Alumni and friends help support pharmacy education through scholarships and planned giving options

Many alumni and friends of the ISU College of Pharmacy continue their financial support of pharmacy education, through annual giving, such as the recent Combat Drug Abuse student outreach program, one-time scholarship donations and planned giving options.

Pharmacy alumnus Vic Allen, ’78, owner of Vic’s Family Pharmacy in Nampa, Idaho, recently made a commitment to provide a full scholarship to a PharmD student for four years. The scholarship includes books and other fees.

Allen says he is providing financial assistance to help students achieve their goals to one day become community pharmacists and business owners.

“I see inspiring individuals who are interested in the profession and this is the foremost reason why I wanted to help,” he said. “If I can make it easier for someone to achieve their goals and focus on the pharmacy program, then that is a wonderful thing to do.”

Another alumnus, Dr. Charles Berry, ’54, of Evanston, Ill. has pledged a major planned gift to the College. Berry earned his undergraduate degree from ISU and had a long career at Northwestern University Medical School, where he served as the associate dean of admissions before he retired. Dr. Berry holds degrees from the University of Idaho, ISU and the University of Iowa where he earned his master’s and PhD in pharmacology and completed a post-doctoral experience with Stanford University. Berry said earning his undergraduate degrees at ISU and the UI played a significant role in his early career. In addition to attending classes here, he was a member of the student organization that published some of the first Refill newsletters, a monthly publication at the time which was written and produced by members of the student body.

In addition, the ALSAM Foundation, Salt Lake City, has committed an additional $50,000 in scholarship funds for minority PharmD students.

In 2007, the ALSAM Foundation endowed the College with $5 million for the expansion of the pharmacy program to Meridian, home of the ISU Meridian Health Sciences Center.

The gift was instrumental in the purchase of the building for the center, and now houses the L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex, where students attend classes in a state-of-the-art educational facility.

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The foundation also provided an additional $250,000 at the time for minority scholarships to be distributed annually in $50,000 increments. Recently, the foundation announced it will continue the scholarships with an additional $50,000 earmarked for the 2011-12 academic year, according to Dean Paul Cady.

“The support of the ALSAM Foundation, and other donors such as Vic Allen and Charles Berry, help us continue our commitment to providing the best education for student pharmacists and future leaders in our valued profession,” Cady said. “The support of these and many other alumni and friends of the College allows students to focus on their education instead of worrying too much about finances. We are very grateful for the assistance our students receive from friends and their future colleagues.”

**College to offer spring sessions of CE across state**

The Idaho State University College of Pharmacy will offer continuing pharmacy education (CE) classes this spring to update the therapeutic knowledge base of pharmacists and technicians and rejuvenate pharmacy practice skills. The one day seminar will provide participants with current information and a fresh perspective on a variety of topics.

The program will be held on February 27, March 13 and April 3 in Meridian, Pocatello and Post Falls, respectively.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are invited to attend the seven hour program, which includes one contact hour of pharmacy law. Each presentation is ACPE accredited. Additionally, the hour of pharmacy law meets the continuing education requirements for pharmacist licensure in Idaho. Morning refreshments, a catered lunch, and an afternoon snack will be provided.

The Idaho Board of Pharmacy has recently developed a new rule regarding qualifications of pharmacists to administer immunizations. The proposed language is now going through the legislative process. Should the legislature pass the proposed language, it will go into effect March or April of this year. In order to administer any vaccine, pharmacists must successfully complete an “ACPE-accredited or comparable course that meets the standards for pediatric, adolescent and adult immunization practices recommended and approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).”

The College of Pharmacy has developed a two hour CE program in conjunction with the regular program that covers all nine specific criteria required by the Idaho Board of Pharmacy.

If you have questions regarding this continuing education program, please call the Office of Continuing Pharmacy Education at 208.282.4794.

In order to qualify for the lowest registration fee, your payment must be received at least one week before the meeting date. Online registration may be completed with payment via credit card at [http://pharmacy.isu.edu/live/ce/order](http://pharmacy.isu.edu/live/ce/order).

**Support of pharmacy education cont...**

**Andrew Gauss leaves ISU for position in N. Idaho**

Director of College Relations for Pharmacy, Andrew Gauss, who has served in this capacity for the past eight years, has accepted a position with the University of Idaho in Moscow. Gauss will begin his new employment at the UI on Jan. 24, serving as the Director, Alumni & Development Marketing Communications for the UI Foundation and Alumni Association.

During his tenure with the College, his primary duties have included writing and design of the Pharmacy Bulletin, monthly Refill, working with student organizations on outreach programs and chairing the annual Pharmacy Recruiting Fair. He also has spent a significant amount of time forging relationships with alumni and friends of the College.

“I have really enjoyed working with so many talented students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends here at the College of Pharmacy,” he said.
Take Time to Join Us:
College of Pharmacy & ISU Events

• Pharmacy Legislative Reception, Jan. 17, 5 p.m., Beside the Bardoney, Grove St., Boise ~ co-hosted by ISPA and ISHP

• ISU Legislative Reception, Jan. 27, 5:00 p.m., Evergreen room, The Grove Hotel-Boise, Idaho.

• Continuing education classes, Meridian ~ February 27, Meridian School District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive.

• Continuing education classes, Pocatello ~ March 13, ISU Pond Student Union Building, 1065 Caesar Chavez St.

• Continuing education classes, Post Falls ~ April 3, Red Lion Templin’s Hotel, 414 E. First Ave.

• 18th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Raffle/Auction, Pocatello, Feb. 25, ISU Pond Student Union Ballroom, 6 p.m. ~ pharmacy.isu.edu/live/sfra for more information.

• Executive-in-Residence speaker series, Pocatello campus and Meridian via distance learning, Mary Morrissey, BS, ’65, ISU, March 10 & 11.

• Dean’s Advisory Council meeting ~ Meridian, April 16.

For more information regarding pharmacy events, contact Dan Dean at 282-3655 or dandean@pharmacy.isu.edu