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**Alumni, Faculty and Friends Gather Over Wine**

California alumni recently attended a wine tasting event, hosted by SSPPS, in San Juan Capistrano, CA. The event coincided with the AACP Annual meeting in Anaheim where several of our faculty and students presented. Alums spanned 60 years

from 1956 to the most recent class of 2016 and included Robert Watzl (BS '56), Charlie Brown (BS '64), Mei Tang (PharmD '07) and Katie Johnson (PharmD '12) pictured on the left with faculty member and alumna Laura Borgelt (PharmD '97). The event was hosted at the beautiful Rancho Capistrano Winery. According to Brown, "It was a fun evening where I enjoyed great conversations. I am so proud of the education I received at CU. It has enabled me to be involved in so many aspects of Healthcare delivery."

**In the News**

Professor Robert Page made headlines across the country in association with a scientific statement issued by the American Heart Association regarding certain medications causing or worsening heart failure. Page was heard on [CBS radio](#), included in the [Daily Mirror](#) newspaper, appeared on [9News](#), and highlighted on [MedPage Today](#). Associate Dean Kari Franson was quoted in an article in the [New York Times](#) about marijuana exposure and Colorado children. Professor Peter Anderson and Professional Research Assistant Lane Bushman were recently highlighted in the [Clinical Chemist](#) for an assay they have developed using a dried blood spot (DBS) to accurately measure adherence to HIV pre exposure medications. Douglas Krakower from the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard, believes that DBS may "hone the accuracy of adherence assessment technologies." He sees value in the use of DBS for developers of adherence strategies as patient-reported adherence measures are limited by strong bias.

**P-4 Aubrey Jones Gets A Shout Out from Kaiser Permanente**

Fourth-year pharmacy student Aubrey Jones, and Kaiser Permanente (KP) preceptor Roberta Shanahan were highlighted in the August 1, 2016 edition of the Douglas Digest, a national communication to KP pharmacy staff and created for Kaiser Permanente Outpatient Services Vice President Joe Douglas. [Read the article here.](#)

**Research Retreat Recap**

With approximately 160 people in attendance, DOPS (Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences) hosted a very successful annual research retreat July 18-19 at Beaver Creek in Breckenridge. Plenary speakers included Director, Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine Kathleen Barnes, PhD, and Chair, Department of Bioengineering Robin Shandas, PhD. Kudos to this year's award recipients:

- Pharmaceutical Sciences Talk—Katherine Sullivan
- Pharmaceutical Sciences Poster—Hadi Ali
- Toxicology Talk—Xinhui (Heller) Chen
- Toxicology Poster—Abraham Adedoyin
- Post doc Talk—Surinder Singh, PhD
- Post doc Poster—Sharon Seifert, PharmD

**Congratulations**

Associate Professor Toby Trujillo, PharmD, was elected to the Board of Regents for ACCP where he will be installed for a 3-year term at the 2016 American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual Meeting. In addition to being a faculty member, Trujillo is a clinical specialist in cardiology/anticoagulation at the University of Colorado Hospital. Faculty member and Associate Professor Christina Aquilante, PharmD, was elected as Chair Elect for the AACP Pharmacogenomics SIG (special interest group).

**Recent Faculty Promotions**

Congratulations to the following faculty on their recent promotions:

- Sunny Linnebur, professor
- Cindy O'Bryant, professor
- Gina Moore, associate professor
- Shaun Gleason, associate professor
- Wes Nuffer, associate professor
- Sarah Anderson, associate professor
- Jon Campbell, associate professor with tenure
- Jennifer Kiser, tenure