

eSCRIPTS

eScripts is a monthly newsletter highlighting faculty, staff, students and alumni of the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.



June 2023



CU Pharmacy Celebrates Graduation

On May 22, CU Anschutz celebrated graduations across the campus. CU Pharmacy held its annual commencement ceremony in the Library Commons, followed by a reception. Congratulations to all graduates!

[See the Photos](#)



Distinguished Coloradan

Emeritus Professors John Carpenter, PhD, and David Ross, PhD, were selected as recipients of the 2023 Distinguished Coloradan Award. This award is the School's highest recognition of lifetime achievement, and this marks the first time in its history that two winners have been chosen by their peers for this prestigious recognition.



Orth Investigator on Pediatric Trial

Luke Orth, PharmD is one of the lead investigators in a new 5-year drug trial project. The article "A coordinated approach for managing polypharmacy among children with medical complexity: rationale and design of the Pediatric Medication Therapy Management (pMTM) randomized controlled trial," published in BMC Health Service Research, describes the trial as a hybrid type 2 randomized controlled trial assessing the effectiveness of pMTM compared to usual care in a large, patient-centered medical home for CMC.



Joy Awarded WiSTEM Ally

Melanie Joy, PhD, is the winner of this year's Women in STEM Ally Award. The Outstanding WiSTEM Ally Award recognizes a person on CU Anschutz campus that has promoted diversity and inclusion in their community by proactive behaviors.



CU Pharmacy Wins Accolades at Student Senate Awards Event

The annual Student Senate Awards saw CU Pharmacy recognized for multiple achievements. The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) was named as one of two Outstanding Student Organizations on the Anschutz Medical Campus, with Carlos Catalano, PhD, as the faculty advisor. PediatRx and Phi Delta Chi received both of the Outstanding Community Service Awards given out for the campus; Assistant Professor Luke Orth, PharmD is the faculty advisor for PediatRx and Professor and Chair Doug Fish, PharmD is the faculty advisor for Phi Delta Chi.



Thai Awarded Spirit of Anschutz

Vinh Thai, recent PharmD graduate, received the Spirit of Anschutz Award for the School of Pharmacy; the award is given to students who demonstrate exceptional professionalism and advocacy for their profession and serve as outstanding ambassadors for the Anschutz Medical Campus.



Consortium Announces New Partnership

May 9 was National Fentanyl Awareness Day and the perfect time for The Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, housed in CU Pharmacy, to launch its new partnership with AEG Presents. "Keep The Party Safe" is the name of the Consortium's awareness effort to prevent fentanyl overdoses. The new partnership will help educate concertgoers in Colorado about the risk of fentanyl contaminated recreational drugs across the state. The partnership, brokered by AEG Global Partnerships, will reach the Denver and broader Colorado music community through messaging and resources at multiple AEG Presents owned and operated venues and festivals in the region.

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Alumni Zone

Look here for the monthly alumni spotlights, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved!



Alumni Spotlight Robert Willis, PharmD '07

The journey from small-town roots provided 2007 alumnus Robert Willis an opportunity that not only directed and shaped his career as a pharmacist but also provided him the road map to self-discovery, making him the person he is today. In celebration of Pride Month this June, Dr. Willis reflects on his college experience that launched his pharmacy career and brought him to the realization of his identity as a gay man.

[Read more](#)



Happy & Healthy is June 14

Join other Alumni this June for a **Virtual Happy & Healthy Hour on Wednesday, June 14, 5-6 p.m. (MDT)**. Aimee Bernard, PhD Immunologist and Educator, will walk participants through the wonders of the immune system - our mobile defense system - and how it works every day to defend the body from disease.

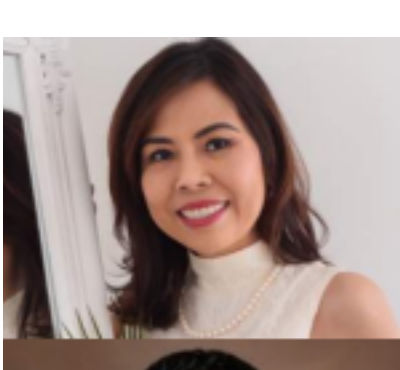
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Preceptors Needed for P1 Immunization Training

Alumni are needed to help with certifying the first year pharmacy students in providing immunizations. Preceptors who are certified in administering the APhA immunization technique are invited to participate in the clinical training session to be held Thursday, Sept. 14 from 3-5 p.m. (MDT) on the Anschutz Medical Campus. If interested, please contact Kayla Bethea.

[Email Kayla](#)



In Memoriam

The recent passing of some of our alumni has left us saddened. We celebrate and honor '03 alumna [Hien Pham](#) and '15 alumnus [Luis Lopez-Hernandez](#), who both fought courageous battles against cancer.



In Case You Missed it... Alumni Forum!

If you missed the recent Alumni Forum held Thursday, May 11 at the Blue Moon Brewery in RiNo Denver, you can enjoy the highlights captured in [photos](#) and on [video](#).

This semester's event featured faculty member Dr. Gina Moore, who provided an update on the latest developments in Legislative Advocacy for the Pharmacy profession.



Become an Alumni Ambassador

The CU Pharmacy Alumni Association is looking for alumni to join its Alumni Ambassador program. Sign up to be an ambassador today and receive communications on volunteer opportunities in your interest areas at the school and around the community. Alumni Ambassadors help shape the future of pharmacy and share their pride of CU Pharmacy. Join today.

[Join the Ambassadors](#)

Career Services

Check here for featured job postings. We're proud to be one of the few schools of pharmacy with a Career Services Office devoted to helping students and alumni obtain employment.



Students and Alumni need to create a Handshake account, if they do not already have one, to apply to featured jobs. Click here to join: <https://app.joinhandshake.com/login>



Openings at Good Day Pharmacy and Tristate Pharmacies

Good Day Pharmacy and their partnership with Tristate Pharmacies have three openings suitable for recent graduates and alumni. Click below to explore more about each position.

- [Part-Time Staff Pharmacist - Vandel Drug, Torrington, WY](#)
- [Pharmacy Manager, Good Day Pharmacy \(Wellington, CO\)](#)
- [Staff Pharmacist, Good Day Pharmacy, Northern Colorado](#)

Continuing Education

Live and online ACPE-accredited programs for life-long learning.



Register for Life-Long Learning in Pharmacy (LLLP) International Conference today!

July 2-5, 2023

Denver, Colorado

Australia, Croatia, Ireland and now Denver, Colorado! The University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is proud and honored to be the host for the 14th annual LLLP2023 international conference!

Join us at LLLP2023 and immerse yourself in pharmacy education, resources and development from a network of international professionals.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Thought Leaders

Monthly overview of faculty in the news and their published research.



In The News

- Street Insider**, AEG Presents: *Rocky Mountains and Keep the Party Safe Join Forces To Save Lives Across Colorado*, feat. Rob Valuck, PhD
- CU Anschutz Today**, *How Can Employers Help When Workers Struggle With Substance Use?*, feat. Rob Valuck, PhD
- The NBXPress**, *The 411 on Marijuana Use and Cardiovascular Health*, feat. Robert Page, PharmD
- Forbes**, *CBD For Blood Pressure: Does It Work?*, feat. Robert Page, PharmD
- HCBS Live**, *California Insulin Bipolar Plan Could Save \$100 Million in Annual Spending*, feat. Kelly E. Anderson, PhD

Research Roundup

For more publications, [check out the new research feed on our website](#).

- [Does complement play a role in pathogenic ACPA?](#) Scheinman RL, Banda NK. *Arthritis Rheumatol*. 2023 May 3. doi: 10.1002/art.42555. Online ahead of print. PMID: 37134127 No abstract available.
- [Endocytosis and Neurotoxicity: It's a RAR!](#) Awidishu L, Joy MS. *Kidney360*. 2023 May 1;4(5):572-574. doi: 10.34067/KID.0000000000000144. PMID: 37289725 Free article. No abstract available.
- [Novel chromobox 2 inhibitor oxindole decreases tumor suppression](#). Erubaker LW, Backos DS, Nguyen VT, Reigien P, Hernandez TM, Woodruff ER, Iwanaga R, Wempe WF, Kumar V, Piersenine C, Watson ZL, Biles BG. *Expert Opin Ther Targets*. 2023 May 27;1-11. doi: 10.1080/14728222.2023.2218614. Online ahead of print. PMID: 37243807
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