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eScripts is a monthly newsletter highlighting faculty, staff, students and alumni of the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy.

Welcoming the class of 2024



P1 students attend an orientation session via Zoom.

CU Pharmacy has officially kicked off the 2020-2021 academic year, welcoming a new class of students to the campus community.

The Class of 2024 is made up of 141 highly qualified, diverse students who are actively engaged in the program.

In an academic year kickoff unlike any other, the students have already made school history by attending orientation and their first classes virtually.

Stay tuned for more insights about this high-achieving class in next month's issue of eScripts.



Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Brian Hemstreet, PharmD, hands out webcams and badges to P1 students.

A commitment to diversity and inclusion

Former CU Pharmacy development

director reflects on marching to Montgomery

When Sheldon Steinhauser returned to Alabama for the first time in 55 years and crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, he couldn't help but feel the pain his fellow protestors suffered there so many years before.

Steinhauser, who served as the senior director of development for CU Pharmacy before retiring in 2015, joined Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1965 along with thousands of protestors in historic marches from Selma to Montgomery.

"The experience of being part of that is something I take with me for all of my life," he said. "You go through an experience like this and you feel a sense of fear, just being in an alien place, you feel the admiration and respect for the African Americans who risked their own standing and their own lives."

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Sheldon "Shelly" Steinhauser has remained committed to diversity.

Diversity, equity and inclusion efforts in action

In a recent message to the School of Pharmacy community, Dean Ralph Altieri reiterated the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts.

Current efforts in this realm include:

- Professor Manisha Patel, PhD, is representing the school on the CU

Anschutz Medical Campus
Chancellor's Diversity Equity
Inclusion and Community
Engagement Leadership Council.

- The school will continue to award student scholarships, have inclusive admissions and hiring processes and develop the school's comprehensive diversity plan.



Professor Manisha Patel, PhD

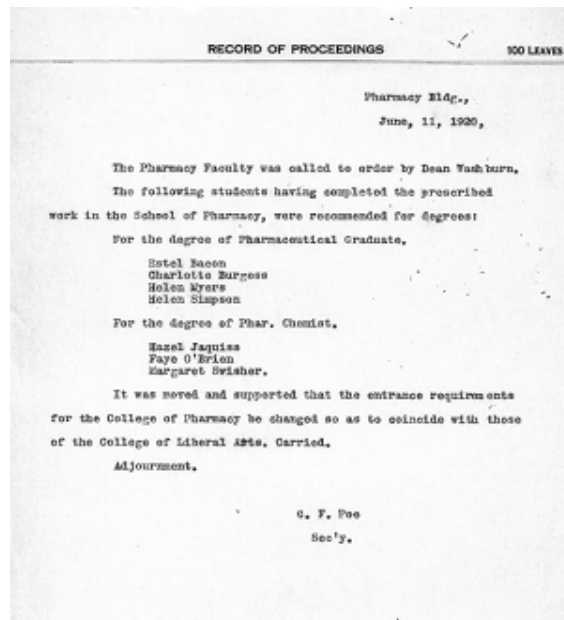
Read the dean's message to alumni and the school community below for more information.

Read the message

Reflecting on the all-female class of 1920

As the country reflects on the 100th anniversary of women's voting rights in the U.S., the CU Pharmacy is reflecting on a milestone of its own. In 1920, the school awarded degrees to an all-female class, a rare feat in a time when women were still fighting for their rights.

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A historic School of Pharmacy meeting document lists the Class of 1920.

Page leads major scientific statement on cannabis and health

Professor Robert Page, PharmD, MSPH, FAHA recently served as chair of an American Heart Association (AHA) writing group that found cannabis



Robert Page, PharmD, MSPH

use shows substantial risks and no benefits for cardiovascular health. The group also says more research is critical.

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Mueller receives critical care teaching award

Associate Professor Scott Mueller, PharmD, was elected an ACCP Fellow. Dr. Mueller is one of 21 ACCP members from across the nation recognized for this distinction by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Fellow recognition is awarded to ACCP members who have demonstrated a sustained level of excellence in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research. Fellows can be recognized by the initials "FCCP" as part of their title.



Associate Professor Scott Mueller, PharmD

Alumni Angle

Pharmacy alumnus's career takes flight

"Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane" ... No, it's a pharmacist. Class of '68 alumnus, Rod Palmieri, is no stranger to facing challenges. So, when the chance to volunteer for the Jackson County Oregon, Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team (SAR) presented itself, he jumped at the opportunity. Really ... he did jump.



Alumnus Rod Palmieri, PharmD, volunteers with a SAR team.

As the only pharmacist on the team, Rod's skills serve as an asset when dealing with situations requiring some form of medical attention.

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PhD alumna reflects on time on campus

Shortly after graduating, '19 alumna Uma Fogueri took time to reflect on her experience in the school's PhD program and her outlook after graduation.

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Alumna Uma Fogueri, PhD

CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

From launching new cannabis education programs to sharing insight about genetic testing, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- **CNN:** [Weed is not good for your heart, studies say](#), feat. Professor Robert Page, PharmD, MSPH
- **SciTech Daily:** [Cannabis use shows substantial risks, no benefits for cardiovascular health](#), feat. Professor Robert Page, PharmD, MSPH
- **Summit Daily:** [Summit County grad earns doctorate in pharmacy](#), feat. graduate Elizabeth Shields, PharmD

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