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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am pleased to update you on the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy expansion in Meridian, Idaho. As you may recall, we plan to offer all four years of the curriculum at both our home in Pocatello and at a new site a few miles west of Boise. The expansion was undertaken for a number of reasons including our goal to meet the projected need for pharmacists in Idaho, space limitations in Leonard Hall, and the opportunity for students to use the many excellent clinical sites available in the Treasure Valley for both introductory and advanced pharmacy practice experiences. The third and fourth years of the curriculum are currently offered in the Treasure Valley; the expansion will allow us to offer the entire curriculum there.

As you may also remember, this is being accomplished through a generous $5 million gift from The ALSAM Foundation, a philanthropic organization named in honor of L.S. “Sam” and Aline Skaggs. External fundraising for this endeavor is continuing at the College. The efforts of Governor Butch Otter, the Idaho Legislature, Idaho State Board of Education and President Arthur C. Vailas, PhD, are also appreciated in securing an additional $5.21 million for the renovation of the building. All of the ISU Health Sciences programs will offer classes there.

When you are driving on Interstate 84, look north between Meridian Road and Eagle Road. There you will see the former Jabil building, now identified with the Idaho State University wordmark.

A fair amount of activity has occurred during the last few months regarding the expansion. An area of about 25,000 square feet on the second floor has been identified as space for the College of Pharmacy. Meetings have been held with the architects and plans have been drafted for a state-of-the-art facility with distance learning classrooms, seminar rooms, faculty and administrative offices, a student lounge, laboratory space and other support areas. Faculty members at the College have been meeting during the last year to identify areas that need to be addressed in operating dual campuses. A focused site visit with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education will take place in September. The remodeling is scheduled to begin this month.

Twenty students will be admitted as the first class at the Meridian facility in the fall of 2009. Over the next four years, the number of students in Meridian will increase as the number in Pocatello decreases until there are 40 students at each site. This expansion will increase the overall class size by 33 percent; with students being admitted to the College to begin their professional education in Meridian during our next admissions cycle in early 2009. If you have any questions regarding the expansion, please give me a call at 208-282-2175.

Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you in Pocatello August 1-2, for the 90th Anniversary All-Class Reunion celebration of the founding of the College. Also, mark your calendars for our Seventh Annual White Coat Ceremony, August 21, at 6 p.m., at the Pocatello Holiday Inn.

Regards,

Joseph F. Steiner, PharmD, RPh
Dean and Professor
The Idaho State University College of Pharmacy honored 64 Doctor of Pharmacy and three Doctor of Philosophy recipients during the May 10 Commencement ceremony as the Class of 2008 joined the ranks of nearly 3,300 pharmacy alumni. A total of 1,670 graduates received 1,765 degrees and certificates during from the University this year.

Ten of the PharmD graduates completed their course of study through the College’s Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy Program.

PharmD graduates Ty Bazil, Tyler Creason, Tara Miller and Frederica Gould earned high honors while Joshua Gerving, Seth Thomas, Mariesa Zivkovic, Paula Kwong and Martin Rowland earned honors status.

Tara Johnson, Wajiha Tahar Ali and Aiqun Li each earned PhD degrees in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Eight residents were recognized for completing their respective residencies with the College, many of whom are ISU alumni.

The 29th Annual Pharmacy Banquet, held the evening before Commencement, included an awards ceremony honoring students and faculty.

“I want to recognize that each of the graduates here tonight deserves tremendous credit for their accomplishments,” said Dean Joseph Steiner. “They are successful because of self-discipline, innate intelligence, planning and self-sacrifice. Every student here successfully completed a most challenging and demanding curriculum.”

Dr. Christopher Owens, interim vice-chair and associate professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences and Dr. Mark Olah, associate professor, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, were honored as teachers of the year for their respective departments.

Kathleen Payne of Indian Health Services was honored as preceptor of the year.

College alumnus, Marilyn Silcock, PharmD, ’75, ’92, who is the 2008 Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award recipient was the banquet keynote speaker.

Dr. Sharon Wong earns Pharmacy Outstanding Student Achievement Award for Class of 2008

Parma native Sharon T. Wong led her class processional into Holt Arena during the 2008 ISU Commencement ceremonies, signifying her achievement as the College of Pharmacy’s Outstanding Student recipient.

Wong started out at ISU in 2002 and completed the pre-pharmacy program before entering the PharmD program. Her cumulative GPA is 3.77.

She has been involved with a wide variety of professional organizations while attending ISU, including the Professional Student Association, Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Idaho State Pharmacy Association.

She was involved with Operation Immunization, Poison Prevention and Operation Diabetes programs. Her volunteer experience includes participating in fundraisers for the Big Brother Big Sister Program and assisting at the Boise Discovery Center and Idaho Shakespeare Festival.

Sharon named Karl Madaras-Kelly as the most influential professor in her college career.
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Tara Johnson, PhD
Wajiha Tahar Ali, PhD
Aiqun Li, PhD

Residents

Azita Alipour, PharmD
Cassie Jo Bersch, PharmD
John Holmes, PharmD
Christine Lee, PharmD
Nicole Baker, PharmD
Robyn Cruz, PharmD
Rebecca Holt, PharmD
Andrew Morgan, PharmD
Pharmacy Class of 2008
Marilyn Silcock receives Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award

ISU College of Pharmacy alumnus, Marilyn Silcock, PharmD, was honored as the 2008 Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award recipient at the 29th Annual Graduation Awards Banquet held the evening before ISU Commencement.

Silcock, a two-time graduate of the College, finished her Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from in 1975, and returned to ISU to complete her PharmD degree in 1992 through the College’s Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy Program. She currently is director of pharmacy at the Portneuf Medical Center, a position she held in the center’s previous incarnation, Bannock Regional Medical Center, since 1995. She was named the Bannock Regional Medical Center Manager of the Year in 2000, and was named Preceptor of the Year by the College of Pharmacy in 1995. From 1986 to 1995 she was assistant director of pharmacy at Bannock Regional Medical Center, and was a staff pharmacist from 1975-86.

In addition to serving many years as an affiliate faculty member for the College, Silcock also served several years as a member of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, including two as president. She was the first female pharmacist to serve on the board.

“This is the highest honor bestowed on alumni of the College by the ISU Alumni Association and the College of Pharmacy,” Dean Joe Steiner said. Silcock, who was joined by her family at the awards banquet, reminisced of when she began her professional career and many of the advances in technology that have changed operations of a pharmacy today.

After acknowledging colleagues and expressing gratitude for those who join the pharmacy profession, Silcock express well wishes to the Class of 2008 at the beginning of their careers.

Drs. Christopher Owens and Mark Olah honored as College of Pharmacy 2008 Teachers of the Year

Dr. Christopher Owens, PharmD, interim vice chair and associate professor for the College’s Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences, was named the department’s 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year.

Owens, according to his student nominators, earned the award through his dedication to the profession and his students. One nominator wrote, “He is never late to class and always prepared; we knew that our education was important to him. He inspired me to be more, work harder and be better at all I do.

His vast knowledge and his eloquence in writing make him one of the best resources we have as students. When he is in a community pharmacy he takes the same pride and energy that he puts into teaching into helping patients.”

A 2002 graduate of the College, Owens said he was honored to receive the award.

“It truly is an honor to have been selected as Teacher of the Year... continued on page 11...
Graduates earn several honors for academic achievements

Special recognition for academic achievement was bestowed upon several graduates of the Class of 2008 during the 29th Annual Pharmacy Graduation Banquet held May 10 at the Pocatello Holiday Inn.

"Every student graduating from this College has made a remarkable achievement," Dean Joseph Steiner said. "Many have become student leaders. They have left a mark here and they will leave a mark on their profession."

Josh Gerving and Dr. Barbara Mason earned the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Wal-Mart award given to a student and faculty member. The award is for attendance at the Annual Conference Scholarship Program. Both received $500 towards participation in and attendance at the 2008 AACP Annual Meeting and seminars in Chicago.

Jason Murphy earned the Mortar and Pestle Professionalism Award in recognition of exceptional professionalism and patient care.

Outstanding Seminar Awards where given to Kyle Gunter, Sharon Wong and Mark Mailhot for their excellence in senior seminar presentations in Pocatello, Boise and Reno, respectively.

The Facts and Comparison’s Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication was given to Mariesa Zivkovic while Kyle Gunter was bestowed the GlaxoSmithKline Patient Care Award.

The Idaho State Pharmacy Association honored John Huston with their annual award for recognition of superior professional development.

Jennifer York earned the Lilly Achievement Award while the Merck Award was presented to Tara Miller for scholastic achievement.

The Natural Medicines Recognition Award was given to Erin Palmer and the Perrigo Award of Excellence in Non-prescription Medication to Clint Brown.

Ty Bazil was honored with the Roche Pharmacy Communications Award. The TEVA Outstanding Student Award was presented to Karmen Kemmerer for excellence in the study of pharmacy.

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by our graduating class from among all the worthy candidates in the pharmacy practice department," he said. "Teaching is the most rewarding part of what a faculty member does and it is very gratifying when it is well-received and we hear that students remember and appreciate what we've tried to teach them."

Mark Olah, PhD, associate professor of the College’s Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008 for his respective department.

"He is a prefect example of what a science faculty member can be," one student nominator wrote. Another said, "He demonstrated superb professionalism and a genuine interest in our education. In doing this, he made a positive learning environment for everyone involved."
Adjunct Associate Professor and pharmacy alumnus, Sam Hoagland, '76, and his wife Kari at the graduation picnic.

Second-year pharmacy, student George Turgoose and son Bryson, eagerly await for their balloon animal from the Wal-Mart clown. The retail pharmacy hosted the graduation picnic.

Pharmacy graduate Eric Tolley during Commencement.

Associate Dean Paul Cady and his daughter, Amanda Harrison, '08, at the graduation banquet.

Jason Murphy is hooded by his father and ISU Pharmacy alumnus, Roger Murphy, ’94, and Dean Joe Steiner.

Dean Joe Steiner places the Doctor of Pharmacy hood on NonT graduate Ken Brier, a former classmate of Steiner’s from the University of Michigan.

Rena, '08, and Joseph Campbell at the graduation banquet.
Graduation Week Activities

Karleen Lynes, Sammy Sarameh and Ron Engberson during the May ISU Commencement.

Dean Joseph Steiner addresses the audience at the 2008 ISU Commencement held May 10 in Holt Area.

Dean Joe Steiner and Cory Farrar during the graduation banquet.

Professor Barb Mason and Josh Gerving each earned honors from AACP/Wal-Mart.

Pharmacy graduate John Huston receives his Doctor of Pharmacy diploma.

Graduates Ian Waugh and Mark Mailhot enjoy the May Commencement.
College of Pharmacy students earn awards, scholarship at annual APhA convention

Members of the ISU College of Pharmacy's Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) brought home three regional awards when they returned from the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition, held in San Diego, Calif., in March.

The ISU ASP Chapter was recognized for excellence in Region 7 for outstanding membership, and Operation Immunization and Heartburn Awareness student-sponsored clinics. In addition, third-year student, Jacqueline Brown was one of nine student members across the country to earn a $1000 APhA scholarship for community health care involvement and promotion of advancement of the profession of pharmacy.

About 20 students and faculty join 7,000 attendees who shared in the experience. Some will remember the theme of the meeting, “Your Ticket to a Brighter Pharmacy Future,” while others learned valuable lessons from the dozens of continuing education sessions, the cutting-edge exhibition, networking opportunities, and the presidential speeches and moving stories presented in the general sessions.

Proceeds used to aide Idaho Make-a-Wish Foundation, student organizations

Annual Spaghetti Feed & Auction brings in record amount of funds to assist area youth

The 15th Annual Spaghetti Feed & Auction, sponsored by the Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance, (PPSA), drew a record crowd of about 450 people and raised $13,250 when supporters gathered in the Earl Pond Student Union ballroom on February 22, said Neal Kelly, student chair of the fund-raiser.

“After our expenses, and honoring our commitment to The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho, we will have about $8500 left that will go to PPSA,” he said. “Overall, this year’s Spaghetti Feed was a huge success.”

A portion of the proceeds where used to cover an all-expense trip for Pocatello Century High School student, Kris Briley, to travel to the headquarters of Blizzard Entertainment in Irvine, Calif. and meet the designers of his favorite video game, World of Warcraft.

Kris lives with Marfan Syndrome, a genetic disorder of the connective tissue, Kelly said.

“Kris and his family had a great time at the event, and we hope they have a great time in California for his trip,” Kelly said.

Faculty, staff and students, along with area business, donated various auction items, including ethnic dinners cooked by faculty, golf games and desserts.

“Thanks to everyone for their help and support, it was all of us together that made this year such a great success,” he said.
"Methamphetamine: Walking on Thin Ice"

Students launch new education program to teach youth about severe effects of meth addiction

The message is simple yet stark—if you use meth, you will get ugly, go mad and die.

The Meth Awareness Project, recently launched by ISU College of Pharmacy students, is an effort to educate area youth, and others, of the horrific consequences of using the highly-addictive drug, even once.

Several images in a video used during the presentation show addicts who have rapidly aged—with open lesions on their face—rotten teeth and gums. Former addicts, some who have been incarcerated, recount the horrors of addiction to a drug that officials say, is prevalent in Idaho, and other rural areas across the country.

Second-year pharmacy student Josie Huerta discusses the severe side effects of methamphetamine use and addiction during one of The Meth Awareness Project presentations started this year by student pharmacists at ISU. Photo: Courtesy of the Idaho State Journal.

Since the first presentation of the pharmacy student-sponsored Meth Awareness Project at Pocatello’s Irving Middle School this spring, pharmacy students have been booked into several other area schools, rehabilitation centers and civic groups, with an eager audience supporting the new methamphetamine awareness program.

One local newspaper saw the significance of teaching the public the consequences of using meth, and featured the students efforts in a front-page article. The emails and phone calls haven’t stopped. Many students are booked through the summer with additional presentations and expect the popularity of the project to continue.

The collaborative brainchild of pharmacy students, The Idaho Meth Project (IMP), and others, began earlier this year, according to P-2 student Joise Huerta. With the assistance of the IMP and research, pharmacy students have compiled data and images, some highly-graphic, which shows their audience the reality of meth addiction.

The presentation covers the toxic chemicals used to manufacture the drug. Statistics listed reveal that one in three Idaho teens see no harm in trying the drug and Idaho ranks 5th in the nation, per capita, for meth use. Pharmacy students want to see this trend change.

“Students have spent a significant amount of time preparing this presentation—knowing there is a need for more education about the dangers of meth use in our area,” said Andrew Gauss, Meth Project Awareness advisor. “We all want to see these numbers change, not only in Southeast Idaho, but across the state and nation as well.”

Students based at the Boise campus are also getting involved with the awareness campaign—volunteering their time with The Idaho Meth Project.

Each presentation is modified for the age-appropriate audience, Huerta said. Teaching teens the hazards of meth use, even once, versus someone who is already addicted, requires students to also address recovery options.

Pharmacy students hope to continue with the presentations in the Pocatello area and Treasure Valley. Any school or group interested in hosting a presentation may contact Joise Huerta at juerjos@pharmacy.isu.edu or Heidie Carlson at carlheid@pharmacy.isu.edu.
**Alumni Profile**

Fischer is a proud supporter of his alma mater

Longtime College and ISU supporter, Robert "Bob" Fischer, ’72, has seen many changes in the profession, including some in pharmacy education. Fischer says the College is on the right track with the expansion of programs at the ISU Meridian site—providing additional opportunities for both students and patients.

"I see the College of Pharmacy continuing to build on its stellar reputation," he said. "The expansion of the College into the Treasure Valley will allow us to provide professional education to more students, and to provide more graduates and researchers in the health professions. With the excellent leadership of Dean Joe Steiner, Dr. Paul Cady and a faculty that demonstrates a commitment to the students, and the profession, I see the College continuing to be on the frontline of our profession."

A member of the College’s Dean’s Advisory Council, and past board member of the ISU Alumni Association, Fischer is an advocate for ISU and the College, committed to serving in any capacity he can.

"Bob is not only a dedicated and loyal ally of the College, but also to the profession," said Paul Cady, associate dean. "I would hold him up as a model for what I would like our students to achieve."

His work in the area of telepharmacy is one example of his dedication to patients in rural areas, and to the future of the profession as well, Cady added.

An Idaho native, Fischer was raised in Grangeville. During high school, he worked for Cliff Irwin’s drug store where his former employer encouraged him to attend pharmacy school.

"My parents also encouraged me...so I was off to Pocatello," he said.

He says students interested in pursuing a career in pharmacy should talk to pharmacists and spend time exploring the various aspects of the profession, including different pharmacy practice settings.

While attending ISU, he made several lifelong friends, including future colleagues, and his wife, Tina Primbs. Fischer worked at Bannock Regional Medical Center for a time with other alumni including Bob Endo, Al Frisk and others.

Fischer says many of the faculty members teaching here at the time have been influences in his career, including Dr. Nevada Marie Higgins, whose tenure with the College spanned more that 26 years.

"Dr. Eugene "Ike" Issacscon and Dr. Ira Hillyard kept us up on our toes while Dr. (F.R.) Cole and Dr. Robert Goetsch made life interesting," he added.

Shortly after graduation, he and Tina moved to Sandpoint where the couple of 37-years nestled and raised a family. In Sandpoint, Bob held positions in retail, hospital and home health pharmacy until 1999, when longtime friend, Bob Wheatley, offered him a position in the Boise area.

"Pharmacy has been good to me and I have friends and experiences that the profession has allowed me to develop and treasure," he said.

Today, Fischer is employed with the Ontario Clinic Pharmacy in Ontario, Oregon, and also practices at Parkview Pharmacy in Weiser, Idaho as well.

He is a member of the College’s Dean’s Advisory Council and past board member of the ISU Alumni Association.

Bob and Tina are the parents of two children, Brian and Beth, and three grandchildren.

**Longtime faculty member Teddie Gould is now an alumnus**

College of Pharmacy faculty member, Teddie Gould, has often been referred to as Professor Gould by alumni and students. Not so today. A faculty member since 1981, Gould graduated this semester with her PharmD degree through the College’s NonT Program.

She has served on the faculty with the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences and provides clinical pharmacy services at Southeast Idaho VA Clinic where she is a residency director.

Gould holds both BS and MS degrees from the University of Iowa.

*For more information about the ISU College of Pharmacy Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy Program, go to the our Web site at: www.pharmacy.isu.edu*

Drs. Teddie Gould, Karl Madaras-Kelly, left, and Rex Lott during the 2008 Graduation Banquet.
College seeks stories and pictures for 90th Anniversary all-class commemorative yearbook

Ralph “Moon” Wheeler - Class of 1954

Moon and his wife Ann are longtime supporters of the ISU College of Pharmacy and Bengal athletics. The American Falls couple recently established a planned estate gift with the College for the Dean’s Discretionary Fund.

While Moon was attending ISU, former professor and Dean, Dr. Ivan “Sy” Rowland, referred to the future pharmacist as the “Mayor of American Falls.” Little did they both know at the time that Moon would hold that position, as well as many others in the Power County and Idaho political arena.

The former owner of Rockland Pharmacy, Moon went on to hold positions in the American Falls City Council, including mayor; Power County Commission and State Representative and Senator in the Idaho Legislature. His political career totaled more than 39 years.

“I did better than his (Rowland) jesting suggested,” he said.

“Moon has been an advocate for higher education in both his service to the College, and in the politics,” said Andrew Gauss, director of college relations. “We are grateful for all he and Ann do for ISU.”

Joy Bickmore Plein - Class of 1947

Joy Ellen Bickmore Plein has an outstanding career in the field of pharmacy academics. After earning her BS at Idaho State College in 1947, she continued her education at the University of Washington, earning MS and PhD degrees. Her passion for academics kept her at UW, where today she serves as a professor, teaching her area of research interest in geriatric pharmacy practice.

“Joy is one of the treasures we have as an alumna of this great College,” Dean Joe Steiner said. “She has distinguished herself in the profession and has been generous to the place where she started her career, the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy.”

While attending classes at UW, she met Dr. Elmer Plein, director of the UW pharmacy school’s graduate programs. The couple married in 1952.

The Drs. Elmer and Joy E. Plein Memorial Scholarship Endowments with the ISU College of Pharmacy were established in 2005 in memory of three of Joy’s classmates at ISU; W. Robert “Bob” Hepworth, Rosemary Sampson Wells and George T. Murray.

Editor’s note: The College of Pharmacy will be compiling a 90-year Anniversary All-Class commemorative yearbook. To be included in the publication of this special edition, please send in a completed Class Notes form and recent photograph of your choice to: ISU College of Pharmacy 90th Yearbook, 921 S. 8th St., Stop 8288, Pocatello, ID 83209-8288. Class Note forms are also available on the College’s Web site at http://pharmacy.isu.edu. Deadline for submitted information is July 15, 2008.
Alumni Profile

Woo and Kan are both ’75 alums, own stores in same city and continue longtime friendship today

During the 90 years the College has provided pharmacy education at ISU, an eclectic group of students, rich in diversity, have passed through the classrooms of Leonard Hall. Two of these alumni, men who both emigrated from China in the late 1960s, met at ISU during pharmacy school, and have remained friends for more than 30 years. In fact, today, Peter See-Kong Woo and Wang Yuen (Wayne) Kan, ’75, are both proprietors of independent pharmacies within miles of each other in Indio, Calif.

Peter attended a junior college in Barstow, Calif. before moving to Pocatello to attend pharmacy school. He says ISU was an ideal choice at the time because of relatively low tuition in comparison to other pharmacy schools, and the faculty here were excellent.

“Dean (Frank) Cosgrove was one of the nicest men I have ever met,” Peter said. “He was so helpful to the students.”

Former faculty member and alumnus, Gary Isom, also was a favorite.

“Dr. Isom, who was new to the pharmacology department, was young, energetic and spent a lot of time with his students,” he said. “I have really good memories of all of the faculty.”

Although at the time, there were only about 25 Chinese students on the ISU campus, Peter says he made friends, found a job at the Hong Kong Cuisine busing tables, and met his future bride. Mee Chee Woo, ’75, had also came to ISU to study health care. She is the first graduate of the ISU nursing program, where the couple recently started a scholarship endowment.

“Peter and Mee have been the driving force for the Asian American Scholarship Endowment in the College of Pharmacy,” said Dan Dean, pharmacy director of development. “He is one of the most giving alumni I have met during my tenure with the College. He truly cares about our students and is very grateful to his alma mater.”

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Following graduation, the couple married and returned to California where Peter worked at a pharmacy in Brawley for four years. In 1980, he received a call from his classmate, Wayne, telling him of an opportunity for a pharmacist’s position in Indio.

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Wayne, who came to ISU after attending pre-pharmacy classes at Kansas University, says he heard about the pharmacy program here from another student who had been accepted at ISU. While visiting family in Hong Kong, Wayne learned he was accepted into the program and came directly to Pocatello—leaving his belonging back in Kansas.

“I was just excited to get to Idaho,” he said. “If I wasn’t accepted to ISU, I would have studied to be a medical technician.”

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“"always say I went to school on a Sambo’s scholarship,” he said with a laugh.

During the mid 1970s, the U.S. economy was facing a recession. Wayne said it was difficult to find a full-time pharmacist position following graduation. Wayne held part-time positions with three pharmacies in Northridge, Calif. before landing a job in Indio. It was there that he met his wife, Marina, when she was employed with a local physician.

Wayne eventually opened his own store, Indio Medical Pharmacy. For about 14 years, he operated two stores, with one located in Palm Desert.

The two longtime friends and colleagues often spend their free time together with their spouses—meeting other pharmacy alumni for vacations in Las Vegas.

Peter and Wayne were both instrumental in creating the Asian American Scholarship Endowment in the College of Pharmacy. The endowment is a joint effort of six alumni and spouses including Nolan, ’77, and Angela Wong, ’76; Henry Kwok Shun, ’73, and Diana Ho; Eric Sui-Wah, ’77, and Le Pham Ng and Robert Takming, ’74, and Tina Yeung.

Wayne Kan, ’75, with employees, Melissa Tiajerina, left, and Diana Marroquin at Indio Medical Pharmacy in Indio, Calif.
Three new memorial endowments honor College of Pharmacy alumni

Family and friends of three College of Pharmacy alumni, Jennifer A. Garner, Dr. Glenn Wright Corbett and Loren W. Hedrick, have established memorial endowments in their honor. Each alumnus was dedicated to their profession and exceeded in helping others in the field of health care.

Jennifer A. Garner Memorial Endowment

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy alumnus, Jennifer A. Garner, passed away on February 15, 2008, from complications of an extended illness. Garner was a member of the class of 2001.

She graduated with high honors and was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Achievement Award. Jennifer completed her clinical rotations at the Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks, Nev., and the Washoe Medical Center in Reno. Following graduation, she went on to complete a pharmacy residency at the Boise Veterans Medical Center, where she continued to serve as a clinical pharmacist until her death.

In 2005 she achieved the National Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Certification in Pharmacotherapy.

“Our state and our College lost one of the truly shining stars of our profession,” said Dr. Eric J. Jarvi, Ph.D., former ISU College of Pharmacy faculty member from 1990 to 2002.

Jennifer was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association-Academy of Students of Pharmacy, APhA-ASP, from 1996 to 2001, serving as treasurer, and participating on Operation Immunization, Pharmacy Fair, Poison Prevention Program and the Annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction subcommittees. As a member of that organization she attended APhA national meetings as well as District VII midyear regional meetings. Jennifer also held memberships in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; the Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists; the Idaho State Pharmacy Association; Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society; Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy and Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society.

A memorial endowment has been established in honor of Jennifer and the passion she had for her profession and school. Those wishing to contribute to the Jennifer A. Garner Memorial Scholarship Endowment may send donations to the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, 970 S 5th Ave, Stop 8288 - Pocatello, ID 83209-8288.

For additional information, contact Dan Dean, director of development, at (208) 282-3655.

Dr. Glenn Wright Corbett Scholarship Endowment

Glenn Corbett was born and raised in Grace, Idaho. He completed a B.S. degree in pharmacy from Idaho State in 1936. He went on to attend medical school at the University of Utah and Temple University in Philadelphia in 1942.

Glenn married Geraldine Corbett while serving as a flight surgeon in Los Angeles in May 1945.

Glenn practiced medicine at the Idaho Falls Clinic from 1947 to 1982 and was a well known and respected surgeon. Glenn - a loving family man, loved to fish the South Fork of the Snake River and fly his plane.

The endowment is designed to provide scholarships to first year students enrolled in the College of Pharmacy with a sense of professionalism and academic excellence. Established February 1, 2008

For additional information, contact Dan Dean, director of development, at (208) 282-3655.

The Jennifer A. Garner Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Jennifer Garner, PharmD
Pharmacy alumnus, 2001

Dr. Glenn Corbett, PhD
Pharmacy alumnus, 1936
The first student to enter the ISU College of Pharmacy graduate program in Pharmaceutical Sciences was Loren Hedrich, who graduated with an MS degree in pharmaceutical chemistry in 1963.

Loren’s interest in the study of pharmaceutical sciences, and his relationship to another College alumnus was one of the reasons he chose this field of study.

His mentor, and brother-in-law, Reed Peterson, was also an alumnus here.

Recently, Reed’s wife, June Peterson, Kalamazoo, MI, made a special gift to the College of Pharmacy—donating funds to assist in the construction of laboratory facilities at the new ISU—Meridian building in the L.S. “Sam Skaggs” Pharmacy Complex. The room will bear her brother’s name.

Loren, a Pocatello High School graduate, went on to earn his PhD in medicinal chemistry from the University of Kansas and have a successful career with companies such as Shell Oil Research Division and Chevron.

He is also the father of three children, two daughters; Katherine Hedrick Minor and Theresa Hedrick Moser, both of Boise, ID, and Mark Hedrick of Las Vegas, NV.

Generous donors to the College, the Peterson family also began the Reed B. Peterson Faculty Development Endowment.

Reed Peterson’s impressive career spanned more than 40 years with the Upjohn Company. He served in various management positions around the country including Northeast U.S. Regional Sales Director (1966); Director of Domestic Pharmaceutical Sales (1970); and Vice President and General Manager of the Domestic Pharmaceutical Division.

“June and Reed’s longtime support of the College of Pharmacy has made a significant impact in our ability to provide excellent professional training to future pharmacists and researchers,” said Dan Dean, director of development. “In honoring her brother, Loren, the Hedrick and Peterson family legacies will be perpetual here at the College of Pharmacy.”

Dr. Kenneth M. James, left, assistant professor and the College’s first graduate student, Loren Hedrick.
Faculty Accomplishments

PRESENTATIONS


James C.K. Lai gave a Joint Presentation with Dr. Alok Bhushan (main speaker) in the Oxford Round Table. Health 2008, March, 2008, Oxford, UK. The presentation was entitled: “Obesity and Cancer: How understanding the connection early can have an impact on prevention.”

James C.K. Lai was an Invited Speaker, Symposium on Advances in Cancer Research in Idaho, organized by the Idaho Cancer Research Organization, held in the Idaho Academy of Science 50th Annual Meeting, College of Western Idaho, Nampa, Idaho, March 27-29, 2008, the title of my talk was: "Inhibitors of Glycolytic Enzymes: Induction of Cancer Cell Death & Alteration in Cell Signaling."

James C.K. Lai gave a Joint Presentation with Dr. Alok Bhushan (main speaker) in a talk in the Symposium on Advances in Cancer Research in Idaho, organized by the Idaho Cancer Research Organization, held in the Idaho Academy of Science 50th Annual Meeting, College of Western Idaho, Nampa, Idaho, March 27-29, 2008, the title of the talk was: "Antifolate Resistance: Role of a Novel Protein."

James C.K. Lai gave a Joint Presentation with Dr. Christopher K. Daniels (main speaker) in a talk in the Symposium on Advances in Cancer Research in Idaho, organized by the Idaho Cancer Research Organization, held in the Idaho Academy of Science 50th Annual Meeting, College of Western Idaho, Nampa, Idaho, March 27-29, 2008, the title of the talk was: "Characterization of the Novel Methotrexate Resistance Protein."

James C.K. Lai gave a Joint Presentation with Dr. Byron Bennett (main speaker) in a talk in the Symposium on Advances in Cancer Research in Idaho, organized by the Idaho Cancer Research Organization, held in the Idaho Academy of Science 50th Annual Meeting, College of Western Idaho, Nampa, Idaho, March 27-29, 2008, the title of the talk was: "4,4'-Disubstituted-2,2'-bipyridine Pt(II) Complexes: Cisplatin Analogues of Increased Cytotoxicity."

James C.K. Lai gave a Joint Presentation with Mr. Vikas Sehdev (main speaker) in a talk in the Symposium on Advances in Cancer Research in Idaho, organized by the Idaho Cancer Research Organization, held in the Idaho Academy of Science 50th Annual Meeting, College of Western Idaho, Nampa, Idaho, March 27-29, 2008, the title of the talk was: "An Isoflavone, Biochanin-A, Modulates Growth Promoting, Survival and Antioxidant Pathways in HER Positive Breast Cancer Cells."


POSTER PRESENTATIONS


Culbertson VL. Student Performance on Timed Pharmaceutical Care Plan Examinations Identifies Students “At Risk” for Poor Experiential Performance Amer J Pharmaceut Edu (Accepted for publication February 20, 2008).


GRANTS/CONTRA CTS


AWARDS/OTHER

ISU College of Pharmacy faculty members Jim Bigelow, PhD, recently earned tenure while Rex Lott, PharmD was promoted to professor. The University Administration also approved tenure and promotion of Chris Owens, PharmD, to associate professor.

2008 Wal-Mart Annual AACP Scholarship Student Faculty Mentor Program – Joshua Gerving, Dr. Barbara Mason.

Drs. Eliza Borzadek, Elaine Ladd, Cara Liday, Tracy Pettinger, Brooke Pugmire and Tom Wadsworth earned BCPS certifications.

Dr. Rex Lott, Chair of Recertification Committee for College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. 11th Annual Meeting, Scottsdale AZ, April 19 – 16.

Dr. Rex Lott achieved Board Certification as a Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP) by examination through the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties, January 1, 2008.

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