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

Celebrating our award-winning pharmacists



Three of CU Pharmacy's own took home top awards this year at the 2020 Colorado Pharmacists Society Annual Meeting.

The ceremony, hosted virtually, recognized the following CU Pharmacy community members:

- **Professor Sunny Linnebur, PharmD, was named Pharmacist of the Year.** The award is presented to a pharmacist who has demonstrated dedication to the profession of pharmacy, furthered the profession through community service and embodied the qualities of attitude and leadership that exemplify the profession, according to CPS.
- **Alumna Debra Devereaux, PharmD, (Class of 1976) received the Bowl of Hygeia Community Service Award.** The award is given annually to a member who has made considerable contributions to their communities.
- **Recent graduate Kelli Rourke, PharmD, (Class of 2020) was named the Student Pharmacist of the Year.** The award is presented to a student who has shown dedication to advancing the profession.

Alumnus receives excellence award

CU Pharmacy alumnus Robert Willis, PharmD, (Class of 2007) was awarded the Community Pharmacy Residency Excellence in Precepting Award from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

The award recognizes a community pharmacy residency director or preceptor who has demonstrated excellence in precepting, mentoring, leadership and community pharmacy residency program administration.



Alumnus Robert Willis, PharmD

Watch the announcement



Professor Joseph Saseen, PharmD

Professor Joseph Saseen named president of National Lipid Association

University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences **Professor Joseph J. Saseen, PharmD**, is the new president of the National Lipid Association (NLA).

Dr. Saseen, the vice-chair of the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, officially assumed the role at the NLA's annual virtual business meeting on June 8 after serving for the past year as President-Elect.

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Glode completes scholars program

Assistant Professor Ashley Glode, PharmD, recently completed the [Integrative Oncology Scholars Program](#).

The program was a yearlong training culminating in a capstone project that examined integrative medicine supplements used in cancer patients treated at UHealth.

This is the second year of the highly-competitive NCI grant-funded training program operated through the University



Assistant Professor Ashley Glode, PharmD

of Michigan. The 2019-2020 cohort was comprised of 11 physicians; 4 advanced practice nurses; 7 social workers and clinical therapists; 1 physician assistant; 1 pharmacist; and 1 clinical psychologist.

A new issue of Pharmacy Perspectives is here

In case you missed it, the latest issue of **Pharmacy Perspectives**, the official magazine of CU Pharmacy, has arrived!

The Graduation 2020 issue highlights the faculty members who are working on the COVID-19 front lines and stories of resilience from the Class of 2020.

As you read the magazine, hover over the pages to view videos and links to other resources.

[Read the magazine](#)



Pharmacist-Prescribed Contraception May Improve Usage in Younger, Uninsured Women

A new study led by the OHSU School of Medicine with contribution from CU Pharmacy's **Sue Mead, PharmD**, (Classes of 1979, 2005) and published online in [JAMA Network Open](#),

suggests that contraception – including birth control pills – prescribed by a pharmacist is associated with higher rates of long-term use, particularly among younger and uninsured women.

[Read more](#)



Sue Mead, PharmD

O'Bryant named Deputy Chair of Cancer Center PRMS

Professor Cindy O'Bryant, PharmD, was recently named the **deputy chair of the University of Colorado Cancer Center Protocol Review Monitoring System (PRMS)**

. Dr. O'Bryant has been a reviewer on the PRMS Committee since 2015. She is a founding member of the Developmental Therapeutics (Phase 1) program, where she has been a principal investigator on Phase 1 organ dysfunction clinical trials.



Professor Cindy O'Bryant, PharmD

DDP to host Virtual Open House

The **Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences** has offered

online degree and certificate programs for over 20 years, and this will be our inaugural Virtual Open House!

Prospective and incoming students are encouraged to join the **Distance Degrees and Programs Office** via **Zoom on Monday, July, 20th** from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM Mountain Time.

Participants are welcome to join for the entire time or during sessions that interest them. The complete agenda will be sent prior to this live event.

Programs of interest that will be discussed at the Virtual Open House include:

- North American-Trained PharmD
- Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy
- Integrative Health and Medicine Graduate Certificate
- Cannabis Science and Medicine Graduate Certificate (*new offering for fall 2020*)

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VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



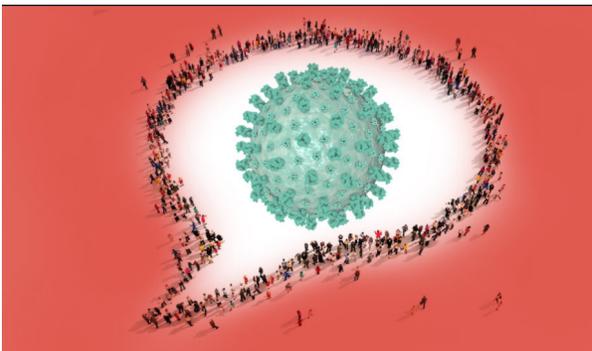
Monday, July 20th
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM MT

Join live presentations via Zoom.
Topics to include:

- Curriculum Overviews
- Academic Advising/Student Support
- Admission Requirements
- Rotation Planning



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CU Pharmacy hosts COVID-19 CE webinars

In response to rapidly changing information about COVID-19, CU Pharmacy and the Colorado Pharmacists Society are teaming up to answer pressing questions about the pandemic.

CU Pharmacy is offering continuing education credit for live and recorded versions of **COVID-19 webinars**.

All of the webinars have been previously recorded and are available online.

Participate in the webinars by clicking the link below:

Watch the Recordings

Questions can be directed to the Office of Practitioner Development.
SOP.ContinuingEducation@CUAnschutz.edu

Photos of the month



The “We Are Pharmily” team recently participated in the recent Denver “Stay at Home” Pride 5K! The team consisted of faculty members **Cy Fixen, Danielle Fixen, Luke Orth (and Daphne), Joel Marrs and Sarah Anderson**, along with **Vivian Cheng, Navya Varshney and Jennifer Tunoa**, all Ambulatory Care PGY2s. The team raised over \$600 for the Center on Colfax, the largest LGBTQ center in the Rocky Mountain Region.

CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

From discussing therapy options for diabetes to sharing insight about local pharmacies, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- **Diabetes in Control: Study Provides Insight Into Dual and Triple Therapy Options for Diabetes**, feat. P4 student David Clarke
- **CPR News: Medicaid, Schools, Pregnancy, Opioids: Here's Where Colorado's Cuts May Hurt**, feat. Professor Robert Valuck, PhD
- **Englewood Herald: Independent pharmacy in Englewood aims for personal touch**, feat. Associate Professor Emily Zadvorny, PharmD

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