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

Journal dedicated to John Carpenter and collaborator Ted Randolph

A CU Pharmacy faculty member started off the year with a rare honor in pharmaceutical sciences.

The January 2020 Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences issue was dedicated to CU Pharmacy Professor John Carpenter, PhD, and his collaborator Ted Randolph, PhD, a professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at CU Boulder.

The dedication is a recognition of who the journal calls two “true giants” in pharmaceutical sciences.

Together, Carpenter and Randolph, who have been collaborators since 1993, have published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers and are inventors on 42 issued patents. They’ve educated scientists who are carrying on work in their highly specialized field of biopharmaceutical chemistry across the globe. They are also the co-directors of the Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology.



Dr. John Carpenter smiles for a photo in his office at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

As a testament to their impact, a group of journal editors — mostly former students and colleagues — worked together to gather articles for the issue from scientists across the globe. A total of 92 papers were included in the special issue.

Stay tuned for more coverage of this prestigious honor.

Read the journal



CU Pharmacy student Timothy Talbot works with a fourth-grader at Pharmacist for a Day.

Pharmacist for a Day brings fourth-graders to CU Anschutz

Fourth-graders from across Aurora had a chance to become pharmacists for a day with the help of CU's own pharmacists in training.

As part of the annual Pharmacist for a Day event, CU Pharmacy students translated their pharmacy education into a fun-filled day of learning for fourth-graders, who learned compounding techniques, how to be safe around medicine, among other important lessons.

Watch media coverage



Dave Elm prepares to blow out his birthday candles in a photo with his daughter, Jennifer Amble, and son, Jason Elm.

Dave Elm celebrates major milestones

CU Pharmacy alumnus and benefactor David Elm, PhD, (Class of 1977) celebrated his 80th birthday in January – and a major milestone for the scholarship created in his honor.

The C. David Elm Pharmacy Practice Scholarship reached its original funding goal of \$100,000.

An endowment of this size will generate a \$4,000 scholarship in perpetuity. The Elm Scholarship is awarded each year to an active or former military service member who is either already enrolled or about to matriculate to CU Pharmacy.

Read more about Dave Elm



Devereaux now appears on donor wall

The impact of CU Pharmacy alumna Debra Devereaux (Class of 1976) and her husband, Harry, is forever cemented in the walls of the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

A tribute to the benefactors now hangs in the hallway of the Research 2 Building, on the far left.

Along with a story about the couple, the piece includes a quote from the generous couple:

"We're big proponents of giving back. For us, it's rewarding to say, 'We did the right thing.'"

How to give

Photo of the month



Alumna Sandra Leal, PharmD, (Class of 1999) helped Tabula Rasa HealthCare, where she is the Executive Vice President, ring the Nasdaq opening bell.

What's up, DOPS?

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences hosts winter symposium

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences recognized the work of several students as part of the 2020 Graduate Student Winter Symposium, hosted on campus.

Students **Reena Berman and Ryan Lusk** accepted the **Heim Award for Graduate Students**. Named for Dean Harold C. Heim, the honor recognizes students for outstanding research and scholastic achievement. Dean Heim's son, Warren Heim, was there to present the students with their awards.



Students Ryan Lusk, third from left, and Reena Berman, accept the Heim Award for Graduate Students and smile for a photo (from left) with Warren Heim, Peter Anderson and Jared Brown.

Best Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research Graduate Student Poster: Vanessa Patterson

Best Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Student Poster: Lana Salah

Best Toxicology Graduate Student Poster: Angela Cruz-Hernandez

Best Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Student Talk: Humberto Escobedo

Best Toxicology Graduate Student Talk: Reena Berman

Heim Award for Graduate Students: Reena Berman and Ryan Lusk

Alumni Angle

Join us as CU Pharmacy professor Rob Valuck (Class of 1987) speaks in the latest installment of the **CU Anschutz Medical Campus Happy & Healthy Hour!**

The Happy & Healthy Hour series was created to bring the CU Anschutz alumni community together for practical advice on personal wellness as health professionals.

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: CU Anschutz Medical Campus, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Skaff Boardroom (Room 4000), 12850 East Montview Blvd., Aurora, CO 80045



Robert J. Valuck, PhD, RPh, FNAP

Professor
Departments of Clinical Pharmacy, Epidemiology and Family Medicine
University of Colorado

"Five Things You Can Do to Help Stop the Opioid Crisis"

[**Register for Event**](#)

Nominate a colleague for the Distinguished Alumni Award



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.

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 passing a pharmacy from one alumnus to another to teaching fourth-graders about pharmacy, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- **The Cañon City Daily Record:** [Bill Masse officially retiring after 43 years with Palace Drug, new owner takes over Jan. 1](#), feat. alumni Bill Masse (Class of 1976) and William Shelver (Class of 2007)
- **South Platte Sentinel:** [Business of the Week: Barnes Pharmacy](#), feat. alumni Ron Lorenzo (Class of 1959) and Jenae Lorenzo Totten (Class of 1998)
- **AuroraTV:** [Young Aurora students become pharmacists for a day at the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy](#), feat. student Joseph Martinez
- **The Colorado Sun:** [Terminally ill, a Colorado man wanted aid-in-dying. His Catholic hospital said no](#), feat. alumnus Rodney Diffendaffer (Class of 1995)
- **The Denver Post:** [In states like Colorado, aid-in-dying is legal--but the medicine is often out of reach, especially for patients of religiously affiliated hospitals](#), feat. alumnus Rodney Diffendaffer (Class of 1995)

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