

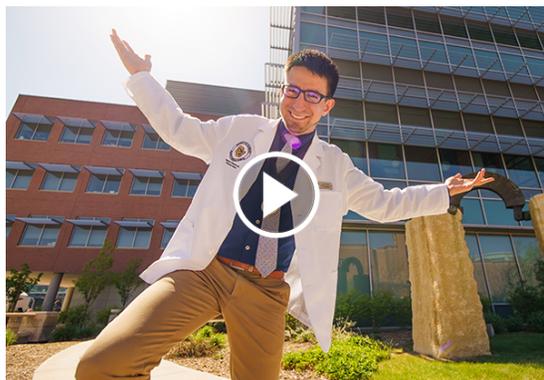


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Congratulations Class of 2018!

Over 200 doctoral degrees (5 PhD, 152 traditional entry level PharmD, and 44 distance PharmD program) were conferred for 2018. The Commencement Ceremony was held May 25th at the Anschutz Medical Campus. [Click here to read stories about some of the graduates in the commencement edition of Pharmacy Perspectives.](#)



Moving on to the pharmacy frontier, yo!



Celebrating 50 Years!

Lee Amaya, aka SouLee PharmD, is our very own rapping pharmacist. For his fourth year reflection project he wrote a rap song that highlights his experiences as a pharmacy student. CU Pharmacy developed a music video with Amaya; [watch here](#).

15 members from the Class of 1968 gathered for their 50th reunion over graduation weekend, taking part in the commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2018 on Thursday, May 24th and a tour of the CU Pharmacy building on Saturday, May 26th.



Not Just for Kicks!

Over 120 CU Pharmacy faculty, students and residents participated in a kickball tournament for a good cause. They raised \$1,000 for Alcanzando, an organization that promotes autism awareness in South America and was founded by a relative of faculty member Ben Chavez, PharmD. [Read the full story and watch a highlight video here.](#)

NEW! Integrative Health and Medicine Program

With this Graduate Certificate in Integrative Health and Medicine (IHM), you will learn the safe and effective use of IHM and how to apply that knowledge in a variety of settings, positively impacting your patients. The application is now open for classes beginning August 29th; **submit before the July 15th deadline.**

[Learn More](#)

Congratulations!

- CU Pharmacy faculty member, **Sunny Linnebur, PharmD**, was elected President-Elect of the American Geriatrics Society. She's the second pharmacist but first female, and 4th non-physician president, in the organizations 75 year history.
- **University of Colorado Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA)** won the award for Outstanding Community Service by a Student

Organization from the Anschutz Medical Campus Student Senate at the Excellence Awards for Student Organizations, Leadership and Service.

- **Melanie Whittington, PhD**, presented at the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (IPSOR) Annual Conference on “Different Survival Extrapolation Techniques to Inform Long-Term Survival of Curative Therapies when only Short-Term Data are Available”. The study was co-authored by Jon Campbell, PhD, and Brett McQueen, PhD, and is under review at a journal right now.
- **CU Pharmacy Dean Ralph Altieri, PhD**, placed 3rd out of 122 runners in his age group in the Bolder BOULDER 10K race on Memorial Day with a time of 53:54!

What's Up, DOPS?

- Faculty member Krishna Mallela, PhD was invited to the European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy (EAFP) held in Parma, Italy May 16-18 to present details of the new Applied Biological Chemistry (ABC) course. The course has been selected as one of the best Biochemistry courses in the US for the increased active learning strategies used. In addition to Mallela, four other faculty collaborated to develop the course: Drs. David Bain, John Carpenter, Kris Fritz and Kari Franson.
- New faculty hires (Shaodong Dai and Becky McCullough) provide emphasis in Immunological mechanisms of drug action and immune mechanisms of toxicity.

In the News

CU Pharmacy 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.

- Professor Rob Valuck, PhD, was [interviewed by CBS4 News](#) about the drug Accutane and its side effects. It may be used as a defense in a case involving the murder of a Longmont, CO woman. CBS4 also interviewed him about opioid use for a story on [parents advocating for teens to avoid opioids](#). In addition, he was [interviewed by the Longmont Times Call](#) about Lucemyra - a drug that can ease withdrawal symptoms.

- The School staffed another Pharmacist Line9 on 9NEWS May 17th. The next call in is scheduled for June 21st from 4 - 5.30 p.m.
- A study on the effects of medical marijuana on migraines, authored by faculty members Laura Borgelt, PharmD, Sarah Anderson, PharmD and Danielle Fixen, PharmD is featured in [this Medical News Today article](#).
- [CU Anschutz Today highlighted our pharmacist rapper](#) and recent graduate Lee Amaya, PharmD.
- Emanuela Mooney, PharmD, a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Resident wrote an article on [the shingles vaccine, Shingrix, for My Prime Time News](#).
- Recent graduate Megan Wary, PharmD, was featured in [CU Anschutz Today about her experience and future plans](#).



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