A College of Pharmacy alumnus, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently established a scholarship endowment to provide scholarships to deserving Idaho State University College of Pharmacy students.

The first scholarship provided by this endowment will be awarded to a deserving student this spring. This year’s gift is expected to fund the recipient’s tuition for an entire academic year.

This perpetual and lasting gift was created with the intent of “giving back” in the form of scholarships, but equally important to this donor, to memorialize his grandparents who encouraged him to take up the profession of pharmacy - a decision he has not regretted.

Through this gift, our friend is honoring the memory of a loved one by creating a legacy in their honor, which will perpetually make a lasting and meaningful difference in the lives of future pharmacy students.

Endowed funds are tremendously important for several reasons:

• Endowments are permanent, benefiting the College of Pharmacy students and programs forever.
• Endowment funds grow quite large over time, often through continued support by the original donor and from additional donations from friends, family, and alumni. Anyone can add to an endowment, in any amount, at any time.
• The amount gifted is the “principal” which is used to create a permanent fund invested for future growth.
• The principal is carefully and prudently invested for the highest yield. A portion of the return is used each year, funding an area chosen by the donor (in this case scholarships), while the principal remains and grows to provide perpetual and continuing support year after year.

• Scholarship Endowments are one of the best vehicles a university can use to keep tuition costs affordable. Without such assistance today, many dreams go unrealized.
• Endowments help attract and retain today’s outstanding faculty and tomorrow’s brightest scholars.
• Endowed gifts can help transform the future by supporting new avenues of research and investigation.
• Competition for top faculty and students is growing each year. At the same time, public universities like ISU face intense pressures as demands on state budgets increase. Endowed scholarships, fellowships, professorships and named chairs will help propel Idaho State University College of Pharmacy to new heights of excellence.
• An Endowment can be established with a minimum of $5,000. The ISU Foundation allows donors three years to reach the minimum amount of $5,000 to start the endowment.

To discuss endowed funds, or other gift opportunities, please contact Tressa Rockwood at the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, 208-282-3655 or tressa@pharmacy.isu.edu.

(This article was written with thanks to the founder of the “E and I Memorial Scholarship”.)
Pharmacy students, health care professionals to hold diabetes fair

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy students, in conjunction with other ISU health care program students and area professionals will sponsor the “Heart and Sole” diabetes health fair on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The health fair will be held at the College of Pharmacy Leonard Hall, 970 S. 5th Ave, building #8.

Admission is free.

Students and health care providers will offer services to the public including medication reviews, cardiovascular risk assessment, glucose monitoring, hemoglobin b1A1c monitoring and blood pressure readings. Gait and balance analysis will be provided by ISU physical therapy students.

Information also will be available on exercise, the Plate Method and other dietary considerations, over-the-counter medications and safe herbs and foot care for diabetics.

Snacks and a presentation on ‘soy-A culinary experience’ also will be included.

Members of the Pocatello Cardiology Associates will speak about the effects of diabetes on the heart, while foot screenings will be available from Dr. Brent Christensen of Quayle Foot & Ankle Clinic.

Other health care organizations and professionals scheduled to partake in the fair include Health West, Super Save Drug, Area V Agency on Aging, Southeast District Health Department, registered dieticians Carol Fellows and Helena Rizor and Ann Johns, RN.

For more information, visit the events calendar at http://pharmacy.isu.edu or contact Dr. Cindy Wilson, ISU College of Pharmacy at cwilson@otc.isu.edu or 282-3670 and Eliza Borzeliz at borzeliz@otc.isu.edu.

ASP students earns honors at nationals

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) – Academy of Students of Pharmacy (ASP) recently brought home three chapter awards from the APhA-ASP National Convention held in New Orleans, La. on March 28 through April 1.

The 15 students representing the College received honors for their work earning the Region 7 Operation Immunization Award, Region 7 Operation Diabetes Award and the National Policy and Legislative Award.

While at the convention, students also participated in several meetings in a legislative nature.

APhA-ASP members met to discuss various legislative issues and vote on them. These issues are then voiced to the affiliate parent organization, the American Pharmaceutical Association, which implements policy on a national level.

“It is important for the College of Pharmacy students to attend the national convention to represent Idaho State University, become involved in leadership positions on a national level and learn about issues today that will affect how they practice in the future,” Dr. Dave Hachey, ASP chapter advisor said.