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An e-letter for ISU College of Pharmacy Alumni & Friends

Dodson tapped for leadership role with college's Meridian expansion

During Robin Dodson's tenure with Idaho State University, he has served in several capacities from College of Pharmacy faculty member, to Chief Academic Officer/Dean of Continuing Medical Education, ISU-Boise to most recently, presidential advisor for ISU President Arthur C. Vilas. When the doors to the new L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex open in Meridian this fall, Dodson will be well on his way into the leadership post of Director of Student Services, Meridian, for the College of Pharmacy.

This new administrative position was recently created as part of the expansion of the Pharm.D. program in Meridian, where the College will offer 20 additional seats for the incoming class. Pharmacy students will now be able to complete all four years of the professional program in the Treasure Valley, whereas, in the past, students attended classes in Pocatello for two years prior to taking distance learning courses at the ISU-Boise campus.

Dodson, who also once served as the Chief Academic Officer

for the State Board of Education, brings a plethora of experience in higher education to the College's administrative team, as well as the University's health care mission in the Treasure Valley and beyond.

"The impact of pharmacy expansion, the Skaggs family donation, and the development of the ISU-Meridian Health Science Center has already brought significant returns to ISU, and the future is in deed very bright," Dodson said. "The future vision and impact on students, research opportunities, Idaho citizens who have little or no access to health care clinics, and opportunities for faculty will be beyond what the early vision was. The ISU-Meridian Health Science Center will be the opportunity to cross train the various health care professional from undergraduates, graduates, fellows and residencies which will have a major impact upon the concept of a medical home for Idaho citizens."



Robin Dodson, the new College of Pharmacy Director of Student Services-Meridian, has held several administrative positions at ISU, including Chief Academic Officer/Dean of Continuing Medical Education, ISU-Boise. In his new position, he will oversee operations at the new L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex at ISU-Meridian.

Read more about the College of Pharmacy expansion and Dodson in the upcoming Summer Edition of the Pharmacy Bulletin.

White Coat Ceremony to be held in Meridian and Pocatello in August

The annual White Coat Ceremony will be held for the incoming P1 students attending classes at the ISU Meridian Health Science Center, L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex on August 19, while the ceremony for students attending classes in Pocatello is slated for the following evening.



Dr. Paul Cady, right, discusses the renovation project of the ISU-Meridian Health Science Center with future pharmacy students. The P1 students on the recent tour of the building will enter the Pharm.D. program in August at the L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex.

As a tradition, the College of Pharmacy welcomes first year students into the professional program each year with the White Coat Ceremony held during P1 Orientation.

The “white coat” is a powerful symbol of the awesome responsibility that pharmacists have as health care providers. The traditional presentation of the white coat to new students represents their passage into the pharmacy profession with all the opportunities and responsibilities associated with it.

At Idaho State University, the ceremony also provides an opportunity for the class to join family members and other important individuals as participants in this significant event.

As pharmacy students don their white coats and sign the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists, help us inspire them to be more than a pharmacy student—but rather a student pharmacist

Again this year, the College is offering alumni, friends, preceptors and other mentors to assist in the donation of a white coat to an incoming student pharmacist. Additional information will be mailed soon, and anyone with questions on how to make a gift towards the purchase of a coat, may contact Dan Dean, director of development, at 208 282-3655 or dandean@pharmacy.isu.edu.

P1 Orientation begins August 19 and fall semester classes start on August 25.

An open house for the new ISU Meridian Health Science Center is scheduled for September 17 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Meridian Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

Alumni & Friends - Take time to join Us!

ISU & College of Pharmacy events:

- Treasure Valley Picnic, July 18, noon - 4 p.m., Ivywild Park, Boise
- A farewell reception for Drs. Joe and Sue Steiner will be held on July 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 5680 S. Bannock Hwy., Pocatello
- ISU Night with the Chuckers - Idaho Falls Chuckers take on the Orem Owls, July 29, Melaleuca Field, Idaho Falls, 6:15 p.m.
- College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony-Meridian, August 19, 6 p.m., ISU Meridian Health Science Center
Pocatello, August 20, 2009, 6 p.m., L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center

For more information regarding pharmacy events, contact Andrew Gauss at 282-3393 or andrew@pharmacy.isu.edu

Dan Dean hits the road to visit alumni & friends

Dan Dean, director of development, will be visiting alumni and friends over the summer months. If you would like a visit from Dan while he is in a city near you, call or send him an email at (208) 282-3655, or dandean@pharmacy.isu.edu. Dan schedule includes: July 16, Hartford, CT., July 17, East Lyme, CT., July 18-20, Boston area, July 20-22, New York City, August 6, Chicago, August 7, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, August 8, Indianapolis, IN, August 9, Kalamazoo, MI, August 10, West Michigan and August 11-14, Chicago area.