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Pharmacy students earn internships

Several Idaho State University College of Pharmacy students won’t be seeking part-time summer jobs or spending their break on vacations. They are a select group of Doctor of Pharmacy candidates who will continue their education with summer internship programs.

Second-year ISU pharmacy student Madeline Ritchie, is one of 12 pharmacy students nationwide to earn an internship with the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy/Pfizer, Inc., Summer Internship Program (AMCP/Pfizer, Inc.).

“Madeline is an incredibly competent, bright student,” said Dr. Paul Cady, pharmacy associate dean. “Clearly, others recognize these abilities when she was selected for this internship. She will represent the college well.”

During her 10-week internship, Ritchie will spend six weeks with the Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center, working under the supervision of a pharmacist preceptor. There, she will conceptualize, develop and complete a project related to improving the quality of pharmaceutical care in managed care pharmacy practice.

The remainder of the internship includes a two-week rotation at the Hines Consolidated Outpatient Pharmacy in Chicago; a week rotation with a Pfizer clinical education consultant at the Pfizer, Inc. headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, and a week rotation with a pharmacist at the AMCP.

Following her summer internship, Ritchie will present a poster at the AMCP 2004 Educational Conference in October in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ritchie, who came to ISU from Hagerman, says she is excited to have the opportunity to gain experience through the AMCP program and also travel outside of Idaho.

Other ISU pharmacy students accepted into summer internship programs include Aaron Long, Idaho Falls; Kathleen Behrend, Blackfoot; Emmylou Hepworth, Burley; Tenille Cowart, Pocatello; and Gary Barben, Marysvale, Utah.

Long, a second-year pharmacy student, was accepted into the Albertson’s Pharmacy internship program at a Meridian, Idaho store. Albertson’s interns conduct regular pharmacy duties, as well as meet for group discussions and presentations.

Third-year pharmacy student, Kathleen Behrend, will again serve an internship with Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Blackfoot. Behrend began her pharmacy training there as a pharmacy technician in 1999. Since joining the College of Pharmacy in 2001, she has held summer internship positions with Wal-Mart.

Hepworth, second-year pharmacy student, will assist in patient counseling with a pharmacist and other related duties at the Pocatello Highland Super Save Store.

This will be the fourth summer for Cowart, a third-year student, to hold a summer intern-
ship with ShopKo pharmacy in Idaho Falls. Some of her duties include retail pharmacy work, providing patient counseling and preparing nursing home blister packs.

Barben, a second-year pharmacy student, has been hired as a full-time intern with the Pocatello K-Mart. He will continue his internship with the company part-time during the academic year.

Second-year pharmacy student and Academy of Students of Pharmacy president-elect, Kory VanderSchaaf, will attend the American Pharmaceutical Association Summer Leadership Institute in Washington D.C., in July.

The annual leadership program, attended by regional and national officers, will focus on leadership development and organizational skills. Students partake in presentations, interactive seminars, role-playing and team building exercises.

Alumnus shares hobby of pharmacy photos

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy alumnus Scott Huft, ’87, is known at his Phoenix Albertson’s store as one of the retail pharmacists, but also is recognized for his talents as a photographer. A collection of Huft’s pharmacy photographs grace the walls of the Phoenix pharmacy.

Huft says his love of photography began in high school, but only in recent years, his interests have focused on photography related to pharmacy and its past.

“I almost feel an obligation to record history that is rapidly fading”, said Scott. “I feel an obligation to share,” he said.

His photography elicits conversation from customers, and he is proud that his photos are recognized.

He and his wife, Deann, are the parents of three children, Brian, 9, Karrie, 6, and Alex, 3.

Like Huft, other College alumni are encouraged to share their careers, hobbies and family life with readers of The Refill and other College of Pharmacy publications. Please send information and photos to: editor@pharmacy.isu.edu or Tressa Rockwood, Campus Box 8288, Pocatello, Idaho 83209-8288.