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CU Pharmacy cyclists take part in the 2013 Tour de Cure ride, where the team raised nearly \$18,000.

CU Pharmacy professor organizes first campuswide 'Tour de Cure' cycling team

Dr. Richard Radcliffe has always thought of himself as an avid bicyclist, but he never considered signing up for a sponsored bike race.

Not until his daughter, Julie, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 13.

Radcliffe, a professor of pharmacology at the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, said shortly after his daughter's diagnosis, a friend encouraged him to sign up for the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure bike ride, which puts money toward researching treatments — and finding a cure — for diabetes.

"I decided to try it," he said. "And I just had a ball. I had a great time doing it. It was a big party."

More than a dozen years after he started riding in the event, Radcliffe is working on an effort to organize a CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus team, open to anyone who is interested in signing up. [Click here to read more.](#)

Clinical trial starts for drug reformulated by CU's Anchordoquy



An epileptic drug that treats seizures has been modified by a CU Pharmacy professor and is currently being used in a clinical trial in Australia for medically refractory epilepsy.

Tom Anchordoquy, PhD, professor at the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dan Abrams, M.D., CEO of Cerebral Therapeutics have developed a proprietary reformulated specialty pharmaceutical, which bypasses the blood brain barrier using a chronic implantable infusion system, to improve the lives of patients with severe medically refractory epilepsy.

[Read more here](#)

Dr. Amy Go takes home top honor at preceptor recognition event

Recognized for their dedication to guiding the next generation of pharmacists, six of CU Pharmacy's preceptors took home awards April 24 at the school's annual dinner.

The event, organized by the Office of Experiential Programs, was hosted at the

Denver Downtown Aquarium in a night of networking, celebration and recognition.

To receive the awards, preceptors are nominated by students and reviewed by a committee of CU Pharmacy faculty and staff.

At the awards dinner, University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Pharmacy Specialist **Dr. Amy Go** (Class of '08) took home the top award of the night.

In a nomination form, one student wrote: "On my residency interviews, a lot of programs asked me to describe my ideal preceptor, and I found myself describing Amy."

This year's honorees are listed below.

- **Emerging Leader in Precepting:** Morgan Payne, PharmD, Salud Fort Collins Blue Spruce Clinic
- **Health System:** Lance Ray, PharmD, UCHealth Emergency Department
- **Ambulatory Care:** Jasjit Gill (Class of '09), PharmD, UCHealth, Infectious Disease Group Practice
- **Community Pharmacy:** Mark Reynolds, RPh, King Soopers
- **Faculty:** Joel Marris, PharmD, CU Pharmacy, Denver Health Eastside Cardiology
- **Outstanding Preceptor of the Year:** Amy Go, PharmD, UCHealth Medical and Surgical Progressive Care



Top: Dr. Amy Go accepts her award. Middle: Awards are displayed. Bottom: Preceptors (from left) Dr. Morgan Payne, Dr. Lance Ray, Dr. Jasjit Gill, Mark Reynolds, RPh, and Dr. Joel Marris pose for photos.





Dr. Christina Aquilante, left, and Dr. Jodie Malhotra

Aquilante, Malhotra honored with Innovation Award

Dr. Christina Aquilante and **Dr. Jodie Malhotra** received big news at the end of April: They will be honored with an award for Innovation in Continuing Professional Education.

The honor, which recognizes [CU Pharmacy's pharmacogenomics certificate](#), is awarded by the the Continuing Profession Development Section of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP).

The pharmacogenomics certificate launched in January 2017 as a way to provide pharmacists and other health care providers with an understanding of how genetic factors influence drug

disposition, response and adverse effects.

Aquilante and Malhotra, both CU Pharmacy faculty members, are about to open up the seventh offering of the program. It has already been delivered to more than 350 health care professionals since 2017.

The team said they will accept their plaque in person during the AACP's conference in July.



Students, faculty and staff have fun for a good cause at annual kickball tournament

CU Pharmacy's annual kickball tournament brought more than 100 students, faculty and staff to Denver's James A. Bible Park on April 27 for a day of tough competition.

Participants were in it for more than just kickball, though: They raised a total of \$857 for CU Peru, an organization that sends a team to the country each summer and winter to support healthcare in rural villages.

In addition to strong representation from CU Pharmacy, other schools on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, including the School of Medicine and the Colorado School of Public Health, took part in the event.



CU Pharmacy faculty and staff give back at Food Bank of the Rockies



Inside the classroom: Pharmacy students talk 'anti-vaxxers' and choose their own adventures

Faculty and staff were hard at work this month volunteering at the Food Bank of the Rockies.

In total, they provided food distribution that will feed nearly 80,000 people in 30 counties in Colorado and the entire state of Wyoming.

At an April 11 session, 10 volunteers worked in the food bank's reclamation section, reclaiming food from grocery stores for people in need.

They completed 493 boxes, put together 12,325 pounds of frozen food and worked to feed 9,963 families of four.

An April 18 session brought out 12 CU Pharmacy volunteers, who put together 400 boxes for elderly people to help supplement other food programs.

Their work was enough to feed 9,862 families of four.

CU Pharmacy students took part in class activities that take straight from the headlines and from the pages of childhood books.

In one class, students were tasked with this newsworthy assignment: Educate "anti-vaxxers" about vaccinations.

Throughout the class, students in **Dr. Wesley Nuffer's** (Classes of '98 and '99) class used their skills to answer a series of questions from volunteers about whether vaccines are safe, what they contain and why patients could still benefit from them even as diseases are eradicated.

Just a couple weeks earlier, students in **Dr. Benjamin Chavez's** Pharmacotherapy 5 class participated in an activity based on the once popular "Choose Your Own Adventure" books.

After receiving a patient scenario, students chose how to respond, applying decision-making skills to patient treatment in real time.

The Alumni Angle: Welcoming new additions to the CU Pharmacy "Pharmily"



CU Pharmacy grad **Imanibom Etukeren, PharmD**, (Class of '14) and his wife, Katie Etukeren, recently welcomed a new addition to their family.

Andikan Kenziah Etukeren was born in March.

Etukeren says his little one is a happy and healthy baby.

Alumni **Stephen Lee, PharmD**, (Class of '13) and **Suzie Phong, PharmD**, (Class of '16) welcomed a baby into their family April 18.

Cameron Austin Lee weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

The family lives in southern California.

Aloha! Alumni gather in Hawaii with Dean Altieri

A strong showing of CU Pharmacy alumni who live in Hawaii joined Dean Ralph Altieri and Director of Student Services Beverly Brunson for a gathering in Honolulu.

The crowd, which represented classes from 1948 to 1998, included cohost Betty Wakimura ('76) and John Masunaga ('48).



CU Anschutz Medical Campus email change underway

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus Office of Information Technology announced the CUAnschutz.edu email transition project is officially underway.

CU Pharmacy accounts will be impacted starting May 30 and into the first week of June.

The project was introduced as part of Chancellor Don Elliman's vision to strategically align the campus with a clearly-defined health-based mission, according to the information technology office. The change is set to raise awareness about the CU Anschutz brand as a research and clinical campus.

As the transition takes place, it is important to note that current UCDenver.edu addresses will remain valid indefinitely. Any emails sent to that address after the change will continue to reach users. The email change will be reflected in all sent messages.

In an April communique, [Chancellor Elliman asked users](#) to change email signatures to reflect the new CUAnschutz.edu address after the transition. Step-by-step instructions [can be accessed here](#).

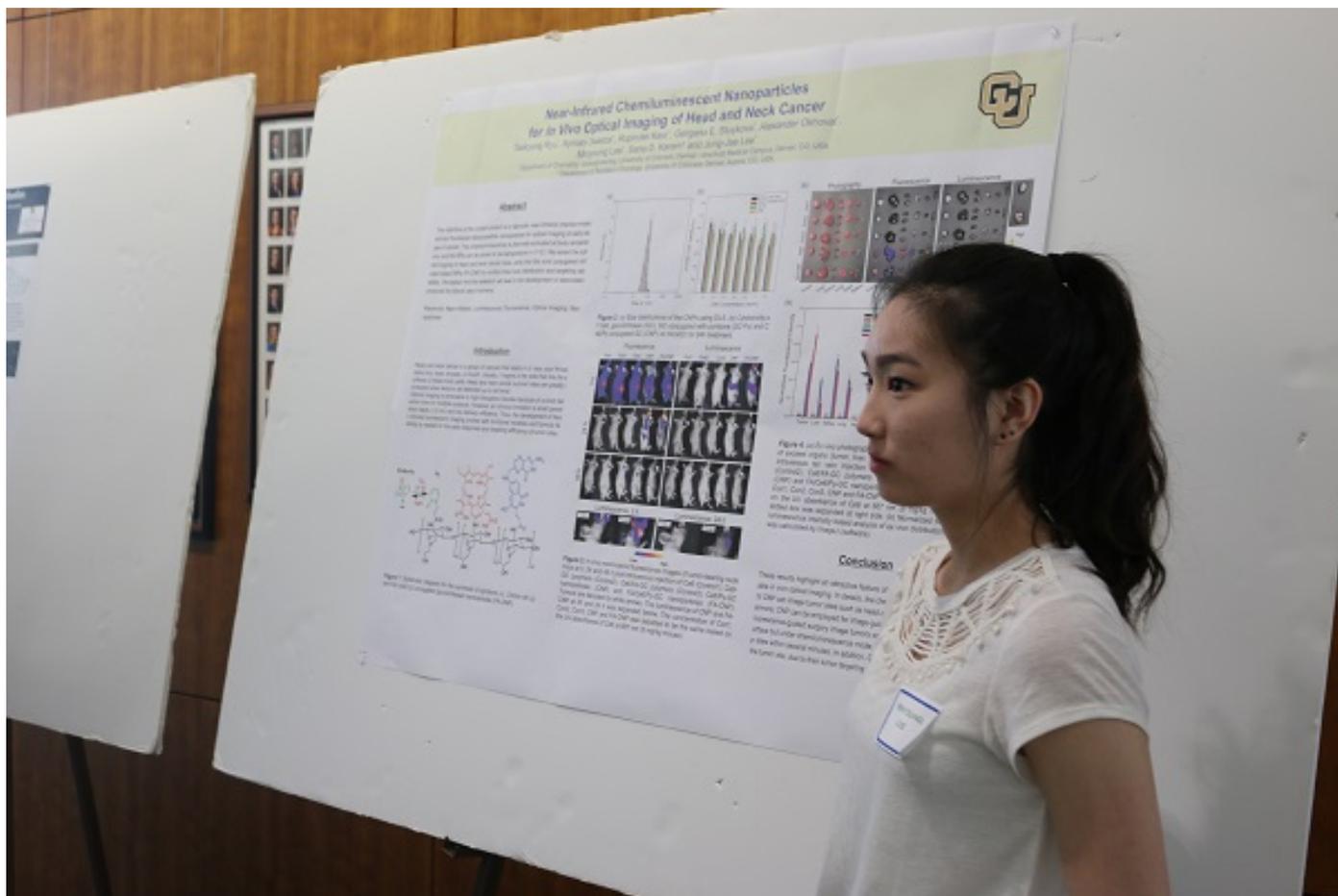
More information about the change, including a list of frequently asked questions, [is available here](#).

Class of 2021 organizes CU Pharmacy apparel fundraiser

CU Pharmacy's class of 2021 is putting Columbia jackets up for sale as part of a class fundraiser.

The jackets, available for \$65, feature the CU Pharmacy brand. The class will accept orders until May 25.

Learn more



Jung-Jae Lee's poster titled "Near-Infrared Chemiluminescent Nanoparticles for In Vivo Optical Imaging" poster is displayed as part of the fourth Symposium on Nanomedicine.

What's Up DOPS?

The Colorado Center for Nanomedicine and Nanosafety, a part of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, hosted the fourth Symposium on Nanomedicine and Nanosafety on campus April 26.

The symposium, designed to promote nanoscience in our community with the hope of building connections and collaborations in the field, featured a keynote address from Distinguished Professor Kinam Park of Purdue University. Park spoke about collective progress beyond nanohorizon.

The daylong event also featured presenters from CU Boulder, CU Denver and CU Colorado Springs.

The symposium, hosted in the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Building, was sponsored by CU Pharmacy's Office of the Associate Dean for Research, Thermo Research and Perkin Elmer. A total of 67 people attended the event.

In the News

Check out the CU Pharmacy alumni and experts that were featured in the news recently:

- **The Gazette: Rejecting needle exchange has hampered effort to curb opioid addiction in El Paso County, advocates say** - Executive director of the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and CU faculty member Rob Valuck, PhD, RPh (Class of 1987) [talked about the impact](#) of not having a needle exchange programs
- **CU Anschutz Today: Using our expertise to fight the opioid crisis** - The Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, which operates in the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy, was [mentioned in this release](#) about the opioid crisis.



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