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## CU Pharmacy at AACP Annual Meeting

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's (AACP) annual meeting, Pharmacy Education 2018, was held July 21-25 in Boston.

At the meeting:

- The school was awarded the **Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award**. Faculty members **Gina Moore, PharmD**, and **Laura Borgelt, PharmD** accepted the award. [Read about our award submission.](#)
- The school received the [AACP Award for Excellence in Assessment](#) thanks to work by **Eric Gilliam, PharmD**, **Jason Brunner, PhD**, **Wesley Nuffer, PharmD**, **Toral Patel, PharmD** and **Megan Thompson, PharmD**.
- **Four Walmart Scholars** from CU Pharmacy were awarded, the most of any school! Congratulations to **Kyle Troska**, **Marina Maes**, **Natalie Rosario** and **Fiona Wong**.
- **12 presentations** were given by 12 unique CU Pharmacy faculty and staff.
- **11 faculty posters and one school poster** involving 21 CU Pharmacy faculty and staff, along with 19 collaborators from other schools or



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## Edible Chemotherapy?

Tom Anchordoquy, PhD, and his lab have received a grant for \$2 million to help fund research for a new way to deliver chemotherapy, and possibly other intravenous drugs, "We have the prospect of stuffing cow's milk with chemotherapeutics. And who wouldn't love to just drink a glass of milk or eat an ice cream cone instead of being infused?" The process Dr. Anchordoquy is developing, involves loading drugs onto particles (exosomes) found in raw milk that have shown to cross into our bloodstream intact.

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## What's Up, DOPS?

CU Pharmacy faculty member **Philip Reigan, PhD**, and his research group have recently published a study targeting WEE1 in cancer. "*We have developed novel small molecule WEE1 inhibitors with limited cytotoxicity that may have important ramifications in the clinic for the treatment of many cancers as these chemosensitizing agents may safely allow dose reductions of DNA-targeted chemotherapy while maintaining clinical efficacy and decreasing therapy-related adverse effects,*" Dr. Reigan says. [To read the full study, click here.](#)

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## Student Wins Rugby National Championship!

**Carmine Hernandez, a second-year CU Pharmacy student**, has been playing rugby since he was 15 years old. His team, the Denver Barbarians, won the Men's Division II National Championship earlier this summer. We recently sat down with him to find out how he balances both of his passions: rugby and pharmacy. [Read the story here.](#)



## In the News

CU Pharmacy and its experts are consistently sought out by reporters covering a variety of topics.

- Last month the FDA approved Epidiolex, a drug with cannabidiol (CBD). **Associate Dean Kari Franson, PharmD, PhD**, was featured in [this article about medicine from marijuana](#).
- Faculty member **Danielle Fixen, PharmD**, wrote an [article for My Prime Time News](#) about marijuana use in older adults, **Marijuana: to use or not to use?**
- The School staffed a **Pharmacist Line9 on 9NEWS** on July 19<sup>th</sup>. CU Pharmacy students and faculty answered questions on the new shingles vaccine and the flu vaccine. **Jasjit Gill, PharmD**, was interviewed live about both topics. The next call in is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 5.30 p.m.
- Faculty member, **Rob Valuck, PhD**, was interviewed live on 9NEWS about a new report from the CDC that found the number of overdose deaths involving fentanyl nearly doubled between the end of 2016 and the start of 2017.



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