Message from the Dean

“Not every thing that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced”

– James Baldwin, Author and Activist

As we begin 2011, our profession is once again facing a time of significant change. Whether it is the implementation of a new scope of practice, or the shift from dispensing fees and professional allowances to compensation for professional services, we find ourselves in very uncertain times. It is only appropriate then that this issue of R/cellence focuses on change and the role the Faculty is playing in implementing this change.

Being at the forefront of change would not have been possible had it not been for the generosity of Dr. Leslie Dan (5T4), Anna Dan, and the Dan Family. As you will read later in this magazine, I was pleased to co-host with University of Toronto President David Naylor an event in November that celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Dans’ landmark $13 million donation. Leslie and Anna’s gift was the lead gift to the campaign to build the Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building – the largest fundraising campaign for a pharmacy faculty in Canada at the time. Their gift transformed the Faculty from top to bottom and forever changed the face of pharmacy at the University of Toronto.

In the pages that follow, you will read about our annual fundraising appeal, the theme of which is “Changing Lives.” David White, Assistant Dean, Advancement and Alumni Affairs, provides an update on the outstanding results of this campaign to this point and shares some of the important student initiatives your donations have allowed us to support. As you read this magazine, I hope you will consider Changing Lives and help us reach our annual fundraising goal by April 30th. Our Advancement and Alumni Affairs team has also changed with the addition of Desiree Chan as our new Senior Development Officer, Leadership and Alumni Giving. Desiree will oversee our annual fundraising programs, including our Dean’s Circle Leadership Giving program, as well the Faculty’s Alumni Relations program.

You will also read about four of our outstanding investigators who are changing the face of research. Dr. Heather Boon (9T1), Dr. Shana Kelley, Dr. Ray Reilly (7T9) and Dr. Anna Taddio (8T9) recently received prestigious grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. These investigators epitomize the incredible research currently taking place at the Faculty and are reinforcing our reputation as a leader in the field of pharmaceutical sciences research.

As well, this issue includes a number of updates on the outstanding achievements of our alumni here at the Faculty, including our second Young Alumni Spotlight which focuses on Hayley Fleming (1T0). Hayley has had an incredibly busy year since graduating and you will read about the changes she has experienced and transitions she has made after leaving the classroom and embarking on a professional career.

Finally, please take a few minutes to look through the upcoming events section of R/cellence. Through the Spring, the Faculty will be very busy hosting a number of wonderful events for our alumni and friends including our popular Spring Reunion Events that will take place on May 26, 27 and 28. Honoured classes this year include the Classes of 5T1, 6T1, 9T6, 0T1, 0T6, and 1T0. We are also hosting individual class reunions at the Faculty for the Classes of 7T1, 8T6 and 9T1 over the coming months. If you are interested in organizing a reunion for your class, I encourage you to contact our Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs – they would be happy to help you plan your event. Lastly, please do not forget the 2011 Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy Golf Classic that will be held on August 25th at Copper Creek Golf Club in Kleinberg, Ontario. Now in its eighth year, the Classic has raised over $300,000 to support student initiatives at the Faculty.

As you will see from the pages of R/cellence, our Profession, our Faculty and our Alumni are experiencing times of unprecedented change. Moving forward, our Faculty will continue to embody the words of James Baldwin and face all of these changes head on and we will continue in our mission to be one of the leading educators of pharmacy students and pharmaceutical scientists in the world.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Mann, PharmD
Dean and Professor
Faculty News

Professor Reina Bendayan, Associate Dean, Graduate Education, was recently elected a Fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) at the November FIP Pharmaceutical Sciences World Congress and AAPS Meeting & Exposition in New Orleans. Dr. Bendayan received this honour in recognition of the many contributions she has made to the field of anti-HIV drug distribution in the brain.

Assistant Professor Guri Giaever, Canada Research Chair in Chemical Genetics, was profiled in the University of Toronto Magazine’s “The Next Big Idea.” The centerpiece of the magazine, the article presented ten concepts produced by University of Toronto faculty members that could shape the future. The section on Dr. Giaever’s research entitled “Making Drugs Safer” reveals how researchers may be able to better predict unwanted drug side effects in humans by identifying all the proteins a drug acts on in yeast.

In November of 2010, Associate Professor Tom Brown (8T8) was appointed Director of Pharmacy Services at Women’s College Hospital. Established in 1883, Women’s College Hospital is the first and only independent ambulatory care hospital in Ontario, and the only hospital in the province with a primary focus on women’s health. Prior to joining Women’s College, Dr. Brown served as Assistant Dean, Strategic Initiatives and Director of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the Faculty. Under his leadership, the Doctor of Pharmacy program experienced unprecedented growth and was renowned for its innovative methods of educational delivery, particularly in the area of distance education. In addition to his role at Women’s College, Dr. Brown will continue to serve as a faculty member and as Director of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the Faculty.

Also in late 2010, Associate Professor Scott Walker (7T7) was promoted to the position of Director of Pharmacy at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Scott obtained both his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Master of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Toronto. Prior to his promotion, Scott held the position of Coordinator of Research and Quality Control in the Department of Pharmacy at Sunnybrook where he managed the analytical laboratory. As an Associate Professor at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, Scott teaches pharmacokinetics in both the Bachelors and Doctor of Pharmacy programs.

Assistant Professor Linda Dresser (8T7) was recently named a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP). CSHP Fellow Status is conferred upon CSHP members who have demonstrated noteworthy, sustained service and excellence in the practice of pharmacy in an organized healthcare setting. Dr. Dresser was recognized by CSHP for her outstanding contributions to the study and teaching of infectious diseases. She is currently a Pharmacotherapy Specialist – Antimicrobial Stewardship at the University Health Network and the coordinator of the Infectious Diseases pharmacotherapy courses in both the full-time and part-time Doctor of Pharmacy programs at the Faculty.
On January 1, 2011, Associate Professor Lalitha Raman-Wilms (8T3) assumed the role of Interim Associate Dean, Professional Programs, while Associate Professor Christine Allen was appointed Interim Associate Dean, Academic. Drs. Raman-Wilms and Allen assume these roles at a critical time for the Faculty – as we complete the process of developing and implementing our new undergraduate program curriculum. Dr. Raman-Wilms is a graduate of the faculty’s Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy programs and has been associated with the Faculty since 1994. As the Director of the Division of Pharmacy Practice and former Project Leader, Curricular Renewal, Dr. Raman-Wilms brings a breadth of knowledge and experience to her new role. Dr. Allen joined the Faculty in 2002 and has cross appointments at the Department of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, Institute for Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, and faculty membership status at the STTARR Innovation Centre. Dr. Allen is the recipient of a number of awards and honours, holds or co-holds several patents, and leads an outstanding interdisciplinary research program.

Drs. Raman-Wilms and Allen take over for Lesley Lavack (6T8) and Dr. Zubin Austin (8T8). After 16 years in academic administration, Lesley Lavack has completed her appointment as Associate Dean, Professional Programs, and is returning to teaching. Dr. Austin has also completed his one year appointment as Associate Dean Academic and will focus his attention on his research program and teaching responsibilities. Both Lesley and Dr. Austin have played an integral role in the development of the new undergraduate curriculum. Through their efforts, the Faculty has been able to work through the budgeting and human resource planning issues associated with the development of the new curriculum, among many other issues.

Recent Events

A Celebration of Lesley Lavack

On Thursday, January 27, 2011, faculty, staff, colleagues, friends and family gathered at the Faculty Club to celebrate the distinguished career of Lesley Lavack (6T8). After 16 years in senior academic administration positions at the Faculty, Lesley completed her appointment as Associate Dean, Professional Programs and returns to her other passion: teaching. During the event, Dean Henry Mann, Professor Jim Wells (6T8), Associate Professor Zubin Austin (8T8), Anne Resnick (7T9), Director of Professional Practice Programs at the Ontario College of Pharmacists and Lesley’s daughter Carrie, spoke about the tremendous relationships they have built with Lesley over the years and the profound impact she has had on the Faculty and the profession. The Faculty would like to thank Lesley for her incredible dedication and diligence over the past 16 years and wishes her all the best in the years to come.

Star Alumni Seminar Series

On May 27, 2010, the Graduate Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the University of Toronto Student Chapter of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) launched the Star Alumni Series, with special guest presenter Dr. Jianxin Li, Technical Manager for the Evonik-Degussa Corporation, and a graduate of the Faculty’s Ph.D. Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences. On January 17, 2011, the Star Alumni was Dr. Rommel Tirona, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Western Ontario and a graduate of both the B.Sc.Phm. and Ph.D. programs at the Faculty. The seminar series provides an opportunity for outstanding alumni from our Graduate Department to return to the Faculty and provide a detailed presentation of their research as well as an overview of their career path. The series is open to all alumni, faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students. The next seminar will be held March 21, 2011 and will feature Dr. Suzanne Iverson, Section Director, Metabolism & Imaging, AstraZeneca. If you would like more information on the Star Alumni Series please contact David White, Assistant Dean, Advancement at 416-978-6749 or dm.white@utoronto.ca.
World AIDS Day

This year, students at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy staged a number of events to commemorate World AIDS Day. In association with the Faculty and the Student HIV Research Network, students staged an HIV Research Poster Session on Tuesday, November 30th. The poster session allowed students and researchers at the Faculty and other research departments at the University of Toronto (including Microbiology, Immunology and Medicine) to showcase their latest research. On December 1st, the Global Medicines Initiative at the Faculty hosted an open panel discussion focusing on current obstacles in the treatment of HIV/AIDS. As part of this discussion, panelists from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines shared their unique stories about the actions they have taken to help resolve these issues, both locally and globally. To further raise awareness, banners were hung with HIV/AIDS facts in the Apotex Atrium, while graduate students from the Faculty also sold red ribbons to support the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research.

National Health Research Day

The Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy’s transformation into a pillar of Clinical Health Research was showcased this November during National Health Research Day. Rx&D, the national association of research-based pharmaceutical companies, invited research institutions across Canada to celebrate health research. As a result, the Faculty held a seminar highlighting Clinical Research at the Faculty and at our affiliated teaching hospitals. The following pharmacists from our teaching hospitals presented their research for National Health Research Day and demonstrated how Pharmacy and Research work hand-in-hand:

- **Dr. Marisa Battistella** (8T8) of the University Health Network, presented on how cinacalcet, which controls overactive PTH secretion, reduces the need for darbepoetin, an erythropoietin stimulating agent for treating anemia of chronic kidney disease. **Artemis Diamantouros** (9T8) of the Sunnybrook Health Sciences centre demonstrated how Knowledge Translation interventions increased rates of prescribing appropriate prophylaxis against Venous Thromboembolism, a frequent complication in hospital care. **Dr. Clarence Chant** (9T2) of St. Michael’s Hospital examined the use of nomograms versus nurse-directed glycemic control in cardiovascular ICU patients and discovered there was no increase in effectiveness and safety with nomograms, but negative repercussions affecting cost, workload and the optimization of experienced nursing staff. **Dr. Winnie Seto** (9T2), who leads the Hospital for Sick Children’s Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Program, presented on the pharmacokinetics of drugs in a diverse patient population with various medical conditions.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Associate Dean, Research, **Dr. Ray Reilly** (7T9) announced a $35,000 grant from Rx&D’s Health Research Foundation to support Clinical Research at the Faculty. The Faculty will provide an additional $15,000 to bring the total grant to $50,000. This grant will be presented later this Spring.

Pharmacy Phollies

On November 4th and 5th, students in the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy programs staged two tremendous nights of music, dancing, acting and cultural performance at the annual Pharmacy Phollies. Held at the George Ignatieff Theatre, student musicians, dancers and singers came together to entertain and delight. From piano and guitar performances to Bhangra dancing to original sketches and poetry recitations, this year’s Phollies encompassed the full scope of the performing arts.
Upcoming Reunions

Class of 7T1 Reunion
The Class of 7T1 will be holding its 40th anniversary reunion on Saturday, June 4th, 2011 in Toronto. All classmates are encouraged to attend this important class milestone. For more information, please contact Celso at texca@telus.net.

Class of 8T6 Reunion
Pharmacy 8T6 will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Festivities include a building tour and cocktail reception at the Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, followed by a dinner cruise on Toronto Harbour. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Mark Scanlon at scanpharm@cogeco.ca or Margo Williams (Phillips) at margoewilliams@yahoo.ca.

Class of 9T1 Reunion
On Saturday, June 18, 2011, the Class of 9T1 will celebrate their 20th anniversary. A cocktail reception and building tour will be hosted at the Faculty from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm followed by a dinner celebration. For more information, please contact Lisa Heath at lisa@mediresource.com or 416-383-0010 ext. 223, or visit the Class Facebook Page – Pharmacy Class of 9T1 University of Toronto.

Other Upcoming Events

Multiple Mini Interviews
The Faculty will once again be conducting Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) as part of the 2011 Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy admissions process. The MMI is an interview format where candidates participate in approximately 8 to 10 short interviews that last from 6 to 8 minutes. The candidate is assessed at each interview station by a different interviewer who may be a pharmacist, faculty member, or student. The 2011 MMI sessions will be held on March 26 and 27, and May 14 and 15, 2011. As the MMIs require a great deal of volunteer support (including faculty, staff, students, community and hospital pharmacists) those interested in volunteering should contact Andrea Cameron, Director, Experiential Education at 416-946-3623 or aj.cameron@utoronto.ca.

Graduate Research in Progress Symposium
On May 10, 2011, Graduate Students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences will gather at the Faculty for the annual Graduate Research in Progress Symposium (GRIP). The Symposium provides students with the opportunity to showcase their research findings while honing their presentation skills to fellow students, faculty and members of industry. The symposium consists of poster presentations by students in the Masters program and oral presentations from students in the Doctoral program. Presentations encompass the entire spectrum of research from the Faculty’s main disciplines, including pharmacokinetics, pharmaceutics, drug metabolism, toxicology, physical biochemistry and social and administrative pharmacy. If you are interested in attending the GRIP Symposium, please contact David White, Assistant Dean, Advancement at 416-978-6749 or dm.white@utoronto.ca.
Changing the Face of Research

Declining research and development budgets within industry, coupled with significant cuts to government programs has led to a dramatic increase in competition for available research funding. Researchers at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy continue to demonstrate the outstanding research that takes place at the Faculty and reinforce our reputation as a world leader in the field of pharmaceutical sciences research. Four of our outstanding faculty members recently received prestigious grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). These important grants will enable our researchers to continue advancing their innovations and discoveries, and ultimately changing the face of research.

Associate Professor Anna Taddio (8T9) received a one-year Knowledge Translation Grant. Dr. Taddio’s research focuses on managing pain during childhood immunization injections and in recent studies, Dr. Taddio has demonstrated that despite the fact that many effective pain-relieving strategies are in place, immunization pain remains common and undertreated. Moving forward, Dr. Taddio will investigate the need for an effective knowledge translation approach that is targeted to parents, who currently lack the education on pain management strategies for immunization injections.

Professor Shana Kelley was awarded a four-year Emerging Team Grant. Dr. Kelley will lead an interdisciplinary team that will include investigators from the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Engineering, Department of Chemistry, and the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. The team will focus on the development of a new class of devices that may one day enable non-invasive screening for prostate cancer and the early detection of the disease. Dr. Kelley’s team will employ an approach relying on nanotechnology to produce sensitive, accurate devices that will sense the presence of prostate cancer cells in the blood, and will analyze the aggressiveness of the disease by detecting molecules that can report on the type of tumour present.

Associate Dean, Research and Professor Ray Reilly (7T9) received a three-year Operating Grant to continue his outstanding research in the area of Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML). AML is thought to be caused by a primitive leukemia stem cell in the bone marrow which maintains the disease and prevents cure due to its survival after chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant. Dr. Reilly has been studying a new approach to eliminating these leukemia stem cells using antibodies that are linked to a radioisotope which is very toxic to the leukemia cells if it is transported to the nucleus of the cells. Already, Dr. Reilly has shown that these radioactive antibodies are indeed taken up by leukemia cells and transported to the nucleus where they have proven moderately toxic to the cells. Moving forward, he will study approaches to enhance the toxicity of these radioactive antibodies towards leukemia cells, and examine their ability to decrease leukemia and normal tissue toxicities. If successful, this research will lead to a new targeted radiation treatment for leukemia which could be tested in a Phase I clinical trial. Ultimately, the goal is to improve the long-term outcome for 4 out of 5 patients with AML who cannot currently be cured and rarely survive more than a few years.

Associate Professor Heather Boon (9T1) is one of the Project Leaders on a five-year Strategic Team in Applied Injury Research Grant. The focus of the team’s research is on creating a patient safety culture for Spinal Manipulation Therapy (SMT) providers. Despite the popularity of SMT, no safety reporting and learning mechanisms exist to allow regulated professionals who provide SMT to monitor and reduce related harms. The ultimate goal of this team grant is to develop, pilot, evaluate and support a culture of safety for regulated professionals (chiropractors, physicians, physical therapists and osteopaths) who provide SMT. Dr. Boon will be the lead on working with study partners, practitioners and patients to identify their needs and potential barriers to harms identification, reporting and reduction through qualitative research.
Annual Fund Update

In the last issue of *Recellence*, we launched *Changing Lives*, our annual fundraising appeal to alumni, industry, professional associations and friends. Today’s pharmacist is changing lives by playing a critical role in society – improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in our communities. Today’s pharmacy students have the chance to study at one of the leading pharmacy faculties in North America, an opportunity that will prepare them for a lifetime of successful practice and provide them with the knowledge and experience to change countless lives for years to come.

Funds raised from our *Changing Lives* appeal are designated to enhancing the student experience at the Faculty by:

- Providing valuable funds for student awards and bursaries. With the cost of a pharmacy education now approximately $30,000 per year, increasing the size and number of scholarships and bursaries is a top priority. Together we must ensure the most talented students are never turned away because of need.
- Creating opportunities for student development outside the classroom. Students are given the opportunity to participate in research programs and summer internships, attend international conferences and symposiums, and present at a variety of student congresses, seminars and conferences.
- Contributing to student-led social and professional initiatives that strengthen the bonds between classmates and allow students to become involved in professional activities long before graduation.

Despite the recent challenges faced by our profession and our industry, the results of our appeal have been positive thus far. Annual donations over the past few months have enabled the Faculty to provide valuable funding in support of a number of outstanding initiatives including:

- **Pharmacy Without Limits.** A student-run organization, Pharmacy Without Limits (PWL) provides a unique approach to the various career options available to pharmacy students. Through a series of networking sessions with experts from a variety of areas, PWL encourages students to step outside of the preconceived notions about the profession of pharmacy and promotes the exploration of new and often unfamiliar career options.

The Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs at the Faculty is delighted to announce that **Desiree Chan** has joined the team as Senior Development Officer, Leadership and Alumni Giving. In this newly created position, Desiree will oversee our Annual Giving Programs, with an emphasis on our Dean’s Circle Leadership Giving program, which recognizes annual donors of $1,000 and above. Desiree will also direct all matters pertaining to alumni relations including alumni programs, events and communications.

Prior to joining the Faculty, Desiree spent just under two years as the Individual Giving Manager at Canadian Stage, where she managed all aspects of their Individual Giving program including telemarketing, direct mail, two patrons programs and events. She also directly managed a portfolio of over 150 donors who gave in the range of $1,500 and $75,000 annually. Under Desiree’s leadership, the Individual Giving program generated in excess of $800,000 per year.

Prior to her tenure with Canadian Stage, Desiree was the Development Manager at the Victoria Symphony where she managed their patron program, designed and implemented their stewardship process and planned and executed special events.

If you are interested in more information on the Dean’s Circle or Alumni Relations at the Faculty, or simply wish to welcome Desiree to the Faculty, please contact her at 416-946-3985 or desiree.chan@utoronto.ca.
• The Health Sciences Interprofessional Education Conference. Funding from the Faculty allowed 240 Year Two students to attend this valuable Conference that focused on providing a framework for health sciences professionals to utilize within a collaborative clinical practice scenario.

• Additional funding for the student-run Interprofessional Medical and Allied Groups for Improving Neighbourhood Environment (IMAGINE) Clinic, to allow this highly successful organization to expand upon their existing services by opening the clinic for an additional session each week.

• Two new endowed bursaries were established, an additional ten expendable scholarships and bursaries were renewed, and over 20 existing endowed scholarships and bursaries received additional funding.

• Numerous educational, social, athletic and recognition events throughout the year including the Ontario Pharmacists’ Association Conference, the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Awards Receptions, Convocation Brunch and the Induction to the Professional Community of Pharmacy Ceremony.

Together we can change lives. Annual donations continue to be the lifeblood of our Faculty and ensure our graduates are prepared to transform the health and welfare of the people in the communities they serve. With just over two months remaining in our Fiscal Year, we are $160,000 away from achieving our annual goal and we need your help.

Your support is integral to enhancing the student experience at the Faculty. All donations over $10 are fully tax-deductible and gifts over $1,000 will be recognized with membership in our Dean’s Circle. For more information on the benefits of membership or to join the Dean’s Circle, please contact Desiree Chan, Senior Development Officer, Leadership and Alumni Giving.

Please consider Changing Lives, and support our Annual Fund today.

To make a donation, please complete and return the enclosed form or contact:
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Upcoming Signature Events

Spring Reunion 2011

The Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy invites alumni to “Go Back to School for the Weekend” from May 26 to May 29. In keeping with our tradition of outstanding alumni events, the Faculty has a number of wonderful dinners, receptions and tours planned for 2011 including:

International Pharmacy Graduate Program Alumni Reception
Thursday, May 26, 2011
International Pharmacy Education Centre, 256 McCaul Street
All graduates of the International Pharmacy Graduate Program are invited to join faculty and staff for a cocktail reception at the International Pharmacy Education Centre.
Please RSVP to Desiree Chan at 416-946-3985 or desiree.chan@utoronto.ca

Golden T Dinner for the Classes of 5T1 and 6T1
Friday, May 27, 2011
The Debates Room – Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle
The Faculty will celebrate the 50th and 60th anniversaries of the Classes of 5T1 and 6T1 with a lovely three course meal and reception held in the beautiful Debates Room at Hart House.
Please RSVP to Desiree Chan at 416-946-3985 or desiree.chan@utoronto.ca

Open House and Cocktail Reception for the Classes of 9T6, 0T1, 0T6, and 1T0
Saturday, May 28, 2011
Apotex Atrium – Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, 144 College Street
The Classes of 1T0, 0T6, 0T1, and 9T6 are invited to return to the Faculty for an Open House with building tours and a Cocktail Reception.
Please RSVP to Desiree Chan at 416-946-3985 or desiree.chan@utoronto.ca

2011 Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy Golf Classic

In August of each year, the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy brings together close to 150 members of the Pharmacy community for our annual Golf Classic. Since its inception in 2004, the Classic has raised over $300,000 from alumni, industry, associations and friends. The 2011 Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, August 25th at Copper Creek Golf Club in beautiful Kleinberg, Ontario. Once again the proceeds from this year’s event will be directed to enhancing the student experience at the Faculty through the support of:

• Student Awards and Bursaries
• Student Activities
• Student Development Opportunities

If you are interested in sponsoring this outstanding event, or would like more information, please contact David White, Assistant Dean, Advancement at 416-978-6749 or dm.white@utoronto.ca
Changing the Face of Pharmacy

In the Spring of 2000, Leslie and Anna Dan and their family made a landmark donation that would forever change the face of pharmacy at the University of Toronto. Their $13 million donation was the lead gift in the fundraising campaign to construct the Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, and served as a catalyst for thousands of other alumni, friends, corporations and associations to contribute to what was at the time, the largest fundraising initiative for a pharmacy faculty in Canada.

Leslie and Anna's donation transformed the Faculty. The state-of-the-art Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, designed by award-winning architect Norman Foster, has amazed students, faculty and visitors since it opened in 2006. As the “gateway” to the University of Toronto, it is a city landmark, with two illuminated floating pods serving as a beacon for the Faculty and the profession of pharmacy. The design of the building points to a future supported by pillars of the past, emblematic of the rich tradition of pharmacy and the bright future ahead.

A building, even one as magnificent as this, is still a building. Ultimately, it is the people inside the building that truly make it impressive. Leslie and Anna’s transformational donation enabled the Faculty to make what occurs inside the building as notable as the building itself. Their donation allowed the Faculty to double undergraduate enrollment, triple the number of graduate students in the Masters and Doctoral programs, and increase the number of faculty members twofold. Their gift enhanced the student experience immeasurably – students now have space to call their own on five of the building’s 14 floors, receive instruction in ultra-modern classrooms and lecture halls, and are able to develop their skills in pharmaceutics and professional practice laboratories outfitted with the latest technology and educational tools.

On November 4, 2010, Dean Henry Mann and University President David Naylor hosted a special reception at the Faculty to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Leslie and Anna’s gift. The reception, which was attended by classmates, friends, faculty and staff, featured the presentation of an Impact Report to Leslie and Anna which illustrated the impact their donation has had on the Faculty. In this report, students, faculty members, programs directors, friends and colleagues were brought together to illustrate the profound impact their donation has had on the people who work and study here every day.

In presenting Leslie and Anna with the Impact Report, Dean Mann noted that “Leslie and Anna’s generous donation has transformed the Faculty from top to bottom, touching every student, faculty member, and program at the Faculty in a significant way.” President Naylor added that “Leslie and Anna Dan’s magnificent gift transformed the Faculty of Pharmacy from a village to a city, creating a diverse and exciting environment that elicits admiration from all corners of the world.”

In addition to celebrating the generosity of Leslie and Anna Dan, a special presentation was made to members of the Class of 5T4 at the reception. In the 56 years since the members of the class graduated, they have become leaders in hospital, community and industrial pharmacy, as well as medicine, politics and business. The Class of 5T4 helped shape the pharmacy profession and established the pharmacist as a central contributor to the health care system.

Along the way, the Class never forgot their Faculty roots and the future generations of pharmacists who followed in their footsteps. Over the years, they have become wonderful contributors in many ways to the health and vitality of the Faculty, both in terms of financial contributions and their generous efforts to share their knowledge and experience with students as preceptors and mentors.

In recognition of this outstanding class and their contributions to the Faculty and the profession, Room 310 – one of the Faculty’s busiest meeting rooms – was named the Class of 5T4 Meeting Room in their honour.

As Dean Mann noted “it has been said that the best buildings tell the stories of the people who live and work in them. If that’s true, and if this building tells the story of the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, then the story would not be complete without recognizing one of our first and most prominent classes, the Class of 5T4.”

Bill Wensley finds his photo in the Class of 5T4’s composite photo
New Alumni Spotlight – Hayley Fleming

In keeping with our theme of change, we continue to profile a recent graduate to discuss the daunting transitions they face as they move from students at the Faculty to becoming full-fledged members of the pharmacy community. Relevance recently sat down with Hayley Fleming of the Class of 1T0 to discuss how her life has changed since graduating from the Faculty this past June.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario, it can be said that pharmacy is in Hayley’s DNA. Her father, Samuel Fleming, is a pharmacist and has owned and operated an independent pharmacy in Ottawa for over 33 years. A regular fixture in the pharmacy, Hayley began working there at the age of 10, cleaning shelves on weekends. It was during this time that Hayley witnessed the impact that pharmacists can have on their communities. Her father’s pharmacy serves a lower-income area and Hayley saw firsthand the impact her father had on his patients and the relationships that he built over the years.

After graduating high school, Hayley attended the University of Western Ontario and graduated with a degree in Biology. Hayley then successfully applied to the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy and began her studies in September of 2006. An outstanding and outgoing student, Hayley was quick to immerse herself in pharmacy life over the next four years, participating in the Undergraduate Pharmacy Society and playing on numerous intramural sports team as well as the Varsity Blues Women’s Softball and Squash teams. In her final year, Hayley served as the Chair of the Planning Committee of the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI) Professional Development Week (PDW) in Toronto, an educational and fun-filled four-day conference that was attended by over 800 pharmacy students from across Canada. In June of 2010, Hayley’s academic and extra-curricular achievements were recognized by both her fellow students and Faculty members, as she was selected Class Valedictorian and received the prestigious Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award from the University of Toronto.

After writing and passing the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada’s Qualifying Examination, Hayley completed an internship with the Wellcare Group of Independent Pharmacies in Toronto. Despite the rigors of the pharmacy program at the University of Toronto, Hayley experienced new challenges during her internship. “It’s not easy bridging the gap between the ideals we learned in the classroom and the realities of the work place, especially with the multitude of challenges faced by a community pharmacist today.” With the help of an outstanding preceptor, Lesley Neves-Azevedo (0T1), Hayley successfully completed her internship and became a licensed pharmacist.

A three-week trip to Inner Mongolia, China, for her brother’s wedding gave Hayley some time to think about her career path. “I had a vision of what community pharmacy was and it was not how I expected it to be.” Hayley noted, “I needed a change and looked for one of the many opportunities within the industry to do unique things.” She explored the many options available and accepted a position as Clinical Pharmacist, Health Plan Analytics for Cubic Health Inc. Cubic Health is an independent drug plan management company founded by practicing pharmacists with combined experience in benefits consulting, drug plan management, and clinical, community and industrial pharmacy practice. In her current role, Hayley is part of a team that helps Canadian employers manage their prescription drug benefit plans using innovative analytics. She works with plan-specific drug claims and disability data to find opportunities to contain costs while ensuring the best possible health outcomes. It may surprise many pharmacists that most of the biggest drug plan sponsors in Canada have self-insured plans, and as a result, the

Hayley at Cubic Healthcare

Hayley at the 2010 Convocation Ceremony
sustainability of the drug plan benefit is a very important business consideration for these employers.

According to Hayley, “I love what I am doing and find it incredibly challenging, but also rewarding. I am doing things we never really touched on while I was in school.”

What lies ahead for Hayley? At this point she is not really sure. She can see herself returning to community pharmacy down the road, running the pharmacy her father founded, or continuing on pursuing one of the many atypical avenues available for pharmacists. One thing that is for sure is that Hayley’s life will change again soon. This June, Hayley and her fiancé Thomas will get married in Ottawa, and while she is planning all of the details of the wedding, “when you have planned a four-day conference for 800, a wedding for 200 is a walk in the park.”

Whatever her choices, for those of us at the Faculty who have known Hayley for the past five years, we know that the sky is the limit.

Do you know a recent graduate of the Faculty who you think would make a good subject for our New Alumni Spotlight series? If so, please let us know. We are always looking for interesting stories about our alumni – individuals who are participating in exciting new practices, leading the changes in the pharmacy profession, or making other significant contributions and accomplishments. If someone you know fits this bill, please contact Desiree Chan at 416-946-3985 or desiree.chan@utoronto.ca.

Did you know...

The Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations has contact information for roughly 6,000 graduates from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto. Unfortunately, however, not all of this information is current or correct. Moreover, many alumni are missing altogether from our records.

To ensure that you continue to receive communications, invitations, and other information from the Faculty, please ensure we have your current contact information. Similarly, please encourage any of your classmates who might not receive regular communications from the Faculty to get in touch with us with their contact information. We’re anxious to ensure all of our graduates know what the incredible students, dedicated instructors, and remarkable researchers at the Faculty are up to.

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Alumni Spotlight: In Memoriam, Craig Ennett

They say that parents are influential role models for their children as demonstrated by phrases like “a chip off the old block,” and “the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree.” In the case of Craig Ennett (9T6), “like father, like son” seems particularly fitting – but in a good way!

Craig grew up in Hanover, Ontario where his father Mike Ennett (6T7) ran his own pharmacy, aptly named Ennett’s Pharmacy. It was a single-pharmacist business back in the days before pharmacies were ubiquitous, popping up everywhere from grocery stores to department stores. And Mike ran the pharmacy like he was your friend, not just your pharmacist.

To Mike, being a pharmacist was more than counting pills – it irked him to be called a “druggist.” Instead he saw it as an opportunity to make a difference in his community. In the 1980s, Mike developed a column for the local newspaper called “Pharmacy Facts.” He used this forum to educate people about their medications with reasons why they should keep their meds out of the bathroom cabinet, and tips for beating the common cold. In 1994, Mike was honoured by his local Member of Provincial Parliament, Bill Murdoch, for his contributions to the pharmacy profession and the community as a whole.

Craig’s mother, Gaye Ennett, remembers, “Craig was about 10 years old when he decided that he wanted to be a pharmacist, and he never wavered on that.” Years spent working at the pharmacy after school as a teenager strengthened Craig’s commitment. Following in his father’s footsteps, he entered the pharmacy program at the University of Toronto in September 1992. This was an incredibly proud moment for Mike.

When time came for Craig to perform his 4th year internship, without hesitation, he chose to pursue this at the same pharmacy where his dad had done his apprenticeship: Sarnia Pharmacy in Sarnia, Ontario – the town where Mike grew up. What made it even more special was having Mike’s schoolmate and dear friend, Jim Watt (6T8) as Craig’s preceptor.

Jim recognized Craig’s appetite for learning, as he hounded Craig relentlessly about the “drug of the day” which was part of his training. At the end of the internship, Jim felt a wonderful sense of pride when he heard Craig talking to patients. He was knowledgeable, and more importantly empathetic to their situations. Craig was the right person at the right place – perfect timing as pharmacists evolved more into this role.

Craig graduated with the Class of 9T6, and began his pharmacy career. During his first years as a pharmacist, Craig worked at small pharmacies in and around Toronto. Even in Canada’s largest city, just like his dad, Craig managed to bring that warm “small-town feel” to the places that he worked, knowing more about his patients than just their names.

Holiday family gatherings were always biased towards news about the latest drugs on the market and other such topics of discussion between Craig and Mike, Craig’s sister Colleen Ennett vividly recalls. “Craig admired our dad, and trusted his opinions and advice.”

In August 1998, Mike passed away unexpectedly at age 54 after a very brief time in the hospital. Autopsy results showed that Mike had undiagnosed lung cancer that had profusely invaded his body. This was a terrible loss for the family, and naturally, Craig was devastated.

After his father’s death, Craig decided to explore new opportunities at the generic drug company Apotex. Craig started in the Professional Affairs division as a drug information specialist, and was eventually encouraged to become a pharmaceutical sales rep for Apotex. It was an unusual move for a pharmacist to become a sales rep, but it offered Craig a unique perspective on the industry, and was an asset to him when dealing with fellow pharmacists who became his customers.

Craig had a thirst for adventure that took him around the world, including Mount Everest’s Base Camp. The extensive travel required of a sales rep was welcomed by Craig, taking him to pharmacies across Ontario, and then to the east coast of Canada.
After nearly a decade in Toronto, Craig fell in love with the tranquility of the Maritimes, and eventually settled in Halifax in 2001. Craig’s Toronto friends often wondered what had captured his heart, but he vowed to stay in Halifax for as long as he lived.

In 2005, Craig changed directions again, moving back into community pharmacy, but with a twist. This time he was the pharmacy operations manager for a chain of six stores headquartered in Truro, Nova Scotia. Craig aimed to promote “continuity of patient care” to help distinguish these pharmacies from their competitors.

Things were moving in the right direction for Craig. He had a challenging job where he could implement his vision of what pharmacy was all about. He had found his soulmate, Veronica Ennett (née Martinez Mercado). Veronica and their daughter Ivanna Ennett meant the world to Craig. And then, on Labour Day weekend in 2006, Craig received the most unimaginable news: he had a brain tumour.

Craig took a leave of absence from his job to treat the brain tumour. After undergoing brain surgery to remove the tumour, and then radiation and chemotherapy treatments, Craig found a new way to contribute to the pharmacy profession: volunteering.

After completing nine months of cancer treatment, Craig decided to get involved as the Secretary Treasurer of Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia (PANS) in 2007. The following year Craig was a Public Relations committee member, and over these years Craig helped to organize the annual PANS conferences.

Craig volunteered at the Immigrant Settlement & Integration Services (ISIS) in Halifax to help international pharmacy graduates prepare to get accredited in Canada. He acted as an assessor for mock exams, and provided feedback on their interaction with patients during the case studies. Craig helped more than 20 people through this program.

Craig was not just dedicated to pharmacy, but to the improvement of healthcare. Specifically, he wanted to be part of making true collaborative practice a reality in Nova Scotia. Craig joined the core team, which eventually turned into the Nova Scotia Stepping Stones for Collaborative Practice Initiative. This initiative brought nurses, doctors, pharmacists and other health care professionals together to create strategies for effective interprofessional collaborative patient-centric care. Craig regularly participated in meetings even when his health started to deteriorate at the beginning of 2010, and was a host during the final assembly meeting in June 2010 that included more than 150 participants.

Even before his diagnosis, Craig’s positive attitude was an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Veronica fondly recalls, “There were two phrases that Craig learned from his dad and he often repeated: ‘Everything happens for a reason,’ and ‘It all works out in the end.’ These words helped keep Craig’s spirits up, knowing that the events in his life had a purpose, and it was up to him to discover it.” In 2009, Craig and Veronica served as co-chairs for the annual Spring Sprint fundraising event for the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada in Halifax. As part of this role, they participated in media interviews to share their story about living with a brain tumour.

Unfortunately, Craig’s brain tumour returned in the summer of 2010. Despite enduring four rounds of chemotherapy with two different drugs, Craig passed away on December 5, 2010 at age 38. Craig’s family and friends miss him immensely, but he made a lasting impact on the pharmacy profession, just like his father. Two pharmacists passionate about the profession, taken from us too soon.

Although Craig’s daughter Ivanna is only 11 years old, her current aspirations are to either be a veterinarian or a pharmacist. Clearly, Craig impressed upon Ivanna the importance of helping others, and planted this seed for the future.
Upcoming Events

**IPG Reunion – May 26, 2011**
International Pharmacy Education Centre

**Golden T Dinner – May 27, 2011**
Hart House

**Open House & Cocktail Reception – May 28, 2011**
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy

**Class of 7T1 Reunion – June 4, 2011**
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy

**Class of 9T1 Reunion – June 18, 2011**
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy

**Class of 8T6 Reunion – September 24, 2011**
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy