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CU Pharmacy Wins AACP Weaver Award

CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was selected as the winner of AACP's Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award. Presented annually, the award is bestowed on a school that has demonstrated a commitment to its community through the development of programs that go beyond the traditional role of academic pharmacy. Our submission showcased several programs including:

- Prescription drug abuse prevention
- Rural health
- Community Health Centers/Federally qualified Health Centers
- Aurora Elementary Schools Nutrition Program
- Our partnership with the Community Campus Partnership

In addition to bragging rights, the school will receive \$5,000 to be used to support community partners/programs, along with a commemorative sculpture. The award will be presented at AACP's Annual Meeting in July. Kudos to Dr. Gina Moore for her persistence and commitment in preparing the application submission and coordinating site visits, as well as to the faculty and students who perform these community services throughout the year and those who participated in the site visit presentations.

CU Pharmacy Gives Colorado High School Students a Dose of Pharmacy during HOSA



On Feb. 23 - 25, approximately a thousand Colorado high school students descended upon the Renaissance Hotel for the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) annual state conference. The conference highlights many professions in healthcare and includes skills competitions, presentations and exhibits. CU Pharmacy was front and center with numerous speakers including students, faculty and marketing staff who showcased careers, education and research in pharmacy. [Share the excitement](#) and watch HOSA highlights now.

Faculty BPS Appointments

Congratulations to the CU Pharmacy faculty members who were recently appointed to the Board of Pharmacy Specialty Councils. Not only were some of the faculty appointed members, but some were also elected leaders of their council. The extensive number of CU Pharmacy faculty selected shows the caliber of pharmacists at our school. Appointments include:

- Joseph Saseen, Vice Chair of the Specialty Council on Cardiology Pharmacy
 - Ty Kiser, Chair of the Specialty Council on Critical Care
 - Sunny Linnebur, Chair of the Specialty Council on Geriatric Pharmacy
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New Research

Faculty member Uday Kompella, PhD, recently worked with Dr. Hu Yang from the Virginia Commonwealth University as part of a team investigating eye drops for

glaucoma. Their efforts have resulted in eye drops that can potentially last up to four days rather than a few hours. They also discovered that a dry form of an eye drop medication is more efficient than liquid. This research might help millions of Americans suffering from glaucoma, which can cause blindness.

In the News

The school and its experts are consistently sought out by reporters covering a variety of topics. This month included CU internal communications, as well as national radio broadcasts.

- [CU Connections](#) highlighted faculty member Rob Valuck, PhD, and the national opioid epidemic. [Check out the five questions](#) the internal pub posed for Dr. Valuck.
- Associate Dean Laura Borgelt appeared on the [Food Sleuth syndicated radio](#) show Feb. 22 where she discussed research, risks and benefits of medical and recreational cannabis, including special considerations for edible products. Dr. Borgelt also was interviewed by [PT in Motion](#) about cannabis use in physical therapy patients and how such use can have positive and negative effects.
- CU Pharmacy students were highlighted on page 6 of the [Community Campus Partnership newsletter](#) about their service learning activities at the National Western Stock Show.

Upcoming:

- Stay tuned for another 9NEWS Pharmacist Line9 call-in, which is scheduled for the week of March 19.



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