The Laurel/Ramirez family celebrate with Dean Lynn Crism on at the May 2011 graduation ceremony where Debra Ramirez became the 10th member of the family to earn a pharmacy degree from The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. Read about this family of longhorn pharmacists beginning on page 20.
The Dean’s Message

Dear alumni and friends,

The college recently celebrated the graduation of another outstanding cadre of Doctor of Pharmacy, M.S., and Ph.D. students. This issue includes stories regarding the honors and accomplishments of select graduates. Joe Malacara was one of the UT graduates recognized by UT President Bill Powers as an individual who overcame substantial challenges to earn a degree from the university. Pharm.D. graduate Debra Ramirez was recognized as the tenth member of her family to receive a degree from the College of Pharmacy. The 2011 Pharm.D. class is the first class to create a pledge drive to give back to the college. Collectively class members pledged almost $44,000 over five years in support of ongoing excellence in the college. The graduates were able to specify how they wanted their gift to benefit the college. Many decided to support the Arlyn Kloesel Endowment for Excellence in Pharmacy Practice.

Our students continue to be recognized for their accomplishments. Milli Reddy was named recipient of the UT Co-Op’s Gram of Award, honoring the university’s outstanding graduate student. Milli’s humanitarian efforts have been recognized and funded by the Clinton Global Initiative. Her innovative research may transform the delivery of HIV care for citizens of South Africa. The college’s annual Celebrating Research Excellence Day featured poster presentations by a record number of Pharm.D. and graduate students, as well as residents and research fellows. Three were honored with research awards.

Dr. Ken Lawson is recipient of the Texas Excellence Teaching Award, and Martin Donovan is the college’s outstanding graduate teaching assistant. A repeat recipient of this award, Lawson is regularly identified by students for the positive, lasting influence he has made on their lives.

Dr. Karen Vasquez joined the college this spring from the UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center – Science Park. She joins our growing oncology research program at the UT Dell Pediatric Research Institute with expertise in genetic translocation and the etiology of cancer. Dr. Kevin Dalby received a $2.4 million grant from the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) to support work at the university’s Texas Institute for Drug and Diagnostic Development. Dr. Maria Person received a $1.3 million equipment grant from CPRIT to expand capabilities of the college’s protein and metabolite analysis facility.

In April, the college held its first ever African-American alumni reunion which attracted alums as far back as the early 1960s, including the college’s second African-American graduate. The program included stories from alums to inspire our current students and experience exchanges among our African-American alumni.

In April, Arlyn Kloesel was presented the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ Distinguished Service Award to honor his more than 30 years as an inspiration to pharmacy students. The college has established the Arlyn Kloesel Endowment for Excellence in Pharmacy Practice, not only to recognize a faculty member who has transformed the lives of thousands of pharmacy students, but also to create perpetual support of a center to support education and research into innovative service and business models for pharmacy practice in the future. I have made my own five-year pledge in support of this endowment, and I encourage each of you to open your hearts and wallets to do the same.

After nearly four years as the dean of the UT College of Pharmacy, I remain honored and humbled to serve in this capacity. The college continues to be a special place within a great university. The college’s faculty and staff work each and every day toward achieving our vision of being “the leading academic center for innovative interdisciplinary research and pharmacy education, revolutionizing patient care in Texas and the world.” Please join us in supporting our college – with your time as a preceptor and volunteer for the college, as well as with your financial support of college programs during this time of precarious budgets. We truly believe that we change people’s lives and that what starts here changes the world.

 Hook em Horns!

M. Lynn Crismon, Dean
Graduation 2011

Family, friends, classmates celebrate graduates

Pharm.D. Graduation Awards

Highest GPA
Victoria Enwere

Second Highest GPA – Tie
Derek Templet and Laura Porter

Awards for Outstanding Research
Belinda Bamgbade
Veronica Guerra
Ashkan Yazdi

Awards for Excellence in Patient Care
Deanna McGregor
Laura Porter
Julietta Scalo

Awards for Dedicated Service
Samantha Alexander
Trista Askins
Bryson Duhon

Awards for Exemplary Leadership
Whitney Brace
Tyler Mohr
Debra Ramirez

Pharmacy Alumni Association Mortar and Pestle Awards for Leadership, Service, Patient Care, and Research
Saadia Ali
Misbah Moten

College of Pharmacy 2011 Class Officers
President – Saadia Ali
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The Class of 2011

Zainab Abbas
Ashley Michelle Abegglen
Megan Bali Aelvoet
Samantha N. Alexander ***
Saadia Bano Ali ***
Elizabeth Michelle Andersen
Jason Gaurav Appadu
Trista Lyn Askins *
Veronica Elisa Baesa
Ginny Michelle Bailey
Benita Adejoke Bamgbade
Gerren Lamar Barnes
Laura Beth Bartaszewicz **
Rachel Leah Basinger *
Adam W. Beauchamp
Laura Nicole Biales
Ashley Schrump Blunt
Whitney Lorraine Brace
David Joseph Cathcart
Irene Ceniceros *
Oscar Chavez
Katherine Leigh Clark
Andrew Wright Coney
Van Christopher Cowan
Caitlin Louise Davis
Claudia Antoinette Dedman *
Bryson Michael Duhon
Victoria Ugomma Enwere ***
Brian Patrick Fagan
Marisa Nicole Galan
Erica Dolores Garcia
Patricia Garcia
Anysa Sebia Garza
Tarah Marie Garza
Rene Muniz Gonzalez, Jr. **
Stephanie Kim Gonzalez
Veronica Iris Guerra
Aglaee B. Guerrero
Monica Mary Haddican
Carrie Ann Hall
Cullen James Hesbrook
Ahmed Ramy Jallad
Jaimie Lynn Johanneck **
Charles Steven Keltner
Eryn Nicole Kennedy
Julie Ann Kerslake
Nancy Hong Khuu
Tiffany Anne La Dow **
Ashley Nicole Laechelin
Jennifer Lynn Lange
Sarah Jeehyang Lim *
Crystle Lorraine Lopez
Stephen Philip Lozano
Jonathan Matthew Luppens
Jose Malacara **
Claudia D. Maldonado
Heather Nicole Manns
Melanie Elizabeth McConnell
Deanna Rose Mcgregor
Steven Lee McLemore
Kelly Marie McWhorter
Jenna Nicole Miller
Tyler Steven Mohr
Daniela Zalome Moreno
Mishab Ashraf Moten *
Kyle Michael Mulloy *
Christopher Benjamin Nelson
Jenny Lynn Nelson
Michael Bronson Nguyen
The Van Nguyen
Nkenji U. Nwabeke
Alessandra Angelica Ochoa
Brooke Noel Ondov **
Kathy Meng Pan
Kate Corbin Parker
Jenny Peng
Rose Mary Philipose
Dennise Darleene Pina
Laura Elizabeth Porter ***
William Davis Prater
Jose Alfonso Pulido *
Debra Denise Ramirez
Federico Ramirez, Jr.
Michael Alexander Ramirez
Amy Lynette Randall
Teisha Briana Ray
Sandra Selene Renteria
Kimbra Lindsey Richey
Pablo Rodriguez
Allison Lorraine Salinas
Juliea Frances Scalo *
Laura Lynn Schneider
Michael Steven Scott, Jr.
Jose Raul Serna
Perpetua Nyawira Sherman ***
Sara Lisa Solis
Hannah Brianne Sulik
Rajinder Sumair
Derek Justin Templet ***
Besu Fekad Teshome
Adrienne Renee Veigh *
Rene Alfredo Verduzco
Sara Jane Vershaw *
Robert Matthew Vittek
Noureens Nizar Wadhwania *
Angel Qi Wang
Anharad Nizar Wadhwania *
Wenjing Wei
Laura Whitney White
Vivian Karen Wu
Bin Xiao
Qing Xu
Ashkan Khakparvar Yazdi
Sung Chul Yulk

Anticipated Graduation Date: August 15, 2011
Hong-Nhung Thi Nguyen
Trey Matthew Robinson
Amanda Marie Rodriguez

***Highest Honors
Top 4% of class
**High Honors
Next 6% of class
*Honors
Next 10% of class
Heritage of hard work

Migrant worker follows mentor’s path to a pharmacy career

Growing up a migrant farm worker — bending over onions, sweet beets, potatoes and alfalfa and moving from state to state — is not really conducive for finding a mentor. But Joe Malacara was lucky. He found Mr. Smith.

For nine months of the year, Malacara and his family worked side-by-side having driven the 2,000 miles from Mission, Texas to Payette, Idaho. Before he was 12 years old, he was considered too young to work in the fields, so he carried water jugs out to his parents, older brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins and other thirsty workers.

The family lived in a migrant camp 12x12 foot cabin for which they paid $35 a week rent. The camp had 25 cabins, and everyone shared public restrooms and showers. They worked 40 to 80 hours a week depending on the harvest.

When workers had health issues they went to a nearby clinic where only one health care worker — Mr. Smith, the pharmacist — spoke both Spanish and English. The migrant workers had illnesses such as diabetes, high blood pressure, colds and flu. Many times, Malacara helped translate at the clinic, and, soon, he decided that he wanted to be exactly like Mr. Smith — “someone who helped explain health problems and treatments to patients and someone who didn’t work out in the fields like the rest of us.”

Malacara became the first in his family to get a college degree when he graduated with honors from the college in May. He has accepted a job at an HEB pharmacy in the Rio Grande Valley. Many of his family members were on hand to witness his graduation.

“During the many hours we were working in the fields, my father would always tell me that he didn’t want me to have this kind of life,” said Malacara. “He didn’t have a chance to go to school, but insisted that I go to college and make a better life for myself.”

“The valley is an underserved area of Texas with many people living in poverty,” said Malacara. “There is a problem — just as there was in the migrant farm camps — of health literacy. Many patients do not understand their diseases or the treatments.”

During the spring Malacara worked in a clinic on an ambulatory care rotation to experience working closely with patients. Again, he saw many patients who came to the pharmacy without knowing what they were prescribed or what it was for because they didn’t understand what their health care provider had told them.

“Having someone trust you to explain what a medication is for and feel comfortable enough to come back and ask you for advice is essentially what I thought pharmacy was when I was a kid and primarily what I believe it is now,” he said.

Malacara was a student in the college’s cooperative program with UT Pan American. The program, developed in areas of the state experiencing pharmacist shortages, offers high school students the opportunity to complete four years of the six-year program in their home region.

“Joe is one of the stars of our program,” said Lydia Aguilera, adjunct assistant professor of pharmacy at Pan Am. “He is sure to be a powerhouse for the pharmacy profession and a light for his community. I am proud to know him.”

Aguilera’s husband, a physician, owns the family and pediatric practice clinic where Malacara did his internship. Aguilera is the clinical pharmacist for the practice. Malacara was directly involved with patient care including physical assessment and medication management.

“Pharmacists serve in these roles all over the country,” said Aguilera. “In the Rio Grande Valley, this is a relatively new role for the pharmacist. It was good to have Joe on the service because he made valuable interventions to improve patient care. He made the team look forward to having pharmacist/pharmacy student input.”
Honors Day salutes scholastic excellence

Approximately 70 pharmacy students were among those celebrated as the university hosted the 63rd Honors Day on April 16.

College honorees and their guests were featured at a ceremony and luncheon sponsored by the University Cooperative Society. Participating students were presented honor cords that may be worn with their academic regalia at graduation.

Following the college program, honored pharmacy students participated in the university-wide ceremony at the Frank Erwin Center.

Introduced in 1948, Honors Day is the occasion when students who have achieved academic excellence are honored by administrative officials, academic deans and members of the faculty. It serves as an important prelude to Commencement. The Honors Day Convocation includes ceremonial elements such as an academic procession, orange and white honors cords worn by students, banners, inspirational messages and celebratory music.

Recognized students included:
- Saadia Ali
- Trista Askins
- Thomas Barber
- Emily Barnhart
- Rachel Basinger
- Amanda Basto
- Athena Brand
- Steven Braun
- Neil Buch
- Irene Ceniceros
- April Chamberland-Tremlay
- Tiffany Chen
- Eva Chugh
- Claudia Dedman
- Clarissa Enrriquez
- Victoria Enwere
- Bernadette Espiritu
- Caitlin Gibson
- Rene Gonzalez
- Emily Gordon
- Melissa Hartman
- Rosa Hernandez
- Gregory Hiser
- Wan-Ting Huang
- Varghese Jacob
- Jaimie Johannneck
- Jocelyn Joseph
- Jessica Kaiser
- Amanda Krebs
- Samantha Kuten
- Tiffany La Dow
- Phuong Le
- Sarah Lim
- Michelle LoTurco
- Jose Malacara
- Joy Martindale
- Grace Mbagwu
- Travis McCauley
- Lindsay Morrison
- Kyle Mulloy
- Monique Van Nguyen
- Phuoc Nguyen
- Ning Ning
- Brooke Ondov
- Isaac Pan
- Elizabeth Peters
- Catherine Pham
- Amanda Pool
- Laura Porter
- Samaneh Pourali
- Jose Pulido
- Valerie Santellnan
- Courtney Schoessow
- Justin Simon
- Juliana Taliaferro
- Derek Temple
- Neha Thakore
- Neeraj Thakur
- Loc Tieu
- Adrienne Veigh
- Sara Vershaw
- Tony Vu
- Noureen Wadhwania
- Jamie Webb
- Stephanie Weber
- Anthony Westberry
- Lauren White
- Lily Yan
Student news

Longhorns place in TSHP student contests
Several longhorn pharmacy students took honors in clinical skills competitions conducted at the April meeting of the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists (TSHP) in San Antonio.

Kayleigh Emerson and Christine Wicke, both P3 students, took top honors in the P3-P4 competition. Morgan McCormick, P2, and Collin Verheyden, P3, comprised another UT team that won honorable mention in the competition.

In the competition, two person teams are given two hours to review a patient case in order to identify the problem, and develop a medication schedule and monitoring plan. Amanda Basto and Nazley Mohammadi, both P2 students, made up the team that won honorable mention in the P1-P2 competition.

In addition, Sara Bowser, P3, won TSHP’s Disease State Management Competition while Athena Brand, P2, won honorable mention recognition.

In this competition, students must review a patient profile, interview the “patient” to gather medical history, and evaluate the patient’s knowledge about the disease. Participants counsel the patient and write up progress notes for the case file.

Operation Heart wins award
The UT chapter of the Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) captured the inaugural award for a initiative known as Operation Heart, a patient care project. The award was presented during the March annual meeting of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) in Seattle.

The program is designed to inform the public about cardiovascular diseases, the number one killer of Americans, by promoting lifestyle modifications, providing health screenings, and educating the public about reducing risk factors such as consumption of high fat meals.

The local chapter won the award for Region VI that encompasses Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri.

A total of 25 UT students represented their local chapter in attending the national meeting. Sharon Rush is the chapter faculty advisor.
Celebrating research

Seventh annual event spotlights college research initiatives

The 7th Annual Louis C. Littlefield Celebrating Pharmacy Research Excellence Day showcased research throughout the college. Almost 100 abstracts were submitted including those submitted by professional Pharm.D. students, graduate students, and postgraduate residents and fellows.

The abstract winners were featured along with all abstract submissions during an afternoon poster presentation located in a large tent between Anna Hiss Gym and the Molecular Biology Building.

The day also included a morning session that featured two research lectures. The opening lecture showcased work by Dr. Andrea Gore, professor of pharmacology and toxicology. Her address was followed by a presentation by Dr. J. Lyle Bootman, dean of the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy.

Gore, the Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Professor, directs a research program that focuses on the mechanisms by which the brain controls reproductive development and aging. Her research team studies a group of neurons in the hypothalamus that synthesizes and releases a peptide, gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH), that is the primary molecule controlling reproductive function. Her presentation was titled, “Are Environmental Contaminants Making Us Infertile, Fat, and Less Intelligent?”

Following Gore’s presentation, the college welcomed Bootman for the keynote scientific lecture, “Health Care Reform and the Empowered Consumer.” In addition to his role as dean, Bootman is professor of pharmacy, medicine and public health. He is a founding director of the Healthcare Transformation Institute, the first company launched to truly advance the country’s health care system by developing new delivery models in improving patient health care value, patient outcomes, and services. He was selected as one of the 50 most influential pharmacists in the U.S. by American Druggist magazine.

Research day is named in honor of Dr. Louis C. Littlefield, a longtime associate dean and faculty member who played an instrumental role in the establishment of the college’s program at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Research Excellence Award Winners

Professional/Undergraduate Program – Juliana Taliaferro
Faculty Adviser – Dr. Kevin N. Dalby, Medicinal Chemistry
“Development of JNK2-Selective Peptide Inhibitor that Inhibits Breast Cancer Cell Migration by Employing the TAT-Mediated Effect on JIP-Peptide Activity and Selectivity”

Graduate Program – Jin Huk Choi
Faculty Adviser – Dr. Maria A. Croyle, Pharmaceutics
“A Novel, Non-Invasive Method for Protective Vaccination Against Dangerous Pathogens”

Residency/Postgraduate Programs – G. Christina Caballero
Faculty Adviser – Dr. Colleen Barthol, Pharmacotherapy
“A Retrospective Review of Seizure Prophylaxis with Levetiracetam Versus Phenytoin Following Acute Traumatic Brain Injury”

Poster presenters Barrett Crowther, Debbie Ramirez and Trista Askins
Graduate student news

Student presenters recognized at ISPOR
Two graduate students were cited in May for outstanding presentations at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research meeting in Baltimore.

Lung-I Cheng won a student podium award. A graduate student in pharmacy administration under the direction of Dr. Karen Rascati, his presentation was titled “Validation of the Updates Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI) to Predict Healthcare Utilization for Diabetic Patients Using Administrative Data.”

Dawn Kim, who conducted her research with Dr. Rascati and a fellow graduate student, Haesuk Park, was recognized for a best student poster presentation for her work, “Measures of Medication Adherence in Oral Versus Long-Acting Risperidone in Texas Medicaid Patients with Schizophrenia.”

ISPOR works to translate pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research in practice and to ensure that society allocates scarce healthcare resources wisely, fairly and efficiently.

Scalo wins first-year graduate fellowship
Julieta Scalo, May Pharm.D. graduate, is recipient of the 2011 Rho Chi - American Foundation for Pharmaceutical-tical Education First Year Graduate School Fellowship. The fellowship carries a $7,500 stipend.

Poster honors
Haesuk Park won the best poster award and Marc Fleming won honorable mention at the American Pharmacists Association conference in Seattle, WA in March. Park’s poster was titled “Efficacy and Safety of Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 [DPP-4] Inhibitors in Type 2 Diabetes: Meta-analysis” and while Fleming’s poster was titled “Survey of Texas Community Pharmacists’ Perceptions about New or Transferred Prescription Incentives”.

Ayoade Adeyemi took honors for the best poster award and Pooja Desaian won an honorable mention at the Western Pharmacoeconomics Conference in Seattle, WA for respective posters titled “Adherence to Oral Antidiabetic Medications in the Pediatric Population with Type 2 Diabetes” and “Estimation of Direct Costs of Treating Schizophrenia for Community-dwelling U.S. Residents”.

Kaoud published in ACS journal
An article by Tamer Kaoud titled “Development of JNK2-Selective Peptide Inhibitors that Inhibit Breast Cancer Cell Migration” was published in the June issue of ACS Chemical Biology. Kaoud said he is attracted to studies where chemistry, biology and pharmacology meet at various stages of the drug discovery pipeline. He is a Ph.D. student with Dr. Kevin Dalby, associate professor of medicinal chemistry.

Six celebrate completion of graduate studies
Allison Bell .....................M.S........Koeller.........................Pharmacotherapy
Ayoade Adeyemi...........M.S........Rascati/Strassels ......Pharmacy Administration
Nicholas Forcade ..........M.S........Frei/Talbert ............Pharmacotherapy
Cat Bui.........................M.S........Rascati/Wilson ......Pharmacy Administration
Star Khoza ...................Ph.D......Barner ..................Pharmacy Administration
Scott Griggs...............Ph.D.......Brown........................Pharmacy Administration
Christine Oramasionwu ....Ph.D.......Frei .........................Pharmacotherapy
Milli Reddy receives Granof Award

Co-op honor salutes outstanding UT graduate student

Millidhashni (Milli) Reddy, graduate student in pharmacy administration, was named recipient of the Granof Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the Graduate School/University Co-op Awards Banquet in May. The award includes a $10,000 prize that is underwritten by the Co-op.

“The University of Texas at Austin has nearly 12,000 graduate students,” said Dean Lynn Crismon. “The College of Pharmacy is a relatively small program, representing less than one percent of all graduate students at UT. To have one of our graduate students win this award is an exceptional honor; however, this is reflective of the extraordinary individual that Milli is.”

Reddy is conducting her graduate research under the supervision of Dr. Karen Rascati, professor of pharmacy administration. Other professors nominating her for the award include Drs. Jamie Barner, associate professor of pharmacy administration, and Dr. Marvin Shepherd, division head and professor of pharmacy administration.

“In addition to meeting all of the criteria for this award, Milli is also an eloquent speaker and leader,” said Rascati. “She was inspiring when she was interviewed on the Today show about her project in South Africa. Her leadership skills were showcased when she was elected as student president for an international professional society. Her enthusiasm is infectious and she has convinced many to become involved in her mission to improve healthcare in underserved areas. She is truly deserving of this award.”

The Granof Outstanding Graduate Student Award was established in 2008 to recognize a UT Austin graduate student of exceptional distinction. Criteria for selection include: scholastic achievement at the highest level, creative contributions beyond degree or departmental requirements, commitment to diversity, and exceptional service to UT Austin. Each graduate program may nominate one doctoral student for the award.

“Milli is one those rare individuals that a faculty member typically has the opportunity of supervising only a few times in his or her academic career,” Dean Crismon wrote in his nomination letter. “Milli fits every description of excellence. She came to UT Austin as a Fulbright Scholar, and she has excelled in every aspect of her graduate education. Her research is creative, and importantly, it addresses a major societal need – the health outcomes and cost of care for the people of South Africa who are infected with HIV and drug resistant tuberculosis. She is collaborating with the World Health Organization in these efforts, and her research will likely lead to the development of a global model for the analysis of such data.”

Reddy was one of three students from the college invited to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) when it came to campus in 2009. As a result of that initiative, she received funding from CGI as well as from the Patrick Tillman Foundation to establish a library for citizens in a remote area of South Africa. She organized other pharmacy graduate students to be involved in this effort and several travelled with her to South Africa in December 2009 to personally deliver books to the library.

In her comments upon receiving the award, Reddy announced that she would use her $10,000 award to further her efforts to provide library services to the citizens of rural South Africa.

During her time at the college, she has distinguished herself as an outstanding teaching assistant, receiving the Texas Excellence Teaching Award for a teaching assistant in 2008. She is an active member of the Pharmacy Graduate Student Association and the UT Graduate Student Assembly.

“At UT Austin, we like to say that what starts here changes the world,” Dean Crismon continued. “Milli is utilizing her experiences at UT Austin to change the lives of people in South Africa and perhaps ultimately the world. She represents the type of excellence that we aspire to achieve at the university.”

“It is moments like this that remind me of why we are here and why we strive to do all that we can to provide exemplary education to students,” he concluded.
Joyce McClendon, senior systems administrator in the Learning Resource Center (LRC), has been selected to receive a 2011 University Staff Excellence Award.

She is one of 30 staff members across the university campus cited to receive the annual award designed to recognize staff members who have made a significant impact on the university through outstanding dedication, competence, conscientious performance, excellent customer service, and ingenuity. Awardees were recognized at the annual President’s Staff Awards ceremony on May 13. Each recipient of an excellence award received a cash award of $1,500.

McClendon was also recognized for 30 years of service to the university. She began working at the university in 1981 and joined the College of Pharmacy’s LRC in 1995. She retired at the end of May with a reception attended by current faculty and staff as well as many other retirees.

McClendon was one of 15 pharmacy staff members cited for service anniversaries.

The college has partnered with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to release revised and updated parameters to ensure the proper use of psychiatric medications for children in foster care.

The “December 2010 Psychotropic Medication Utilization Parameters for Foster Children” serves as a resource for physicians and clinicians who care for foster children diagnosed with mental health disorders.

It provides recommendations for the appropriate use of medications and includes eight criteria indicating need for further review of the child’s clinical status.

“Foster children, in particular, have multiple needs, including those related to emotional or psychological stress. They typically have experienced abusive, neglectful or chaotic care-taking environments,” said Dean Lynn Crismon. Drismon worked with Dr. James Rogers, medical director at DFPS, to lead the group that revised and updated the guidelines that were first issued in 2005. Crismon’s research has focused on psychiatric pharmacy practice and working to improve the health of adults and children with severe mental disorders.

There is a need for treatment guidelines and parameters regarding the appropriate use of psychiatric medications in foster children for several reasons, said Crismon. He added that patient and family history in foster children may not be readily available. In addition, attachment difficulties may mimic or overlap psychiatric disorders. Finally, foster children may reside in areas where mental health professionals such as child psychiatrists are not readily available.

“These multiple factors serve to complicate making the appropriate diagnosis and treatment,” he said. “The goal of the parameters is not to encourage physicians to prescribe psychotropic medications for foster children, but to encourage appropriate care of the child when they are used.”

The parameters emphasize the importance of treating preschool-aged children with nonpsycho-pharmacological medications before beginning psychopharmacological treatment. They also emphasize the need to train caregivers since parent or other caregiver behavior and functioning can have a large impact on the behavior and symptoms in preschool-aged children.
The college pays tribute to the contributions of staff members each summer with the staff appreciation celebration. This year’s event was held Friday, June 10, on the Commodore Riverboat on Lake Austin.

During the event, ten classified staff members were singled out for recognition for their dedication, service, and outstanding job performances via nominations for excellence or merit awards.

Excellence awards recipients include:

- Elisa Fischer, administrative associate, Division of Pharmacotherapy
- Debbie Foulds, administrative associate and division coordinator, Division of Medicinal Chemistry
- Lauren McIlwain, development specialist, Office of Development and Alumni Relations
- John Reineke, RTF specialist V, Learning Resources Center

Staff cited for merit awards include:

- Yolanda Abasta, administrative associate and division coordinator, Division of Pharmaceutics
- Joe Adcock, storekeeper, Business Office
- Sherrie Bendele, program coordinator, Office of Student Affairs
- Linda Gordon, administrative assistant, Office of Student Affairs
- Mary Kay Tiernan, senior software developer/analyst, Office of Student Affairs
- Stephanie Wooley, Senior HR Coordinator, Dean’s Office
Several spring retirements brought about an absence of familiar the appearance of some new ones within the offices of the College of Pharmacy.

Robert Salzman, clinical associate professor of pharmacy administration, retired more than 20 years after he was hired by Marv Shepherd, division chair in pharmacy administration. “I was just applying for graduate school and ended up with a job,” quipped Salzman.

Lisa Meyer retired in February with 20 years of service to the university. She served as administrative manager in the Dean’s Office. She has been honored many times for her work, most recently receiving the college’s staff excellence award in 2009. Sharla Brewer was promoted to replace her.

Jim Baker served as a purchasing assistant in the Business Office before his retirement in March. He was cited for a college staff excellence award in 2010. He was replaced by Herman Schwarzer.

Joyce McClendon retired in May after 30 years of service to the university. She was one of only a few employees to be cited for a university staff excellence award in May. At the college she served as a senior systems analyst in the Learning Resources Center.

Among the guests attending the retirement reception for Joyce McClendon were several former faculty and staff members including from left: Bob Salzman, Richard Meziere, Bob Pearlman, Jill Williams, Joyce McClendon, Mickie Sheppard, Lisa Meyer, Vickie Westland, Jerry Fineg, Arlyn Kloesel, Jim Baker, Hazel Pipkin, James Doluisio, Cathy McDaniel, and J. P. Grumbles.

In March, more than 170 knitting enthusiasts helped turn the 99 cedar elm trees located in the Faulkner Plaza outside the UT’s Blanton Museum of Art into “A Knitted Wonderland” just in time for Explore UT 2011. Rochelle Roberts, program assessment coordinator, and Sherrie Bendele, program coordinator for clinical programs, teamed up to knit a sweater for tree 38. The project was envisioned by Magda Sayeg, a textile artist known for large scale projects. Knitters, working solo, in pairs or teams, were charged with knitting a “sweater” for each of the trees in the courtyard. Their handiwork had to use yarn in turquoise, orange, pink and olive and must incorporate horizontal stripes in the design. Roberts and Bendele teamed up with each producing two knitted pieces. They met in the plaza on the eve of Explore UT to put their pieces together to sweater their tree.
Ken Lawson named to TETA award

Donovan cited as outstanding teaching assistant

Dr. Ken Lawson, associate professor of pharmacy administration, and Martin Donovan, a teaching assistant in the division of pharmaceutics, have been named recipients of the Texas Excellence Teaching Awards for 2010-2011.

Lawson teaches the “Pharmacy and the Healthcare System” course. A member of the college the faculty since 1992, he serves as faculty advisor for the UT chapter of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Students of Pharmacy (APhA-ASP) and as member-at-large for the APhA’s Section on Economic, Social and Administrative Sciences. He earned his B.S. in pharmacy at UT Austin in 1974 and practiced in a hospital and community pharmacy setting until he returned to graduate school. He earned his M.S. in 1989 and his Ph.D. in 1992.

His current research activities focus on factors affecting the utilization and costs of prescription medications and other health care services. In addition, he is involved in research to evaluate the effects of educational interventions.

One student nominee wrote: “He is very passionate about what he teaches and about the students,” while another submitted, “He makes the classroom environment very open so that any student can ask a question or voice an opinion.”

Martin Donovan is the teaching assistant for the class, “Physical and Chemical Principles of Drugs” taught by Dr. Maria Croyle. He works in the research lab of Dr. Hugh Smyth.

TSHP honors Arlyn Kloesel with Distinguished Service Award

Arlyn Kloesel, distinguished senior lecturer in pharmacy practice, has been named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Kloesel was presented the award at the opening general session of the TSHP Annual Seminar held in April in San Antonio.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor that TSHP bestows on an individual. It is designed to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the practice of health-system pharmacy.

Contributions to practice may be in the form of sustained exemplary service, an outstanding single achievement or a combination of accomplishments promoting and advancing pharmacy. Accomplishments may be in pharmacy practice, education or administration; research or development related to pharmacy; organizational activity; contributions to professional literature; improving the image of health-system pharmacy; inter-professional activities serving health-system pharmacy; or contributions in legislation related to pharmacy in organized healthcare settings.

The nominations process is different than for other TSHP Awards. Individuals may be nominated by past recipients of the award, past presidents of TSHP, affiliated chapters of TSHP or any group of ten pharmacist members of TSHP. Nominations must include a letter explaining why the individual is being nominated.

Kloesel has a long and distinguished history in pharmacy education. He envisioned, created and taught the first-year experiential learning experience Care and Respect for the Elderly (CARE) program. He was named to a UT System Regents Outstanding Teaching Award for 2010.
Dr. Joseph Dasta, adjunct professor of pharmacy practice, has been named recipient of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation’s 2010 Award for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice.

He was recognized by the Foundation at the 2010 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December.

“This recognition is especially meaningful to me since it is from my peers in the hospital pharmacy field,” said Dasta. “I am fortunate to have collaborated with so many talented people. I share this award with my colleagues in pharmacy, medicine, nursing and respiratory therapy. One of my hopes is that this research has stimulated others to attempt to answer additional questions generated from my findings with the goal of improving the care of the critically ill and injured patient. My deepest thanks go to the ASHP Foundation.”

Dasta has published in the pharmacy and medical literature for 33 years. His body of work involves articles on pulmonary medicine; pharmacotherapeutic and economic outcomes in critically ill patients, focusing mainly on pharmacotherapeutic practice patterns and developing the pharmacist’s role in the critical care setting; and pharmacoconomics and health outcomes of critical illnesses.

He wrote the first study to compare sustained-release to conventional release theophylline tablets in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He also was among the first to attempt to understand intensive care unit (ICU) pharmacotherapy, describing alterations in their pharmacokinetics and documenting suboptimal use of sedatives.

The studies he conducted in ICU patients demonstrated the additional role a pharmacist can play in conducting critical care research. Three of his surveys of critical care pharmacy over a 10-year period demonstrated the increased involvement of the ICU pharmacist both within and outside of the United States.

His later work collectively emphasize the high cost of acute illness and the opportunity to reduce the costs associated with unnecessary or inappropriate therapy, including sedatives. He has shown that optimal pharmacotherapy is about total cost of care, not simply the acquisition drug cost.
New grants aid cancer drug discoveries

_Dalby, Person receive grants from Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas_

Drs. Kevin Dalby and Maria Person have received grants from the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) for research to further understand cancer biology and develop new cancer treatments.

Dalby, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, was awarded $2.4 million to support work at the university’s Texas Institute for Drug and Diagnostic Development (TI-3D) as part of a $12.6 million award to the Gulf Coast Consortia CPRIT Throughput Screening Program, of which Dalby is co-director.

The consortia will provide the researchers with access to resources, such as robotic machines and chemical library screening, normally only available to scientists working in large pharmaceutical companies.

The Dalby laboratory focuses on understanding the roles of protein kinases in cancer. Protein kinases are a class of enzyme that regulate cellular signaling and are considered to be the major drug target of the 21st century. Dalby develops novel compounds that inhibit the activity of protein kinases, which potentially can be utilized therapeutically, as well as to further understand basic mechanisms of cancer.

“Our ultimate goal is to provide realistic pathways to new drugs,” Dalby said. “Our work in Austin will utilize our strengths here at the university in medicinal chemistry, biochemistry and chemoinformatics.”

Person, director of the Protein and Metabolite Analysis Facility at the Institute for Cellular and Molecular Biology and the College of Pharmacy, received $1.3 million to purchase state-of-the-art mass spectrometry equipment. Person’s work involves collaborating with researchers at the university and the MD Anderson Cancer Center to understand cancer at the molecular level, in animal models and through human population studies.

“The goal is to improve detection and treatment for ovarian cancer, breast cancer, leukemias and lymphomas and pancreatic cancer,” said Person.

The equipment will be used to observe molecular details from the earliest stages of DNA damage, through cell proliferation, invasion and metastasis, and to provide detailed characterization of interactions of drugs with DNA and proteins.

“Dr. Dalby’s cancer drug development grant will greatly enhance drug discovery efforts at the university,” said Dean Lynn Crismon. “One of our goals is for a University of Texas at Austin faculty member to synthesize a compound that will eventually become a cure for cancer. We have a commitment to cancer drug development from the research laboratory bench to the bedside.”

Person’s equipment grant “will significantly augment the capabilities in our protein and metabolic analysis facility,” said Crismon. “This not only is useful in basic drug discovery, but in preclinical drug development as well. Thus, both of these grants represent advances in our ability to conduct cutting edge cancer research at the university.”

In 2007, Texas voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment establishing the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and dedicating up to $3 billion to invest in groundbreaking cancer research and prevention programs and services in Texas. CPRIT focuses on expediting the innovation and commercialization of cancer research—in turn increasing the potential for a medical or scientific breakthrough—and enhancing access to evidence-based prevention programs and services.

_Hazel Pipkin honored by APhA_

Hazel Pipkin, retired clinical professor of pharmacy administration, was designated the 2011 Honorary President of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) at the group’s annual meeting in March.

APhA confers the title of honorary president upon members who have made significant contributions to the association. She was elected for her pioneering spirit and tremendous impact on the future of the pharmacy profession. She was also noted for her work with APhA and its foundation, as well as building a place for women in pharmacy as one of the first female pharmacy owners and the first female president of the Texas Pharmacists Association.

Pipkin, B.S. ’54, was owner of an independent pharmacy before joining the faculty of the College of Pharmacy. She was the first female president of the Texas Pharmacy Association.
By Janet Larsen

The college is adding a “new dimension” to learning.

In the past, students could build and inspect physical models of drugs using a kit that was like a scientific version of Tinkertoys™. While these kits were useful for learning about small molecules, they were unable to capture the complexity of how drugs interact with much larger protein-based receptors.

Understanding how the structure of a drug affects its function, known as the structure-activity relationship, is part of the foundational knowledge of every pharmacist. Finding educational tools to conceptualize these interactions, however, has been challenging.

Previously, Dr. Walt Fast, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, used computers to display three-dimensional projections of molecules in the pharmacotherapy course sequence. The students wore old-fashioned, cardboard 3D glasses to see the images, and the classroom looked like a scene from a 1950s movie theater.

“Using the red and blue glasses to look at drugs in 3D was fun. It helped students visualize, understand and remember the material,” said Fast, citing numerous student comments. The old technology, however, has limitations.

To overcome these drawbacks, Fast teamed up with Dr. Sean Kerwin, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, and the pair was awarded a recent College of Pharmacy Faculty Educational Innovation (FIE) Grant to bring this technology into the new millennium.

By combining course fees with the grant, the college’s Learning Resource Center (LRC) designed and constructed a mobile 3D console that brings modern stereographic display technology to the classroom. Kamran Ziai, director of the LRC, and Oliver Gomez, senior systems administrator in the LRC, led the project.

A recent demo of this console to the college’s Academic Support Committee was considered a success when attendees wanted to reach out and touch the molecules.

Current plans are to phase in the technology during the Fall 2011 medicinal chemistry lab course, but potential applications for public outreach, Explore UT events, and other professional courses are being actively discussed.

“We are lucky to have the faculty and the dean who strive to bring the latest technology that complements the high quality instructions at our college,” said Ziai. It is exciting to be part of this movement.”

Pair named as Walmart Scholars

Sofia Mnjoyan, a third-year pharmacy student, and Dr. Ken Lawson, associate professor of pharmacy practice, are among 75 student-faculty pairs named to the 2011 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) - Walmart Scholars Program.

The program provides $1,000 travel scholarships to 75 student-faculty pairs from AACCP member institutions to attend the AACP Annual Meeting and the AACP Teachers Seminar in San Antonio from July 9-13, 2011.

AACP and Walmart share the commitment to help colleges and schools of pharmacy ensure there are an adequate number of well-prepared individuals who aspire to join the faculties of our expanding programs across the country. The goal of this scholarship program is to strengthen the recipient’s skills and commitment to a career in academic pharmacy through participation in programming and activities at the 2011 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars.
Faculty news

Dean busy with speaking engagements

Dean M. Lynn Crismon has been very busy with speaking engagements during the spring semester. In late April, he was invited to deliver the Rho Cho Lecture at the Texas A&M University Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy. His presentation was titled, “Health Care Transformation and a Changing Pharmacy Environment.” While at A&M, he also conducted a faculty development workshop.

He joined deans from two other colleges of pharmacy in presenting the featured address at the first Tennessee Endowed Chair of Excellence Symposium. Theme for the presentation, held on the campus of the University of Tennessee, was “Growth Opportunities for Research in Pharmacy.” Dean Crismon’s presentation was titled, “Facilitating Excellence in Research.”

In early May, he delivered a keynote presentation at the 14th annual meeting of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists in Phoenix where his presentation was titled, “Management of Aggression in Children and Adolescents.”

Burkett joins pharmacy administration faculty

Donna Burkett, B.S. ’72 and M.S. 2000, has joined the college faculty as an associate clinical professor within the Division of Pharmacy Administration. She brings to the college a diverse background of expertise in hospital pharmacy with more than 27 years of hospital pharmacy management experience.

In addition, she is a former president of the Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Central Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She has served as a member, vice president and president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy and currently serves as vice-chair of the Therapeutics Committee of the Texas Vendor Drug Program (Texas Medicaid Program.)

At the college, she will teach hospital pharmacy management and hospital pharmacy practice courses. She will be the director of the college’s Institutional Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiential Program.

She has also been an active longhorn for the college, serving as a preceptor faculty member, a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council since 1998 and a life member of the College of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Seven faculty promoted

UT President Bill Powers has approved promotions for seven members of the College of Pharmacy faculty. The promotions are effective September 1. Faculty promotions include:

• Jamie Barner to professor of pharmacy administration
• Leroy Knodel to clinical professor of pharmacotherapy
• Ken Lawson to professor of pharmacy administration
• James Lewis to adjunct associate professor of pharmacotherapy
• Jose Rivera to clinical professor in the UTEP Cooperative Pharmacy Program
• Laurajo Ryan to clinical associate professor in pharmacotherapy
• Hugh Smyth to associate professor of pharmaceutics with tenure.

Celebrating receipt of the college’s reaccreditation certificate from the American Council for Pharmacy Education are members of the accreditation leadership team including (seated) Dr. Rochelle Roberts and Dr. Cliff Littlefield and (standing) Dr. Patrick Davis and Dean Lynn Crismon. The certificate acknowledges a full term of accreditation through 2017.
When Debbie Ramirez crossed the stage on May 20 to receive her pharmacy degree, her cheering family may have had a sense of déjà vu – that they have been here before, and before – and yet again before.

That’s because, as Debbie stepped up to receive her doctoral hood and diploma, she moved into the ranks of a virtual long-horn mortar and pestle dynasty as she becomes the tenth member of her family to earn a pharmacy degree from The University of Texas at Austin.

In the audience to cheer her and her Class of 2011 were many of her family of UT pharmacists including mom Anita Laurel Ramirez (B.S. ’78), dad Joe Ramirez (B.S. ’72); aunts Sylvia Laurel Vela (B.S. ’64), Yolanda Laurel Swope (B.S. ’68), and Nora Laurel Francis (B.S. ’80). Other family members with UT pharmacy degrees include cousins and their spouses Arabela Benavides Stone (B.S. ’70), Gerry Stone (B.S. ’70), Debra Garcia De Laya (B.S. ’77), and Ezequiel (Pete) Laurel (B.S. ’79).

A father’s faith and University Acres

Alonzo Laurel, a dairy rancher, and Esther Laurel, a housewife and teacher’s aide, taught their seven children to value education. Diana, their eldest child, was valedictorian of her class and thus had her tuition paid to attend a state university. She selected the University of Texas. Sylvia Laurel Vela, the second child in the Laurel brood, credits her parents’ devotion to education and a parcel of land for her success. Her venture into college life, and the subsequent paths of her younger siblings, became a family project, she recalled.

“Grandmother gave me money to obtain residence at a boarding house and my parents provided support and money,” she recalled.

To pay for Sylvia’s tuition, Alonzo mortgaged a portion of the ranch, a parcel of land that had first been awarded to family heirs under a Spanish land grant. It was a move that carried financial risks for the family as the land supported Alonzo’s work in dairy ranching. But Alonzo had faith in his children, and Sylvia proved his instincts correct. When Sylvia graduated and entered the work force, she helped her father pay off the mortgage in time to offer it back to the bank to cover college tuition for the next child in line. As each of the siblings completed their studies, they followed Sylvia’s example in helping to reclaim the family homestead.

The family parcel of land is affectionately called “University Acres” among the six living siblings who jointly own the property today. The Laurel sisters – Sylvia, Yolanda, Anita and Nora – paid tribute to their parent’s faith and their beloved University Acres by continuing the tradition of supporting education. Together they have established two endowed scholarship programs within the college – the Laurel Sisters Scholarship created in 1994 and the Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Z. Laurel and Family Scholarship established in 1997.

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Sylvia (Class of 1964)

As a child, Sylvia often accompanied her mother to their local pharmacy to pick up medicines, especially when one of the Laurel brothers, Ricardo, contracted polio as a child. By age 11, she was fascinated with the medicines on the pharmacy shelves.

“I wanted to know how these medicines healed the body,” Sylvia said. “Most of all, I wanted to help my family and others get well. Thus began my determination to be a member of the health profession.”

Sylvia recalls her years in pharmacy school:

“The Dean of the College of Pharmacy in 1961, Dr. Henry Burlage, taught Introduction to Pharmacy. I was one of the first students in the science lab each class period and the last to leave. He, along with my pharmaceutical biochemistry professor, Dr. Jaime Delgado, supported my efforts. Dr. Delgado was always willing to listen and provide a word of encouragement. After every exam he would say, ‘You can do better,’ or ‘Keep up the good work.’ However, not everyone was as encouraging.”

There were only four women in Sylvia’s class of 1964. Her organic chemistry professor would chide her for “taking a place in the class that rightfully belonged to a man,” adding, “You will not work long because you will get married and have children.”

“Upon graduation, I took a job in the same pharmacy I had visited as a child,” she said. “At first, customers refused to speak with me, insisting they needed to speak with ‘a real pharmacist’ – a man. I was disappointed, but used the same patience from college to win their trust.”

Sylvia retired from pharmacy in 2001 after working in the field for 37 years, the last nine as pharmacist-in-charge at a community health center.

“I recognize the rise of women in pharmacy today with pride that I helped open the door to other women to share in that pride,” she said.

Yolanda (Class of 1968)

Four years after Sylvia started pharmacy school, Yolanda followed. Like Sylvia, the notion to consider a health profession was born in Yolanda as a result of the family’s experiences with Ricardo’s illness.

“Sylvia and I were two of the older siblings so we helped our parents, going with them and Ricardo when he went to Gonzales Warm Springs for treatments,” she said.

Like Sylvia, Yolanda was one of very few women in her pharmacy class. She too, struggled at first getting patients to trust her with their healthcare needs.

Upon graduation, Yolanda began her career at University of Texas Medical branch in Galveston. She realized that she enjoyed working at a teaching hospital. After paying off her college loans, she moved to San Antonio and started working at University Hospital, the first facility in San Antonio to set up clinical rotations for UT undergraduate pharmacy students. Yolanda was the college’s first institutional coordinator in San Antonio, and was on the faculty for close to 30 years, placing students in their hospital rotations.

In the 1970s, UT pharmacy established a post-graduate Pharm.D. program administered jointly with UT Austin and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. University Hospital was one of the major facilities used to train the Pharm.D. students.

Yolanda vividly recalls one of the very first Pharm.D. students who rotated through her pharmacy – M. Lynn Crismon, the current dean of the UT Pharmacy College.

“He jokingly tells people that I was his boss back in the days,” she said.

“Being a pharmacist was one of the best decisions I ever made. The ability to help patients and serve the community has been an incredible gift. I have worked in a facility that advocates for patients and this has been my life’s work – we are there for the patient. We train undergraduate and post graduate students to assist in their professional development by guiding them through the first steps of their career.”

This year she celebrates her 40th anniversary at University Health System.
Anita (Class of 1978)

By the time Anita was 10 years old, she knew three things: she was going to attend UT Austin; she was going to be a pharmacist; and, she was going to live at Blanton Dorm. She was so convinced that she would follow her older sisters’ paths that she did not have a Plan B. Despite the extremely competitive admissions process for the UT College of Pharmacy, she didn’t apply anywhere else.

When Anita was a high school freshman, her father suffered a massive heart attack that affected his health for the rest of his life. Her father died the summer before her final year of pharmacy school. Again the family rallied to assure her academic success.

“Sylvia, Yolanda and our brother Alonzo, were in the work force so they were able to send me money,” she recalled. “My cousin, Debbie Garcia De Lay was two years ahead of me in pharmacy school so she saved her textbooks for me to use and helped me get through courses.”

By the time Anita neared the conclusion of her studies, her sister Yolanda was in charge of institutional rotations in San Antonio. She selected Santa Rosa Hospital for Anita, not realizing that one of the pharmacy supervisors, Joe Ramirez, would become another pharmacist in the family when he married Anita a few years later. Anita credits Yolanda for leading her into a career in hospital pharmacy. After a stint in retail pharmacy while the children were growing up, Anita returned to hospital pharmacy. She has been a director of pharmacy for LifeCare Hospitals of South Texas in McAllen for the last 12 years.

Anita says her 29-year marriage to Joe has been strengthened by an understanding and respect of the pharmacy profession. Together they have two daughters, Debbie, the 2011 graduate, and Sandy, who has decided on a different area of healthcare for her career.

During the course of her career, Anita says she has witnessed changes in the profession toward more patient and medication safety processes.

“I believe in the important role the pharmacist has as a member of the healthcare team,” she said. With a family table filled with sibling pharmacists, in-law pharmacists, cousin pharmacists and, now a pharmacist daughter, she sees that role played out daily.

As Anita prepares to watch her daughter follow in the family career path, she cannot help but think of her parents and their support of each of their children.

“Our mother was very proud that all seven of her children graduated from UT,” Anita reminisced. “She would have been so proud of her granddaughter.”

Nora (Class of 1980)

The baby of the family, Nora set her sights on becoming a UT pharmacist while she was still in elementary school, although she now admits that she had no idea what that entailed. When her sister, Anita, who was one year ahead of her in school, followed older sisters, Sylvia and Yolanda, in pursuing pharmacy as a profession, Nora said the deal was sealed.

“Reality hit after I was admitted into pharmacy school and I realized being a pharmacist was a big responsibility,” she said. “I had no idea how smart my sisters were until I followed them into their profession. I had a deeper respect for them knowing they had followed this path and succeeded. There is a lot to be said of the benefits of sibling rivalry. It makes you go the extra mile many times!”

By the time Nora graduated the gender makeup of the pharmacy program had made a dramatic shift as her class was comprised of 47 percent women.

Following graduation, Nora worked in a San Antonio hospital pharmacy for 14 years, including seven years as a pharmacy director at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

“We were advocates for the most premature babies in intensive care and to this day, I cannot dispense a pediatric prescription without checking the patient’s weight to make sure it’s an appropriate dose,” she said.

She relocated to Michigan in 1994 where she practices retail pharmacy. Although physically distanced from her family and the university, Nora says her co-workers have no doubts about her allegiances.

“My blood runs burnt orange up here, and I always love to tell my Texas stories to anyone who will listen,” she said.

“Pharmacy is constantly changing and evolving,” she said. “I now administer vaccines. Medications come on the market and some leave. Breakthroughs are made in research that give people hope. This profession is all about caring for people, about being passionate, and about standing strong for doing the right thing. I am very happy to pass the torch to my niece, Debbie, as she embarks as the future of pharmacy.”

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Arabela (Class of 1970)

Arabela grew up with her cousins in Laredo, a border town, where curanderos, yerbitas, and tecitos were commonly used to treat ailments. Although her family occasionally used herbal teas and compresses to treat family members who fell ill, the treatment usually included a visit to the family doctor as well as the neighborhood pharmacist. When it came time to consider a career, she followed her cousins and headed to pharmacy school.

“I always marveled at the pharmacist’s ability to know exactly what ailed each of us by deciphering some scribble on a small piece of paper,” she said. “And I marveled even more at speedy recoveries – those magic pills.”

“I also realized that my family life would be pivotal to my happiness,” she said. “I decided that a career in pharmacy could lead to the perfect realization of family and medicine. Little did I know that I would meet my husband, Gerry Stone (B.S. ‘70) in pharmacy school.”

Today, she and Gerry own The Drug Shop in Comfort, Texas.

Debbie De Laya (Class of 1971)

When Debbie Garcia De Laya and her father began to consider her future profession, her father pointed to the family of Debbie’s Aunt Esther, and the growing legacy of female pharmacists.

“He (her father) decided that it would suit me just fine to follow in Sylvia’s footsteps,” Debbie said. “Being the obedient daughter that I was, I never questioned that choice and have never once looked back or had second thoughts.”

Debbie said she later learned that her cousin Sylvia had held childhood aspirations of being a firefighter, but decided against it when her father advised that firefighting was not a noble profession for women at the time.

“We’ve often laughed to think of a little ‘what if’,” Debbie said. “Sylvia could have literally blazed forth the trail for our entire family and she could have been our fair city’s first woman firefighter.”

Debbie Ramirez (Class of 2011)

“As a daughter of two pharmacists, pharmacy was often the topic of discussion around the household,” Debbie recalled. “Although pharmacy was regularly discussed, I never actually knew what a pharmacist did other than what any person observes when picking up outpatient prescriptions at a neighborhood pharmacy.”

“My parents always encouraged me to look into pharmacy as a career, but what teenager thinks his/her parents actually know best?” she laughed.

Debbie recognized; however, that she had inherited her parent’s love of science and healthcare. On spring break during her junior year at Texas A&M University, she visited her aunt Yolanda in San Antonio.

Yolanda invited Debbie to visit her at work and arranged for her to shadow Conrad Gamboa, B.S. ‘85, a clinical pharmacist in the Surgical Trauma Intensive Care Unit.

“I spent half of the day with Mr. Gamboa, and that was all I needed to realize that I needed to seriously consider pharmacy as my future profession,” she said. “He allowed me to round with him and the healthcare team. If he knew that I didn’t understand something, he would pull me aside and explain the disease state, patient’s clinical course, or the team’s concerns. I had no idea that a pharmacist could make such an impact on patient care or be such an integral part of the healthcare team.”

“My parents, my aunt, and Mr. Gamboa were all key players in my decision to pursue this profession, and I am so grateful to each of them.”

She will begin a residency this fall. The legacy continues.
Hello fellow UTCOP Alumni!

I hope you’ll join me in congratulating our newest alumni members, the Class of 2011. I am so happy for the 2011 graduates that I am dedicating and directing this president’s message to them.

Dear Class of 2011,

Congratulations on your recent achievement and as you begin your professional lives as pharmacists. You join an elite group of pharmacists practicing all over the world in many different capacities, it really is true that “What Starts Here, Changes the World”. The University of Texas College of Pharmacy has many distinguished graduates: senators, House of Representative members, college deans, company CEOs, independent business owners, college professors, just to name a few. Even as a class, you are distinguished, as I was so proud to learn that you are the first class ever to donate almost $45,000 to the college in honor of many of your loved ones. Such a truly generous and thoughtful gift will financially help many future pharmacists for years to come. My greatest hope and charge to you is to continue your commitment to the college.

The alumni association has granted each of you a one-year membership into the association and my wish is for you to make that one-year membership a lifetime membership in May 2012. I can honestly say, that the Pharmacy Alumni Association has been a wonderful organization to be a part of and the more actively you give to it, the more you’ll receive from it. I have benefitted from its membership in so many ways, and I hope that each of you will find that to be personally true as well. I wish you luck and prosperity in all of your future endeavors both personally and professionally and hope that you will remember that you will always have a home here in Austin.

With warmest regards and the heartiest Hook’em Horns,

Kris Klein-Bradham, PharmD, BCPS, CDE
UT College of Pharmacy
Alumni Association President

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First Pharmacy African American Reunion

A crowd of enthusiastic alumni and students attended the first ever African American Reunion – A Legacy of Determination, Courage & Inspiration in April.

The event features two key gatherings – a lunch presentation and an evening reception/dinner. One highlight of the event was the presentation of certificates honoring three early African American graduates including O.C. Houston, Olice Arnold and Don Nwokeji.

Dr. Wanda Nelson, special assistant for academic diversity initiatives and pre-college youth development, began the day with a historical perspective of African Americans at UT Austin. A panel of speakers responded to her comments with their own experiences as students and alumni of the university. Dr. Leonard Moore, associate vice president for academic diversity initiatives and pre-college youth development, delivered the evening address.

Attendees at the Pharmacy African American Reunion dinner on April 7.
Alumni news

Robert Lee Henna, B.S.’47, died Jan. 1, 2011 at the age of 89. He was an independent pharmacist for most of his career practicing in Abilene and Austin. He also spent many years with the Texas Health Department Food and Drug Division before his retirement.

Fred S. Brinkley Jr., B.S. ’61, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to serve as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. He will serve as the pharmacist representative to the council that evaluates long-term local, regional and statewide health needs to develop workforce goals for health professionals. His term runs through Aug. 1, 2015.

Jimmie Foy, B.S. ’63, died in December 2010. He had been employed at Seton Hospital in Austin for many years.

Carol E. Fisher, B.S. ’66, has been named recipient of the John F. Atkinson Award by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to recognize exceptional accomplishments related to pharmacy law and compliance. Since 2000, Fisher has served as director of enforcement at the Texas State Board of Pharmacy where she is responsible for managing the enforcement division that inspects pharmacies throughout the state.

Barbara Lynn Benton Dean, B.S. ’72, died in February. She had been employed with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services for 23 years before retiring in 2010.

David Schwartz, B.S. ’72, and wife, Debbie, welcomed their first grandchild, Sadie Danielle Schwartz on Aug. 14, 2010. Sadie weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20.25 inches long at birth. Proud grandparents are Daniel and Perella Schwartz.

Donna Burkett, B.S. ’72 and M.S. 2000, and Oralia Bazadua, B.S. ’91, have been appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to serve on the state’s Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee. The committee makes recommendations regarding the contents of preferred drug lists. Their terms expire on Sept. 1, 2011.

Amy Othold, B.S. ’80, is the chief operating officer for Hunter Pharmacy Services based in Austin. She is part of a team that developed her company’s version of electronic supervision of technicians. The company utilizes telecommunication in conjunction with remote order entry along with capture and review of digital images to comply with TSBP regulations.

Donna Fowler, B.S. ’80, has been selected as the “member of the year” by the TX-3 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Additionally, she received an outstanding achievement award from the National Disaster Medical System. The recogni-

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A cherished diploma

Dean presents 1947 graduate with diploma to replace one lost to fire

For 51 years, Clarence (C.L.) Howard, B.S. ’47, practiced pharmacy in west Texas as his Texas pharmacy license and his degree from The University of Texas College of Pharmacy proudly hung on the wall.

Ten years ago, a fire at his home in Clyde, near Abilene, claimed all of his belongings including his UT diploma. His daughter, Lisa Howard, visited with her father shortly after the fire and drew up a list of the things he missed most. She set about trying to replace as many cherished possessions as possible. Among the items on the list was his UT diploma.

In April, Howard, now a resident at the Emeritus Senior Living in southwest Austin had a surprise visit from his daughter. Accompanying her were a few people he had mentored or known while practicing in West Texas as well as two surprise guests – Lynn Crismon, dean of the UT College of Pharmacy, and Susan Brown, assistant dean for development and alumni affairs. Dean Crismon presented Howard with a framed copy of his original 1947 diploma and offered his congratulations on his decades of service in the pharmacy profession including 45 years where he was owner/operator of Howard Drug Store in Hamlin.

Alumni news

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Jeff Carson, B.S. ’96, has been named the Dr. M. George Webber Compounding Pharmacist of the Year by the Professional Compounding Centers of America. The award is presented annually to an independent pharmacist who has demonstrated service excellence to patients, healthcare providers and pharmacy colleagues.

Leticia Moczygemba, Pharm.D. ’04 and Ph.D. ’08, was cited as one of the best new investigator podium research presentations at the May annual meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoconomics and outcomes Research (ISPOR) meeting in Baltimore. Her topic was “MDM2 - 12 month outcomes of a pharmacist-provided telephone medication therapy management (MTM) program.” Co-author of the presentation was Dr. Jamie Barner, associate professor of pharmacy administration, who supervised Moczygemba’s Ph.D. work.

Laura Moretti Challen, Pharm.D. ’04 and her husband are proud parents of Matthew Alexander, born April 28. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20.5 inches long at birth.

Members of the Class of 1970 enjoyed an opportunity to reconnect at the 2010 Tailgate Party.
Homecoming Weekend
September 9-10, 2011
featuring

Tailgate Party
Saturday, September 10, 3 pm
Pharmacy Courtyard prior to
UT vs. BYU football game at 6 pm

Alumni Dinner
and Awards Ceremony
Friday, September 9, UT Club
featuring recipients of annual awards including
Distinguished Young Alumnus Award
Legend of Pharmacy Award
Wm. J. Sheffield Outstanding Alumnus Award

Details and registration at http://www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/dean/alumni/homecoming.html

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ICD2 Conference

**Stavchansky directs planning for annual event**

Did you know that for the past 51 years, The University of Texas College of Pharmacy has hosted the International Conference on Drug Development (ICD2), which traditionally draws top-level pharmaceutical industry players, academicians and U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials to Austin for a three-day forum?

This prestigious conference has been chaired by UT Faculty member, Dr. Salomon Stavchansky for the past 26 years and is coordinated by the Office of Pharmacy Continuing Education. ICD2 is designed for individuals involved in the science and regulation of drug discovery and drug product development. It is an extremely unique conference in that the focus of the conference is on open and unbiased discussion between policy makers and scientists within the pharmaceutical industry, academia, biotechnology industry and the FDA. Each year, Dr. Janet Woodcock, director for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the FDA addresses the forum. In 2010, the Commissioner of the FDA, Dr. Margaret Hamburg, made it a priority to participate in the conference. The presentations delivered over the course of the three days are typically given by senior vice presidents in industry and biotechnology as well as director level individuals in various offices within the FDA. Relationships are forged and discussions occur at this conference that directly impact the science and regulation of drug development in the United States.

A tremendous amount of work goes in to bringing this unique program to Austin each year and a great deal of thanks goes to Dr. Salomon Stavchansky for leading the effort.

CE leadership change

**Dear Friends and Treasured CE Customers,**

It is with both sadness and anticipation that I compose this note of farewell. Spending the last 15 years of my professional life coordinating and then directing the Office of Pharmacy Continuing Education at the UT College of Pharmacy has been a fulfilling career far beyond what I could have ever anticipated as a UT pharmacy student almost 20 years ago. Coming to work each day to collaborate with respected and treasured colleagues within the CE office to coordinate educational pieces and events utilizing our outstanding faculty, has been a true pleasure. The opportunity to work with planning committees composed of pharmacists within the community and then finally, to present the fruits of our efforts to our CE customers, has created career highlights for me that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Thank you.

Leaving dear co-workers at the College of Pharmacy, as well my career focus of providing education for the pharmacists in our community’s educational needs was a hard decision, but one that was made due to some impending personal joy. In the coming months, my family will expand to a party of four when my husband, our two-year old son and I travel to Korea to welcome our second child, a precious little boy. Due to my desire to focus on our growing family, I will no longer have the privilege of working at the college, but will instead be a loyal customer of our excellent CE programs along with so many of you who have become so dear to me over the years.

It is with tremendous pride that I leave the office under the direction of my dear colleagues, Dr. Jennifer Bosworth and Beverly Weems. In their hands, our CE program will continue to flourish and shine. Thank you to all of my co-workers at UT, our CE customers and my former UT-ASP students who have collectively made leaving the College so difficult. I will miss you.

Sincerely,

Kristin Wilson, former director
Pharmacy Continuing Education
Location/Lodging
The Marriott Austin South, located close to downtown Austin as well as conveniently situated on the south side of town for participants who will join us from San Antonio.

Marriott Austin South
4415 South IH 35 • Austin, TX 78744
(512) 441-7900 • $124/single/double occupancy

Conference Goal
The University of Texas College of Pharmacy’s Psychiatric Pharmacy Program, Pharmacy Continuing Education Office, and the continuing education programs for medical and nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio are proud to host this conference for the 23rd year. This is a regional program involving the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP), an organization dedicated to the promotion of rational pharmacotherapy and care for patients with CNS disorders. The program provides attendees an opportunity to interact with clinical experts from nationally recognized medical teaching and research centers, and to learn recent advances in psychiatric medicine that can improve outcomes for their patients.

Target Audience
This conference is an excellent opportunity for pharmacists, physicians, and nurses who are specialized or have an interest in neuropsychiatric disorders to enhance their awareness and knowledge and stay abreast of the most recent advances impacting the practice.

Conference Topics
• Exploring the Interface of Antiepileptic Medications in Bi-polar Patients with Seizure Disorders
• Clinical Pearls from the Evidence-based Oyster: Schizophrenia
• Evidence Base for the Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder
• Evidence-based Treatment of Aggression
• Psychotropic New Drug Update
• Management of Psychiatric Illness in HIV Patients: A Major Treatment Dilemma
• Insomnia Update: Adults & Children
• Cardiac Side Effects of Psychotropic Medications
• Can We Improve Cognition in Schizophrenia?
• Assessment and Management of Dementia
• Evidence-based Management of the Side Effects of Psychotropic Medications
• Depression Update: A Focus on the Most Recent American Psychological Association Guidelines

Registration
Online registration opens in July. Visit our website (www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/ce) or call our office (512) 471-6213 to register. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and breaks on Thursday and Friday, conference materials, and CE credit. The early registration fees are listed below.

Fees through 9/14/11 (see website for late fees)
Pharmacists, Physicians, Nurses:
Full Conference $325
1 Day $225

Post-doc/Residents, Graduate Students, UT Preceptors:
Full Conference $295
1 Day $195

The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This activity is approved for 1.5 CEUs (15 contact hours) of continuing pharmacy education credit. Visit our website (www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/ce) in July for the nursing and physician accreditation information.

CPE Monitor – Coming Soon!
CPE Monitor is a national, collaborative effort by ACPE and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to provide a secure, central electronic system for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to track their completed continuing education (CE) credits. The system will become the repository for all CE credit, regardless of where you take your CE, and will eliminate the need for pharmacists and technicians to file and maintain hard copy CE statements.

Over the next few months, pharmacists and technicians will be asked to obtain their NABP e-profile ID at www.MyCPEMonitor.net before registering for future CE courses. UTCE is dedicated to helping our customers through this transition by offering instructions on our website and via our various registration methods. Please stay tuned to our website, www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/ce, as we post relevant information regarding this process in the coming months.
PPS  
PHARMACY PRACTICE SEMINAR  

Conference Location  
DoubleTree Hotel  
6505 N. IH 35 North  
Austin, TX  

Lodging  
You can make overnight accommodations now by calling either of the hotels listed below and reference “The University of Texas Pharmacy Practice Seminar” to take advantage of the special nightly rates. The special rates will be available until 9/1/11, based on availability.  

PLEASE NOTE: The Austin City Limits music festival is the same weekend as PPS, so book your hotel NOW to guarantee a room and to avoid higher rates.  

DoubleTree Hotel (conference location)  
Drury Inn & Suites  
6505 IH-35 North  
6711 IH 35 North  
800/347-0330  
800/325-0720  
$105 single/double occupancy  
$99 single/double occupancy  

Seminar Goal  
To provide pharmacists in all practice settings with useful and relevant clinical and practice information to enhance your ability to serve as a valuable resource for your customers and patients and ultimately improve patient outcomes.  

Seminar Topics  
• New Drug Update  
• Texas Pharmacy Law Update*  
• Texas Pharmacy Law Q&A Session *** New This Year ***  
• An Integrative Approach for Improving Medication Adherence  
• Alzheimer’s vs. Dementia  
• Advances in ADHD Management  
• Dermatology: 13 Going on 40 (and beyond)  
• Counseling the Cancer Patient in the Retail Setting  
• eHealth: Healthcare Communications in the Digital Age  
• Substance Abuse Update...What are current trends and how do we treat?*  
• Clinical Pharmacy 101: Hypertension  
• Diabetes: Empowering Your Patients Through Education  
• Health Care Transformation and Its Impact on Pharmacy*  

* Topics are accredited for preceptor education and training, for a total of 3 hours.  

Registration  
Online registration will open in July. In July, visit our website (www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/ce) or call our office (512) 471-6213 to register. Registration will include breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday, break refreshments, conference materials and 15 hours of CE credit.  

The fees are listed below:  
$325  Pharmacist ($345 after 9/1/11)  
$225  UT College of Pharmacy Preceptor ($245 after 9/1/11)  
$235  UT College of Pharmacy Faculty/Graduate Student  
$235  Pharmacy Technician ($255 after 9/1/11)  

The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This course is approved for 1.5 CEUs (15 contact hours) of continuing education credit.  

* A total of 3 hours of preceptor education will be available.  

PPS Pre-Conference Course  
Friday, September 16  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
DoubleTree Hotel (same location as PPS)  
Registration opens July 1  

Immunization Update  
CE credit: 3 hours  
Course focus: Topics related to immunization  
Audience: Immunization-certified pharmacists seeking TSBP-required 3 hours of CE to maintain competency in the administration of immunizations or vaccinations  
Registration Fee: $95  

IV Update  
CE credit: 2.5 hours  
Course focus: Topics related to sterile product preparation  
Audience: IV-certified pharmacists and technicians seeking to expand their skills and knowledge in sterile product preparation  
Registration Fee: $90  

The two Pre-Conference Courses will be offered concurrently, so participants must choose only one to attend. Registration is separate from the Pharmacy Practice Seminar and carries a separate fee. The fee includes CE credit, program materials and dinner. Registration will open in July, please visit www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/ce or call (512) 471-6213 to register at that time.  

PLEASE NOTE: You do not need to be registered for PPS to attend one of the Pre-Conference courses; they are open to any pharmacist who wishes to attend.
Gift offers scholarship assistance to

Alumnus known for serving others, leaves legacy in his will

James F. (Jim) Beran, B.S. ’51, was a person that people always turned to with a need. Even as he was growing up in Caldwell, his father and mother knew he was there to assist whenever he was needed in the family-owned grocery store. Though he had an older brother, Ed, and a younger sister, Dittle, it was Jim whom they could depend.

His sister, Dottie Wilkinson of Austin, said, “It was just the way he chose to live his life. He was always so willing to help.”

When the country became enveloped in World War II shortly after Jim graduated from high school, he willingly stepped forward and enlisted in the U.S. Navy for service to his country.

When the war concluded, Jim used the G.I Bill to help finance his education, enrolling at The University of Texas to pursue a degree in pharmacy. Following graduation, he took a staff position in the pharmacy at Baylor Hospital in Dallas where, once again, he became the “go-to” person on the team. He had a definite sense of duty to those he served – not only the patients, but also his fellow pharmacy employees.

His sister remembers many of her family’s own holiday meals when Jim was absent as he volunteered to work holiday shifts so that his colleagues could be at home with their spouses and children.

“We missed him at our holiday meals, but it was just who he was,” she said recently. “He was one of the most giving people I have ever known.”

Jim’s generous spirit extended to his alma mater. After his death in March 2010, college administrators learned that his will provided for some of his lifelong stock investments to go to the college. Beran’s gift, with a cash-in value of almost $500,000, was used to establish the James Franklin Beran Endowment in Pharmacy. Proceeds from the account will be used to provide financial assistance to students in their first year of pharmacy school.

While he was very serious about his work, he had a wonderful sense of humor that always put a smile on the faces of those who knew him. Jim was a dedicated and loyal fan of the university.

“Jim’s gift to The University of Texas College of Pharmacy is a perfect example of how he felt about UT, the pharmacy profession, and young people,” said his sister.

He loved being a pharmacist, Dottie and her husband, Joe agreed. Over the course of his 47-year career at the Baylor Hospital pharmacy, he had 26 years of perfect attendance. He retired in 2001 as assistant director of pharmacy, leaving behind a professional family of colleagues and friends.

Mrs. Wilkinson described her brother as a man of deep faith who loved his work and was proud of his degree from UT.

“He wasn’t the type to proclaim his love for pharmacy or UT,” she explained, “but he was a Longhorn through and through. He was very proud of his association with the university and the pharmacy college. His blood ran orange, as does the blood of so many faithful fans.”

“Jim was a content man,” she said. “He loved his family and fellow man, he loved to fish, he loved his church and his faith, he loved helping people through his work, and he loved UT and the University of Texas College of Pharmacy.”

Remember the college in estate planning

Make a lasting impact on the college with a gift through estate planning. This type of gift arrangement allows you to make a gift now or after your lifetime while enjoying financial benefits for yourself and your loved ones. A growing number of alumni and friends support the college and the university through financial or estate planning. To learn more about estate planning, planned gifts or other opportunities to provide a gift to the College of Pharmacy, contact Susan Brown, assistant dean for development and alumni relations, in the college’s Development Office. Contact her by telephone at (512) 475-9758 or via email at susbrown@mail.utexas.edu. You can also learn more by visiting the university’s web page concerning planned gifts at http://giving.utexas.edu/how-to-give/.
Class of 2011 gives back

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Members of the Class of 2011 envisioned leaving a legacy that would honor and celebrate their graduating class, express gratitude for support they received from family and friends, and pave the way for students who will follow them.

To this end, the graduates listed below have made monetary pledges to scholarships and programs that maintain their alma mater’s exemplary standing. The College of Pharmacy gratefully acknowledges our new class of alumni donors.

Megan Aelvoet
Saadia Ali – In honor of Bashir Ali and Saeeda Ali
Katherine (Leigh) Clark – In honor of Russell Clark and Katherine Woodward
Caitlin Davis – In honor of Richard and Kristin Moon
Claudia Dedman – In honor of Steve and Antoinette Dedman
Marisa Galan – In honor of Kerry and Jan Galan
Abyssa Garza – In honor of Jorge and Blanca Garza
Cullen Hesbrook
Eryn Kennedy – In honor of Rex and Lydia Kennedy
Crystle Lopez – In honor of Lorraine and Rick Lopez
Stephen Lozano – In honor of Adolfo and Lilia Lozano
José Malacara
Heather Manns – In honor of Micah and Kim Manns
Misbah Moten – In honor of Ashraf and Razia Moten
Tyler S. Mohr
Christopher Nelson – In honor of Victor and Grace Nelson
Jenny Nelson – In honor of John and Betty Nelson
Alessandra Ochoa – In honor of Joe and Lydia Ochoa
Laura Porter – In honor of Cheryl Porter
Sara Solis – In honor of Aurora and Mateo Solis
Rajinder (Buddy) Sumair
Rene Verduzco, Jr. – In honor of Rene and Diana Verduzco
Sara VerShaw – In honor of Jack and Jean Harris
Angharad R. Webb – In honor of Rhian and Robert Webb

In addition to those listed above several contributors requested that their names not be published.

Got a story to share?

Everyone’s got a story to tell and we’d love to hear yours. In past issues of Longhorn Pharmacy Focus, we have featured many of your stories - both individual and family stories - and we’ve received great feedback from readers.

In this issue alone, we showcase the Laurel/Ramirez family’s commitment to pharmacy, the determination of a recent grad Joe Malacara, and the quiet commitment to his alma mater of James Beran.

The university’s tagline is “What starts here changes the world.” Nice words that become powerful words when illustrated through stories of how your life or the lives of those around you have been impacted by the time you spent walking the halls of the UT College of Pharmacy. Your stories are also our success stories.

Willing to share your story? If you have a story that fits the criteria of “What starts here changes the world” or if you’re participating in something that you consider extraordinary, let us hear about it. Send email to Vicki Matusik, Focus editor, at matustik@mail.utexas.edu or call (512) 232-1769.
For more than 30 years, Arlyn Kloesel has been challenging pharmacy students to reach for excellence. He is one of the first faculty members that the entering class meets, and he is often the one they seek out at graduation to share in their celebration. His Care and Respect for the Elderly Program has proven life changing for many students. He has been the recipient of numerous recognitions for his teaching excellence including his most recent selection as one of two college faculty members to receive the UT System Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award for 2010.

The initiative to establish the Arlyn Kloesel Endowment for Excellence in Pharmacy was launched in 2010 to honor Arlyn Kloesel and his life-long dedication to excellence within The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. Our goal is to create a $1 million endowment to foster innovation in pharmacy practice, education, and research. The college is proud to announce that to date more than $176,000 has been received in the form of gifts and pledges from wonderful friends and graduates like you. We invite you to be a part of the legacy with a gift or pledge. Fill out the information below and mail it to the college. We’ll be happy to contact you regarding this initiative. You may also call the Development Office at (512) 475-9758 or go to: http://www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/news/spotkloeselendowment10.html

I want to honor Arlyn...

We are delighted to send you information on how to make a lasting tribute to a true pioneer and great leader of pharmacy. Just turn in a completed form below to Susan Brown or Lynn Crismon, and we will contact you.

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Students celebrate cultural day with a display of artifacts and an array of local dress and samples of delicious native foods.