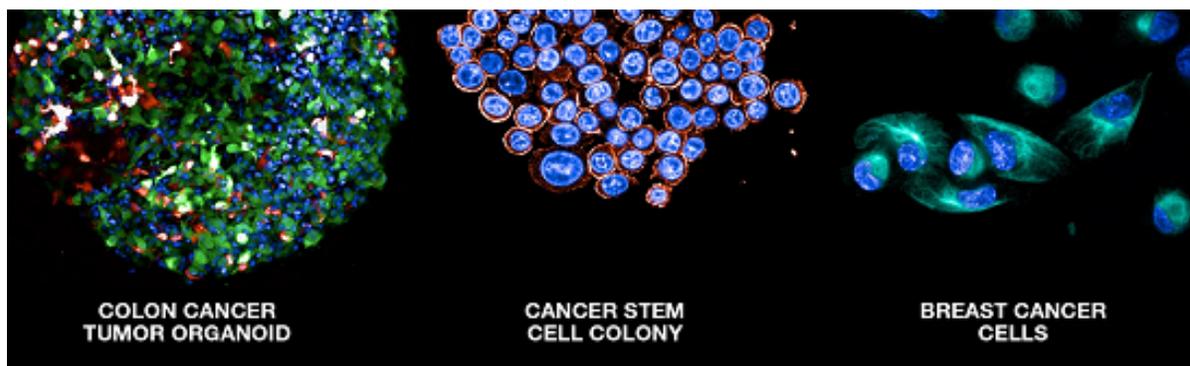


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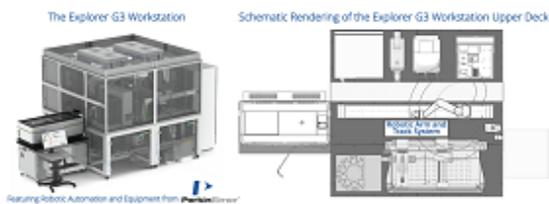
eScripts is a monthly newsletter highlighting faculty, staff, students and alumni of the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy.

ALSAM Foundation funds breakthrough tech



CU Anschutz and CU Pharmacy announced a new robotic screening and imaging technology, marking a major breakthrough in the detection and treatment of disease.

The technology, made possible by a gift from the ALSAM Foundation, could cut the screening time for new drug therapies by half. That means therapies and pharmaceuticals could be ready for patients faster than ever before.



A rendering of the custom robotic screening and imaging technology from PerkinElmer

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Role of pharmacists crucial in vaccinations



As Aubree Turner relaxed her arm and waited for the poke, the importance of the vaccination training with her fellow students that September day weighed more heavily on her mind than usual. With flu season near, and a pandemic not relenting, Turner knew this clinical exercise soon would be put to a real test.

Demand for the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students to help with flu-shot clinics has risen to its highest level since 2009's H1N1 epidemic, said Associate Professor Wesley Nuffer, PharmD. And the COVID-19 pandemic, which recently surpassed the 1 million mark in worldwide deaths, adds an even bigger sense of urgency to the call to service, he said.

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Students participate in vaccine clinic

Students **Paige Johnson, Brittney Sjulstad, Candace Teel, Alexandra Leath, Sandy Le, Christopher Le, Kayleigh Mydosh, and Chakavak Farhangi** recently administered free flu shots to clients at the GraceFull Café, a non-profit outreach in downtown Littleton that employs disabled

individuals and provides free meals to underserved populations.



A GraceFull Cafe patron receives a flu vaccine from a CU Pharmacy student.

The café's co-founder, Heather Greenwood, offered her appreciation.

"We went through all the vaccinations (with the exception of a few of the higher doses for over 65) by around 12:30 so I consider it a great success," she said. "Thank you again for supporting our heart for being a space that invests in making Littleton a healthier, stronger, more connected community! It was a full heart day for me."

Pharmacists to prescribe, administer HIV prevention therapy in Colorado



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As early as Nov. 14, pharmacists in Colorado will be able to prescribe and dispense HIV prevention medications, making our state one of the first in the nation to allow patients to receive pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) treatment directly from a pharmacist. More than 14,000 people are reported to be living with HIV or AIDS in the state of Colorado; a number which has been rising over the last five years.

The CU School of Pharmacy will offer the [PrEP/PEP CE course](#) as an online module beginning Nov. 1, with the goal of training a cadre of pharmacists who can begin offering the therapies as soon as the state-wide protocols go into effect Nov. 14.

Momentum highlights Elm Scholarship

The C. David Elm Pharmacy Practice Scholarship has already impacted two

CU Pharmacy students who are veterans.

The scholarship was recently highlighted in Momentum, which is published each year by the CU Anschutz Office of Advancement to highlight the impact of philanthropic support at CU Anschutz.

Read more about the impact by clicking the link below:

[Read Momentum](#)



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Students to compete nationally in clinical skills challenge



Clinical Skills Challenge winners Jordan Jenrette and Jessica Goldsby

After successfully hosting the annual American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Clinical Skills Competition virtually for the first time ever, the Colorado Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSSHP) announced a round of winners:

First place: Jordan Jenrette and Jessica Goldsby

Second place: Heidi Roeder and Joanna Dukes

Third place: Kate Lowrey and Kelly Coon

The first place winners are set to represent the school on a national level at the annual ASHP Midyear meeting, which will be hosted virtually Dec. 6-10.

[Read more](#)

Lowe receives ACCP grant funding

Assistant Professor Rachel Lowe, PharmD, recently received grant funding from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Ambulatory Care PRN Research Process Seed Grant subcommittee.

The grant recognizes her submission entitled, *Overall Risk and Prescribing of Medications Associated with QT-prolongation in the Ambulatory Care Setting*.



Assistant Professor Rachel Lowe, PharmD

Alumni Angle



The alumni association launched the inaugural year of its alumni awards Oct. 22, honoring alumni **Debra Devereaux (BS '76)** and **Kevin Kerr (PharmD '11)** at a virtual event in celebration of Homecoming Week.

Devereaux received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes CU Pharmacy graduates for distinguished contributions to the practice of pharmacy and demonstrated major accomplishments in the profession of pharmacy or pharmaceutical research and development.

The Horizon Alumni Award was presented to Kerr. His award honors recent CU Pharmacy graduates within the last 10 years who have made outstanding contributions to the practice of pharmacy or demonstrated potential for major accomplishments in pharmacy practice or significant contributions in pharmaceutical research and development.

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CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

From introducing new drug discovery technology to sharing insight about a COVID-19 vaccine, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- **Fox 31 Denver:** [CU Anschutz campus to get new technology that can cut screening time for new drug therapies](#), feat. Associate Professor Dan LaBarbera, PhD, and Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Dave Ross, PhD
- **Denver Business Journal:** [New CU Anschutz technology could speed up drug development in the Mountain West](#), feat. Associate Professor Dan LaBarbera, PhD, and Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Dave Ross, PhD
- **Medical Xpress:** [A unique technology to rapidly screen new drugs, therapies](#), feat. Associate Professor Dan LaBarbera, PhD, and Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Dave Ross, PhD
- **Scienmag:** [CU Anschutz announces unique technology to rapidly screen new drugs, therapies](#), feat. Associate Professor Dan LaBarbera, PhD, and Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Dave Ross, PhD
- **Technology Times:** [Anschutz launches imaging technology to rapidly screen new drugs, therapies](#), feat. Associate Professor Dan LaBarbera, PhD, and Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Dave Ross, PhD
- **Drug Discovery World:** [CU Anschutz announces new technology to cut drug screening time in half](#), feat. Associate Professor Dan LaBarbera, PhD, and Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Dave Ross, PhD
- **Denver 7:** [COVID-19 vaccine could cost about 500,000 sharks their lives, experts say](#), feat. Professor David Kroll, PhD
- **The Denver Post:** [You asked, we answered: Can you trust COVID-19 test results?](#), feat. Professor David Kroll, PhD

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