Winter in the west is always an exciting time, and we just had a great snowstorm in Pocatello to prove it. We are thrilled to have our first faculty on site in Anchorage to develop our joint PharmD program with the University of Alaska. Dr. Tom Wadsworth provides us with weekly reports of adventures with his new friends—moose and bear.

I think the holidays are the perfect time to express gratitude. Today, I am grateful for all the College of Pharmacy has accomplished in nearly 100 years. I am grateful to work daily with amazing faculty, staff, & students. I am grateful for relationships with alumni and preceptors at some of the best practice sites in the west. Most of all, I am grateful for the support we receive that allows us to produce Leaders in Pharmacy.

I can’t say enough about how special our students are. From top-notch residencies to national recognition in our outreach program, I believe Idaho State has the best of the best. Our students are our inspiration and our motivation. We are confident in our continued success and are eager to share it with you.

We appreciate the support we receive from our alumni. Your donations assist in providing important scholarships and other funds to maximize the educational experience of our students as they pursue a career in the noble profession of pharmacy. Many of our students would be unable to attain this goal without your continued support. Thank you!

There is still time to make a year-end gift to a fund of your choice in the College of Pharmacy. Any gift postmarked on or before December 31 and received by January 8, 2016 will be included in our 2015 giving. You can make your donations online at https://pledge.isu.edu/ or by sending it directly to the attention of Phil Yankovich at ISU College of Pharmacy 921 S. 8th Avenue, Stop 8288 Pocatello, ID 83209. In the memo section indicate your chosen fund.

As always, we enjoy hearing from you about the events happening in your life and career. Please drop us a line at deansoffice@pharmacy.isu.edu to keep us updated.

On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff I want to wish you all a wonderful, safe, and happy holidays.

Paul S. Cady
Dean
Sacramento State Tailgate was a Rib Roaring Time

Through the generosity of several hosts we held a delicious and fun-filled tailgate party for nearly 50 alumni and friends prior to the ISU vs. Sacramento State Football Game on October 24, 2015. Thanks to the culinary skills of Kay ('65) & Jerry Walters we feasted on delectable pork ribs, tasty beverages, and all the fixings. We could not have done this fantastic event without the additional support of Mike ('70) & Robin Prime, Bill Eames ('57), Deb ('79) and Ted Gott.

Class reunion held at Leonard Hall

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Bruce Bistline of the Bistline Family Fund the College of Pharmacy hosted an all-alumni class reunion on September 11 and 12, 2015. Over 30 alumni and friends attended the two-day festivities which began with an open house and tour of our classrooms and pharmacy labs. Current students were on hand to talk about the many outreach programs in which they are involved including Operation Heart, Operation Diabetes, Operation Immunization, just to name a few.

Live entertainment and dinner followed the open house and we celebrated, among other things, the alumni who traveled the furthest to attend and the earliest class in attendance. Doug ('54) and Ginny Nau of La Jolla, California received both honors.

On Saturday morning, several event participants attended the semi-annual Deans Advisory Council (DAC). The DAC convenes to discuss changing trends in the profession and what the College needs to do to meet these ever shifting demands; it is comprised of alumni, industry partners, and faculty. The day concluded with a fantastic tailgate party complete with delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. Despite our enthusiasm the outcome of the game with Portland State did not end on our favor. Hopefully next year will have a better outcome.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year’s reunion which will be held on October 21 and 22, 2016. We are in need of class representatives to assist in encouraging their fellow classmates to attend and get involved. If you are interested in supporting this event please contact Phil Yankovich at p.yankovich@pharmacy.isu.edu or 208-339-4770. For more information regarding the events scheduled for the weekend please go to http://pharmacy.isu.edu/live/reunion/
On November 10 and 17 several of our students volunteered to raise donations for student scholarships and outreach programs. Through their efforts, they raised nearly $16,000 in cash and pledges. Next year we will be holding the phonathon in early to mid-September. Participating students were also eligible to win a Lexicomp Mobile App. The app provides unique features such as other drug information apps don’t have, like a pharmacogenomics database, IV compatibility data, drug shortage information, patient education users can easily email or print from their devices, and the ability to record databases and monograph fields to customize display. This is a great tool for the students, especially during their P4 rotation year.

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Thank you to our alumni and friends who have expressed their financial support of the college through these donations. With the increase in tuition it is very important that our alumni offer to “Pay it Forward” by giving back to the college that was instrumental in their professional and person success.

The ISU College of Pharmacy was honored to present Dr. Larisa Cavallari as the Chu Distinguished Lecturer on November 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Faculty, staff, and visitors attended the event live in the ISU Health Science Center in Meridian and via two-way video transmission at the ISU campus in Pocatello.

“This fall’s Chu Distinguished Lecturer; Dr. Larisa Cavallari, gave an outstanding talk on an exciting research area as affecting current pharmacy clinical practice: ‘Pharmacogenomics and Personalized Medicine’. Dr. Cavallari is at the top of the field in her discipline and ISU College of Pharmacy was very pleased to be able to bring her here to address our students, faculty and alumni with the support of the Chu Family Foundation.” – Kirk Hevener, PharmD, PhD

This lecture series is supported by a generous donation from the Chu Family Foundation. Dr. David Chu, Distinguished Research Professor, Emeritus at the University of Georgia, completed his MS degree at Idaho State University. Throughout his illustrious career as a medical chemist, he has published over 300 peer-reviewed research articles, and has more than fifty (50) United States Patents to his credit. In his thirty years at the University of Georgia he trained over 120 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Dr. Cavallari received her B.S. Pharmacy and Pharm.D. Degrees from the University of Georgia where she trained under the direction of Dr. David Chu. In April 2014, Dr. Cavallari joined the University of Florida Department of Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research as an Associate Professor, where she serves as Director of the Center for Pharmacogenomics. Her research involves discovery of genetic variants related to cardiovascular drug response and has been funded by the NIH, American Heart Association, and other awards. Dr. Cavallari has served on both NIH and American Heart Association grant review committees and is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, elected Trustee (2013-2016) and Chair (2014-2016) of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Research Institute, and Editorial Board Member for the Lexi-Comp pharmacogenetics series.

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Upcoming Spaghetti Feed to be held on March 4th, 2016

For the past 21 years, student members of our Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance (PPSA) take time from their busy schedules to host their annual Spaghetti Feed fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This year’s Spaghetti Feed will be held on March 4th, 2016 in the Pond Student Union Building’s Ballroom. Please mark your calendars for this special event!

This year we will be donating toward Meg a 9-year-old girl who is battling leukemia, she was diagnosed in February 2015 and will have treatments for the next 2 ½ years. This little girl enjoys being active and is carrying on with a smile! Her wish is to go to Disney World with her family.

PPSA is a professional student organization that combines events, projects, and benefits of Idaho’s two state pharmacy associations, Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ISHP) and Idaho State Pharmacy Association (ISPA). The following student community care projects are funded by this event: Operation Diabetes, Operation Heart, Operation Immunization, Generation Rx, Poison Prevention, Meth Awareness, and Operation Self Care. Our students provide these projects at numerous community events, schools & health fairs throughout the state each year, and raise all the money needed for supplies and materials for those events.

These events not only allow students to have a significant impact on individuals and communities, but also associate with practitioners in varied practice settings at the state and national level.

The Spaghetti Feed is a culmination of efforts by students, staff, faculty & friends of the College. Faculty & students trade their lab coats for aprons in the kitchen, and spend most of the day making gallons of delicious spaghetti sauce. You can help yourself to all-you-can-eat vegetarian or sausage marinara, green salad, French bread and dessert. Bid on great silent auction and raffle items throughout the night & enjoy the live auction towards the end of the evening. Previous auctions have included guided fly fishing trips, home baked basque bread, antiques, a weekend in Sun Valley and snowmobiling in Island Park.

For many Doctor of Pharmacy students, helping others’ optimum health is a key reason they chose to spend nearly eight years in their path of professional studies. We are fortunate that our students go beyond the classrooms and clinics to support individuals and communities throughout the state.

We look forward to seeing you in March! For tickets or to donate raffle or auction items, please contact the Dean’s office at 208-282-2175.
ISU Foundation President Dr. Gene Hoge and Mrs. Sue Ann Hoge hosted a reception at McManamins Old Church and Pub in Portland, Oregon on November 3, 2015. It was a wonderful event with attendees representing the different colleges and schools within the Division of Health Sciences. Vice Provost and Executive Dean Linda Hatzenbuehler spoke about the many initiatives taking place in the Division including the recently completed Anatomy and Physiology Lab in Meridian, the two Telepharmacies currently operating in Challis and Arco, and the ISU College of Pharmacy in Anchorage, Alaska. Our first Alaska cohort will be admitted for the fall 2016 semester. It was a very wonderful evening and we want to thank Dr. and Mrs. Hoge for hosting this very important event. Stay tuned for an announcement of next year’s Portland event.

Every once in a while, we get to experience culture & cuisine when we travel to conferences. A highlight of this year’s ASHP meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana was a wonderful dinner hosted by the College at world famous Mulate’s! Over 40 alumni, preceptors, students & faculty enjoyed live music & home cooked, authentic Cajun food. The recipes for the jambalaya, bread pudding & other Cajun specialties came straight from the Mulate’s family kitchen in Arnaudville. It was a truly great night, and I was pleased to share it with old & new friends.

Paul
Thank You 2015 Endowment Donors!

Through the generosity of our donors the College of Pharmacy is able to provide scholarships and engaged learning opportunities to our students. This month we would like to highlight donations made to one of our Endowment Funds. Donations to these Funds are especially important because they provide sustainable resources year after year.

Thank you Endowment Donors for your contributions and continued support!

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College of Pharmacy and ISU Events

March 4th - 23rd Annual Spaghetti Feed
March 21st-25th - Spring Break
January 18th - Pharmacy Day at the Capital

For questions on any of these events
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