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#### In the News

The School was in the news quite a bit during February, including several news hits with 9NEWS.

- Faculty and pharmacy students staffed a **9NEWS call-in** about over-the-counter medications and safety. Faculty member Liza Wilson, PharmD, and two P-3 students -- Eric Yang and Bayli Larson -- helped answer calls from the public. The Pharmacist Line 9 call-in will be a regular part of the 9NEWS afternoon line-up and is scheduled for one Thursday per month. Upcoming dates are March 16, April 13, May 18 and June 15 at 4 p.m.
- Assistant Dean Gina Moore, PharmD, made the rounds with multiple reporters from print to broadcast educating the public on **Senate Bill 16-135 and the roll out of pharmacists prescribing contraceptives in Colorado**. Her interview with **9NEWS** was also picked up by APhA's newsletter (Pharmacy Today) that is distributed to thousands of pharmacists throughout the country. In addition, [the Denver Post](#) ran a front-page story about the new law and interviewed Dr. Moore and CU Pharmacy alums Sue Mead and Kelsey Schwander. Look for more stories in Motto/TIME magazine, and other outlets, including [Motherboard](#).
- Faculty member Rob Valuck, PharmD, was interviewed by [Fox 31](#) regarding the prescription drug **Abilify**.
- Faculty member Chris Aquilante, PharmD, was highlighted by [CU Anschutz Today](#). The article focused on Dr. Aquilante teaching a concentrated personalized medicine program at an Egyptian pediatric hospital.



*Assistant Dean Gina Moore, PharmD, was interviewed by several news outlets regarding the new Colorado law allowing pharmacists to prescribe contraceptives.*

#### Congratulations!

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty member Neera Tewari-Singh, PhD, was recently awarded with a CCTSI CO-Pilot Junior Faculty Grant of \$30,000 for research focusing on the Therapeutic strategy for corneal healing in diabetic and non-diabetic dry eye models. Faculty member, Ty Kiser, PharmD, received second best overall research award during the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) meeting. Alum and CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy fellow, Eddie Van Matre won best case report and CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy PGY2 resident Jason Detry won the Gold Snapshot Award. Faculty member Manisha Patel, PhD,

received the American Epilepsy Society's 2016 Distinguished Service Award during AES' Annual Meeting in December. Established in 1993, this award recognizes outstanding service by an AES member in the field of epilepsy with emphasis on exemplary contributions to advancing the mission of the American Epilepsy Society and service to its members.

## Back By Popular Demand -- Learn How to Apply Pharmacogenomics to Patient Care

Our new, eight-week [Pharmacogenomics Certificate](#) from SSPPS was such a success that another session is being offered. Taught by Christina Aquilante, PharmD, a recognized expert in pharmacogenomics, the online program includes videos, discussions, live video chats, weekly feedback and real-time access to expert opinions. Geared toward practicing pharmacists, the course includes the fundamentals of pharmacogenomics; the impact of it on drug clinical pharmacology; interpretation of pharmacogenomics test results, literature and use of evidence-based guidelines; case-based scenarios, as well as clinical implementation of pharmacogenomics in different health settings. Knowledge gained from this program will enhance a pharmacist's ability to apply genetic information to pharmacy practice and select the most appropriate therapeutic interventions. [Learn more now.](#)



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### Alumni Corner

It is with a sad heart that the Skaggs School of Pharmacy announces that one of our graduates, Lavonne Cox DeBakey, passed away in December. DeBakey graduated from our program in 2015. A remarkable person, DeBakey received numerous awards for service to her community including a commendation from the US House of Representatives in 2011 and the Woman of Distinction Award from Channel 13 in Houston, TX. DeBakey will be remembered for her grace, poise and humor. [Learn more](#) about DeBakey and her life.



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