Col. Garth Holmes, 1960 alumnu, awarded APhA Wiederholt Prize

Col. Garth Holmes, a 1960 graduate of the College of Pharmacy, was recently awarded the Wiederholt Prize from the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) in recognition of his paper entitled “Frequency and Characteristics of Cognitive Services Provided in Response to a Financial Incentive.”

During Holmes tenure as a pharmacy consultant for the State of Washington, the Health Care Financing Administration granted the state a three-year demonstration project grant.

Through application of the grant and project, Col. Holmes, and a team of five other pharmacists, proved that if third-party payers would reimburse pharmacists a fee for added value, or “cognitive” services – it would result in a recognizable savings to the medical community.

The Wiederholt Prize is awarded by the APhA to an author, or authors, who compose the best article published in the APhA Journal during the past 18 months.

Col. Holmes said the privilege of this award is attributed to his education he received at the College of Pharmacy at ISU, at the time named Idaho State College.

He earned the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army where he served from 1960 until 1994. Col. Holmes has served as a community pharmacist, a pharmacy consultant for the State of Washington and as an affiliate instructor for the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. He is a member of the Washington State Pharmacists Association and the Retired Officers Association. In 1998 he was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Washington Pharmacy Association.

Col. Holmes also serves on the Idaho State University Alumni Board of Directors. In 2002, he established the Colonel Garth H. Holmes Scholarship Endowment in the College of Pharmacy, which benefits first-year professional pharmacy students with financial need who are residents of the State of Idaho.

Col. Holmes will visit Idaho State University on Oct 17 to speak to professional pharmacy students regarding pharmacoeconomics and other matters critical to the profession.

The college is grateful to Col. Holmes for his interminable service to ISU, and we are proud of his many achievements and contributions to the profession.

Also honored by the APhA for this award were Dale Christensen, PhD - professor in the School of Pharmacy at the Univ. of Washington. Along with Col. Holmes, Dr. Christensen was the co-investigator for the demonstration project grant. He is now a Dept. Chair at the College of Pharmacy at North Carolina.

Nancy Neil, PhD, was the project administrator and is now working at the School of Medicine at UW.

David Smith, MPh compiled most of the statistics in the study that appeared in the article.

Also involved in the project are Bill Fassett, PhD, professor and Dean at Washington State University, and Andy Stergachis, former Dept. Chair at the School under which the group contracted for the research.
Westward Homecoming
October 18, 2003
ISU College of Pharmacy events

College of Pharmacy Parade Rendezvous: Quizinos Classic Subs parking lot ~ corner or 5th and Center streets, 10 a.m. ~ Alumni, faculty, students and guests will gather for a good old-fashioned parade party.

Wingers Western Pre-game Lunch: ISU Sports and Orthopedic Center, 560 Memorial Drive, next door to Holt Arena. The College of Pharmacy and Pocatello Wingers Restaurant will host a delicious lunch and desert, 11:30 a.m. ~ all within a stones throw of the Homecoming Game at Holt Arena. For more information, call Tressa, 282-3655.

Homecoming Game: The Idaho State University Bengals host University of Montana for the 2003 Homecoming Game in Holt Arena. Kick-off is 2:05 p.m.

ΦΔΧ Open House: The Phi Delta Chi fraternity will host an open house at 6 p.m. following the game at the fraternity house, 340 S. 5th Ave. Alumni, students, faculty and staff are invited. Please RSVP Doug or Josh at 478-9621 or adridoug@otc.isu.edu