

2010 Year in Review

One of the oldest schools of pharmacy in the nation—and the oldest academic unit of the University of Illinois—the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy affirms its status as the flagship pharmacy school in the State of Illinois with the following accomplishments.

Rockford Opening

Attended by local politicians, university officials and community members, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the University of Illinois Health Science Center at Rockford on Aug. 12, 2010, ushered in a new era of health education for the UIC College of Pharmacy. The new facilities house a new health sciences library, the National Center for Rural Health Professions and the first satellite campus for the College of Pharmacy. On Aug. 23 the College opened its doors to welcome the class of 2014. Reaching out to the state's rural constituencies, the College's Rockford site shares faculty with Chicago using state-of-the-art technology to teach core classes through distance education. Select students have chosen to enroll in the Rural Pharmacy program, known as RPharm. RPharm students will receive training and mentoring focused on preparing them for the health care needs of Illinois' smaller communities. Students in this program will train collaboratively with medical students from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford Rural Medicine program.

Research Day highlights College achievement

On Feb. 26, 2010, nearly 60 College of Pharmacy students showcased their work through poster sessions during the Research Day. Morning events included a guest lecture by John J. Kopchick, Goll-Ohio Eminent Scholar & Professor of Molecular Biology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences of Ohio University. Posters were judged in the afternoon by a panel composed of alumni, faculty and pharmaceutical industry experts. The day concluded with an awards ceremony that included a Students' Choice category, in which presenters voted for their favorite presentations by peers.

Quest to fund renovation and expansion

Constructed in 1955, the current College of Pharmacy building is quickly becoming outdated for the modern training of future pharmacists and pharmaceutical researchers. The year 2009 saw the beginnings of fundraising efforts to support renovation of the existing College of Pharmacy building and construction of a new Advanced Pharmaceutical Research Pavilion. These facilities would provide the necessary space for expanded research and necessary support for existing research and instruction missions. The proposed infrastructure enhancements and expansions will include fully equipped core facilities and cutting-edge instrumentation

Top Ranking

Traditionally slated among the top ten, the UIC College of Pharmacy maintains at fourth place (of 120) among U.S. colleges of pharmacy receiving National Institutes of Health research funding and rose to third in total federal funding. Furthermore, U.S. News and World Report again ranked UIC among the top ten colleges of pharmacy in the nation. The College takes pride in this recognition of the high quality of research that its faculty members are conducting.

College of Pharmacy students win national APhA Award

At the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) annual meeting in Washington, D.C., students of the UIC College of Pharmacy claimed the top national award from the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). In order to boost the College of Pharmacy's expanding Operation Immunization Initiative, UIC's APhA-ASP chapter had all 160 students in the P4 class become certified to immunize. More than 300 first- through third-year students were trained to educate patients and dispel myths about vaccinations and to assist pharmacists with immunizations. In addition to traditional efforts with health fairs, school visits, and flu clinics, the group targeted special populations by hosting educational booths at the AIDS Run/Walk and the American Lung Association Lung Walk. During flu season, students organized flu-vaccine kiosks at O'Hare International Airport to educate and screen travelers for both the seasonal and H1N1 vaccines. The students also developed a "Myth Busters" game to educate veterans at the North Chicago VA Hospital about the seasonal flu, H1N1 and pneumonia immunizations.

The Operation Immunization campaign resulted in nearly 15,000 people being immunized. More than 6,600 received health and wellness clinical services, and 106,000 were educated. Some 220 events were conducted through 15 projects by 343 student pharmacists and 17 faculty and staff who assisted.

Appointments and Promotions

Biopharmaceutical Sciences

- **Xiaolong He** was appointed assistant professor (Rockford campus).
- **Rohit Kolhatkar** was appointed assistant professor (Rockford campus).

Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy

- **Chun-Tao Che** has been named the College's first Norman R. Farnsworth Professor of Pharmacognosy.
- **Sang Hyun Cho** was promoted to the rank of research associate professor.
- **Leslyn Hanakahi** was appointed assistant professor (Rockford campus).
- **Brian Murphy** was appointed assistant professor.

Pharmacy Practice

- **Melissa Badowski** was appointed clinical assistant professor.
- **Michael Gabay** was promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor.
- **Shelle Grim** was promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor.
- **Heather Ipema** was appointed clinical assistant professor.
- **Jeremy Johnson** was appointed assistant professor.
- **Chessa Nyberg** was appointed clinical assistant professor.
- **Allison Schriever** was appointed as clinical assistant professor and director of experiential education (Rockford campus).
- **Joan Stubbings** was promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor with a secondary appointment in Pharmacy Administration.

High Honors

Many UIC College of Pharmacy faculty and students have been recognized with a variety of awards and accolades. Below are just a few highlights.

Faculty

- **Marlowe Djuric Kachlic**, clinical assistant professor and clinical staff pharmacist, pharmacy practice, was inducted into Phi Lambda Sigma, the pharmacy leadership honor society. She was also named UIC Advisor of the Year for her work with the College's APhA-ASP.
- **Alan Lau**, professor of pharmacy practice, was named a Distinguished Practitioner in Pharmacy by the National Academies of Practice (NAP). The honor is granted to individuals deemed by a panel of distinguished peers to have made enduring contributions in their profession.
- **Edith Nutescu**, clinical professor, pharmacy practice and director of the Antithrombosis Center at the University of Illinois Medical Center, was selected by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Section of Home, Ambulatory and Chronic Care Practitioners to receive the 2010 Distinguished Service Award. She will be honored at the group's 2010 mid-year meeting in December.
- **Guido Pauli**, associate professor, medicinal chemistry and pharmacognosy, was elected to U.S. Pharmacopeia's Expert Committee on Dietary Supplements for the 2010-15 term.
- **Daniel Touchette**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was named a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Students

- **Sruthi Adimadhyam, Sacheeta Bathija, Fang-Ju Lin and Yoojung Yang**, a team of graduate students from pharmacy administration, won the third-place award in the Student Research Competition the 15th annual meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes and Research (ISPOR).
- **Ying He**, Ph.D student in biopharmaceutical sciences, was selected to participate in the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Graduate Student Symposium, held at the National Biotechnology Conference in San Francisco. The program recognizes excellence in graduate education in the fields of pharmaceutical biotechnology.
- **Andrew Newsome**, third-year pharmacognosy student, was awarded the 2010 American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. The award was established to encourage outstanding pre-doctoral students to continue their studies.
- **Kristin Thomas**, M.S. candidate in biopharmaceutical sciences, won 2nd place in the UIC Image of Research 2010 competition with her image, "Water water everywhere nor any drop to drink." The Image of Research is an annual interdisciplinary exhibit competition that showcases the breadth and diversity of research at UIC.
- **Caitlyn Wilke**, Ph.D. candidate in pharmacy administration, was awarded the Stanley A. Edlavitch Award for the Best Student Abstract submitted for the 26th International Conference from the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology. She also won the best student oral presentation award at the 16th Annual International Society for Quality of Life Research meeting last October. The honor is in recognition of her poster, "Comparison of Patient and Proxy EQ5D Ratings Using Parametric and Nonparametric Item Response Theory Approaches."
- **Daniel Wojenski**, fourth-year professional student, received the APhA Student Leadership Award. The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and leadership ability at the local, regional and national levels within APhA-ASP, specifically among students in their penultimate year of pharmacy school. Wojenski also was awarded an APhA Foundation Scholarship.
- **Shengsheng Yu**, Ph.D. candidate in pharmacy administration, was the recipient of the Best Student Podium Presentation Award at the 15th annual meeting of ISPOR. The title of her presentation was "Confounding effect of age in the association of cardiovascular risk and dietary supplement use among U.S. adults."