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

## **CU Pharmacy Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month**



We are about halfway through National Hispanic Heritage Month, and we are honored to feature outstanding individuals in their field. Watch our social media channels each Wednesday for a new shout out and ways to celebrate Hispanic Heritage in Colorado.

[Click here to checkout the posts on Facebook](#)

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### **Center for Drug Discovery Opens**



It's official! Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is home to the new [Center for Drug Discovery](#) which hosted a ribbon-cutting and open house last week. In addition to campus dignitaries, PerkinElmer (makers of the high throughput robotics instrumentation) representatives were on campus from as far away as Germany to celebrate the event. The Center will dramatically accelerate drug discovery and serve the entire campus as well as the Rocky Mountain region. [View all the event photos here.](#)

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## CU Pharmacy Welcomes Dr. Tina Brock

CU Pharmacy welcomes new Associate Dean for Education, Dr. Tina Brock. Dr. Brock comes to us all the way from Australia, where she served as the Pharmacy Course Director and Professor of Pharmacy Education and Practice in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University. Prior to that, Dr. Brock served as the Associate Dean for Global Health and Educational Innovations at the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy; the Director of Capacity Building and Performance Improvement at Management Sciences for Health; the Course Director for the MSc in



International Practice and Policy at University College London; and the Director of Student Services at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy. [Read more about Dr. Brock here.](#)

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## **Gutierrez Speaks at Dean's Convocation**



Dr. Amy Gutierrez, PharmD, currently serves as the vice president and chief pharmacy officer for the UCHealth system, overseeing pharmacy practice, strategy and policy. A national pharmacy leader, we were honored to have her speak at this fall's Dean's Leadership Convocation on Sept. 22.

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## **Nair Publishes on MS**

Kavita Nair, PhD, recently co-authored an article in the Neurology of Clinical Practice. The article, [Multiple Sclerosis Phenotypes as a Continuum: The Role of Neurological Reserve](#), outlines a newer theory on how

multiple sclerosis progresses. This review presents the hypothesis that loss of neurologic reserve explains onset of progressive multiple sclerosis (PrMS).



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### **Jeffres Featured in Women in Medicine Series**



Meghan Jeffres, PharmD, was featured in CU Anschutz Today's series on Women in Medicine in recognition of the American Medical Association (AMA) Women in Medicine Month. The section titled "[Teaching for the future: Pharmacy's Meghan Jeffres challenges students, status quo,](#)" highlights Dr. Jeffres' innovative teaching, what women in medicine means to her, and how she's been handling the pandemic.

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### **Trinkley Leads ACCORD Seminar on Learning Health Systems**

Katy Trinkley, PharmD, PhD lead the [Adult & Child Consortium for Health Outcomes Research & Delivery Science \(ACCORDS\)](#) seminar Learning Health Systems in 2021: Where We've Been & Where We Need to Go. ACCORDS is a unique environment supporting innovative and interdisciplinary research across the CU Anschutz campus.



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### **Nuffer Presents at Maylasia School of Pharmacy**



Wes Nuffer, PharmD, made a global impact recently when he delivered a visiting professor talk to the International Islamic University Malaysia School of Pharmacy. Nuffer is working with the pharmacy school to develop initiatives to expand the Malaysian pharmacists' scope of practice to include vaccinations. His presentation was titled "Clinical and Experiential Training for Students During the Pandemic."

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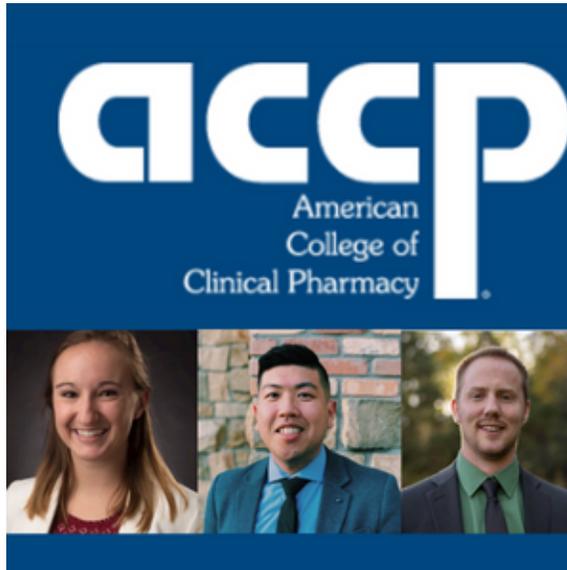
### **Alumna Publishes in JAPHA**

Shasta Tall Bull, PharmD, '21 was co-author on a recent article published in the Journal of American Pharmacists Association (JAPhA). The article titled, "[Access to contraception in pharmacies during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)," examines how access to contraception products and services in pharmacies changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, including pharmacist prescribing practices and innovations in service delivery.



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## Student Team Advances to Competition Quarterfinals



Jessica Brady, Tony Duong, and Riley Thompson, all P4, are the School's representative team for the ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. The team has advanced to the quarterfinals for this year's competition, making them one of eight schools out of the original 114 to be moving forward. The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge is a team-based competition. Teams of three students compete against teams from other schools and colleges of pharmacy in a "quiz bowl"-type format. Eligible teams compete in up to four online rounds, with the top eight teams advancing to the live quarterfinal

competition at the ACCP Annual Meeting.

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### **P4 Wins ACCP Travel Award**



Riley Thompson, P4, won the Travel Award from the Infectious Disease (ID) Practice and Research Network (PRN) Committee of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). This award is one of only two \$1,000 prizes given nationwide and acknowledges outstanding pharmacy residents or fellows who have shown an interest in infectious diseases through research and/or publications in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy.

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### **P4 Wins ACCP Award for Critical Care Research**

Lyra Beltran, P4, won the 2021 Student ACCP Critical Care PRN Travel Award. Her award-winning abstract, "Evaluation of Anti-Xa Level Monitoring in Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients on a Targeted-Intensity Thromboprophylaxis Protocol," is one of only two submissions in the nation that received the highest average score.



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## Alumni Spotlight: Chelsea Sax Reflects on her Experience

In her own words, 2018 CU Pharmacy alumna Chelsea Sax reflects on her experience completing the PharmD program and entering the corporate sector as a managed care pharmacist with the pharmacy benefit management (PBM) company Express Scripts. [Read her interview](#) conducted by Career



Services manager Laurie Sein as part of a series on specialty careers in pharmacy.

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## Alumni Book Club

The CU Pharmacy Alumni Association Book Club returns **Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.** with a wrap-up discussion on the book *The Adaptation Advantage* lead by faculty member Katy Trinkley, PhD '19. Be ready to share your thoughts and learn about the next book to be featured in future discussions. [Click here to register.](#)



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## Homecoming 2021!



Alumni Awards, building and campus tours, tailgating and football! We're pulling out all the stops to make this Homecoming Weekend one of the most memorable yet. Join us Nov. 4-6 for this year's celebration.

Register here:

<https://cvent.me/D5w2PG>

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### **Mission Medical Volunteer Opportunity**

Pharmacists are needed to help as preceptors for CU Pharmacy students at Mission Medical in Colorado Springs. [Email Emily Dorgan](#) for more information and to sign up.



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### **Alumni Advantage (A+) CE Discounts**

Specially discounted rates up to



\$100 off for select lifelong learning courses are offered to CU Pharmacy alumni through the School's Continuing Education Office. Enter Coupon Code AlumniAdvantage to receive discounted rate for CE Courses under the Alumni Advantage (A+) program. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## 1911 Scholarship Fund

Our 110th anniversary aligns with American Pharmacists Month in October, a time to acknowledge these invaluable contributions. To mark this occasion, we invite you to support the next generation of pharmacy and pharmaceutical professionals! Give to the 1911 scholarship fund here <https://bit.ly/3i2ho66> anytime though Nov. 15 and see how you can make an impact!

This year marks our 110th anniversary. Since 1911, our alumni have made invaluable contributions as pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists in countless healthcare settings.



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## Mental Health in Primary Care: Impact of COVID-19

**Virtual Conference**  
**Friday, Oct. 8**  
**7:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. (MT)**

The goal of this conference is to recognize newly identified mental health behaviors related to the COVID-19 pandemic and discuss appropriate treatments by applying evidence-based strategies. [Click here to learn more.](#)



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### Other CE Opportunities

- Back by popular demand! [The Bottom Line with Joe and Bob Cardiovascular Webinar Series](#)
- NEW Advanced Diabetes Training Program (Rolling Registration) [Diabetes Certificate Training Program](#)
- Home Study [Individual Cannabis Home Study](#)
- Home Study [Infectious Disease Home Study Series](#)
- Home Study [Motivational Interviewing for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- Home Study [CO Statewide Protocols: Hormonal Contraception, Smoking Cessation & PrEP/PEP](#)

- [Modules](#)
- Home Study [Say What You See - Infectious Disease Puzzles](#)
- Home Study [Integrative Health and Medicine](#)
- Home Study [Don't Let Orange be the New White Coat: 2019 Pharmacy Law Webinar Series](#)
- Home Study [COVID-19: Implications for Pharmacists](#)

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## CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

- **CNN:** [Young adult cannabis consumers nearly twice as likely to suffer from a heart attack, research shows](#), feat. Robert Page, PharmD
- **CGTN America:** [Use of antiparasitic drug for COVID-19 treatment leads to overdoses](#), feat. David Kroll, PhD

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