Dr. Paul Cady appointed interim dean

College of Pharmacy Associate Dean, Paul Cady, Ph.D., has been appointed interim dean to fill the leadership role with the recent announcement that Dean Joseph Steiner has accepted the position of dean of the University of Wyoming College of Health Sciences in Laramie. Dean Steiner will continue to serve the College through July.

During his tenure with the College, Cady has served as a faculty member and held numerous administrative positions. “Paul and I have worked closely together to move the College forward these past eight years and I cannot think of anyone better qualified to become the dean and provide a seamless transfer. Paul is an excellent administrator, teacher, scholar and pharmacist; exactly what the College needs in these uncertain times,” Steiner said.

The College continues to provide growth and leadership opportunities for students, while maintaining its excellent curriculum in preparing students for the profession, he added.

“With the leadership of Dr. Joseph Steiner, the College has continued its legacy of being a leader in the profession,” Cady said. “I have had the privilege of working with, and learning from Joe for the past eight years. My colleagues, our fine students, and I are prepared to continue our expansion and meet the needs of providing top health care services for our state today and in the future. We will continue to be Idaho’s College of Pharmacy.”

Look for additional story in the Summer edition of The Pharmacy Bulletin

Meridian construction continues in prep for fall expansion

When the ISU-Meridian Health Science Center opens in the fall 2009, the College of Pharmacy will welcome 20 additional students to its nationally ranked Doctor of Pharmacy program. They represent the first wave of students who will complete all four years of the Pharm.D. degree in the Treasure Valley.

“This is a significant development because it means the College of Pharmacy will be able to educate more pharmacists to help meet the critical need for pharmacists in Idaho,” says College of Pharmacy Dean Joseph Steiner.

By 2016, the College of Pharmacy—Idaho’s only pharmacy education program—will graduate 40 new pharmacists a year in Pocatello and 40 in the Treasure Valley, representing a 33 percent increase in class-size.

The program expansion was made possible by a gift from The ALSAM Foundation, founded by drug-store entrepreneur L.S. “Sam” Skaggs and his wife, Aline. The Skaggs family endowed the College of Pharmacy with $5 million to construct the L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex in the new ISU-Meridian building.

Plans for the class size expansion have been underway for some time, with approval from the College’s accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

The College is currently in the process of hiring a director of student services administrator to oversee operations at the L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex. Additional staff to assist with distance learning operations will also be hired.

The fall semester begins August 25, with the first White Coat Ceremony for P1 students attending ISU-Meridian slated for August 19. An open house for the new facility will be held September 17 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Meridian Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

Idaho Senator Mike Crapo, right, takes a tour of the ISU-Meridian Health Science Center on May 29 with Ed Daniels, principal architect on the project with Hummel Architects, PLLC of Boise.
Pharmacy faculty, students and alumni meet in Coeur d’Alene for NWPC

The Northwest Pharmacy Convention, held in the Idaho resort town of Coeur d’Alene May 28-31, provided an opportunity for College of Pharmacy students, faculty and alumni to gather for a weekend of CE classes, state association meetings and alumni gatherings.

The annual event, sponsored by the Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana state pharmacy associations, also provided exhibition displays and poster presentations for those in the profession to share their research, innovative programs and expertise with colleagues.

The College of Pharmacy hosted the fourth annual Northwest Convention alumni and friends gathering at the Las Palmitas restaurant where students, faculty and alumni and friends gathered for an evening with colleagues and friends.

ISU College of Pharmacy students participated in the Northwest Pharmacy Convention in Coeur d’Alene earlier this month including a student orientation, health care forums and continuing education classes.

In addition, the convention provided several forums on health care topics, including periodontal disease, patient care/educational outreach, antibiotic collateral damage, preceptor development and precepting perals.

Special events held include the welcome reception, annual golf classic, practice academy forums, ISU alumni reception and the joint leadership reception.

The Saturday evening gala featured actor Grant Goodeve, host of the television series “Northwest Backroads,” and the National Community Pharmacist Association President, Holly Whitcomb Henry. Whitcomb Henry is co-owner of Rxtra Care Inc., which operates three pharmacies in the Seattle area.

Alumni & Friends - Take time to join Us!

ISU & College of Pharmacy events:

- American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists summer meeting, June 13-17, Rosemont, Ill., visit ashp.org for more information.
- ISU Alumni Association J.B. Smith Memorial Golf Scramble - ISU Alumni Golf Scramble, June 27 at 9 a.m., 93 Golf Ranch, Jerome.

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’s schedule includes:

June 17, Boise/Meridian, June 24, Salt Lake City, June 26, Twin Falls/ Buhl, June 28, Reno, NV, June 29, Willows, CA, June 30, Chico, CA, July 1-3, Sacramento, 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.