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Gene McMahan recognized at the 2016 Scholarship Awards Convocation.

Legendary CU Pharmacy friend and supporter Gene McMahan passes at 92

Eugene "Gene" McMahan, a leading scholarship donor for the past 25 years and a 1996 Distinguished Coloradan, recently passed away at the age of 92. Gene's longstanding commitment to providing scholarship support to our pharmacy students was unprecedented. [Learn more](#)



Four future pharmacists pause for a white coat photo at the HOSA Leadership Conference.

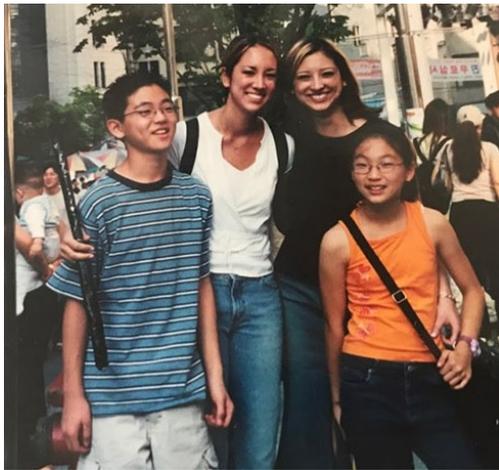
CU Pharmacy makes a splash at this year's Colorado HOSA Leadership Conference

Colorado high school students gathered in downtown Denver for the HOSA - Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference February 14-16 and CU Pharmacy was there in full force.

Catherine Jarvis, PharmD, presented at the opening ceremony to more than 1,000 students who are highly invested in health professions careers, while in the exhibit hall a steady stream of students participated in an engaging, hands-on activity to get a sense for the role of a pharmacist.

Over the course of three days, CU Pharmacy students, faculty and alumni presented on a number of topics including opioids, marijuana, dangers of vaping/e-cigarettes and the many areas of pharmacy specialization. Among the presenters were fourth-year students Dianne Kitt and Wendy Serrano; faculty Jacqui Bainbridge, PharmD (Class of 1995), and Wesley Nuffer, PharmD (Class of 1999); and Morgan Payne, PharmD.

A special thanks to Julia Rawlings, PharmD (Class of 2004), who coordinated the HOSA Pharmacy Science Competitive Event where students demonstrated various pharmacy-related skills. This resulted in the first ever "mastery" designation to one student and an award to Dr. Rawlings for the HOSA – Future Health Professionals "Partner of the Year." Overall, a great opportunity to connect with young students and share why pharmacy is a great career choice!



John Song (far left) with his cousin (second from left) and other relatives.

Pharmacy student's devotion to family inspires career choice

John Song's strong ties to his family shaped his decision to enter pharmacy school with the passing of a cousin from cancer. Now in his third year of school, John is more determined than ever to keep the legacy of his relative alive by graduating in 2020. [Learn more](#)



Dr. Brian Hemstreet (center) catches up with alumni and students.

Annual Winter Reception beats the chill

Approximately 150 friends of the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences braved frigid temperatures to attend the annual Winter Reception hosted by Dean Ralph Altieri and his wife Melinda McIntyre on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019. Held at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, this annual event serves as a means of appreciation to alumni, donors, preceptors, students, faculty, staff and other friends of CU Pharmacy for their dedication and commitment to the school.



New Scholarship named after CU Pharmacy alumnus David Elm, PhD

The longstanding support of David Elm, PhD (Class of 1977) reaches a new level with the creation of the C. David Elm Pharmacy Practice Scholarship for veterans. The honor celebrates his contributions to the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy through mentoring and community service at The Apothecary in Boulder. [Learn more](#)

Alumni gatherings set sail for the Pacific Coast and beyond

Dean Ralph Altieri, along with faculty will venture to Seattle and Hawaii to celebrate with alumni and friends of the school in the area.

If you live in or will be travelling to one of these cities, please join us! These events are complimentary of the Dean.



*Ralph J. Altieri, PhD,
Dean and Professor*

Seattle Alumni & Friends Gathering

Seattle - Daily Grill
629 Pike Street
Seattle, Washington
Sunday, March 24, 2019
7:00-9:00 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

RSVP by March 18

Hawaii Alumni & Friends Gathering

Nobu Honolulu
1118 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 100
Honolulu, Hawaii
Sunday, April 7, 2019
6:30-8:30 p.m. (Hawaii-Aleutian
Standard Time)

RSVP by March 25

In the News

- **5280 Magazine: Inside Colorado's Wonderful World of Wellness**
Skaggs faculty Monika Nuffer, PharmD (Class of 2003), was interviewed by 5280 Magazine for its special feature on wellness where she talked about the growing role of integrative medicine. Dr. Nuffer oversees the new Integrative Health and Medicine Graduate Certificate available through Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Great article but if you are in a hurry scroll down halfway to get to Dr. Nuffer's section "a Return to Roots". [Learn more](#)
- **Ross Kaminsky Show: Safe Injection Sites**
Executive director of the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and CU faculty member Rob Valuck, PhD, RPh (Class of 1987), weighed in on the heady topic of safe injection sites. [Learn more](#)
- **My Primetime News: Diabetes Care in 2019**
Did you know the Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes was recently revised by the American Diabetes Association? Skaggs faculty member Peter Rice, PharmD, maps out what these latest recommendations mean. [Learn more](#)

- **Nanowerk: Antibodies on nonparticle surfaces may foster or fluster therapies**

An NIH-funded team led by Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences' Dmitri Simberg, PhD, has assembled a clearer picture of the molecular activity that occurs when nanoparticles injected into the body are marked for immune system attack. [Learn more](#)



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