

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

Dear Member of the Class of 2013:

**Welcome to the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy!**

I am delighted that you have chosen to accept our invitation to join the Doctor of Pharmacy program at our School. I look forward to seeing you at our New Student Welcome Day on Friday, June 5 at Pharmacy Hall in Baltimore. The event is scheduled from 9 am until 4 pm and is designed to give you a head start on the exciting and challenging curriculum that lies ahead of you. I encourage you to attend. You will receive assignments to do over the summer to help prepare you for the fall term. You will be joined by your fellow students who are assembling from all over Maryland, the country, and, indeed, the world! You will meet the people that you will be learning from and depending upon for the next four years.

The Day will also be an opportunity for you to learn more about how we integrate instruction at the Universities at Shady Grove with that in Baltimore. Our program at Shady Grove is opening up new opportunities in Montgomery County and the Washington D.C. suburbs. With our enrollment expanded to two campuses, over twenty new faculty members will be appointed during the next few years. This growth will assure that our School will have the resources to provide the quality education that drew you to Maryland.

Our other significant news is that construction on the Pharmacy Hall Addition in Baltimore has a completion date of Fall 2010. Renovations to Pharmacy Hall and Shady Grove are also underway to improve our practice laboratory facilities. Objective Structured Clinical Evaluations (OSCEs) are becoming an ever more important tool in our PharmD program, and specialized facilities will improve their use.

The School of Pharmacy, founded in 1841, is ready for you! We are in the midst of carrying out an ambitious plan to build upon our position as one of the leading schools of pharmacy in the country. We aim to improve health through our innovative pharmaceutical education, our research, our clinical practice, and our public service. We are depending upon you to help us achieve this mission!

See you on June 5!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie D. Eddington".

Natalie D. Eddington, PhD