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As one of North America’s largest Faculties of Pharmacy, we stand in a great position to lead and affect change in our profession, but we cannot do this alone. As alumnus of this great institution, I welcome your thoughts, your input and your participation. I truly believe that together we can achieve our goals and be one of the top faculties of pharmacy in the world.

- HENRY MANN

This year, Dean Henry Mann announced the appointment of six new jointly funded positions at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. All of these positions carry full faculty responsibilities with a focus on research or on teaching. Each of these new faculty members will be extremely important to the future growth of the Faculty and in ensuring our ability to meet the needs of our new curriculum.

Dr. Marisa Battistella OT8

Dr. Marisa Battistella has been appointed to the position of Pharmacy Clinician Scientist at University Health Network (UHN). In her new role within the Division of Pharmacy Practice, her primary focus will be clinical research with expectations to develop and build a self-sustaining clinical/translational research program in affiliation with the Faculty and UHN. She will continue to provide leadership and mentorship for scholarly activity to practitioners, pharmacy residents and fellows. She will also continue to have teaching responsibilities in the professional pharmacy curriculum. Marisa’s main practice, teaching, and research area has been in hemodialysis/nephrology at the Toronto General Hospital. Dr. Battistella is appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Dr. Natalie Crown OT8 PhmD

Dr. Natalie Crown has been appointed to the position of Clinician Educator at Women’s College Hospital (WCH) and Assistant Professor at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.
Dr. Crown is a graduate of the Pharmacy program at Dalhousie University and the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the University of Toronto. Prior to accepting this shared position, Dr. Crown was a clinical pharmacist in the Atrial Fibrillation/Anticoagulation clinic and Residency Coordinator at the London Health Sciences Centre, where she held the position of Adjunct Assistant Professor, Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, at the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Crown is teaching in the PharmD program and is developing a hospital Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice at WCH. Natalie has also been charged with leading the development of a post-graduate pharmacy residency program in Ambulatory Care at WCH.

Dr. Beth Sproule OT7

Dr. Beth Sproule has been appointed to the position of Pharmacy Clinician Scientist/Advanced Practice Pharmacist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). Dr. Sproule has many years of teaching at our Faculty within the graduate program as well as the PharmD and undergraduate professional programs. In her new role within the Division of Pharmacy Practice, her primary focus will be clinical research in the area of prescription drug abuse. She will continue to provide leadership and mentorship for scholarly activity to practitioners, pharmacy residents and fellows. Beth will also continue to have teaching responsibilities in the professional curriculum and will participate in graduate and postgraduate education. Dr. Sproule is appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Dr. Jamie Kelkar OT7 171 PharmD

Dr. Jamie Kelkar has been appointed to the position of Pharmacy Clinician Educator/Advanced Practice Pharmacist at CAMH. Jamie has extensive experience in mental health through her recent position at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Services. She recently received her PharmD from the University of Toronto. As a new member of the Division of Pharmacy Practice, Jamie’s primary focus will be clinical education and she will provide and promote the highest quality of pharmaceutical care by teaching and mentoring pharmacists, pharmacy students, residents and fellows, and by contributing to scientific excellence through scholarly activity in affiliation with the Faculty and CAMH. A major focus will also be her teaching responsibilities in the professional curriculum, and participation in graduate and postgraduate education. Dr. Kelkar is appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Dr. Carla De Angelis OT7

Dr. Carla De Angelis has been appointed to the position of Clinical Scientist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. The primary focus of Carla’s new position is clinical research in oncology. He will continue to provide leadership and mentorship for scholarly activity to practitioners, pharmacy residents and fellows at Sunnybrook, as well as fulfilling teaching responsibilities through the Division of Pharmacy Practice at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto. Dr. De Angelis is appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Dr. Lisa McCarthy OT2 OT75 PharmD

Through a shared faculty agreement with Women's College Hospital, we have hired Dr. Lisa McCarthy. Lisa will be at the rank of Assistant Professor (Status-Only). She has completed an ambulatory care residency with Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, a fellowship with the Centre for Evaluation of Medicines, and most recently, a Master's of Science in Health Research Methodology at McMaster University. Lisa will be responsible for developing a clinical practice with the Complex Care Clinic of the Centre for Ambulatory Care Education at WCH. She will also have responsibility for teaching within our Faculty and providing service to both organizations. Her research will focus on optimizing safe medication use in ambulatory care as well as models of pharmacy practice in the ambulatory care setting. Lisa comes from Hamilton Health Sciences Centre and the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University where she practiced clinically with the McMaster Family Health Team.

Tom Paton

Tom has been a volunteer, mentor and educator at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy for over 35 years. Tom has served on numerous Faculty Committees, served as a preceptor and mentor to dozens of undergraduate and graduate students, and has taught and lectured in numerous courses in the graduate and undergraduate program. As a Pharmacist, and eventually as Director of Pharmacy at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre for 35 years, Tom has been a key partner in the Faculty’s development over that time.

Emily Musing OT7

In over 25 years of dedicated service to the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, Emily has personified the notion of alumni giving back to their alma mater. Emily has sat on tens of Faculty Committees, lectured and tutored in numerous courses, served as a speaker at many student events, and has personally mentored close to 50 pharmacy students. In addition to this, Emily continues to serve on the Executive of the Class of 1987 and is the Class’ social representative.

Allan Mills OT78 PharmD

Since graduating from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in 1998, Allan has become one of the Faculty’s most active alumni. Allan has sat on over 20 Faculty Committees, numerous workgroups, has acted as a mentor and preceptor to several students and continues to lecture in the Faculty’s undergraduate pharmacy program.

Wayne Marigold OT7

In just over three years of involvement, Wayne has become one of the Faculty’s most trusted volunteers. As the Director of Pharmaceutical Services at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Wayne is one of the Faculty’s vital partners, providing mentorship opportunities to many of our students in various years of the pharmacy program.
Lifelong learning continues with Rx&D

Stepping back from the daily demands of a clinical setting to fully assess the effectiveness of current patient care requires a significant amount of support. That’s where an organization like Rx&D comes in.

“We have no textbook for this,” explains Winnie Seto (9T2, 9T5 PharmD), from the Hospital for Sick Children. “We are creating evidence one critically ill paediatric patient at a time,” she says, regarding her research project in paediatric dosing. “Being a good clinician means you are in a continual process of advancing patient care,” explains Lisa Burry (0T0) of Mount Sinai Hospital. They are both Clinical Pharmacists at their respective institutions, and graduates of the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. “The PharmD program gave me a firm grounding in evidence-based care, and instilled me with a constantly questioning outlook” recalls Lisa. Stepping back from the daily demands of a clinical setting to fully assess the effectiveness of current patient care requires a significant amount of support. That’s where an organization like Rx&D comes in.

Rx&D is the association of fifty leading research-based pharmaceutical companies dedicated to promoting research into the discovery, development, and optimal use of new medicines and vaccines. Through the support of Rx&D’s Health Research Foundation, with additional funds from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, two grants of $25,000 were offered to support Clinical Research at our affiliated teaching hospitals.

Winnie Seto, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Coordinator, Critical Care Pharmacist, and Project Investigator for Child Health Evaluation Sciences at SickKids’ Research Institute, and her team are developing new antibiotic dosing guidelines specifically for critically ill children. Evidence from paediatric patients with cancer and cystic fibrosis demonstrated that administration of the antibiotic Gentamicin once daily, rather than the current practice of three divided doses, improves the ability to fight infection. “Establishing and validating guidelines for dosages of paediatric patients with Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis, and critical illness sets the required precedents on which to model guidelines for a more extensive variety of critical care situations,” explains Winnie. “My current project in validating dosages for critically ill children completes this triumvirate and sets us on a truly translational path for the future.”

Knowledge translation is endemic to the kind of clinician produced by the PharmD program. Lisa Burry, a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Associate Scientist in Critical Care at Mount Sinai Hospital, is leading a multi-site, multidisciplinary team to determine the relationship between psychoactive drugs – benzodiazepines and opioids that are routinely used in the care of critically ill, mechanically ventilated patients – and the development of delirium. “It is currently unclear if psychoactive medications are associated with delirium. Recent literature has established an independent relationship between delirium and mortality, thus making it important for us to determine if these medications are worsening patient outcomes,” Lisa explains. She adds “the Rx&D Clinical Research Grant gives our team access to needed resources to carry out a comprehensive study to determine if our prescribing practices for this population should be changed.”

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Known as the “Ghana Health Team,” Rxcellence caught up with them shortly after they returned home.

RX: I understand that the team consists of two community pharmacists, two hospital pharmacists and one technician. Could you describe the working dynamic?

SHERRY: Everyone on the team brings their own experiences and skills... We complement and learn from each other. Although each of us is capable of filling any of the duties within the pharmacy setup, as you go along you seem to fall into an area that you have a greater comfort with and that’s when the efficiency is at its peak... Last year we took our first steps in blister packaging treatment protocols for STIs, peptic ulcer and diarrhea. They were a huge time saver during our clinics. Martha’s extensive experience and organizational skills in setting this up last year proved the value of expanding our use of this dispensing system. This year, Cathy pre-packaged enough STI protocol kits that the doctors were able to diagnose, treat and counsel these patients quickly and efficiently, eliminating what was previously a significant portion of the pharmacy workload... It was great having Linda’s expertise in infectious diseases. She became the go-to person for the doctors when they had questions on which antibiotic to use and I think she was a great asset to the entire team. Cathy’s experience in inventory management helped keep things organized, especially as the day went on and more non-pharmacy staff arrived to help out. Her ability to supervise and guide minimized the chaos that can develop as everyone tries to help wrap up at the end of a busy clinic day. Susan is the inspiration and motivator for the team. In her five years of organizing the pharmacy component of the mission, she has streamlined the process to the point where this year we met the target of finishing the clinic day before dark, most days!

Susan: What makes our Pharmacy work so well is that everyone is more than willing to do whatever is needed, yet defer to someone with more expertise in a given area. For example, our technician started the day dispensing, but by mid-afternoon she was mostly providing directions to others who joined us to fill prescriptions.

CATHY: It was perfect in my opinion. The four pharmacists rotated through order entry, checking and working with the interpreters giving out the prescriptions to the patients... In the afternoons, as nurses and the doctors finished their duties, they joined us.

SUSAN: The first clinic was a half-day clinic at the project site for the NEA workers, so that the entire team has an opportunity to see how our process works. We have fine-tuned it over the last four years to be as efficient as possible. The next four days our clinics were held in remote medical centres or schools, without power or running water. All of our equipment, supplies and translators travelled to each location by truck.

LINDA: It is hot and cramped and things just don’t happen the way you want it – for example one of the printers may not work. The fact that we have
I would say stopping at a waterfall on the way home from a village called Banantiewe. The trip to the waterfall was especially significant, because it was very important because of the efficiency of the team. In years gone by, pharmacy would finish two hours after the doctors – as the sun was setting. Last year, we fine-tuned our dispensing system with a Kaiser event but still finished after dark each day. This year the blister packs that Cathy and her family made allowed us to achieve our goal, ‘done before dark.’

LINDA: I agree with Susan – it is hard to pick just one moment. One of my favourite moments was looking out the window of the school classroom we were working out of in Banantiewe and seeing a herd of cows encircling the dental clinic. Kyle, the dentist, and Amanda, his trusty assistant, just carried on as if this was a typical day at the office. I wasn’t able to get out of the pharmacy and didn’t really know what was going on until much later but Susan and Sherry had a very special moment with a patient one day in Carpenter, a woman who is an albino and therefore very susceptible to skin related problems. Susan and Sherry ensured that this year we brought sunscreen products for this specific patient. The woman was so thankful and appreciative that she came back to clinic the next day (I can’t remember how many miles she had to walk) and brought them three yams – a huge personal sacrifice for her – as a gift to Susan and Sherry to say thank you.

RX: What were your greatest challenges?

SHERRY: Knowing that we are not going to be able to help everyone who needs help. Part of our group preparation meetings highlight this very challenge and remind us to focus on the patient in front of us, doing the best that we can for one patient at a time. Being away from my family for two weeks is also a challenge. The final flight home seemed to stretch on forever.

CATHY: Working efficiently and accurately, with a smile on your face, while dealing with heat, noise, confusion and possible illness! It is a huge physical and psychological challenge. The need is so great and we can only offer so much. I believe we are making a difference, but it is heartbreaking to learn that a patient needs a medication that we did not bring or that they cannot get a refill for a chronic condition.

LINDA: I know that we do a lot of good as a team for a lot of people, but I worry about times when we could potentially do harm unintentionally. If we are only in a village for two days, will anyone recognize if a patient is having an allergic reaction to a medication, or will it be missed? Will anyone remember tomorrow how to use their inhalers or when to use them? Will patients who require long-term medication for a chronic illness, like some of the glaucoma patients we saw this year, continue to receive the medication they need after the supply we have given them runs out or will they even take the medications we have provided correctly? I wonder if we have been culturally sensitive enough in our approach to medicine… For example, we encountered on this trip the issue of prescribing Arthrotec (diclofenac/misoprostol) to women of childbearing age. Asking women in this culture to ‘not get pregnant’ while taking this medication is not being culturally sensitive. I found it challenging as a pharmacist to surrender the patient counselling so extensively to our nursing and physician colleagues… We have worked hard to assess a prescription for appropriateness, fill the prescription accurately and completely and then to just let go and not be involved in the final step of delivering this prescription to the patient was a challenge and there were definitely days when this process was at worst, chaotic. As a team we have identified this as an area to think about tools to improve the accuracy, relevance and completeness of the information delivered by our colleagues.
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SHERRY: One day I heard that a young girl had been found outside, moaning in pain on the ground with severe ascites. She was brought into the treatment area and the team was able to drain a significant amount of fluid from her belly but she was still very sick. Unfortunately, we did not have spironolactone with us. Later that same day, I processed another prescription which also asked for spironolactone. As I read the physician notes I was surprised to see this was also for ascites but for a middle aged male. I don't believe this had ever been encountered on any of the four previous missions, but now spironolactone will be added to the list of meds that will be taken next year.

SUSAN: Every year, more people come to our clinics...There were approximately 1,000 patients at each clinic. Those that are not ill receive de-worming medication and some free medications such as vitamins, a-cetaminophen and eye lubricants. About 500 ill patients were actually seen by a doctor and received prescriptions (I estimate an average of 2-3 per person). Hundreds of others had teeth removed or were fitted for glasses. Every year, we see some tropical diseases that are new to us, such as yaws and Buruli ulcer. This year we were grateful that we had procured ivermectin locally to treat larva migrans and other parasitic infections.

RX: How many patients did you treat and did you come across anything that you never thought you would ever see?

CATHY: Over 10,000 patients...As a technician, I don't get to see too many sites. I was surprised how many cases of children with hernias there were.

SHERRY: The medications that we cannot provide and must purchase include anti-malarials and albendazole, are bought by the NEA from the nearest hospital (I have established an email connection with their pharmacist). As a general rule, we try to use the same medications for chronic conditions that are ‘available’ locally, so we end up purchasing some drugs through the hospital I work at. Many developing countries have an ‘Essential Medicines List,’ which is a good starting point for understanding what is available locally.

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On April 19, 2011, the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy announced a landmark $1 million donation from Walmart Canada.

This donation, one of the largest single corporate donations ever made to the Faculty, has led to the creation of the Walmart Canada International Pharmacy Education Centre. The establishment of the Walmart Canada International Pharmacy Education Centre has allowed the Faculty to renovate the current International Graduate Program (IPG) learning space and create a physical centre with designated instructional and breakout space for this important program. It has also allowed the program to expand enrolment, enhance course offerings, consolidate operations, and develop alternative learning modules to accommodate a wider variety of participants. Ultimately, this transformational gift from Walmart Canada provides internationally-trained pharmacists increased access to specialized Canadian pharmacy education, which, in turn, will enhance the health and well-being of families in communities across Canada.

The Faculty would like to thank the organizers of the memorial event and all of the generous donors. Gifts to the scholarship will not only celebrate the life and memory of Frank Kwiecien, but will ensure that his legacy as a caring, committed healthcare practitioner and member of the community will carry on.

In memory of Frank’s life and in celebration of his contributions to the profession, a student award has been established in his honour at the Faculty. To date, industry, friends and family have contributed over $90,000 to the Frank Kwiecien Memorial Scholarship. All donations to the scholarship will be matched dollar for dollar by the Government of Ontario’s Ontario Trust for Student Support, effectively doubling the value of the scholarship.

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On October 16, 2011, family, friends and colleagues of Frank’s gathered at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy to honor his passing and pay tribute to a true leader in the field of pharmacy. Through a combination of moving videos and a series of remarks, the pharmacy community recognized the incredible personal attributes and professional contributions achieved by a man who referred to himself as just a “simple pharmacist.”

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Running with Andrea Cameron

How many of you listed “to run a marathon” as one of your New Year’s resolutions?

Over 5,000* people found themselves running one of the two (or both) marathons in Toronto last year, including Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy alumna Andrea Cameron (8T1). Andrea has completed 31 marathons in 11 different cities since running her first one in November 1992. These races have taken her as far east as Prague and to Honolulu in the west.

“Running 26 miles through a city and countryside is a great way to see many different parts of Canada and the world. Some races, like Boston and Toronto, have seen my feet from start to finish numerous times. I have been doing about 3 a year in the past few years. Sprinkled in amongst these would be several shorter races a year – such as 10K and half marathons. These shorter races are an important part of a marathon training plan to let the body get used to running faster.” – Andrea Cameron

1,305.1 KMS!

RX: How did you get into running?
AC: I got into it a little bit during my university days, running laps on Queen’s Park north. Marathon running started in 1992 when a group of friends talked one another into doing a race together.

RX: What was your most memorable race?
AC: The 2007 Boston Marathon with my mother waiting at the finish area. The 2nd most memorable was my first marathon, when I staggered across the finish line and then felt my knees give way and got taken to a medical tent for a cup of warm hot chocolate.

RX: How do you prepare for a run when it’s that cold?
AC: Layers and hope for sunshine! Start heading into the wind, so it’s at your back on the way home.

RX: Do you have any shoe preference?
AC: I used to be stuck on one kind for years. Now I am trying some of the more lightweight ones.

RX: Does anything hurt after a run?
AC: Not usually, but sometimes some stiffness here or there.

RX: Music or no music? What songs get you going?
AC: Starbucks coffee and a bagel!

RX: Do you have any post-run rituals or treats?
AC: Springsteen is one of my favourites, but most often I listen to podcasts or long novels (e.g. Jane Austen) that I would never get around to reading.

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AC: Starbucks coffee and a bagel!

RX: Do you have any upcoming races?
AC: Boston in April 2012 and maybe Mississauga in May 2012.

RX: Where do you keep your finishers’ medals?
AC: Hanging on my dresser or in a basket.

RX: Do you do any cross-training?
AC: A bit of strength training and cycling in better weather.

A few tips From Andrea

If this year is going to be your year, here are 5 things for the first time marathon runner to consider:

- Find a training program either at a running store, or online
- Enjoy the day of the race
- Expect to be exhausted but exhilarated at the finish line
- Don’t be obsessive: It’s okay if you miss a run from time to time.
- Find a training partner or group if possible

*totals have been calculated as total marathon finishers on their respective registration websites.
Welcome to our new Alumni

In November, the International Pharmacy Graduate (IPG) program held a graduation ceremony for close to 200 students who participated during 2010 and 2011. Always well attended, this year’s graduation featured addresses from Dean Henry Mann, Maria Bystryn (Director, Continuous Development & Lecturer, Manager, International Pharmacy Graduate program), Chisanga Puta-Chekwe (Deputy Minister, Citizenship and Immigration), Minister, Citizenship and Immigration), Chisanga Puta-Chekwe (Deputy Minister, Citizenship and Immigration), the Hon. Deb Matthews (Minister of Health and Long-Term Care).

Participants in this year’s graduation ceremony included individuals from Egypt, Philippines, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ghana, China, Japan, Iran, Korea, Jamaica, Trinidad, Syria, Ethiopia, Chile, Senegal, Ukraine, Romania, Russia, Cuba, Peru, Ecuador, and Iraq.

Stay Connected

Make sure you join the IPG ALUMNI FACEBOOK PAGE for news on events and updates from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

A familiar face – IPG Alumni Spotlight

Since 2000, the IPG program has assisted almost 1,000 pharmacists trained in countries outside Canada to meet Canadian entry- to-practice standards. It has been just over two years since Selasi Badu graduated from the IPG program and we were able to catch up with her for this edition of the IPG Alumni Spotlight.

**RX:** Where are you from and where were you educated prior to attending the IPG program?
**S:** I am from Accra, Ghana and studied at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

**RX:** When did you graduate from the IPG program?
**S:** September 2009

**RX:** What is your favourite thing about the IPG program?
**S:** The people! Everyone is so nice and they make me feel like I belong.

**RX:** What is your fondest memory from when you were in IPG?
**S:** Preparing for role-plays! Now I look back on those days and laugh at the stress of it but I’ll be forever grateful for the great preparation they gave me for practice.

**RX:** What were your greatest challenges?
**S:** I would say studying and working at the same time. It was difficult to balance it all but I live for challenges. I’m glad I made it through!

**RX:** Do you still keep in touch with many of your classmates?
**S:** I try to keep in touch but everyone is so busy! I have phone numbers and emails of everyone but the best way for most of us is through Facebook. Every alumni should join our Facebook page. It’s a great way to keep in touch and be in the know!

**RX:** What’s exciting or coming up for you in 2012?
**S:** I am looking forward to going to Ghana! It will be so much fun to see all my friends again. And then I’ll be off to Mozambique to volunteer with initiative.60. I’m really looking forward to it!

IPG Reunions

If you’ve attended our reunions, you’ll know how much fun they are. Last year, Luke Ome Agada addressed IPG Alumni at the 2011 Reunion. In case you missed it, we’ve re-printed his delightful words:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2nd edition of the International Pharmacy Graduate Alumni Reunion.

Last night I told the pharmacy assistant working with me that I will not be coming to work on Thursday because I will be attending the IPG alumni reunion - she looked back at me and said IPG? Sir, I guess that means “INTELLIGENT PEOPLE’S GROUP” ALUMNI?

I don’t think that was wrong with her definition – but I hear a lot of nice things you hear when you practice, you know, I don’t know what you hear when you practice, but I hear a lot of nice things said about me as an IPG pharmacist. Some of my favourite compliments have been:

“I like your accent.”

“That’s very thoughtful of you.”

“You are nice, so humble.”

“I am proud to be an IPG pharmacist and I know that you are too. There is an adage in Africa that says “for every good child there is a good mother.” IPG is indeed a good child and we represent a large proportion of Canadian pharmacists. The Ontario College of Pharmacists Annual Report, 2009-2010, indicates that of the 649 newly registered pharmacists, 295 were IPG, 43 from the United States and 902 from within Canada. IPG make up 48% of the newly registered pharmacist population in Canada last year and this represents a strong force. This is why your support and active participation in our Alumni program is priceless to the Canadian pharmacist community and to the population at large. While I acknowledge your immense contribution and support to IPG thus far, I implore you to get more involved with IPG; be a complete part of this great group.

IPG represents the most colourful, multicultural and multi-racial unit of the Canadian pharmacist community. Along with rich international skills in diverse disciplines, you bring to the IPG Alumni program at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy to Canadians. You know, I don’t know what you hear when you practice, but I hear a lot of nice things said about me as an IPG pharmacist. Some of my favourite compliments have been:

“I like your accent.”

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“You are nice, so humble.”

“I am proud to be an IPG pharmacist and I know that you are too. There is an adage in Africa that says “for every good child there is a good mother.” IPG is indeed a good child and we have several great mothers behind IPG, many of whom are here tonight. Dr. Henry Mann, the Dean of the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy; Kathy Moscow, Program Manager & Lecturer, International Pharmacy Graduate Program; Doris Kalamut, Course Coordinator & Lecturer, Communication Skills in Pharmacy Practice; Tim Mickelborough, Coordinator for Pharmaceutical Care skills and Self Care courses; Mahmoud Saleiman, Coordinator for the Professional Practice & Pharmacy Management Theory course; Vincent Teo and Amita Woods, Coordinators for Therapeutics for the International Graduates Program, also present here are the hard working administrative staff of the IPG – Cheryl Stina, Rebecca Thorpe, Jessy Balendiu and Linda Kang. To everybody else, I say, “welcome.”

Finally, please enjoy the evening; be relaxed, exchange business and social contacts, and may God bless IPG ALUMNI.

LUKE OME AGADA

Save the Date:

2012 IPG Reunion
Saturday, June 9, 2012 11:30am – 2:30pm
Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building
144 College Street, Toronto
Special Guest: MARSHALL MOLESCHI
Registrar, Ontario College of Pharmacists
B.PHARM M.Sc BPH
IPG Alumni Association

The first IPG Alumni Association meeting was held in early February 2012. New officers were voted into the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Events. If you are interested in getting involved, it’s not too late! Please check out the facebook page for more information and the updated list.
In 2010, a group of enterprising young pharmacy students established Pharmacy Without Limits (PWL) with the vision of presenting an annual and sustainable lecture and workshop series in which pharmacy students and recent graduates can explore the choices and options they have upon graduation. Pharmacy Without Limits is a forum where students can meet and learn from experts in the various and diverse fields in which pharmacy is present, as well as network with students with similar ideas and ambitions. This road of discovery that Pharmacy Without Limits has been overwhelmingly positive. In 2010, Tamblyn’s was sold to Boots, the chemist of England, and Carolyn continued on as the Pharmaceutical Merchandise Manager. Boots operated differently from the pharmacies in North America and Carolyn was sent to the United Kingdom for four months of training, returning to Canada to eventually build a team of twelve buyers in Toronto and Vancouver. To gain wider exposure to the entire store operation, Carolyn became the Health and Beauty/Fashion Merchanise Manager. Though not novel today, Carolyn introduced baby food into the drug chain. Before this time, baby food was only sold in grocery stores. She also started the first natural health food sections in drug stores.

In 2010, Carolyn introduced an exclusive brand of bath products, DuCair Bioessence, to Boots Canada, which sold extremely well. Recognizing an opportunity to become the Canadian Distributor for this line, in 1981 she started her own business, Carolyn Sales, which eventually became the Carolyn Corporation. Even though she had moved to the sales side, her network and contacts continued to be many of her fellow pharmacy graduates. She was able to establish and build working relationships with many of the pharmacists to whom she sold products.

The company grew over the years into a major Canadian distributor of toiletries, cosmetics and fragrance. Carolyn sold the company in 1992 to an American subsidiary of a Japanese company called Tsumura. Although after 1992 the American company changed ownership twice, Carolyn was asked to continue to lead the Canadian operation as President until she retired in 2007. Throughout these years the company distributed products for Unilever, Elizabeth Arden, Coty, LOreal, Guess Watches and Yankee Candle. In addition, the company changed ownership twice, Carolyn was asked to continue to lead the Canadian operation as President until she retired in 2007. Throughout these years the company distributed products for Unilever, Elizabeth Arden, Coty, LOreal, Guess Watches and Yankee Candle. In addition, the company grew by acquiring many independent brands, including some that were with her for over 20 years. Carolyn credits her success in business in part to her fellow pharmacy graduates. She was able to devote substantial time to patient counseling, and it had her favourite computer system (Kroll, of course). Catherine became a partner in this pharmacy, did some OPA committee work, and thought she was settled for life.

Then, she met Tony Kroll. They fell in love and got married, and she moved to the Toronto area. She worked part-time in a medical pharmacy and part-time at Kroll Computer Systems, a company founded by Tony. Kroll Computer Systems is a national sales and support company solely dedicated to providing end-to-end solutions for the pharmacy software and hardware marketplace. Gradually, the Kroll Computer Systems job became more and more time consuming, and she stopped her retail pharmacy work. At Kroll, she provided telephone support, training, drug file maintenance and served as a liaison with the Ontario College of Pharmacists, the Ontario Pharmacists Association, government and other third party payers. She started with Kroll at the time the ODB online was just beginning, so that became her niche. She helped Tony...
The Pharmacy Without Limits events have truly helped me explore the many career options I will have with my pharmacy degree. Through this exploration, I am now truly confident that I will be able to find a fulfilling career for myself in a field of interest.

– A third year student

After graduating with her MBA in 1986, Priest spent the next 11 years as a Shoppers Drug Mart Associate, owning two stores, one in Grimsby, the other in Belleville. In 1997, she was appointed Vice-President, Operations, Western Ontario for Shoppers Drug Mart, responsible for 120 associate locations across Western Ontario. In 2002, she was named Vice-President of National Operations, and in 2004, Senior Vice-President, Western Canada Operations.

In 2004, Priest was selected by the CEO of Shoppers Drug Mart to return to Toronto and develop and launch the company’s new innovative Healthcare Division. As Senior Vice-President Healthcare Division and Home Health Care Division, Priest led every phase of the Divisions’ development, from designing a compelling value proposition for all stakeholders, to building a sustainable operating model and marketing position.

Her outstanding success in the Healthcare and Home Health Care Divisions led to her appointment as Senior Vice-President, Pharmacy Innovation and Patient Care in 2009. In this role Priest led a team that developed the operational framework and IT infrastructure required for Pharmacy Services across Canada. She also built a unique, cross-functional operations model with Human Resources, IT and Operations, increased the company’s presence in outpatient hospital pharmacies, and created new revenue streams to offset the decline in pharmacy fees.

In 2011, after 35 years, Priest left Shoppers Drug Mart. Since leaving she has focused on her family (she is married with three sons) and her volunteer work (she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Westpark Hospital Foundation and The Scarborough Hospital Foundation). Despite her varied career path, Priest loves working in healthcare and continues to work once a week in a pharmacy in Uxbridge.

A classmate of Susanne Priest, Rochelle Stenzler also rose to the top of her field in a non-traditional role. After graduating from the Faculty in 1976, Stenzler went directly into retail pharmacy. She completed her internship with Tamblyn Drugmarts, and then accepted the position as a Co-Pharmacy Manager, as her first full-time role.

For Stenzler, it was always the interaction with people, more than the science, that drew her to pharmacy. By 1981, she began to feel that there had to be more to gaining fulfillment as a pharmacist than simply “lick, stick, stamp and pour,” so to speak. This led her to accept a position as Retail Pharmacy Coordinator in the Toronto office of Boots Drug Stores (formerly Tamblyn Drugmarts). This is when what Stenzler refers to as “life in the office,” began. Over the next eight years, Stenzler held a number of different operational roles with Boots, from District Manager to Director of Retail Services to Vice-President, Retail and Pharmacy Services. In 1988, she was appointed Senior Vice President, Store Operations. Stenzler remained in this position for four years, through the Oshawa Groups’ acquisition & re-branding of Boots Drug Stores to Pharma Plus Drugmarts and the subsequent amalgamation with a sister division, Drug City, under the Pharma Plus Drugmarts banner. In 1992, Stenzler was appointed President and General Manager of Pharma Plus Drugmarts. Under her leadership, Pharma Plus’ revenues increased by over 7% (net of losing almost 8% resulting from the ban on tobacco sales in Ontario drugstores), they opened 20 new retail locations, acquired 11 independent businesses and introduced significant technological enhancements and new retail systems.

After five years as the President and General Manager of Pharma Plus, Rochelle was appointed President of Revlon Canada in 1997. As President of the Canadian division of a world leader in the manufacture & sales of cosmetics, fragrance personal care and professional products, Stenzler oversaw the launch of the revolutionary ColourStay Hair Colour product line and grew overall revenues during some challenging times. In 1999, Stenzler was appointed President, International Operations ofTLC Laser Eye Centers Inc., a publicly-traded $300 million laser vision correction business with operating centres throughout North America. She left TLC in 2000 to accept the role of President and CEO of TouchLogic Corporation. In this capacity, she was responsible for the day-to-day direction, management, sales, marketing and technical development for this new business.
that develops and markets scaleable, low-cost inbound and outbound Interactive Voice Response (IVR) solutions and services to North American businesses.

In 2004, after completing the sale of TouchLogic Corporation, Stenzler decided to pursue a totally different career direction at a time when she needed to spend more time with family. She founded Rochelle Stenzler Consulting, a practice that specializes in strategic business planning, operations process design, concept ideation, business development, retail and brand management and corporate governance consulting. In addition to being busy with her work as a consultant, Rochelle serves as a member of the Board of Directors of a number of companies, and not-for-profit organizations.

When looking back on her career and her tremendous success, Stenzler believes in the importance of excellent communication and knowing how to interact with people, be it patients or employees. “If you take your time and spend the extra 30 seconds... The more you explain, the more people will likely react positively and absorb. What a lovely time! The world now go out into the world and make our marks momentarily push my mind back 50 years to when I stood in line the Friday afternoon to register, I was immediately joined by Augie, John A. and wives. Before we could say much, there were more and more old faces arriving to register. It was truly great to see so many turn out for this Year’s Spring Reunion, there still was much to ponder such that I could only absorb. What a lovely time!

Pharmacists have a unique skill set, the ability to understand therapeutics, the impact of medications, the ability to critically evaluate studies and differentiate between “good” vs. “bad” science. Also, knowing how to communicate is critical, something you hone in on during your time in the BSc.Phm program. Karen and Christine both attribute their success to the values of ethics, honesty and integrity – all qualities of a great pharmacist.

Karen Stenzler
Chapman 870  (BSc.Phm.)  975 (Pharm.D)

Paul Stenzler
870  (BSc.Phm.)

Christine Folia
Zyme 974  (BSc.Phm.)  916 (Pharm.D)

Karen always knew that she did not want to practice community pharmacy full-time and that she would go into academia or industry. But nonetheless, she gave it a try. After a short stint in community pharmacy, she made the move to Boehringer Ingelheim and worked in regulatory affairs, medical services and clinical research. Knowing that Karen would eventually find a way to pursue her ultimate desire to start her own company, husband and fellow Pharmacy Alumni Paul Agro encouraged her early on - prior to graduating from the Pharm.D Program Karen registered the company name Agro Health Associates. She formally launched Agro Health Associates in 1996. She immediately hired three contract employees and meetings were held at either her dining room table or at a nearby Starbucks. They didn’t have business cards or a website for the first six years but they didn’t need to, people would just call, and the client base grew from referrals. It was their pharmacy network that it was their pharmacy network that drove the business – and their connections through the alumni of the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

In 1995, after 18 years in community pharmacy with Big V Pharmacies, Paul Agro moved to industry, spending the next three years in a variety of capacities for Boehringer Ingelheim. In 1998, Paul decided to leave Boehringer and join Karen at Agro Health Associates. Paul now serves as President of Agro Health Associates. His years of experience in community pharmacy have provided him with a keen sense of the needs of patients and healthcare professionals, while his vast and diverse experience with industry, especially in the areas of sales, marketing and market access, have prepared him well for the challenges of marketing a pharmaceutical product or service.

Christine Folia, discovered hospital pharmacy in high school. She loved it and knew that she wanted to pursue her Doctor of Pharmacy from the time she was 18. Folia graduated from the BSc.Phm program in 1994 and went straight into the Faculty’s Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D) program. It was during this time that she met Karen Agro, who was also enrolled in the program. The two became friends and roommates while they completed their Pharm.D together. After graduating with her Pharm.D in 1996, and taking some time off to have a family, Christine joined Agro Health Associates on a part-time basis in 2000. She now serves as Vice-President, Operations of Agro Health. Today, Agro Health Associates is a boutique firm with “knowledge” as their cornerstone product. While they specialize in education, market access and reimbursement strategies, clients seek their assistance for a variety of other services, including professional development programs, pre-examination OSCE preparation courses, and health care communication projects.

When discussing the importance of their pharmacy education, Christine points out how pharmacists have a “unique skill set,” the ability to understand therapeutics, the impact of medications, the ability to critically evaluate studies and differentiate between “good” vs. “bad” science. Also, knowing how to communicate is critical, something you hone in on during your time in the BSc.Phm program. Karen went on to note that “the problem based learning within the Pharm.D program really opened her eyes to how to learn and how to think.” Both attribute their training in the Pharm.D program to their ability to understand health systems and active practice.

While it has been over a decade since they left the classrooms at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, both Karen and Christine found themselves back “at school,” Karen completed her Masters in Clinical Epidemiology, which assists with the type of research in which she specializes, and Christine is currently working on her MBA.

RON LOUIS

Looking Back
Spring Reunion

It was truly great to see so many turn out for perhaps one last time to say hello, update our fading memories, share some of the old stories, meet wives, husbands, widows, perhaps for the first time. Thank you, Mo, for so many phone calls and your insistence we go so that all this manifested! Congratulations to all classmates and families, and thanks for the memories.

When I stood in line the Friday afternoon to register, I was immediately joined by Augie, John A. and wives. Before we could say much, there were more and more old faces arriving to scrutinize and try to recall. So much to take in and absorb. What a lovely time!

In the Convocation Hall ceremony, there still was much to ponder such that I could only momentarily push my mind back 50 years to when we actually graduated – when we could now go out into the world and make our marks in Latin, French, English, whatever. The world was our oyster, and I, oops, was a vegetarian!

Back to the ceremony, and I started to applaud the efforts of each participant who, in spite of so many obligations, responsibilities and limited time, made the effort to be there. A very special group of friends on a very special day.

If you graduated in a year ending in 7 or 2, this is your Spring Reunion! Invitations and more information will follow. We know that many of you have already begun planning, particularly if you will be celebrating a milestone reunion.

We would love to be included in your plans. For assistance, please contact Desiree Chan at 416-946-3985 or desiree.chan@utoronto.ca

This Year’s Reunion

RON LOUIS 6T1
Ramblings about
our 6T1 Reunion
By RON LOVIS

As I had arrived early via the subway, to see what was new, I entered through the impressive new facade of the Royal Ontario Museum. That is, I was impressed until I saw the price of admission: $27.00 after a large discount for senior citizens! “Why, I could remember when it cost only ___!” In reality, I couldn’t even remember that!

The walk down from Bloor Street through Philosopher’s Walk seemed longer. Perhaps because I wasn’t in that much of a hurry. I could still walk, if not fast, at least halfast! I had lots of time to get to the reception by Convocation Hall. Although there were more buildings encroaching the Walk, the feeling of spaciousness persisted.

Upon arriving early to the registration line, I immediately felt the excitement prior to meeting “new” people. Yvette and John Adamkovics then manifested (I had recognized Augie previously). Lovely. Inside, many more lovely people. It was difficult to maintain a conversation with so many old friends arriving to greet and to try to catch up. Impossible. I’m afraid many conversations were truncated. Some didn’t get resumed.

Morley had commented that I wouldn’t recognize some people, but that Pick, I would.

Soon I heard his beautiful, melodious voice, and he manifested. These wonderful expected “surprises” continued for a long time. I thought, “What a shame that everybody couldn’t make it!” I did understand the limiting health reasons of some, and the strong conflict of family dates with others.

On to Convocation Hall, where dozens of people were congregating and segregating, convoking and joking. A small band of earnest helpers was trying to put us into some kind of order for the ceremony, but nobody was particularly interested in following instructions. I went with the flow of people and sat to the left with our group, leaving a smaller bunch of familiar faces to the right. It felt OK to be a leftist for a change. . .

The speeches were inspiring; the “projector” of images still wouldn’t work correctly. Something old, something new for the Varsity Blue! The words for our school song were thankfully visible on large screens for the benefit of those of us who hadn’t brushed up lately, say since 1961. A thrilling moment.

The time went by too quickly. Soon the speeches were over, we were posing for a group photo and the people started disappearing. I do so hope we can meet again!

Events at your College or Faculty

Every U of T college, faculty and department creates opportunities for its own alumni to reconnect. A full listing of these reunion events is online now at: http://springreunion.utoronto.ca

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
LGBTQ Pride Kick-Off
THURSDAY, MAY 31
SHAKER for Young Alumni
FRIDAY, JUNE 1
Chancellor’s Circle Medal Ceremonies for 55th to 80th Anniversaries
50th Anniversary Ceremony

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
Stress-Free Degree Lectures
Spring Reunion & Pre-AGM BBQ
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Summer Internship Programs

Because of the international connections of many of our faculty, students in the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy program have the opportunity to take the skills and knowledge they have acquired in the classroom and participate in Summer Internships across the globe.

Through these experiences, students witness firsthand how pharmacy is practiced in other countries, and measure what they learn here against what is happening in other parts of the world.

Third-year student Sarah Bonazza interned for the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. During her internship, she focused on the Good Governance for Medicines (GGM) Programme. The goal of this group is to improve access to medicines, reduce vulnerability to corruption, and improve transparency in health systems, especially in the pharmaceutical subsector. Sarah elaborates: "They use a three-phase process to evaluate and improve a country’s situation. To advance the work and prepare for an upcoming conference, I conducted a detailed and critical review of methodologies used to measure the impact of GGM to take to make the current evaluation tool more standardized. The ultimate goal was to develop a quantitative or quasi-quantitative method of demonstrating changes at country or global levels of corruption in the pharmaceutical subsystem. Some of you readers may be thinking these goals are far-fetched, and yes I often felt the same way. But, I do believe this transparency in the pharmaceutical sector is a very important area in improving access to medicines, and thus improving the GGM assessment tool is necessary."

Last year, Sarah was one of Dr. Jillian Kohler’s work-study students and it was during this time that her interest in pharmaceutical policy grew. “When the position became available, I was keen to apply, as the World Health Organization has a large role in global health policy.” As part of her internship, Sarah performed an intensive global literature review, developed a background report, presented her findings to WHO staff and interns, and composed a journal article to educate others on these issues. Sarah explains: “I presented my research to a group of WHO staff and interns during my last week in Geneva and also re-formatted it into a journal article to educate others on these issues.”

There were weekly intern meetings and newsletters with opportunities both during and outside of work hours. There were many “Experts for Interns” talks, often on controversial issues such as funding of the WHO, the reputation of the WHO, the current WHO reform, the bureaucracy and politics involved in United Nation’s organizations, accountability in philanthropic foundations, and marketing of the WHO. I attended the launching of the World Disability Report, education sessions on publishing papers, and a question and answer session with the Director General, who was very down to earth and honest with her opinions. I believe that the most beneficial part of my experience was seeing first hand how the WHO functions daily and the structure of the Organization. I highly recommend this internship to anyone interested in global health issues.”

“The experience benefited my overall educational experience by increasing my knowledge of different pharmacy care careers. Many staff I worked with and met were pharmacists at the WHO, so it was great to see that I could potentially combine my interest in pharmacy and global health together in the future. Having other pharmacy student interns broadened my knowledge of other pharmacy schools and how pharmacy is practiced in their individual countries. I learned to adapt to living in a new country and completing difficult tasks with little prior knowledge. I also learned about different areas of global health and current issues happening around the world.” – Sarah Bonazza

At the end of May, Heather Bannerman and Priya Bansal left Toronto to spend 10 weeks in Namibia, where 18% of the population has HIV. Their internship, at the Katutura Health Centre, enabled them to work in a facility that provides specialized services for HIV and tuberculosis. In this role, they counseled patients, dispensed antiretroviral and tuberculosis medications to HIV patients, and assessed patient adherence. In addition to these daily responsibilities, Heather and Priya developed educational posters and videos that demonstrated the importance of medication adherence.

"In class, we were taught that health is no longer considered to be just the absence of disease, but an all-encompassing outcome of many aspects of a patient’s life, and that in order to provide proper patient-centred care, practitioners must first try to understand their patient. Nothing necessitates developing this skill more than placing yourself in a culture and environment completely different from anything you have ever known. Living in Namibia made us aware of many aspects of health as we saw our patients struggle with adherence to their HIV medications, while dealing with issues surrounding stigma, unemployment, illiteracy, poverty, and malnourishment. The Namibia 2011 Internship program provided us an opportunity to develop this skill and we will forever be better practitioners for it.” – Priya Bansal and Heather Bannerman

Maria Zhang participated in an internship program with the Stop-Tuberculosis Partnership that was also housed at the World Health Organization in Geneva this summer. Through this International Pharmaceutical Students Federation sponsored internship, Maria worked as part of the Global Drug Facility, an organization that provides access to high quality tuberculosis medications, and has supplied more than 18 million patient treatments since it was established ten years ago. In this role, Maria called upon her knowledge to create a pharmaceutical Product...
My supervisor was a quality assurance technical officer and she helped ensure that the Stop-TB Partnership was acquiring and providing high quality anti-tuberculosis medicines to those who need it the most. It also provided me with a new perspective on health care and how it interplays with things like transportation and the environment. I am now exploring the options of pursuing a Masters of Public Health or Psychology and/or going into teaching while still using my pharmacy degree.” – Maria Zhang

These global internships would not be possible without funding from the Faculty’s Enhancing the Student Experience Fund. This alumni-supported Fund lives up to its name by enhancing the undergraduate student experience by providing students with the ability to pursue their interests, develop their skills, and participate in the most diverse and unique educational experiences.

Maria has the following advice for people interested in internships: “I strongly recommend looking into internships for all students, interns and even alumni. There were quite a few practicing pharmacists who had a special interest in Public Health at the WHO, conducting a six-month internship. Whether it is working at an international organization where important decisions on world-wide policies are made, or on the ground-level where important decisions regarding individual patients are made, it will be an eye-opening experience.”

“Want to know more about the guy who oversees the largest pharmacy faculty in Canada? He took a short break from his busy schedule to answer your questions in Time with the Mann:

**What is your favourite meal?**
Steak and potatoes, although BBQ ribs are very close.

**What basketball team do you cheer for in March Madness?**
University of Kentucky Wildcats

**What person/event had the biggest influence on you growing up?**
Attending the PharmD and Residency program at the University of Kentucky

If you have questions that you would like answered in Time with the Mann, please email them to alumni.pharmacy@utoronto.ca.

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– MARKO TOMAS, 4th year student

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– PRIYA BANSAL

PRIYA completed a 10 week internship in Namibia last year. You can read more about her experience on page 33 in SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS
New Awards Established in 2011

The Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy awards over 80 scholarships and 50 bursaries to undergraduate students based on academic achievement, extracurricular participation and financial need every year. With the cost of a pharmacy education now in excess of $25,000 a year combined with the annual support exceeds $1,000, increased funding for scholarships and bursaries is a top priority at the Faculty. In 2011, we established six new scholarships and bursaries and would like to thank the following donors for their generosity:

Ward Charlebois Scholarship
Est. by Drug Trading Company Limited

The Erast Huculak Award
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The Sydney Shrott Award
Est. by Medical Pharmacies Group Limited

The Rho Pi Phi Sidney Faibish Memorial Entrance Scholarship
Est. by the Rho Pi Phi Pharmacy Fraternity

The Frank Kwiecien Memorial Scholarship
Est. by industry, friends and family of the late Frank Kwiecien

The Deanna Williams Award
Est. by the Ontario College of Pharmacists

Thank You

Emest J. Miatello
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More Information

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Award Spotlight

Andrew Parkes, President of Drug Trading Company Limited, spoke with Rxcellence about the company’s most recent contribution toward student financial assistance at the Faculty. Awarded to a student who has completed Year Three of the Undergraduate Program, the Ward Charlebois Scholarship recognizes a student who has achieved second class honours, was born in a town in Ontario of less than 20,000 people and who has experience working in an independent pharmacy.

The scholarship speaks to the late Ward Charlebois’ (ITB) passion for controlling your own destiny; a passion he achieved through ownership of his own independent pharmacy. Charlebois was a strong advocate of independent pharmacy and often spoke to pharmacy students about independent stores and how much pleasure he had working and owning one and encouraged aspiring pharmacists to follow in his path. Charlebois’ first store was in Angus, Ontario. He and his wife, Christine (8T8), worked there together and over time they bought the store. It was a good store when they purchased it, but it became a great store under Ward’s and Christine’s ownership. It became such an important element of their community that when competition started to sprout up from the larger chain stores, it didn’t have a significant impact on their business because of the relationships and high level of customer service they provided. In addition to his pharmacy,

Ward was a member of the Board of Directors of Drug Trading Company Limited and in this role, he demonstrated that he was a very intelligent and practical business man. Known to colleagues as a man of few words, when he spoke, he quietly made his points known and was truly an inspiration. He was also very proud of his connection to the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, both as an alumnus and a preceptor and was always enthusiastic about the goings on at the Faculty.

When asked why this award was established for Year Three students specifically, Parkes noted that, “there are already many awards offered to students when they enter Pharmacy school but not as many for those who have continued to pursue their education and had felt the ‘crunch of debt’ two years later. Hopefully this award will help those who have chosen to focus on community pharmacy in small Ontario towns to continue their path and help relieve their debt load.”

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Jennifer Kadwell graduated from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy in June of 2011. At the time I interviewed Jennifer, she was employed as a full-time intern at a community pharmacy in Stoney Creek.

I sat down with Jennifer and she shared her enthusiasm for working in a smaller community, the relationships she was building with patients and the application of the knowledge she acquired at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy in the “real world.” She noted that she knew from an early age that she wanted to work in healthcare, to interact with people, and ultimately, to help them. This led her to pursue a degree in Physiology and Pharmacology from the University of Western Ontario, and eventually, enrolment in our undergraduate Pharmacy program.

Jennifer described her experience at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy as “high school all over again.” Eager to participate, she quickly became involved in a number of extra-curricular activities, including the CAPSI Symposium and intramural sports. When asked what her favourite memory at the Faculty was, she raved about the endless good times with friends, a particular Faculty member and his lectures on drug and therapeutic knowledge, and the events of what would become a defining day for her at the Faculty:.

In each issue of Rxcellence, we profile a young member of our alumni who has graduated within the last five years. Many of our young alumni are experiencing career firsts, and while every one of our alumni has their own wonderful story to tell, in this case, we are proud to share with you a truly inspirational one.
Other students had done presentations in class before to raise money and awareness for their various charitable projects, so I thought I might as well too.

They gave me super high doses of chemotherapy, the highest doses you can safely give a human being, in hope that it would kill all the bad cells that were in my body. Unfortunately, it also kills the good cells, like all my red and white blood cells. This is when they transfuse my stem cells back into my body, so that they can differentiate into the blood cells I need. Things went well, besides the hair loss for the second time, the nausea, the vomiting, and I went home the day before Mother’s Day in May (what a gift, eh?).

I spent that summer recovering and studying. The Faculty was very understanding and allowed me to write my exams in August (a big thank-you to Registrar Brenda Thrush for all her help and support). The summer was rough and somehow in July, I knew that something wasn’t right. I asked my oncologist to move up my CT and they found that the tumours in my abdomen had not responded to the transplant and they...
had actually grown and spread to other areas in my abdomen, as well as my lungs. I was back to square one. But, I wrote my exams anyways and returned, once again, to school in September.

My next step in treatment was an investigational clinical trial, which continued for almost a year followed by more chemotherapy, which ended in November of 4th year, and then finally some radiation in February. So that leaves me where I am today, working full-time as an intern at a community pharmacy in Stoney Creek, visiting my oncologist every other week, and planning the wedding to the man of my dreams.

As much as I don’t like to be the ‘girl with cancer’ or like to be defined by the disease, I know that it is an important part of who I am as a person, and also as a pharmacist. When I think of pharmacy school and my time at the Faculty, unfortunately my experience with cancer is completely intertwined. I really do think that it has shaped the pharmacist I will become. Although we learned that you should never tell a patient ‘I know how you feel,’ I really do think that I can relate to patients when they are scared of a new diagnosis.”

Jennifer graduated with her BSc.Phm in June 2011 and one week following her Convocation, she returned, once again, to school in September. Immediately following graduation, spouses were automatically involved in frequent get togethers, and actually reinforced the enthusiasm for partying – so what began as a class became a family. Spouses deserve most of the credit for keeping the action going. Over the years, annual reunions have taken place from Ottawa to Windsor, and as far north as North Bay and Sudbury. We try to hold every fifth reunion in Toronto. The fifty-seventh reunion was held in September at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and was attended by more than half of the surviving class members. Already a volunteer committee is in place arranging next year’s reunion in the London/Stratford area.

Looking Beyond ‘53!

We were treated to a history of Niagara-on-the-Lake presented by Sarah Mahoney, Managing Director of the Niagara Historical Society and Museum. Special attention was paid to the factors leading up to the War of 1812 and we were reminded of the battles which occurred in the area so long ago.

Our second day began with a wine tasting and lunch at the Ravine Winery in St. David’s. We were transported by bus to and from the hotel, the theatres and the Botanical Gardens - relaxing for us as we were able to sightsee along the way. Our President For Life, Jack Speare, got the ball rolling for the 58th. It will be held in Stratford with Mahlon Dyer in charge.

– ESTRID MANORE

5T4

Pharmacy (T4), classmates for a lifetime.

The above slogan adopted at the 37th annual reunion of the class tells it all. Pharmacy (T4) is a unique group. During their undergraduate years, the forty men and five women (a disproportionate ratio compared with today’s demographics), developed a cohesion, camaraderie, team spirit, and joie de vivre which the years have failed to erode. During third year, at yet another Saturday morning lecture following the Pharmacy at Home dance and preceding a three hour lab, the professor remarked to the bleary eyed attenders that he, “would always remember this class as the one that would never let studies interfere with their social life.” Subsequent examination results proved that an active social life did not necessarily constitute a detriment to academic achievement.

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– DON MANORE

5T1

Since my retirement from Big V Pharmacies in 1986, my wife and I have been cruising to many areas of the world. We have given up our Florida residence and have moved to a condo in Dundas. Together we founded a charitable organisation that supports mentally and physically handicapped adults living in group homes and who have little or no family support. I keep busy with our local Lions Club and was a member of our condo board for 2 years. I also keep busy with our SIM group (Seniors In Motion) a local fitness organization.

– BILL HASLEHURST

5T7

We’ve done it again! The Class of T74 celebrated our 57th Annual Reunion in September at Niagara-on-the-Lake. We enjoyed the ambiance of the Hilton Garden Inn as well as the local scenery, the lush vineyards, the tender fruit orchards and the beautiful flowers in town and along the Parkway.

What a lovely area!

The local committee, consisting of Helen and Clyde Keene, Muney Shantz and Marv Williams, did a wonderful job with the arrangements. Our Annual Dinner was held at the Hotel with thirty-one attendees. Sadly, Barbara Gould and Sam Siegelman are no longer with us.
Ontario Association of Specialty Compounders and complementary and alternative medicine providers. I also served as Interim Registrar for midwifery and dental technology as well as a stint as Executive Director of NAPRA. Currently, I am assisting the Transitional College of Homeopaths as their President and teaching jurisprudence/ethics.

– JIM DUNSDON

I practiced pharmacy in Markham for 25 years - from 1969 until 1988 - owning stores in Markham, Unionville and Whitchurch. A month after graduation, I won a US AAU Championship in Track and Field, and the following year won an Olympic Silver Medal. I ultimately represented Canada in two Olympics (Tokyo and Mexico City), two British Commonwealth Games (Perth, Australia and Kingston, Jamaica), one Pan Am Games (Winnipeg) and one World University Games (Budapest) - competing in about 25 different countries around the world.

I was very much involved in the community serving on many boards and organizations, including: Canadian Fitness and Amateur Sport directorate, Metro Toronto Police Public Complaints Commission, United Way of York Region, York Region Children's Aid Society, Participation House, Giant Steps, Markham and York Region Children's Aid Foundation, Intercounty Tennis Association, York South Community Living Assoc., Ontario Sport and Recreation Centre, Canada Sport Centre (Ontario), and the University of Toronto Governing Council. For 23 years, from 1988 until 2010, I was a Trustee with the York Region District School Board, serving 11 of those years as Chair.

I have been married for 42 years to Morven, also a graduate of U of T and have two daughters (an engineer and a nurse) and a son (a teacher) who have a graduate of U of T and have two daughters (an engineer and a nurse) and a son (a teacher) who have collectively attended a total of 3 different universities.

I currently play ice hockey 5 times a week in the winter and lots of golf in the summer, with a smattering of tennis thrown in. We love the theatre, the Toronto Symphony and to travel.

– BILL CROTHERS

GERALD ZIEDENBERG graduated from the University of Toronto in 1964 with a degree in Pharmacy. He went on to a lengthy and highly successful career in retail Pharmacy with Canada’s largest and most successful drug chain, Shoppers Drug Mart. Before his retirement he was running 9 large franchises simultaneously. When his business career wound down, Gerald entered the academic world to pursue his first and greatest passion: history.

Following his retirement from retail pharmacy, Gerald earned two history degrees – a BA with high distinction in 2003, and an Honour BA, again with high distinction, in 2005.He has now finished a Masters History program studying modern European history, specializing in Eastern Europe, Russia, WWII and the Cold War.

Gerald has lectured and consulted in Canada, the United States and Israel on business and history. He has spoken to a variety of service groups including the Rotary, Knights of Columbus, and the National Council of Jewish Women, as well as many other groups. He has also appeared at many Churches, Synagogues, and a number of cruise lines speaking on a variety of historical topics. He recently won a scholarship from the University of Toronto as the best part time Graduate student. He has also taught courses at Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers and Naples on Historical figures and events for the last two years. Gerald has written two books, "Inspirations Through Adversity," an autobiography depicting his physical struggles and successes, and a second book, a history book, "8Blockade," telling the story of Jewish immigration to Palestine from 1933-1948. Both books are available through Amazon.

– JERRY ZIEDENBERG

I practiced community and hospital Pharmacy in Englehart, Ontario from 1973 to 1976 then onto London, Ontario operating an SDM franchise. Spent nearly 20 years at SDM Central Office, culminating as VP Pharmacy Operations, Canada. After leaving the corporate world in 2001, I spent 7 years at Faculty of Pharmacy as the Mentorship Co-ordinator for the IIP Program, served on the Board of UPA, various OCP Committees, and as a Trustee of the Markham Pharmacists Association as well as many Rx locums in between. I have also served on many community Boards eg: fundraising for the North York General Hospital, Unionville Home Society and the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy building fund. Pharmacy has been a passion for me since the beginning of my pharmacy career but due to a severe allergy to cold, snowy Canadian winters, I have now fully retired to focus on charity work while at our winter home in Mexico. I also serve on the Board of an annual music festival in Mexico. My wife Kathy is also involved in charity work in Mexico. I am pleased to serve on the Executive of the SDM Alumni Association and assist with the Alumni Association at the Faculty. We hope to have continued good health and be able to continue traveling...often on our motorcycle!

– BILL DINGWALL

Since graduating 72(?) years ago, I have practised as a community pharmacist in Windsor, Lakefield, and Toronto, taking time out to bring up our two boys. I still enjoy the niche that community practice occupies, and am amazed when I think how far the profession has evolved since graduation. I have also been privileged to work in various capacities for OCP, PEIBC, and the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, which has afforded me the opportunity to meet many wonderful representatives of our profession. It would be difficult to choose just one 'highlight' of my career so far, but being the covergirl of the January/February 2010 issue of Pharmacy Connection ranks right up there!

– MARIA NENADOVICH

Twenty nine years practicing as a community pharmacist has provided me with plenty of opportunity to experience the best and the worst aspects of providing direct patient care, and also to witness significant change in how the profession of pharmacy is viewed by the public.

Over the past 20 years, my career path has taken me through ownership of an independent community pharmacy, operating with a partner, who is also a pharmacist (not a U of T grad though!). This opportunity basically didn’t exist when I graduated, but by the time I completed my MSC in 1990, drug plans were starting to say no, and companies needed to demonstrate the economic value of their products. I have retired my license but did get my Pharmacist Emeritus designation.

– ANGELA ROCCHI

ANGELA DM KASHUBA received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from SUNY Buffalo in 1999. She completed a residency at Women’s College Hospital in 1991, and a pharmacology research fellowship at the Clinical Pharmacology Research Center at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, NY, in 1997. Dr. Kashuba joined the faculty of the Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997, and became a Diplomat of the American Board of Clinical Pharmacology in 2001. She is currently Professor of Pharmacy, Vice Chair for Research and Graduate Education in the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics, and Director of the UNC Center for Excellence in the Community. She has worked with many community pharmacists, as well as the community pharmacy setting, as a mentor, educator, and researcher. She received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Queen’s University in 1990, and her PharmD from the University of Toronto in 1991. She completed a residency at Women’s College Hospital in 1991, and a pharmacology research fellowship at the Clinical Pharmacology Research Center at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, NY, in 1997. Dr. Kashuba joined the faculty of the Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997, and became a Diplomat of the American Board of Clinical Pharmacology in 2001. She is currently Professor of Pharmacy, Vice Chair for Research and Graduate Education in the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics, and Director of the UNC Center.
Since graduating in 1991, I went back to school and got an MBA and moved to the corporate world, doing stints in pharma industry and investment research, before moving to San Francisco in 2005 and joining a dot.com (BioSpace.com). I arrived at the peak of the dot.com boom and rode out the dot.comm, remaining in the Bay Area and moving into management consulting for 5 years. The last 5 years, I helped a medical device start up launch a new technology that is changing orthopedic knee replacement. The company OtisMed made custom fit cutting guides personalized to each patient, giving surgeons in the Bay Area and moved into management consulting for 5 years. The last 5 years, I helped a medical device start up launch a new technology that is changing orthopedic knee replacement. The company OtisMed made custom fit cutting guides personalized to each patient, giving surgeons

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Hi, this is Charlene. I am doing well since I graduated from U of T nine years ago. I have moved three times and have two kids. Since 2004, I have been working in New Jersey for Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products in the research and development of new products in areas of oral dosage forms, medical devices, and now, medicated skin care products. I enjoy new product development, especially in conceiving new products and claims that bring meaningful ways to help people manage their health issue, so that the consumer can focus on pursuing what is important to them. New product ideas do not come singly from books or experimentation. Instead, new inspiration and insights are often found when I talk to the consumers or visit their homes to see how they go about their daily living. Grocery or drug store shopping can turn into a lengthy trip as I evaluate other new products or a competitor display. Remember the lessons we had about drug release, kinetics, chemistry, pharmacology, physiology, therapeutics, biomaterials and even that half a credit may be working somewhere on the Amalfi coast. Ciao,

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I am currently the clinical pharmacist in renal transplant and the Residency Coordinator at St. Joseph’s Healthcare in Hamilton. With two parents who were teachers, teaching was inevitable for me! I’ve also gotten myself heavily involved with PEIRC, do the odd locum shift for Dell Pharmacy, and a bit of consulting. I live with my husband and two cats in Hamilton (the nice part?). In my spare time, I take pottery classes and we try to see the world one trip at a time!

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Alumni Events

August 20
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy Charity Golf Classic
The golf tournament is one of our most successful fundraisers for Enhancing the Student Experience at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. Sponsorship opportunities and alumni foursomes are available. Thornhill Golf and Country Club, 7994 Yonge Street, Thornhill Ontario.

For more info contact David White: dm.white@utoronto.ca or 416-978-6749

February 22
Wills and Powers of Attorney 101
Does your current will reflect your wishes? Why do you need a Power of Attorney? Do you know your duties as an executor? Join two seasoned estate-planning professionals in this free seminar to gain answers to these questions and more.
5:30 - 7:00pm
Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, 144 College Street
RSVP alumni.pharmacy@utoronto.ca

April 3
Uncovering Texts and Temples from the Biblical Period
Open to current President’s Circle members, this evening will be presented by Professor Tim Harrison, of the Department of Near and Middle East Civilizations, Faculty of Arts & Science. A reception will follow the lecture. Please find full details in your invitation in the mail!

May 31
Spring Reunion: Young Alumni Event in Toronto, Ontario
Calling all alumni who graduated within the last five years! You’re invited to attend a young alumni event to reconnect with your classmates and have an opportunity to visit with the Dean, Henry Mann.
11:30 - 2:30pm
Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, 144 College Street, Toronto
RSVP alumni.pharmacy@utoronto.ca

June 2
Alumni Event in Whistler, British Columbia
Do you live in the Whistler area? Or will you be attending the Canadian Pharmacists Association Conference? Join us for a casual and relaxed Saturday night and connect with other U of T alumni.
9:00 - 11:00pm
RSVP alumni.pharmacy@utoronto.ca

June 4
Alumni Event in Vancouver, British Columbia
Do you live in the Vancouver area? We’re coming out West! Please join us for light refreshments and conversation with Dean Henry Mann.
5:30 - 7:30pm
The Shore Club, 688 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, British Columbia
RSVP alumni.pharmacy@utoronto.ca

June 9
IPG Reunion in Toronto, Ontario
Open to all IPG alumni, this reunion, featuring guest speaker Marshall Moleshi, Registrar, Ontario College of Pharmacists, is an event not to be missed!
11:30 - 2:30pm
Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, 144 College Street, Toronto
RSVP alumni.pharmacy@utoronto.ca

June 20
Presidents’ Circle Garden Party
Open to current Presidents’ Circle members, this reception is hosted by Professor David Naylor, President, and Dr. Wendy M. Cecil, Chairman, Presidents’ Circle at the President’s residence. Please find full details in your invitation in the mail!

Also in 2012
Alumni Events in Ottawa, Ontario and London, Ontario – more details to come!

Planning your own event?
If you are planning any class reunions and would like to advertise it through the faculty, please let us know. You can reach us at alumni.pharmacy@utoronto.ca