Idaho State University College of Pharmacy students, Stacia Topham and Tara Johnson, were recently honored for academic achievements by national pharmacy associations in the areas of pharmacy practice and research.

Topham, a fourth-year pharmacy student, submitted two posters at the Spring American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Practice and Research Forum in Monterey, Calif. in April. Both entries were selected as finalists for the best student research posters.

Topham's entries, titled “New diagnosis of CHF/edema and dyslipidemia associated with thiazolidinedione (TZD) use in a Medicaid population,” and “Changes in lipid lowering and heart failure medications associated with thiazolidinedione (TZD) use in a Medicaid population” were co-authored by pharmacy faculty members Drs. Rex Force and Christopher Owens.

“Stacia did an outstanding job of taking an idea and running with it,” Force said. “She was motivated and dedicated to the project. It was really nice to see how she understood her project inside and out. It really paid off with an outstanding recognition at the ACCP meeting.”

Topham recently finished a six-week elective rotation with the Idaho Drug Utilization Review program under the direction of Dr. Owens.

“It was my pleasure to act as preceptor to Stacia during her DUR Advanced Practice Experience at the College of Pharmacy,” said Dr. Chris Owens. “During her rotation, she exhibited unparalleled dedication to her project which resulted in a well-designed and executed study of a therapeutically significant issue to Idaho Medicaid patients. Her hard work was recognized at the local, state, and national level by the DUR staff and board members, the Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy Program, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.”

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**Pharmacy to award 62 Pharm.D. degrees**
Members of the Class of 2006 of the College of Pharmacy will don robes and doctoral hoods during the Idaho State University Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m. inside the ISU Holt Arena.

The Pharmacy Class of 2006 includes 62 Pharm.D. and one master’s in pharmaceutical sciences degree recipients. The College will host the annual Pharmacy graduation banquet on Friday, May 12 at the Pocatello Holiday Inn. During the banquet, Dean Joseph Steiner will present awards to students, faculty, alumni, preceptors and those finishing residencies for their accomplishments.

ISU College of Pharmacy alumna, Colonel Garth Holmes, ’60, Olympia, Wash., will be honored as the 2006 College of Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award Recipient. Col. Holmes, along with 2006 Pharmacy Outstanding Student Award recipient, Kory Vanderschaaf, will lead the College graduation processional during the Commencement ceremony.

Look for a complete story regarding graduation week activities and honors in the upcoming Summer Pharmacy Bulletin.

**Faculty, alumna open nuclear pharmacy**
Back from her 2005 sabbatical, Dr. Catherine Heyneman, pharmacy associate professor, has joined pharmacy alumna Dr. Nicole Chopski to open southeast Idaho’s first nuclear pharmacy. Advance Isotopes of Idaho opened last month at 4968 Rainbow Lane in Chubbuck, Idaho.

During her sabbatical, Dr. Heyneman completed a certificate program in nuclear pharmacy at Purdue University. She is now authorized and certified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to practice nuclear pharmacy.

For more information, contact Dr. Heyneman at Advance Isotopes of Idaho at 208.237.9432 or doses@advancedisotopes.com.

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- ISU College of Pharmacy Graduation Banquet, Friday, May 12, Holiday Inn, Pocatello, 6 p.m., $15 per person, contact Rae for more information, 208-282-3475.
- College of Pharmacy All-Class Reunion, June 16 & 17, Pocatello, has been postponed - plans are in the works for a 2007 reunion.
- College of Pharmacy Class of 1995 reunion, plans underway, June or July, Boise, for more information, contact Janet Stewart (Fowler) at 208.887.6439.
Tell us a little about yourself, family, career. Have you received a recent promotion, awards or changes jobs? Has your family expanded, adding future Bengals to the pack? What are some of the exciting experiences you have had the opportunity to explore. What have you been doing since you left the College of Pharmacy? Any fond memories of ISU? May we help you find a former classmate? We want to keep in touch with our esteemed alumni, so let us know how you have been doing so we can share with other alums in an upcoming Refill e-letter or Pharmacy Bulletin.