Community shows strong support during College of Pharmacy student fund-raiser

A student-sponsored fundraiser last week raised approximately $17,000 for Brian Osterman, a second-year (P2) ISU College of Pharmacy student whose wife passed away in December 2004 following a sudden illness.

Members of the college’s Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance (PPSA) joined together with Brian’s fellow classmates to host the dinner and auction fundraiser.

Angela Osterman, Brian’s wife and mother of son Carter, passed away on December 10, 2004. Angela was employed at Idaho State University as a management assistant with the University Administration Offices, according to Audra McCoy, fellow P2 and benefit coordinator.

More than 350 people packed the Wood River Room in the Student Union Building April 8 to show support and help defray financial commitments for Osterman and his six-month-old son.

“The Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance acknowledged Brian’s need for support and the community’s desire to be involved,” McCoy said. “We decided to channel our resources in hosting a benefit dinner where many people could attend and show support for Brian. I was personally touched when Brian saw the 300-plus people in attendance and remarked that he felt the love in the room and was very appreciative of the support.”

The benefit was successful, due in large to the efforts of family, friends, community businesses who donated to the auction, ISU alumni and the students, McCoy said.

“I feel privileged to have been a part of such a special event,” she added.

Dean Joseph Steiner agreed.

“Tonight, we are in the presence of heroes,” Steiner said. “We have Brian himself, who easily could have given up but instead persevered. We have students who have organized and produced this fundraiser. We are very blessed to have this community of caring

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College seeks recruiters

Annual ISU Pharmacy Recruiting Fair set for October

Health care recruiters will have an opportunity to interview students one-on-one during the ISU College of Pharmacy’s Annual Pharmacy Recruiting Fair being held this year on October 13 and 14.

Each year the College makes a special effort to ensure that fourth-year students performing clinical rotations in Pocatello, Boise, Reno, and other western sites return to campus to participate in interviews during the recruiting fair. More than 55 students plan to return from rotations and anticipate graduation in May 2006.

The Pharmacy Recruiting Fair is open to any health care organization interested in recruiting ISU College of Pharmacy students for full- or part- time career opportunities. In addition to our 2006 graduates, pharmacy students in their first, second-, and third-year of the pharmacy program are eager to discuss internship opportunities.

A $450 fee to attend the Pharmacy Fair includes admission for one recruiter, personal interview accommodations, Thursday dinner, refreshments and special exhibit space during a company exhibition fair the morning of Thursday, Oct. 13.

Additional recruiters from a company may participate at a cost of $50 each. For more information or a registration packet, please contact Andrew Gauss at (208) 282-3393 or andrew@pharmacy.isu.edu.

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The class of 2007 also seeks donations to create a scholarship endowment in Angela’s memory. It is intended that each year this endowment will provide scholarships to future College of Pharmacy students who may have suffered a personal hardship or loss making it more difficult to continue or finish their pharmacy schooling, according to Tressa Rockwood, Pharmacy director of development. Tax-deductible donations to help create this scholarship endowment should be made payable to the ISU Foundation and mailed to: ISU Foundation, Campus Box 8050, Pocatello, Idaho 83201. For additional information regarding the endowment scholarship, contact Rockwood at 282-3655 or tressa@pharmacy.isu.edu.