College welcomes first year students

The Idaho State University College of Pharmacy’s Eighth Annual White Coat Ceremonies, held this year in Pocatello and Meridian, were an opportunity for faculty, pharmacists, family and friends to welcomed first-year students into the professional program and encourage them to partake in many of the professional organizations the profession offers to student pharmacists.

Representatives from the Capitol Pharmacy Association, Idaho State Pharmacy Association, Idaho Board of Pharmacy, Southeast Idaho Pharmacy Association and Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists offered words of encouragement to students, and explained the benefits of student participation in each their respective organizations.

Alumni and friends of the college joined faculty members and other pharmacists in coating students, who then signed the Code of Ethics of a Pharmacists.

The donning of the white coat signifies the beginning of a lifelong responsibility of professionalism for pharmacy health care providers. The coat also encompasses the clinical aspect of the profession.

Corporate and alumni donors provided scholarships which were awarded to students at both ceremonies. Scholarship donors and recipients for Meridian students were Albertsons/Savon, $450, Megan Penner; Rite Aid, $450, Kayle Holtry; Alumnus Larry and Debra Updyke, $450, Jessie Monroe; College of Pharmacy’s 90th Anniversary (2008) Dean’s Discretionary Scholarship Fund, $750 was awarded to Michael Groessinger. Students recipients and donors of scholarships awarded at the Pocatello ceremony include Albertsons/Savon, $450, Noah Argual; Rite Aid, $450, Rui Ma; Walmart, $450, Greg Joos and $450 to Toni Brown; Alumnus Debra and Larry Updyke, $450, Diana Reynolds and the College of Pharmacy 90th Anniversary (2008) Dean’s Discretionary Scholarship Fund, $750 was awarded to Lymman Parmenter.

In addition to scholarships awarded, several alumni, corporations and friends of the college purchased white coats and provided financial sponsorship for the ceremony. These donors included the Rite Aid Corporation, Wal-Mart, Dan Dean and Kathy Lund Dean, Kevin Cleveland, Richard Driskell, Tim Stratton, Paul S. Thompson, Neil Elliott, Alan Chin, Dianne and Michael McClusky, Paul S. Cady, Roger F. Murphy, Reed Lowe, John A. Anderson, Bob Endo, Ralph M. Wheeler, Kay Dale Walters, William M. Eames, Kristina Jonas in memory of Sandi Hieb, Robert N. Fischer, Derek Roylance, David Chuan-Sheung-Fong, Jack Walker, Dan and Adella Sandy, Charles A. Berry, Sherry D. Borchert, Michelle Reynolds, Tat Chi Ng and Lai Yin Suen, Nancy R. Seroski, James Bigelow, Dr. and Mrs. George Golish, Lawrence and Debra Updyke, Albertsons/Sav-on Pharmacy, Harold Driver, Aime Taylor, Col. Garth Holmes, Dennis Stoddard and Fred O. Risinger.

First year student, Elizabeth Monrian, signs the Code of Ethics of a Pharmacist after greeting Interim Dean Paul Cady at the Eighth Annual White Coat Ceremony in Pocatello. White Coat Ceremonies for first year students entering the Doctor of Pharmacy program at where held in August at the College of Pharmacy’s Pocatello and Meridian sites.
College faculty to participate in Idaho Conference on Health Care CE classes

College of Pharmacy faculty will provide continuing education courses during the 22nd Annual Idaho Conference on Health Care to be held Friday, October 30, at Idaho State University Pond Student Union building. This year’s theme is “Caring for Idaho.”

The conference has been redesigned to focus on providing professional development and continuing education credits for health care professionals through four distinctly separate tracks which include:

- Pharmacy Track
- Psychosocial Track: “Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT)”
- Thomas Geriatric Health Symposium: “Fall Prevention”

Topics covered by the pharmacy track include “Evidence-based alternative medicine,” “Pharmacy law” updates, “Diet fads and drug interactions,” “Medical isotopes,” and “Drug allergies.” CEUs approved by the Idaho Board of Pharmacy will be available and are included in the registration fee. Additional CEUs for professionals in various health care-related fields will also be offered (see Web site for details).

The conference also includes exhibit space for vendors. Information is available at www.isu.edu/kchp/hlthconf/exhibitor.shtml. Up-to-date conference information, including registration forms, can be found at www.isu.edu/kchp/hlthconf (click on the specific track you are interested in). For further information, please contact Victoria Bañales at 208-282-1049 or at banavict@isu.edu.

ISU Pharmacy Recruiting Fair slated for Oct. 22-23

The Idaho State University College of Pharmacy and the Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance (PPSA) will host the 2009 Pharmacy Recruiting Fair Oct. 22 and 23 in the ISU Earl Pond Student Union Building Ballroom.

More than 80 health care recruiters representing about 50 companies from Idaho and across the United States typically attend the fair to interview students one-on-one for potential employment. Each year the college makes a special effort to ensure that fourth-year students performing clinical rotations in Pocatello, Boise, Coeur d’Alene and other Western sites return to campus to participate in interviews during the pharmacy recruiting fair, said Andrew Gauss, fair coordinator.

“Several of the top pharmacies in the United States send recruiters to campus each year seeking ISU graduates who are well-educated, professional pharmacy practitioners,” Gauss said.

Registration for companies, a detailed schedule of events and other information is available online at pharmacy.isu.edu.

Currently, about 60 pharmacy students serving rotations anticipate graduation in May 2010.

In addition to the 2010 graduates, first-, second- and third-year pharmacy students will be able to discuss internships opportunities with recruiters.

The fair allows students to increase their knowledge of career pathways in community, hospital, research and other pharmacy career opportunities. In addition to recruiter interviews, participating companies will display exhibits from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 22 in the ballroom.

For more information or to receive a recruiter registration packet from the ISU College of Pharmacy, contact Gauss at 208-282-3393 or andrew@pharmacy.isu.edu.

Legacy Fund started

College of Pharmacy alumnus, Mike Prime, ’70, and his wife Robyn, Chico, Calif., are the first donors to the College’s Legacy Fund for new the L.S. Skaggs Pharmacy Complex in Meridian.

Legacy Fund gifts are earmarked to provide support for the objectives of the College of Pharmacy, including student programs, and are used at the discretion of the dean, according to Dan Dean, director of development.

Those interested in making a Legacy gift, please contact Dean at 208-282-3655 or dan dean@pharmacy.isu.edu.
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