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## **Marguerite C. "Peggy" Holden: Dedicated support of students**



CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences mourns the loss of longtime alumna and benefactor Marguerite C. "Peggy" Holden (Class of 1946), who passed away Saturday, February 2, 2019, in Fort Collins, Colorado at age 92.

Born in Limon, Colorado, Peggy graduated high school at age 16, earned her bachelor's degree in pharmacy at our school in 1946 at age 20, and practiced hospital and community pharmacy in Denver and in Loveland, Colorado.

Peggy and her late husband, Jack, were committed to supporting our students over many years. In 1999, the Holdens created an endowment to establish the annual lectureship that bears Peggy's name. Peggy also set up a second endowment to support the Holden Scholarship.

The Holdens provided additional gifts to the school to establish the Holden Point-of-Care Center and a student organization community service award. They made the first individual major gift towards construction of the new pharmacy building on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

"We are enormously grateful to Peggy and Jack for their generosity and dedication to supporting our students and for being such good friends to many of us in the school," said Ralph Altieri, Dean of the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. "We will always be thankful for their friendship and support."

Peggy was such a wonderful, generous alumna and benefactor. We are gratified that her legacy will live on in our school through the endowments she established.

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## CU Pharmacy faculty receive top recognition for accomplishments

Several faculty with the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences were honored in March as award recipients for excellence in teaching, leadership and innovation. We congratulate all of them on their well-deserved honors.



*Peter Anderson, PharmD*

University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy Faculty Member of Distinction: **Dr. Peter Anderson**

The Pharmacy Faculty Member of Distinction Award recognizes a full-time University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy faculty member who demonstrates distinctive traits that makes her/him an outstanding role model for peers and students.

Dr. Anderson will be presented with a plaque during one of the dean's leadership convocations (Fall 2019).



*Christina Aquilante, PharmD*

Chancellor's Teaching Award for the Graduate School of the University of Colorado, Denver: **Dr. Christina Aquilante**,

Dr. Aquilante was nominated by graduate students in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Toxicology and her letter of nomination was supported by her students in Egypt, Singapore and Canada as well as PharmD students from UC Denver.

Dr. Aquilante will be recognized at the May 2019 commencement exercises.

President's Excellence in Teaching Award for Pharmacy: **Dr. Ty Kiser**

The President's Excellence in Teaching Award is an acknowledgement of a



*Ty Kiser, PharmD*

faculty member's outstanding, innovative, and inspirational contributions to the students' professional development.

Dr. Kiser will be recognized at the May 2019 commencement exercises.



*Uday Kompella, PhD*

University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) Innovations in Science Award: Ocugen and **Dr. Uday Kompella**

The Innovations in Science award celebrates innovative discovery in basic and/or clinical sciences. It recognizes an SSPPS partner that is developing new methodologies or innovative approaches in pharmaceutical science or clinical outcomes that will accelerate or transform the field of pharmacy/medicine.

Dr. Kompella will be presented with a plaque during the SSPPS Awards and Scholarship ceremony (May 2019).



*Joseph Saseen, PharmD*

Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association: **Dr. Joseph Saseen**

The APhA Fellow Award was established to honor APhA members for exemplary professional achievements in professional practice and outstanding service to the profession through activities in APhA and other organizations.

Chancellor's Teaching Recognition Award for Pharmacy: **Dr. Rob**



*Rob Scheinman, PhD*

### Scheinman

The purpose of Chancellor's Teaching Recognition Award is to recognize and reward outstanding teaching through demonstrated commitment to providing a high quality learning experience; maintenance of high scholarly standards; and possession of personal attributes for effective role modelling.

Dr. Scheinman will be recognized at the May 2019 commencement exercises.



*Emily Zadvorny, PharmD*

### University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy Excellence in Pharmacy Award: **Dr. Emily Zadvorny**

The Excellence in Pharmacy award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities, provide outstanding service, and/or have made significant contributions to the pharmacy profession. These individuals have advanced the profession of pharmacy and improved the health and welfare of society.

Dr. Zadvorny will be presented with a plaque during one of the dean's leadership convocations (Fall 2019).



*(from left to right) Yash Murthy, Amie Tran, Clare Livingston, and My Pham*



*Nashel Patel and Tracie VanHorn*

**CU Pharmacy students selected among eight schools for competition**

**Much accomplished at APhA 2019 Annual Meeting**

A team of four students with the CU Pharmacy student chapter of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) were selected to compete nationally at the AMCP annual meeting in San Diego, March 25-28. Third year student, Clare Livingston, along with second year students, Yash Murthy and My Pham, and first year student, Amie Tran, represented the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences as one of eight schools selected for the 2019 Pharmacy & Therapeutics National Competition from among 67 schools. Along to cheer them on was chapter advisor and CU Pharmacy faculty, Dr. Heather Anderson.

"The AMCP P&T Competition is a wonderful experience for the students, and it is a lot of work. The effort all student participants put into this competition - including those who competed locally - should be commended," Dr. Anderson expressed. "Whether they make it to the National competition or not, our student teams always do an amazing job representing our school in this competition," she communicated.

The P&T Competition was created to introduce student pharmacists to necessary skills for effective formulary review and management. Participants in the competition gain experience gathering and critically analyzing scientific, clinical, and economic evidence systematically and with rigor. Competitors also hone written and oral communication skills significant in today's health care environment.

There was no end of activity at this year's APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition in Seattle, Washington, March 22-25. With 13 speakers, seven poster presentations, and an exhibit booth, the impact of work by the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was widespread.

Yet there was still time afforded to connect with alumni and friends. An alumni and friends breakfast, co-hosted by alumni, Drs. Irene Croswell (Class of 2018) and Jennifer Danielson (Class of 2009) on Sunday, March 24 at the Daily Grill, attracted nearly 40 friends of the school from among alumni, current students, and faculty. It was a chance to reflect on events over the course of the weekend.

One particular event that drew a crowd was the workshop conducted by the Women's Health Initiative Co-Chairs Nashel Patel (third year student) and Tracie VanHorn (second year student).

"They spoke to a room beyond capacity filled with fascinated pharmacy students from across the country all interested in implementing their own Women's Health Initiative operation in their own schools and communities," revealed third year student, Ryan Sutherland.

Among the projects highlighted with the Women's Health Initiative included a partnership with the local Girl Scouts of America Troops to promote positivity in young girls and a campaign to raise awareness around HPV vaccination.

## **Newest edition of Pharmacy Perspectives is now available**

Look for the latest edition of the school newsletter Pharmacy Perspectives to arrive in the mail soon. Haven't received yours yet?

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## What's Up DOPS?

**Birth Control Study** - Christina Aquilante, PharmD was second author on a study looking at genetic variants associated with birth control. [Learn more](#)

## In the News

- **KUSA Ch 9: Answering your questions ahead of allergy season** - Peter Rice, PharmD discussed ways to get through the allergy season now that Spring has started. [Learn more](#)
- **KUSA Ch 9: New screenings available at the 9Health Fair this year** - Robert Page, PharmD explained the new hs-CRP screening at the 9Health fair. [Learn more](#)
- **Ivanhoe Newswire: Edible chemotherapy - Are cows the Key?** - Tom Anchordoquy, PhD continues to research administering cancer medication through raw milk. [Learn more](#)
- **KUSA Ch 9: Increased access to overdose-reversal drug saves hundreds in Colorado** - Rob Valuck, PhD, RPh (Class of 1987) talked about overdose reversal drugs in Colorado. [Learn more](#)



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