White Coat Events Welcome 71 New Students to College of Pharmacy

August 26 was a day of celebration as 71 new students were welcomed to the College of Pharmacy during its 13th annual White Coat Ceremony.

“Students, I would like you to look around at each other to see your new family,” said Catherine Cashmore, Associate Dean and host for the Pocatello event. “You will see each other at your best and worst, and along the way, make friendships that will last a lifetime.”

A little over 200 miles away the same excitement filled the air as Dean Paul Cady hosted the Meridian event.

“Tonight you will take your first step into the profession of pharmacy,” said Dean Cady.

Pocatello’s event, held in Goranson Hall, and Meridian’s event, held in the Meridian Health Science Center, hosted several guest speakers and the awarding of scholarships to many deserving students. Students who were awarded scholarships are:

- Jennifer Amirhamzeh
- Matthew Anderson
- Amanda Burbank
- Chelsea Capley
- Brandon Clark
- Andrew Cyr
- Tammy Mulkey
- Quincy Ostrem
- Emma-Leigh Owen
- Amir Piranfar
- Kelsey Rastello
- Shanna Rimondo
- Amy Rudolf
- Vicky Tang
- Nick Wood

Before being presented with their white coats, the students were asked to recite the Pharmacist Code of Ethics.

“The code is supported by pharmacists and is intended to state publically the principles that form the fundamental basis of the roles and responsibilities of pharmacists,” said Chan Wu, 2013-2014 Student Pharmacy PPSA Co-President, during the Meridian ceremony.
Students were also asked to sign the code, signifying their commitment to their professional pharmacy careers.

As the students one by one took the stage and were coated, friends, family and guests watched with pride.

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During the Pocatello event Dr. Cashmore took a few moments to recognize several special guests for their contribution of significant time and resources to the College. Those guests were Dr. Ty Swensen, Dr. Rob Wills, Dr. Brandon Smith, Dr. Debbie Marchetti and Dan Fuchs.

During the Meridian event Dean Cady also took a few moments to recognize special guests. Those guests were Frank Casabonne, Dr. Bessie Katsilometes, Dr. Tyler Higgins, Angela Fornstrom, Steve Keen and Bob Fischer.

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400 Meningococcal Vaccinations Given at ISU

Recently, under the direction of the Idaho Immunization Coalition, the College of Pharmacy and the School of Nursing administered 400 meningococcal vaccines to students at ISU.

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the illness can be contracted by anyone but is most common in infants less than one year of age and people 16-21 years old. They recommend that the vaccine be given to children 11 to 18 years of age as well as other people at risk. This includes college students, especially those living in dormitories.

According to the CDC, 1,000 to 1,200 people get meningococcal disease each year in the U.S. ten to fifteen percent of these people die. Of those that survive, another 11 to 19 percent lose their arms or legs, have problems with their nervous systems, become deaf, or suffer seizures or strokes.

“If we can prevent one case that might happen it is worth all the effort,” said Associate Dean Catherine Cashmore.

Vaccines were offered at three ISU locations. The Coalition held one event in the Student Union Building, and the College of Pharmacy and School of Nursing helped organize sites in Garrison Hall, and the Rendezvous Center.

College of Pharmacy Calendar

Alumni Event in La Jolla, California  
October 26th

College of Pharmacy Recruiting and Exhibition Fair in Meridian  
November 7th and 8th

For more information on these events contact Julie at 208-282-3393 or julie@pharmacy.isu.edu
Pharmacy Coffee Sleeves to be Distributed throughout Idaho

If you live in Idaho, the next time you get a coffee at your local coffee shop look for a coffee sleeve from ISU College of Pharmacy, Idaho State Pharmacy Association (ISPA) and Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ISHP).

The 10,000 sleeves, which were designed by Andrea Winterswyk, P3 Meridian, boast 10 different “Did you know” statements advocating for the profession of pharmacy. The statements were crafted by student leaders, faculty advisors, and both state association board members.

Two of the statements on the sleeves are: “Did you know pharmacists can provide Medication Therapy Management (MTM), a specialized service to ensure patients are receiving the best therapy possible?” and “Did you know Idaho pharmacists can prescribe and administer all types of vaccinations to help prevent influenza, pneumonia, shingles, meningitis, tetanus, and pertussis?”

The sleeves will be distributed all over the state, from Pocatello to Coeur D’Alene and will be at different local businesses as well as the coffee shops inside St. Alphonsus, St. Luke’s and Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

The project to create the sleeves was headed up by ISU College of Pharmacy P3 student Lindsey Hunt. The project is personal to Hunt who realizes that not everyone knows what a pharmacist is capable of.

“Even after I received my undergraduate degree with the original intent to pursue medical school, I didn’t know what pharmacists did,” said Hunt.

According to a proposal by Pam Eaton, Executive Director of ISPA, the sleeves are an “effort to educate Idahoans about the value of their pharmacist.”

Hunt said the idea for the project started when students attended the national APhA meeting in Los Angeles. Another pharmacy school had distributed coffee sleeves with the pharmacist’s motto, “Know Your Pharmacist... Know Your Medicine.” Hunt decided that ISU should spearhead a similar project that was specific to Idaho.

Mark Johnston, Idaho Board of Pharmacy director, facilitated communication between the students and Eaton at ISPA. ISHP was also contacted and all the parties collaborated to choose the “Did you know” statements the project and the project was off and running.

The hardest part of the project was finding someone to financially support the cost. Students did not want this to be an advertisement for any particular pharmacy as it should be pure advocacy for the profession. With the help of Dr. Kevin Cleve-land and Phil Yankovic, Dean Paul Cady decided to help by funding the project.

Hunt encourages all supporters of the College of Pharmacy to visit their local Idaho coffee shop and look for the sleeves the week of October 20-26, which is National Hospital & Health-System Pharmacy Week.

Hunt said a big thank you goes out to the students, faculty, and state association members and pharmacists for their help with the project.

Look for the sleeves at the following sites:

Blue Sky Bagels - Boise
MarketPlace 360 Espresso Bar - Boise
Solid Grounds Coffee Bar - Boise
Jolts and Juice - Caldwell
West Valley - Caldwell
Jitterz - Coeur d’Alene
Kootenai Coffee - Coeur d’Alene
The Coffee Nut - Coeur d’Alene
Thomas Hammer Coffee - Hayden
EIRMC - Idaho Falls
Bella Vita - Idaho Falls
La Vanilla Bean - Idaho Falls
Valley Apothecary - Ketchum
The Fogglifter - McCall
Blue Sky Bagels - Meridian
MarketPlace 360 Espresso Bar - Meridian
Dutch Bros - Nampa
St. Alphonsus - Ontario
Jolts and Juice - Ontario
5th Street Bagelry - Pocatello
Blossoms and Beans - Pocatello
Double Shot - Pocatello
The Coho - Pocatello
Snake River - Pocatello
Northwest Specialty Hospital - Post Falls
Leopard Latte - Post Falls
Thomas Hammer Coffee - Post Falls
The Lite Bite - Twin Falls