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**Medication Therapy Management
Certificate Training Program**
Friday, June 12, 2009
7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
Ocean City, MD

**Maryland Pharmacists Association
Annual Convention**
June 13-17, 2009
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
Ocean City, MD

**Maryland Chapter of the American
Society of Consultant Pharmacists
Mid-Atlantic Conference**
August 6-9, 2009
Rocky Gap Resorts
Flintstone, MD

**Maryland Society of Health-System
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Saturday, November 14, 2009
8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Location TBD

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A Newsletter for the Maryland Academy of Preceptors

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From the Director



*Cynthia Boyle with Preceptors of the Year
Roberto Licier and Cheryl Simmons Gray
after the Class of 2009 Graduation on May 15.*

Dear Preceptors,

I really enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Academy of Preceptors seminar in April. This spring has been one of the most challenging in my ten years in Experiential Learning, but in spite of those challenges, I am feeling tremendous gratitude for all the preceptors and other personnel who contribute to the education of our students.

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Congratulations to the 2009 Preceptors of the Year

APPE Preceptors

Paul Pham, PharmD
Research Associate
Johns Hopkins University

Cheryl Simmons-Gray, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist
Kaiser Permanente

IPPE Preceptor

Roberto Licier, PharmD
Pharmacy Manager
CVS Pharmacy

New Preceptors

Asha L. Tata, PharmD
Internal Medicine Clinical Specialist
University of Maryland Medical System

Mina S. Willis, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Internal Medicine
National Naval Medical Center

Faculty Preceptor

Kelly M. Summers, PharmD
Assistant Professor
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

Welcome to the Maryland Academy of Preceptors

Welcome these new preceptors who were recently appointed by Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD to the Maryland Academy of Preceptors.

Eliza O. Chappelle
Kakneka D. Mason
John C. Morris
Melissa Patel
Valerie Shafir
Jessica C. Wellman

Kim W. Hudyma
Susan McAllister
Eileen E. Munch
Katherine D. Pham
Robin H. Shuster
Marni D. Williams

David L. Kingsbury
Jennifer M. Mercado
Miranda R. O'Brien
Brendan Reichert
Roslyn Simonin

Dean's Corner



Natalie D. Eddington, PhD

The School of Pharmacy recently celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2009 with a wonderful convocation ceremony at the Baltimore Convention Center. Many preceptors participated in the festivities and a few were singled out as preceptors of the year. Preceptors continue to play an integral role in the education of student pharmacists and we are grateful for your commitment and loyalty to our School.

Here is an update on the School of Pharmacy:

Pharmacy Hall Addition

Construction on the Addition is moving forward at a fast pace. Concrete for six of the floors has been poured, and the building is rising up next to Pharmacy Hall. Changes are taking place inside Pharmacy Hall to accommodate the construction, including the closure of the first floor lounge. We look forward to the day in 2010 when the Addition opens and we can show you all our "new" School of Pharmacy.

Strategic Planning Process

The School of Pharmacy is in the process of creating a strategic plan for 2010-2015, which will guide the School in developing new programs and initiatives that best serve our students, faculty, staff, alumni, preceptors, and external community. In January, we conducted a School-wide survey (many of you participated) to identify key areas of interest from all of our constituents. We have had meetings with internal and external groups, and are now in the process of consolidating all of the information we have received in order to create very specific strategic goals for the School.

School of Pharmacy/MedImmune Fellowship

The School of Pharmacy has joined with MedImmune, a biotechnology company based in Gaithersburg, Maryland, to create a fellowship program designed to provide PharmDs and PhDs with the opportunity to gain specialized and in-depth training in clinical development within the biotechnology industry. The fellowships will be two year post-doctorate appointments offering didactic course work at the School and hands-on exposure to clinical development at MedImmune.

ACPE Accreditation Status

I'm happy to report that the School was notified in late January that the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) has extended its accreditation of our PharmD program until the 2011/2012 academic year, when the next review will take place. ACPE has also extended the School's continuing education provider status through 2012.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

With the passing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the School of Pharmacy has submitted nearly 20 grants to the National Institutes of Health for a portion of the \$10 billion in stimulus funds awarded to that agency. One graduate student in our Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences has already received a \$50,000 grant for her research. We expect to hear soon on the status of the other grants submitted by our faculty and students.

Center for Drug Safety

In January, the School of Pharmacy created a Center for Drug Safety through the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research in an effort to improve public health by enhancing the safety of marketed medications. Sheila Weiss Smith, PhD, a professor of pharmaceutical health services research, has been appointed director of the new center.

Class of 2009 Graduation



Preceptors participating at convocation in cap and gown with the Dean and faculty for the first time on May 15.

Preceptor News

Cynthia Boyle, PharmD, FAPhA
Phi Lambda Sigma National
Leadership Award

CAPT James L. Bresette, PharmD
Phi Lambda Sigma National
Alumnus of the Year Award

Kristen M. Fink, PharmD, BCPS
Elected as Trustee of the
Maryland Pharmacists Association

Brian Hose, PharmD
Elected as Vice President of the SOP
Alumni Association for 2009-2011

Dixie Leikach, RPh
Neil Leikach, RPh
SOP Dean's Hall of Fame for
Distinguished Community Pharmacists

Lynn McPherson, PharmD
Received the Daily Record's
Annual Health Care Heroes Award
and
Appointed by Governor O'Malley to
the State Advisory Council on
Quality of Care at the End of Life

Jim Polli, PhD
Appointed the SOP Shangraw/Noxell
Endowed Chair

David Roffman, PharmD
Selected as Teacher of the Year
by the PharmD Class of 2009

Carol E. Stevenson, PharmD
Named President-elect of the
Maryland Pharmacists Association

Hoai-An Truong, PharmD, MPH
Elected as Trustee of the
Maryland Pharmacists Association

Paul Vitale, PharmD
Mercy Medical Center
Received the Medication Safety
Award from the Maryland Society of
Health-System Pharmacists

Doris Voigt, PharmD
Installed as President of the SOP
Alumni Association for 2009-2011

From the Director (continued from page 1)

With the graduation of the Class of 2009, we have completely 'phased out Phases' and are phasing in a new and even more robust experiential curriculum which is streamlined, standardized and innovative.

Within a very ambitious timeline, we have re-designed 25% of the curriculum in the fourth professional year to meet and exceed the latest ACPE accreditation standards. Ongoing preceptor and student feedback provided the basis for most of the changes. Many of you who precept P4 students are experiencing this transition. We envision the entire fourth professional year as an advanced experience, rather than a series of courses, and to initiate changes and innovations, we have:

- Mapped P4 course objectives to the most recent School Terminal Performance Objectives.
- Implemented a unified and standardized approach to courses with a syllabus template and course description template.
- Decreased the number of syllabi from 33 to 6.
- Promoted clarity by creating new course letters/numbers. (For example, PHPC 572 Pharmaceutical Care Community [former Phase IV] is now APPE [Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience] 453 Community Pharmacy Practice.)
- Eliminated P4 pre-requisites other than successful completion of the first three professional years and all IPPEs.
- Increased performance discrimination by changing from "OAN" to Exceeds Competency (EC), Meets Competency (MC), Needs Improvement (NI), Significant Deficiency (SD).
- Unified and sequenced course objectives (20 total).
- Designated objectives to be included in all advanced rotations (Drug/Health Information, Use of Technology, Professionalism).
- Standardized common objectives for all required APPEs and Patient Care Selectives (11 total).
- Created a new APPE 401 Health-System Pharmacy Practice course. (Phase III Institutional was discontinued for Class of 2010 and beyond.)
- Added courses in Medication Safety, Informatics, and Public Health.
- Streamlined assessments with standardized language and format on assessment forms.
- Promoted efficiency by decreasing from 8 recitations to 3 case presentations.
- Adopted a new abilities checklist to be included with case presentations and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) for graduation requirements, approved by Faculty Assembly on May 5.
- Retained professionalism criteria (determining factors as Meets Competency or Significant Deficiency).
- Standardized the rubric for determining grades with a graduated approach.
- Retained coursemasters for patient care rotations (content expertise) and unified 'non patient care' under APEX Administrative and General Practice Experiences with one coursemaster.
- Created a mechanism by which to repeat APPE 451 and 453 as selectives (eliminating separate elective syllabi).

What does this mean for preceptors? We will all need to adjust to new terms, requirements, and assessments. The ELP personnel and coursemasters will track students' evaluations to make sure they are progressing.

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Who's Who in the Experiential Learning Office



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PharmD, FAPhA,
Director



Hoai-An Truong,
PharmD, MPH, AE-C,
Assistant Director



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BS, Coordinator



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We will seek input from a cohort of preceptors for a separate “Global Impression Scale” to monitor assessments. This is the most significant change since the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy implemented the entry-level PharmD, but we are hopeful that we will better prepare our future colleagues by tracking competencies and identifying students who need extra help sooner.

With these rapid developments, we are beginning to post tutorials for specific courses. If you go to www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu and click ‘Preceptors,’ you will see the section for *News You Can Use*. These convenient web-based tutorials are offered as updates for experienced preceptors and will help orient new preceptors when they are first appointed. Also, we will be revising the basic training for new preceptors into a web-based format in July.

With these tools and the access to the portal, I sincerely hope you are finding the information you need in order for you to effectively precept students. Precepting can be challenging, but over and over I hear from you about how much you enjoy students and how you enjoy the rewards of precepting. I happen to agree.

New Resource for Preceptors: Preceptor Portal Access

During this past year, the Experiential Learning Program has collaborated with Computer and Networking Services to provide preceptors with access to students’ profiles (i.e. student’s photo and rotation history) and opportunity to update information (i.e. preceptor’s address, phone and e-mail) through the School’s online portal. After a pilot test, we are now ready to launch it for all preceptors.

To gain access to the School’s portal, please go to www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu and click on the “Preceptors” tab. Next, scroll down to “For Current Preceptors” where you will see two links:

- Creating Your User Account to Log Into Portal
- Preceptor Portal Instructions

Please review those two documents and follow instructions to create your user account and login to the School portal. Once logged in, you will be able to see your information, your students, and your availability.

We hope you will find this new resource helpful and useful in preparing and planning for your students’ rotations. If you have questions regarding the preceptor portal access, please contact us at elp@rx.umaryland.edu.

Annual Preceptor Honorarium Payment

In order to streamline the process, effective the 2009-2010 year and beyond, preceptor honorarium payment will only be processed once annually in the summer. Therefore, preceptors will be compensated for all their 2009-2010 students in the summer of 2010. This new process will not adversely affect your income taxes. Please let us know if you have questions.