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Certificate Training Program  
Saturday, February 21, 2009  
7:30 am – 6:00 pm  
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**Pharmaceutical Care for Diabetes**

Certificate Training Program  
Saturday, February 21, 2009  
7:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Pharmacy Hall – Room 201

**Medication Therapy Management**

Certificate Training Program  
Saturday, February 28, 2009  
7:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Pharmacy Learning Center #108

**Academy of Preceptors:  
Preceptor Development Program**

Saturday, April 18, 2009  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: TBD

# Maryland Mentor

***A Newsletter for the Maryland Academy of Preceptors***

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**From the Director**



*Jennifer Thompson, Cynthia Boyle, Carol Stevenson, and Dean Eddington at the 2008 Gifts of Time Reception*

Dear Preceptors,  
Since my column appears on the same page as the award recipients, I want to first express my sincere congratulations to all of them. You deserve this honor and have significantly contributed to the education of Maryland student pharmacists and to Maryland pharmacy.

As we find ourselves in the middle of the 2008-2009 academic year and at the end of the calendar year, I cannot imagine  
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**Congratulations to the 2008 Honored and Honorary Alumni**

Evander Frank Kelly Honored Alumni  
**Joseph A. DeMino, BSP '84**  
**Capt. James Bresette, PharmD '97**

B. Olive Cole Honorary Alumnus  
**Maryland Del. David Rudolph**



*Lynette Bradley-Baker, Alumni Association President, Capt. James Bresette, and Joseph DeMino*



*Lynette Bradley-Baker, Alumni Association President, with Delegate David Rudolph*

**Welcome to the Maryland Academy of Preceptors**

Welcome these new preceptors to the Maryland Academy of Preceptors. Appointment letters, certificates, and training materials will be on the way.

Abby Arthur

Matthew Bazel

Frederick A. Ellis

Jane-Hwa Huang

Beth Lowenthal

Michelle Metzman

Carolyn A. Orendorff

Jennifer M. Raynor

Thomas A. Bacon

Efstratios Bouyoukas

Sally Heckman

Kelly Johnson

Wana Manitpisitkul

Ji-Hyun Miller

Darshna Patel

Aaron Weiner

Benedict A. Baidoo

Jared S. Calish

Nickole Henyan

Helina Kebede

Barbara McHenry-Lynn

Ryan T. Nguyen

Rani Patel

Christine M. Wilburn

## Dean's Corner



**Natalie D. Eddington, PhD**

With the holidays here and 2008 coming to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for serving as preceptors for our student pharmacists. Your involvement is a vital component of the superior educational experience the School of Pharmacy offers. Here is an update on activities from the fall semester.

**New Associate Dean:** Professor Raymond Love, PharmD, BCPP, FASHP, has been appointed to the newly created position of associate dean for curriculum, instructional design and technology. Dr. Love's leadership qualities will ensure that the School's curriculum re-design process, implementation and continual oversight are centralized, focused and well aligned with the mission and vision of the School and strategic initiatives.

**Curriculum Redesign Process:** Under the direction of Dr. Love, the School has undertaken its first major curriculum revision since our move to an entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy program in 1993. The redesign process is in high gear and proceeding on schedule. Our goal is to implement the new curriculum for the fall 2009 semester.

**Research Funding:** I'm happy to report that the School of Pharmacy saw an increase in contract and grant funding for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2008. We now have more than \$17 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health and other federal government agencies, corporations, foundations, the state and other sources. The School submitted 162 grant proposals and received funding for 118 of them. The fact that the School's funding has steadily increased over the past few years is a tribute to the quality of our faculty.

**Residency Program Partnership:** The School of Pharmacy and the University of Maryland Medical Center's Department of Pharmacy have joined forces to create a combined residency training program that will enhance the training of pharmacists. The new University of Maryland Pharmacy Residency and Fellowship Program brings together resources of both organizations to broaden the residents' patient care training in many specialty areas, including intensive care, trauma, cardiology, transplant, and others. The program also offers expanded

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training opportunities in research and pharmacy management. The agreement is a unique and innovative relationship between the School of Pharmacy and its affiliated hospital, and will provide a strong foundation for residency experiences at the School. Thanks to Jim Trovato, PharmD, director of the School's residency program, for leading this initiative. In closing, I wish each of you and your respective families a happy and healthy holiday season and a wonderful new year.

## **“Pearls for Precepting” from the Preceptors of the Year**

### **Carol Stevenson, PharmD, IPPE Preceptor of the Year**



In those olden days when I was an aspiring student pharmacist, admission to pharmacy school meant completing the prerequisite course work with a C average; no PCATs, and no interviews. Students found their own preceptors, working summers and holidays to get the needed number of hours. Great strides in pharmacy education have occurred since that time. I had the opportunity to participate in the non-traditional PharmD program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and I can attest to that! Today, preceptors make much of that hands-on learning possible.

Experiences and practice settings may vary, but the values instilled by the preceptor are the basis for a lifetime career of caring and service.

My students come to NeighborCare Pharmacy at Oakcrest Village to experience geriatric pharmacy. While each encounter with a student is unique, the goal of professional development remains the same. I offer a few of my pearls of preceptorship to all those other preceptors who serve their profession and who make a difference in the lives of others on a daily basis.

**WORK AS A TEAM:** The student pharmacist is a member of your team! Make sure your team knows that they are expected to participate in the experiences and at the same time can learn from student pharmacists.

**LOOK AT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES:** Give students a project that showcases their strengths. Then challenge them with a project that will improve their skills. Have your student give an in-service to technicians on a new drug or disease state, set up an in-store blood pressure clinic, or review patients' medication profiles to optimize therapy.

**TALK:** Talk about everything you do. Look at errors and ask why they happened. Talk about your process. Let students observe your interactions with patients and practitioners. Help them get out there and rub elbows with the world.

**USE SOAP NOTES EVERYWHERE:** Encourage students to use SOAP note format for documenting patient care. Again and again!

**SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES:** Look for the opportunity to teach in whatever the day brings! Use other practitioners. Have the student accompany a nurse making a home visit to do a dressing change and then talk about wounds and antibiotics. Arrange for them to observe a physician taking a patient history. Ask your patients to talk to the students about themselves.

**WORK IS WORK:** Make sure students see the practical everyday work world of pharmacy: inventory issues, narcotics, computers, insurance issues, customer complaints, the budget.

**TAKE TIME TO EVALUATE:** Give the student a little time before or after work. Talk about the day. Give them positive feedback before criticism, and end your conversation on a positive note.

**BAKE A CAKE:** Always have a cake on the student's last day. Complete their evaluations and let them out a little early!! Send them on their way encouraged and motivated about their profession!

I have had the opportunity to mentor some truly outstanding students and I look forward to watching their careers develop. It has been such a privilege to be a preceptor at the University of Maryland. It has indeed been the best part of my pharmacy career!

## Preceptor News

**Wendy Klein-Schwartz, PharmD, MPH**  
MSHP W. Arthur Purdum Award

**John J. Lewin, PharmD, BCPS**  
Installed as President of the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacist

**Neha U. Sheth, PharmD**  
Credentialed with the American Academy of HIV Experts (AAHIVE)

**Larry Siegel, PharmD**  
MSHP Board of Directors Award

**Patricia A. Ross, PharmD, BCPS**  
Adjunct Faculty Appointment in the Dept. of Pharmacy Practice and Science

**Cathy Walker, PharmD**  
MSHP Pharmacist of the Year

**Kathryn Walker, PharmD**  
President of the Maryland Pain Initiative Maryland/DC Pain Summit in Oct. 2008

## Special Invitation



**School of Pharmacy Convocation Honoring the Class of 2009**

**WHO? All Preceptors**

**WHAT? Attending and "Marching" in Cap and Gown with All Faculty and Graduates**

**WHERE? Baltimore Convention Center**

**WHEN? Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**WHY? Representing clinical faculty  
Rewarding to see your students  
Reunion with alumni/faculty  
Photo-op with graduates**

Please RSVP to [elp@rx.umaryland.edu](mailto:elp@rx.umaryland.edu).

Also, let us know ASAP if you need help to order your cap and gown. Thank you.

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more turbulent times in our state and to some extent in pharmacy education. I thank each of you for your patience as we continue the ELP course transitions. This has involved new names and numbers, new requirements, and gradually more students as we have expanded to Shady Grove. Concurrently we have additional challenges with a major building addition in progress, an updated curriculum in development, and new schools proposed in our state. With your help and input, we will not only improve the quality of our highly-ranked program, but will also better prepare the future practitioners you precept.

As many of you know, we require first year students to work with their preceptors during their October rotation to promote American Pharmacists Month and National Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week. I encourage all of you to make this a priority each October. As I read (and yes, graded 161 final papers on the projects), I was uplifted by many of the students' efforts and observations. Perhaps you will feel the same way.

*"Overall, this experience has been a phenomenal one. By completing this project, I feel as though I have educated many patients about the practice of pharmacy and the importance of the patient-pharmacist relationship. The feedback that I have received has been very positive, though I have some ideas about what I would like to do to enhance the process in the future. Most importantly, I personally have a greater appreciation for the profession. That appreciation will motivate me to celebrate American Pharmacists Month in my future practice."*

*"American Pharmacists Month is a time when pharmacists can really reach out into the community and show people the important role that the pharmacist plays on the health care team. Through my "Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet: The Right Way" project, I was able to help patients in a meaningful way. This experience has definitely expanded my horizons, and I now feel more comfortable tackling much larger issues such as medication adherence and patient compliance."*

*"Overall, I think our institutional project had positive outcomes for all parties involved. As students we learned about the importance of counseling and educating patients on proper medication usage. As future pharmacists we will all have to devise ways to promote such awareness in order to ensure safety. Additionally, the patients benefited because they were supplied with an easy-to-read pamphlet that highlighted the major things to be aware of before taking a medication. Lastly, society as a whole may benefit because if patients learn to use their medications correctly, the number of hospitalizations and extra money spent on treatment will decrease."*

On behalf of Kim, Hoai An, and Loretta in the ELP, I want to wish you a joyous holiday season and happiness in the New Year.

## Participation in the School's Admissions Interview

The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy would like to invite preceptors to participate in the admissions interview process for the class of 2013. There will be both morning (8:45 am – 12:00 pm) and afternoon (12:45 pm – 4:00 pm) sessions for these dates:

Friday, January 23, 2009

Friday, January 30, 2009

Friday, February 6, 2009

Monday, February 9, 2009

Monday, February 16, 2009

Friday, February 20, 2009

If you are interested in participating, please email the dates and sessions you are available to JuliAna Garcia Brammer, Coordinator of Recruitment and Special Events, at [jbrammer@rx.umaryland.edu](mailto:jbrammer@rx.umaryland.edu). Thank you.

## Who's Who in the Experiential Learning Office



**Cynthia J. Boyle,**  
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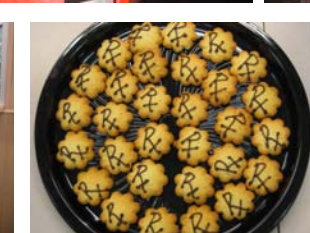
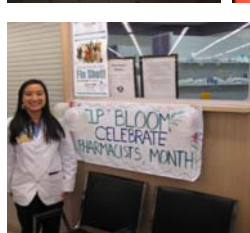
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## Preceptors and Students "in Action"



Please send your photos to the Experiential Learning Office to share with the Maryland Academy of Preceptors in the next *Maryland Mentor* newsletter.