



**February 2020**

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

## Pharmacists engage with future healthcare leaders at HOSA Colorado

CU Pharmacy was well-represented this year at the **2020 HOSA Colorado State Leadership Conference**, which brings together high school students interested in careers in healthcare.

For many high school students, the HOSA conference is an opportunity to discover paths to careers in healthcare, including pharmacy.

That was the case for CU Boulder student **Aleta Yushkevich**, who **decided she wanted to attend CU Pharmacy when she was in high school**. With a strong interest in healthcare, she took steps early on to prepare herself to enter school at CU Pharmacy.

She shared her story in a video that was shared with the HOSA Colorado audience.

Next year, she will meet a goal she has been working toward for years: Starting school at CU Pharmacy.

**Watch Aleta's story**

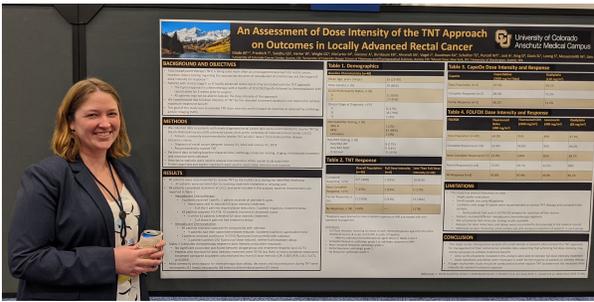


*Aleta Yushkevich*



*High school students smile for a photo at HOSA.*

**CU Pharmacy oncology expert showcases work**



Ashley Glode, PharmD

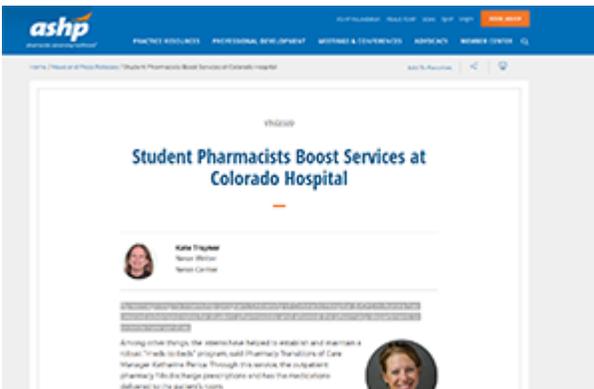
One of CU Pharmacy's oncology experts, assistant professor Ashley Glode, PharmD, recently presented a poster at the 2020 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium that showed less chemotherapy may have more benefit in rectal cancer.

Pharmacy Times also highlighted a presentation she gave at the 2019 Directions in Oncology Pharmacy conference about treatment of head and neck cancer.

**Read more about Dr. Glode's work in the following publications:**

**Pharmacy Times**

**Colorado Cancer Blogs**



CU Pharmacy students were recently featured in an ASHP article.

## ASHP highlights CU Pharmacy students, hospital training program

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists recently highlighted the ways our students are boosting pharmacy services at University of Colorado Hospital.

*By reimagining its internship program, University of Colorado Hospital (UCH) in Aurora has created advanced roles for student pharmacists and allowed the pharmacy department to provide new services.*

**Read more**

## Photo of the month



CU Pharmacy experts fielded 54 calls during the monthly Pharmacist Line9 event hosted at the 9News studio in downtown Denver. As part of the call-in, members of the public asked questions about the use of medical cannabis and CBD.

### **Students represent at CPS Legislative Day**

CU Pharmacy students represented the school well at the Colorado Pharmacists Society Legislative Day at the Colorado State Capitol.

Second-year student Chelsea Vallejos said the event gives students an opportunity to influence change.

"Having the opportunity to advocate for advances in pharmacy practice alongside faculty and pharmacists from the community is an awesome experience for us as students," she said. "Advocating gives us the ability to influence legislation and work towards improving patient care."



## **Strauss honored at**



*Henry and Joan Strauss*

**Watch video**

**Learn about IHM**

## benefactor dinner

CU Pharmacy alumnus and benefactor Henry Strauss (Class of 1951) and his wife, Joan, were among the top honorees at this year's CU Anschutz Benefactor Recognition Dinner.

The Strauss family, namesakes of the Strauss Health Sciences Library on campus, are passionate about integrative medicine. Their contributions to the Florence G. Strauss-Leonard A. Wisneski Indigenous and Integrative Medicine Collection ensure students have access to the learn about the field.

The event attracted nearly 500 people to honor the commitment and generosity of the school's benefactors.

## Alumni Angle

### Happy and Healthy Hour features Dr. Rob Valuck

Our very own professor Rob Valuck, PhD, (Class of 1987) recently spoke in the latest installment of the **CU Anschutz Medical Campus Happy & Healthy Hour**, an event hosted by the school's Central Alumni Relations Office.

As part of his talk, Dr. Valuck, who also serves as executive director of the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, discussed the skills needed to address the opioid crisis.



### Nominate a colleague for the

Do you know a CU Pharmacy alumnus who stands out this year for exceptional contributions in the profession of pharmacy or pharmaceutical science? Here's your chance to nominate them for the annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

# Distinguished Alumni Award



Each year, the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Pharmacy Alumni Association bestow this award in recognition of significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy or pharmaceutical research and development.

**Nominate an Alumnus**

## Alumni Association now accepting board nominations

The CU Pharmacy Alumni Association for the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is accepting nominations until **March 31st for new board members.**

- Nominations are welcome from all alumni with a bachelor's, master's, PharmD, or PhD conferred by the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- Board members serve a 2-year term with the option of running for a consecutive term.
- Members of the board are active on committees and participate in alumni engagement events as availability allows.

Here's a chance to get involved with the school. Click the button below to nominate yourself or a fellow member of the CU Pharmacy alumni community.

**Submit a nomination**

## Join us for breakfast at APhA!

CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy Associate Dean Laura Borgelt (Class of 1997), cordially invites you and a guest to a complimentary breakfast in Washington D.C. on **Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 a.m.**

Since a number of faculty, staff, students and preceptors affiliated with the CU Pharmacy School will be in town attending the annual APhA



conference, it's a great opportunity to interact with familiar and new faces.

**Date:** Sunday, March 22

**Time:** 7-9 a.m.

**Venue:** Pienza Marketplace, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland 20745

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## CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

From discussing specialty drugs to another to advocating for pharmacists at the Capitol, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- **The Colorado Sun: [Specialty drugs are saving lives in Colorado and beyond. But who should pay for them?](#) feat. associate professor Dan LaBarbera**
- **The Denver Post Your Hub: [‘Folk cure’ bitter melon juice holds medical promise for pancreatic cancer patients](#), feat. Professor Cindy O'Bryant**
- **The Colorado Sun: [Colorado wants to let pharmacists write prescriptions for HIV prevention drugs](#), feat. Emily Zadvorny**
- **News-Medical.Net: [Less chemotherapy may be equally or even more beneficial to rectal cancer patients](#), feat. assistant professor Ashley Glode**
- **Medical Xpress: [Less chemotherapy may have more benefit in rectal cancer](#), feat. assistant professor Ashley Glode**
- **Drug Topics: [Pharmacists play an essential role in a diabetes care team](#), feat. associate professor Sarah Anderson**
- **Drug Topics: [Conquering cancer pain](#), feat. assistant professor Erica Rhein**
- **Fox 31 Denver: [UCHealth Celebrating all Women by hosting its signature Health and Wellness event](#), feat. Associate Dean for Administration and Operations Laura Borgelt**
- **Fox 31 Denver: [Rifle mom now charged with murder in 5-year-old's meth overdose makes first court appearance](#), feat. Professor Peter Rice**
- **My PrimeTime News: [Timing is everything](#), feat. Peter Rice**

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