Pharmacy students earn AFPE Scholarships

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy second-year students, Erin Palmer and Clinton Smith are the recipients of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) 2005 Gateway to Research Scholarships.

Palmer and Smith will be working under the direction of Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences associate professors Dr. Leslie Devaud and Dr. James Bigelow, respectively.

The $5,000 scholarships provide one year of research training for students in the area of pharmaceutical sciences.

Smith and Bigelow’s research includes looking for natural project agents that inhibit the process of new blood vessel formation also known as angiogenesis, Bigelow said.

“The research is a new promise for anticancer agents,” Bigelow said. “Clinton is very enthusiastic about the research project and this scholarship and research will further his career.”

Erin’s research will complement Devaud’s ongoing NIH-funded research investigating the impact of gender/sex on alcohol dependence and recovery, with the focus on brain adaptations.

Invited speaker

In other students news, Pharmaceutical Sciences graduate student Gauri Malthankar-Phatak was one of three new investigators of 20 invited to present at the Society of Women’s Health Research Sixth Annual Conference on Sex and Gene Expression.

Malthankar-Phatak’s presentation at the Winston-Salem, NC conference is titled “Sex-Related Differences in Type of Cell Death – Apoptotic and/or Necrotic – Induced by Kainic Acid in Rat Hippocampal Slice Cultures.”

Her research will be published with other speakers in the conference proceedings.

New Rho Chi Members

The Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Rho Chi National Honor Society inducted new members from the College of Pharmacy.

Student members include Elizabeth Hardin-Eggleston, Joy Yu, Gretchen Matthews, Kimball Owens, Jesse Owen, Donna Araki, Andrew Morgan, Benjamin Cook, John Holmes, Daniel Telford and Shawn Sorensen.
ISU Alumni Association board member Garth Holmes to host Tumwater event

Idaho State University Alumni Association Board of Director’s member, Col. Garth Holmes, ’60, Pharmacy, will again host an ISU alumni picnic on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Tumwater Historical Park from noon until 4 p.m. in Tumwater, Wash.

The picnic is free for any ISU alum and their family. Donations will be accepted and placed in a fund for future construction of a new ISU Alumni Center.

Marv’s Barbeque will cater the picnic and Philip C. Kane, an ISU alumnus from Portland, will provide live entertainment. Kane is an accomplished singer who will be joined by an accordion player.

In August, 2004, Col. Holmes hosted the first Tumwater picnic, with alumni attending the event from the Tacoma and Olympia areas, Seattle and Portland.

Mark your Calendars! Hope to see you there.

ISU Alumni and friends enjoy the 2004 Tumwater picnic, slated to be an annual event.

• ISU Alumni Tumwater Picnic, Tumwater, Wash., Saturday, Aug. 13, noon. Sponsored by Pharmacy alum, Col. Garth Holmes. For more information, contact the ISU Alumni Association, 208-282-3755.

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College of Pharmacy & ISU events

• White Coat Ceremony ~ August 18
• ISU Homecoming ~ September 23 & 24
• Pharmacy Treasure Valley Alumni Banquet, Saturday, October 8, Boise
• Look online for upcoming theatre events at the L.E. & Thelma Stephens Performing Arts Center: http://www.isu.edu/theatreisu/