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CU Pharmacy Rho Chi Chapter Receives APhA Chapter Achievement Award



Kudos to our School's Rho Chi Alpha Theta Chapter as it received the Chapter Achievement Award during the 94th annual APhA meeting in Nashville. The CU chapter, under mentorship of faculty member Dr. Jennifer Trujillo, was recognized for initiatives and activities it undertakes throughout the year, and the value added to the Rho Chi member's experience. A big round of applause to P-4 Kristi Smith, 2016-17 student chapter president, who submitted the award and current Student Chapter President P-3 Briana Williams who compiled a video of their work (with the assistance of staff member Stephanie Carlson) to accompany the submission.

ASHP Announces Residency Matches

Drum roll, please! ASHP recently announced Phase 1 of this year's residency match process. With 64% of our students who applied matching to a PGY1 residency, CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy tied the national average. PGY2 numbers were also announced with CU graduates attaining a 77% match rate versus the 70% national average. The second phase is anticipated to mid-April. Stay tuned for updated information.



Advocacy Alert

HB 18-1112, which helps obtain reimbursement for pharmacist services in areas of the state with a health professional shortage, just passed the Senate Committee and is making progress in its journey through the state legislature. CU Pharmacy faculty member and Associate Dean Gina Moore, and part-time faculty member Emily Zadvorny are helping to push the bill forward.

Congratulations

The following current and former faculty were recently selected by faculty vote for recognition by the School.

- Dean Emeritus Lou Diamond, PhD, is the recipient of the **Distinguished Coloradan** award.
- Professor Rob Valuck, PhD, has been selected to receive the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy **Excellence in Pharmacy** award.
- Professor Christine Aquilante, PharmD, is the recipient of the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy **Faculty Member of Distinction** award.

All three will receive the awards during upcoming events.

Faculty BPS Appointments

Last month, eScripts recognized faculty recently appointed to the Board of Pharmacy Specialty Councils. Unfortunately in our haste to publicize, we missed

one faculty member. So, here's a special shout out to Clinical Pharmacy Department Chair Doug Fish, PharmD, who was appointed as a member of the Specialty Council on Infectious Diseases.

Pharmacy Perspectives

Pharmacy Perspectives is now available. Celebrate our school's achievements, learn about our alumni and how they are impacting the world through volunteering; discover how pharmacists are treading into the medical marijuana landscape nationally; and uncover research that our faculty are conducting on the value of a new cancer therapy.



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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 local and national news outlets.

- Associate Dean Laura Borgelt was interviewed by [U.S. News & World Report](#) for an article about Medical Marijuana and Older Adults. the piece ran March 16. According to Borgelt, "As people get older, the way their body processes medication, including marijuana, is different than it was in their 20s. Not only is the drug more potent, or the dose stronger, but their body is metabolizing the drug differently."
- A Cherry Creek High School senior Abilash Prabhakaran who is being mentored by DOPS faculty — specifically the Simberg lab — was highlighted in [the Denver Post](#) for earning \$25,000 as one of 40 finalists nationwide in the Regeneron Science Talent Search.
- Professor Rob Valuck, PhD, was interviewed by [CBS4's Rick Salinger](#) about a Boulder teen who is using the acne medication Accutane as a potential defense in his murder trial.
- Professor Melanie Joy, PharmD/PhD, was highlighted in an article for the [CCTSI website](#) about research she is conducting on a device she has

developed to filter phosphates. The research uses natural animal models and is in collaboration with CSU veterinarian program.

- CU Anschutz Today linked to stories about the school including the Weaver Award and HOSA.
- The School staffed another Pharmacist Line9 on 9NEWS March 21. [Rob Valuck](#) was also interviewed by the station during its afternoon newscast about opioids. *We are looking for faculty and students (P-3 and P-4s) to assist with future call-ins. If you are interested, please contact [Jaron Bryant](#) in the marketing office.*



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