campus; and Hiep Trinh of the Lubbock campus.

TWO STUDENTS AWARDED DEI SCHOLARSHIPS

In May, three TTUHSC students were selected from a pool of more than thirty applicants to receive the Multicultural Faculty & Staff Association Endowed Scholarship. TTUHSCSOP students Ghislain Nyami, P3 at the Abilene campus, and Van Hung Tran, P1 at the Dallas campus were two of the three students selected to receive the \$500 scholarship, which celebrates those who persevere and promote a sense of belonging among their peers. This is the second semester the award has been offered under the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



GRAD STUDENT RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP AWARD



In February, Shreyas Gaikwad, a Ph.D. candidate in the Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy, was selected by the Society of Toxicology (SOT) as the 2023 recipient of the Syngenta Fellowship Award in Human Health Applications of New Technologies. Gaikwad was honored during the organization's 62nd Annual Meeting and ToxExpo in March.

ALUMNA RECEIVES TSHP FELLOWS AWARD



Bonnie Dugie, PharmD, was presented with the 2023 Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists (TSHP) Fellows Award at the TSHP Annual Seminar Awards and Installation Celebration in April. Dugie is a member of the TTUHSCSOP Class of 2000, and currently serves as the Senior Director for Pharmacy Programs Management at Maxor National Pharmacy Services.

"Bonnie has been a trailblazer in specialty pharmacy demonstrating excellence in practice, management, and leadership as she has progressively advanced in her career over the last 22 years. Bonnie also has made significant contributions to TSHP, the TSHP R&E Foundation, and the profession through a wide variety of activities and accomplishments," Kevin Purcell, MD, PharmD, MHA.

MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT CREATED FOR ALUMNUS

Thanks to a generous gift from Shawn Hodges, PharmD, the Sidney Phillips, PharmD Memorial Endowment for Leadership Excellence has been established to provide perpetual support to student, faculty, and staff of the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy. Phillips was a founding member of the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Alumni Association and the 2007 recipient of the alumni organization's Excellence in Leadership award. Both he and Hodges were members of the TTUHSCSOP Class of 2001. The memorial endowment will be used to cover expenses related to professional development opportunities, such as conference fees, travel, lodging, supplies, etc. An additional fund, called the Sidney Phillips, PharmD Memorial Fund for Leadership Excellence, shares the same criteria and has been set up to be used directly, rather than through the investment/return model.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS



Nominations for the 2022-2023 TTUHSC Distinguished Alumni Awards are now open! We encourage alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to nominate alumni who have brought distinction to themselves or Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center through their success in their chosen field, or the positive impacts they've had on their communities and humanity. The deadline to nominate is June 2.

CAPITOL FOCUSES ON PHARMACY



In late February, several of our students had the opportunity to join faculty members for Texas Pharmacy Day at the Capitol. The day brought hundreds of pharmacy professionals together to meet with legislators and contribute to promoting and advancing the pharmacy profession.

TPPC CONCLUDES SPRING MEDICATION CLEANOUT CYCLE

The Texas Panhandle Poison Center (TPPC), managed by the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy, wrapped up its Spring Medication Cleanout events with the third and final event taking place in Lubbock on April 22.

The collections yielded more than 1530 pounds of medications and 278 pounds of sharps from 435 cars in Amarillo, 998 pounds of medication and 164 pounds of sharps from 274 cars in Abilene, and more than 1160 pounds of medication and 293 pounds of sharps from 439 cars in Lubbock. Similar events will be held in the same locations this coming Fall.



DALLAS TAKES PART IN DEA TAKE BACK



On April 22, some of our Dallas students teamed up with local law enforcement to be a part of the spring DEA National Medication Take Back Day that took place at multiple sites across DFW. The goal of the event is to make communities safer and healthier by removing unneeded medications from the community that could contribute to overdose deaths.

SOP VOLUNTEERS MAKE IMPACT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES



Amarillo Student Council members volunteered at Snack Pak 4 Kids Amarillo and helped pack 2,695 snack paks for children facing situational food insecurity.



Students on the Abilene campus had the opportunity to interact and impact the next generation of leaders by serving as judges of a science fair hosted by a local elementary school.



Dallas APhA and Stuco students had a booth at the Carrollton Health and Safety Fair where students provided blood pressure and blood sugar screenings to more than 80 patients.



Several students at the Amarillo campus spent a Saturday morning volunteering at the High Plains Food Bank. In just under two hours, they helped fill 316 cases with food that will provide 9,300 meals



Several faculty and staff members from the Dallas campus volunteered 2.5 hours of their time to help out at the North Texas Food Bank. One group packed food for families, while the other packed food for kids. Combined they packed more than 8,000 meals.



Amarillo APhA students volunteered at the Springing into Wellness Health Fair at the Southwest Church of Christ. They provided blood pressure screenings, blood glucose screenings, as well as education about medication safety.

AMARILLO RECEIVES BEST PHARMACY NOMINATION



The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Amarillo Pharmaceutical Care Center was a finalist for BEST PHARMACY in the Health & Self-Care category of the NewsChannel10 Viewers Choice Awards! Congratulations to our wonderful faculty, staff and students who helped earn the Best Pharmacy nomination.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Commencement ceremonies for the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Class of 2023 will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Amarillo Civic Center in downtown Amarillo.

An Awards Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room prior to commencement. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.

MAY:

- 11: Celebration of Achievement, Noon-1:30pm, ABPH 2201, AMSOP 100, DLSPSW 450, LUBHSC 1C102
- 18-19: Faculty Retreat, Amarillo Campus
- 29: Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE:

- 12-17 and 19-24: Camp New Day (Diabetes Camp)

JULY:

- 4: Fourth of July Holiday
- 22-26: AACP Annual Meeting in Aurora, CO
- 28-30: Texas Pharmacy Association Meeting in Austin, TX

AUGUST:

- 5: Dallas White Coat Ceremony
- 6: Abilene White Coat Ceremony
- 7-11: P1 Bootcamp
- 12: Amarillo White Coat Ceremony
- 14: First Day of Fall Semester
- 18-19: Student Leadership Retreat



Spotted Here & There



APhA 2023



Wear Red Day



Spring Formals



Celebration of Achievement

Have something or someone you'd like to see featured in the SOP Newsletter? Send a photo and a brief description of what you would like to see featured to amber.bustos@ttuhsc.edu