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## CU Pharmacy in Scotland for FIP 2018!



Over a dozen CU Pharmacy faculty and staff were in Glasgow, Scotland at the start of September for the 78<sup>th</sup> International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. "Our presence at FIP speaks volumes about our school's commitment and impact on global pharmacy education, clinical practice and research," said Dean Ralph Altieri.

For more on presentations by faculty, [check out our blog](#).

During the conference, Dean Altieri was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the International Pharmacy Students' Federation (IPSF).

## Training now available for smoking cessation protocol

In Colorado, people can now go to a pharmacy to get prescription medications to help them quit smoking. The statewide protocol follows another that allows pharmacists to prescribe contraception. Both protocols are thanks to 2016 law that **CU Pharmacy**



[Emily Zadvorny, PharmD, explains the smoking cessation protocol](#)

faculty **Gina Moore, PharmD**, and **Emily Zadvorny, PharmD** helped get through the state legislature.

To be able to prescribe the anti-smoking drugs, pharmacists must take a three-hour online training. [Click here for more on the training through our Continuing Education program.](#)



## Pharmacy Awards - Convocation

Drs. Christina Aquilante and Rob Valuck presented at the semester's first Dean's Leadership Convocation and they also received distinguished awards. Dean Ralph Altieri presented **Rob Valuck, PhD**, with the **Excellence in Pharmacy Award** and **Christina Aquilante, PharmD**, with the **Faculty Member of Distinction Award**. Congratulations to both of them!



## Pharmacist on the Street

September was **National Cholesterol Education Month** as promoted by the [National Lipid Association](#). CU Pharmacy professor, Joe Saseen, PharmD, and fourth-year student Briana Williams, took to the "streets" of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to see what students, faculty, and staff know about cholesterol. [Watch Video!](#)

## Awards from Colorado Pharmacists Society

- Faculty member **Joel Marrs, PharmD**, recognized as Pharmacist of the Year
- Faculty member **Cathy Jarvis, PharmD**, recognized by with the Bowl of Hygeia Award
- Alum **Jeremy Vandiver, PharmD**, awarded the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award
- Alum **Michelle Anderson, PharmD**, given the Leadership Award and McKesson Leadership Award

**Congratulations!** [Click here for the full list of CPS 2018 winners.](#)

## What's Up, DOPS?

### James Roede, PhD, Receives Over \$1 Million in [NIH Supplement Awards](#)



Dr. James Roede, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was recently awarded two different Administrative Supplement Awards attached to his prestigious **Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award** from NIEHS.

Both of these supplements involve **Down syndrome studies** and employ cutting edge induced pluripotent stem cell and – omics technologies. Specifically, Dr. Roede has received a supplement aimed at further elucidating molecular mechanisms involved in early onset Alzheimer's disease by performing comparative studies in cells from Down syndrome individuals and cells from individuals that harbor the APOE4 mutation, a genetic condition that also results in the development of Alzheimer's.

The other supplement is designed to characterize the ability of Down syndrome liver cells to metabolize and detoxify pharmaceuticals and environmental pollutants, which will shed light on issues pertaining to drug efficacy and toxicity in this understudied population.

**Congratulations to Dr. Roede!**



### Not Just a Pharmacist

CU Pharmacy alumnus, Richard Onufrock (61') asked his family to donate illustrations he did for the Colorado Journal of Pharmacy to our school. They are quite impressive and



### Pieces of Pharmacy History

The school also recently received a special donation from former CU Pharmacy preceptor, Mary Sue McAslan, PharmD. While we're still sorting through it all, the donated

we hope to have them on display in the school soon. At 84 years old, Onufrock is still a registered pharmacist in three states! [Click to read the story on our blog.](#)

items include medication shelf bottles from the early 1900s, a PEZ dispenser, advertisements and decorations from her grandfather's Detroit pharmacy and other various items. There's also more to the story with this family that has four generations of pharmacists! Dr. McAslan's niece is currently a PGY2 resident in the emergency medicine department at University of Colorado Hospital as well. We thank them for the donation and are excited to feature it inside the school.



## CU Anschutz Block Party

While hot, there was record setting attendance this year for the block party on the Anschutz Medical Campus on September 12<sup>th</sup>. CU Pharmacy had two booths. In one we had a fun bean bag toss game and swag, in the other we featured the new Integrative Health and Medicine program and offered herb infused waters, something that was very popular with temps in the mid-90s. [More on the block party in CU Anschutz Today.](#)

## CU Pre-Health Day

Hundreds of high school students, undergraduate students and advisors visited the Anschutz Medical Campus on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to learn about each of the health professions programs, including pharmacy. Several faculty, staff and students volunteered during the day to showcase all that CU Pharmacy offers.



## In Memoriam

CU Pharmacy Alumnus, Richard (Dick) Deitrich, recently passed away at the age of 87. According to his [obituary](#), Dick was inspired to attend pharmacy school at CU Boulder by his uncle, who was a pharmacist. While attending CU, Dick also played tackle on the Buffaloes football team. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in 1953, Dick went on to earn a Master's degree in pharmacy and a PhD in pharmacology from CU.

**Richard Adam  
Deitrich**  
April 22, 1931 ~  
September 5, 2018

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Universalist Church of Denver (4101 E. Hampden Ave., Denver, CO 80222). In lieu of flowers, the Deitrich family respectfully asks everyone to consider a gift to CU in memory of Dick; to specifically support the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, please make your check payable to **CU Foundation** and write **CU Skaggs School-in memory of Dick Deitrich** in its 'memo' portion. Mail your gift to: CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, ATTN: Jonathan Wanderstock, Mail Stop C238, 12850 E. Montview Blvd, Aurora, CO 80045.

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## Alums Gather in Pueblo

Several CU Pharmacy alums in the Pueblo area got together for lunch with Dean Ralph Altieri and other school staff on September 29<sup>th</sup>. They ate at a local restaurant on the Arkansas River. Thank you to everyone that made it!

Alums - be on the lookout for details on events near you!



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## In the News

CU Pharmacy and its experts are consistently sought out by reporters covering a variety of topics. The school was featured in the media several times in September:

- CU Pharmacy faculty members **Gina Moore, PharmD**, and **Emily Zadvorny, PharmD**, were both featured in local media outlets regarding the smoking cessation protocol. Dr. Moore was [interviewed by KDVR](#), Dr. Zadvorny was featured in [this article by the Colorado Sun](#), interviewed by 9NEWS, KUNC, and also by Colorado Public Radio.
- Faculty member **Rob Valuck, PhD**, took part in a [9NEWS segment called Balance of Power, which discussed the opioid crisis](#). He was also featured in [this CU Anschutz Today article](#) on a new online course for opioid prescription guidelines and also [interviewed by KUNC](#).
- Associate Dean of research, **David Ross, PhD** was featured in a CU Anschutz press release that was published [on bioengineer.org](#) about the recent \$2 million gift from the **ALSAM Foundation** to continue the Therapeutic Innovation Grants Program.

- CU Pharmacy faculty member **Danielle Fixen, PharmD**, is in [this article from UCHHealth about older patients using marijuana](#).
- **John Campbell, PhD and Melanie Whittington, PhD** recently published study on cardiovascular drug prices not being aligned with value. It was featured by several media outlets in August and again in September it appeared in [an article on themedicinemaker.com](#).
- **Peter Rice, PharmD, PhD**, [wrote about probiotics for My Prime Time News](#).
- **Students and faculty** answered questions about smoking cessation and other general health questions during another Pharmacist Line9 on September 20<sup>th</sup> on 9NEWS. Again, **Emily Zadvorny, PharmD**, was also interviewed on-the-air about the smoking cessation protocols. The next call in will be on October 18<sup>th</sup>.



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