FULL SIX YEARS GRANTED BY ACPE

College earns renewed accreditation

In a continued effort to maintain the highest standards of pharmacy education, ISU College of Pharmacy recently announced the renewed full accreditation of its Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), said Dean Joseph F. Steiner.

Beginning in the summer 2004, several committees consisting of College of Pharmacy administration, faculty, staff, students and select practitioners met to evaluate each area of the college’s curriculum and operations prior to writing a self-study report submitted to the ACPE Board of Directors. The self-study was chaired by Dr. Barb Mason, vice chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences, Boise.

An evaluation team consisting of ACPE board members, a university dean, a community pharmacist and a member of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy conducted an onsite visit of the college in March 2005.

Following the visit, the evaluation team recommended the continued accreditation of the professional program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the ISU College of Pharmacy for six years – the maximum allocation for continued accreditation by ACPE.

“This full accreditation of the professional degree program reaffirms our commitment to providing an excellent education and validates our efforts in developing the new curriculum over the past four years,” Steiner said.

The ACPE Board of Directors recommendations for continued improvement in the College include an update to ACPE on the status of the new Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum, implemented in the fall of 2002, a progress report on the efforts to enhance the college’s financial base for additional faculty positions and continued development of space and resources on the Pocatello and Boise campuses to support student and faculty needs.

“Committees of the faculty and staff...” ~ Dean Joseph Steiner
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are already working on responding to these recommendations and some of them have already been resolved,” Steiner added.

The ISU College of Pharmacy currently serves the educational needs of about 220 Doctor of Pharmacy students.

The College of Pharmacy is the first College on the ISU campus. Since its inception in 1927, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy has continued to accredit the college.

ISU Office of Research co-sponsors research conduct conference

The Office of Research, with the Office of Research Integrity at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will host the Responsible Conduct of Research Conference at ISU Oct. 20-21.

The conference, titled “Essentials for Research Success and Integrity,” will be in the Pond Student Union Building. The cost to attend is $125. Attendance is limited to 120, and registration is required. Students may attend free, but they must register.

The purpose of the conference is to educate the academic community in the areas of responsible conduct of research (RCR), research integrity, and research misconduct. It also will emphasize the importance of mainstreaming this education - making it an integral, ongoing part of a research or administrative career.

The conference will launch the first of several ISU Research Office initiatives directed at the research community and students. The initiatives are intended to inform and educate individuals regarding responsible conduct and research professionalism.

It is expected that participants will have increased knowledge and understanding of:

• the standards, challenges, and benefits of RCR;
• research misconduct and human subjects’ protection regulations; and
• the importance of a professional commitment to research integrity.

The conference also is expected to result in an increased understanding among participants of the importance of institutionalizing and engaging in lifelong learning in RCR education and skills development.

For more information, visit the conference Web site at http://www.isu.edu/research/rcr.

Save the date!

Join Dean Joe Steiner and other alums for the Third Annual Treasure Valley Alumni Banquet on Oct. 8, 2005 at Louie’s restaurant in Meridian. The casual evening begins with a reception hour at 6 p.m. and dinner being served at 7 p.m. The dinner, including an array of pasta, pizza, salads and dessert, is $15 per person, with payment at the door. To attend, just RSVP to Kathleen Lehman at 208-282-4597 or kal@otc.isu.edu. See you at the banquet!