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Calling All Alumni

SSPPS is tying into Buffs football in California and Arizona this year. Meet up with Dean Altieri and fellow pharmacy alums at the following games:
Oct. 8 CU vs. USC Trojans at the LA Memorial Coliseum. Join us for a

tailgate where food and beverage will be available for purchase three hours prior to the game. Discounted tickets to the game available. Contact Jonathan Wanderstock for tickets. **Oct 15** Homecoming CU vs. Arizona State. See details below in Homecoming 2016 article. **Oct. 22** CU vs. Stanford Cardinal. **Nov. 12** CU vs. Arizona Wildcats. More information will be available as games approach.



They're Back

Summer's over and class is back in session. P-1s began their first year of pharmacy school Aug. 15 and acclimated to the program during Orientation Week, which included team building exercises, the White Coat Ceremony and annual

barbecue. With 162 P-1 students, this year's class was the largest in the school's history. In addition to being presented to their family and friends as pharmacy candidates, the students were led by fellow P-1 Ryan Sutherland in reciting the Oath of Professional Pharmacy. Check out the oath they created and photos from their first week.



Homecoming 2016

Join us during homecoming as the Buffs take on Arizona State on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Folsom Field in Boulder. This annual event includes free food

and beverages during the pre-game tailgate. For tickets to the game click here and use promo code: 2016PHARMACY. This year, alumni have access to rooftop terrace passes, too! Students -- keep your eyes peeled on social media channels to win tickets.

Congratulations

In July, students attended the SNPhA national conference in Atlanta where they competed against 64 pairs of participants in the Clinical Skills Competition. The SSPPS team, under the guidance of Senior Instructor Hilda Ndikum, PharmD, comprised of P-2 Thanh T Liu and P3 Kyung (Connie) Yang placed third! Eight students from our program recently were recognized and awarded with Kent M. Nelson Scholarships from Kaiser Permanente Colorado (KPCO). Congratulations Jillian Bishop, Lindsay Case, Michelle Gaynor, Aubrey Jones, Chelsea Mitchell, Kyle Troksa, Rachel Visage and Anna Zhou. The Kent M. Nelson Scholarship is given in memory of Kent M. Nelson, a beloved KPCO employee who lost his battle with cancer twelve years ago. Nelson, the clinical pharmacy services director, accomplished much during his short life. His obituary stated "as the clinical pharmacy services director, he was a leader, mentor, example and friend to over 180 employees. He had a deep love for his work and for his co-workers who became cherished friends." The scholarship is awarded annually to deserving pharmacy students from Regis University and the SSPPS.

In the News

Professor Jacci Bainbridge, PharmD, was asked to comment in The Denver Post and Live Science regarding a new medical marijuana policy issued by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The DEA announced that it will allow more universities to apply to grow marijuana intended for use in medical studies, with the hope of providing researchers with a "more varied and robust supply" of medical marijuana, the agency said in a statement. CU Anschutz Today highlighted the Guatemala Clinic where SSPPS students and faculty work together with other medical professions from Anschutz to provide care. Assistant Dean for Clinical and Professional Affairs Gina Moore, PharmD, was included in an article about sky rocketing drug prices in Health Reporter.

SSPPS Researchers Develop New Test to Determine Adherence to HIV Drugs

Professor Pete Anderson, PharmD, and lab manager Lane Bushman, together with colleagues, developed a technique that estimates an HIV-negative patient's adherence to drugs prescribed to prevent HIV transmission. The test is being used in research internationally and could have widespread application for other drugs that require objective measurement of patient adherence to dosing. Read more about the test that uses a simple dried blood spot to estimate how much of the pre-exposure prophylactic (PrEP) medication a patient has used. The innovation has been widely touted in the news including The Denver Post, Medical News, and Nature World News.