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WSU PharmD Students Remember Richard Slaughter

Associate Dean and Professor Richard (Rick) Slaughter died February 23, 2016, at age 63. He passed away at his home surrounded by family, friends and loved ones after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Dean Slaughter was a valued member of the college's leadership team and faculty for 27 years. His contributions to the pharmacy program and profession are immeasurable. On March 7, EACPHS student pharmacists held a tribute service to honor and remember Dean Slaughter. Several students spoke at the event, discussing the impact that Dean Slaughter had on them.

On a statement read on his behalf, Student Nour Ghamrawi said, "(Dean Slaughter) touched the lives of thousands and showed us what true passion for the profession really means. He was always in a happy and welcoming mood. And that's what I, as well as my classmates, loved about him." Student Ali Khalil echoed these sentiments, noting that Dean Slaughter was able to keep a positive attitude even in the toughest of times. "I am grateful I had honor to spend time with him," said Khalil.

Student Malak Abbas mentioned other characteristics that made Dean Slaughter memorable, including "his humbleness and his ability to build bridges between students and faculty," Abbas continued, "Through his support, guidance and encouragement, Dean Slaughter has been an inspiration to many."

"Dean Slaughter was one of the greatest mentors I have ever met," said student Jeremy Ing, citing Slaughter's "academic achievement, student support, professionalism, and leadership." Ing continued his tribute with these words, "Dean Slaughter was my pharmacy role model. He took great pride in watching the development of his students, and faculty, both as individuals, and as a cohesive unit. It was a great honor and privilege to learn from him and work with him on many occasions. I believe that meeting Dean Slaughter was one of the most important encounters of my life."

Dean Richard Slaughter will be deeply missed by not only his family and friends, especially his wife Deborah, his children and grandchildren, but also by his students and colleagues at EACPHS. Eight of Dean Slaughter's friends and colleagues honored him by creating a scholarship. Although donors wanted to name the scholarship after Dean Slaughter, in his usual humble fashion, he asked that it simply be called the Academic Leadership Scholarship. In accordance with his wishes, recipients must demonstrate high academic achievement, hold office in a student chapter of a professional organization and provide evidence of community engagement. The inaugural scholarship was awarded to student Malak Abbas in May. Dean Slaughter's legacy will live on in the hearts of the faculty, staff, alumni and students whose lives he has forever impacted.



Richard Slaughter



Kurtis Eoff, CJ Zarecki, Andrew Hanna, and Jack VanDahm at the Second Annual Founders Day event

Kappa Psi— Mu Omicron Pi Chapter

This past year the Kappa Psi – Mu Omicron Pi chapter welcomed five new Brothers: Mike Bassil, Saif Findakly, Andrew Hanna, Shiv Patel, and Tony Tayar. Our chapter recently congratulated Brothers Tom Grigowski, KC Mangan, Victor Nguyen, Aaron Nixon, Rommel Reyes, and CJ Zarecki on their graduation with their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. Our graduates have secured prominent positions in the field of pharmacy such as residencies at Medical University of South Carolina and Diplomat and a fellowship at Xcenda.

During the Summer and Fall semesters our chapter held two philanthropy events preparing over 200 sack lunches for the Neighborhood Services Organization of Detroit. In the winter, we hosted a water drive/fundraiser to help those affected by the Flint water crisis. 100% of donations went towards the purchasing of bottled water. Through these donations from other

Kappa Psi Chapters as well as faculty and students from EACPHS, we were able to donate over 25,000 bottles of water! Nine Brothers participated in the Fight for Air Climb to help raise money for the American Lung Association (ALA). Participation included running up over the 70 stories of stairs at the General Motors Renaissance Center and these nine Brothers were able to raise over \$1300 for the ALA. We would like to thank everyone who donated to our water drive and philanthropic fundraisers! We recently hosted our annual PharmPhest barbecue at the John F. Radtke House where we, along with APhA, AAPA, SSHP, SCCP, FAWN, LKS, WHSO, SNPhA, Rho Chi, CPFI, PLS, and the DEW clinic welcomed the incoming Pharmacy Class of 2020. We also hosted our Second Annual Founders Day event at the Detroit Double Tree, where we celebrated our graduate Brothers and the history of our chapter.

Rho Chi Society



2016 Rho Chi Inductees from left to right: Traci Klotz, Pat Gasso, Reachel Neu, Megan Kucemba, Chandni Patel, Derek Montgomery, Yashar Daneshjoo, Zach Hagan, Korina Williamson, Zeinab Aode, Mariam Salameh, Jill Xhemali, Alex Muma, Katherine Plank, Michaela Scott, Julia Kulesza, Dana Attar, Ellen Muniga, Rana Dabaja, Ryan Rockwell

The Rho Chi Society is the National Academic Honor Society of pharmacy. Rho Chi recognizes and rewards intellectual achievement, promotes highest ethical standards, and fosters collaboration. The Alpha Chi Chapter of the Rho Chi Society at Wayne State focused much of its efforts this year on providing assistance to new students entering the program and providing opportunities to upperclassmen to enhance professional skills. Over the summer we collaborated with the Class of 2016 E-board to develop the ongoing P1/P3 mentorship program. During the months of October and November we offered programs to help P3 students to develop their interview skills. Throughout the year we held multiple fundraisers and made a financial contribution to the Cabrini Clinic, a local underserved clinic, before the end of the year. We were proud to collaborate with the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences to sponsor the Roland T. Lakey Award Lecture on March 30th, 2016. The honoree was Marie Chisholm-Burns, Dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She is founder and director of the Medication Access Program in Georgia and provided an insightful lecture on her contributions to the career of pharmacy. The event was followed by the banquet and induction ceremony where we welcomed this year's newly elected members into the society. We plan to continue the long standing tradition of supporting our peers and our community in the year to come.

ACCP Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP)

This year has been an exciting and eventful one for SCCP. We participated in the St. John Health Fair, raised money for One World Medical Missions, and did a presentation on "Drug-Alcohol Interactions and Poison Prevention" to the girls at Vista Maria. We recently held our annual elections. Our new e-board members are Lisa Long, President; Namitha Nair, president-elect; Korina Williamson, external vice-president; Zeinab Aode, internal vice-president; Linda Kalfayan, treasurer; Natalia Jarbou, secretary; and Hiba Sami, student liaison. All of us are very excited to be serving on the board and are currently working on scheduling SCCP's events for the upcoming year.

One of the big projects we are planning at this time is a new health fair which will be held in conjunction with Dr. Brox from the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic in Pontiac. We are also deciding on guest speakers for our "Spotlight on Specialties" and "Spotlight on Research" series. With our "Spotlight on Specialties" seminars, we bring in practicing pharmacists who work in fields that traditionally do not get a lot of exposure from the pharmacy curriculum to talk to us about their positions and the opportunities that are available to students upon graduation. In the past, we have featured pediatrics, managed care, and infectious diseases. Our organization is also heavily involved in promoting research at Wayne State. We currently host the Directed Study Seminar, which provides information on the ongoing studies faculty members are conducting that have available openings for students to participate in. Each year, we also host the local "ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge" in the early fall, which lets teams of students showcase their clinical skills through trivia, clinical case, and jeopardy-style questions. We are looking forward to this year's Challenge and hope to have many teams competing.



SCCP members Namitha Nair, Natalia Jarbou, Linda Kalfayan, Lisa Long, and Korina Williamson at PharmPhest, 2016

Diabetes Education

Wellness Clinic

(DEW)



The DEW Clinic was founded in 2011 and is a multidisciplinary student-run clinic that operates through a partnership between Wayne State University students, faculty, and community mentors. The DEW Clinic has grown to include Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Nutrition/Dietetics, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, and Medicine. These disciplines work together to provide free specialized care and educational resources to uninsured patients in the Detroit area. We have seen an increase in patient volume, as patients have been returning and referring others to the DEW Clinic. Patients receive free testing supplies and resources to help with diabetic management strategies and optimize their activities of daily living. Pharmacy students have the chance to teach patients blood glucose testing techniques in addition to learning how to use electronic medical records.

The DEW Clinic allows students from multiple disciplines to work together to provide personalized care and gain clinical experience. Student volunteers have to attend one training session, where they will learn the responsibilities and expectations of the DEW Clinic. This training session will be held once in the fall and winter semester. The clinics are held on the first Monday and third Saturday of every month. The Monday clinic is held at the SAY Detroit Family Health Clinic in Highland Park, MI. The Saturday clinic is held at the Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging in Wayne, MI. We have had numerous fundraising efforts through events such as the DEW What You Say 5k, where we raised money to purchase supplies for the clinic. We are always looking for more volunteers and different fundraising ideas to increase our resources and expand upon our efforts.

For any questions about how to get involved, please contact Ben August – baugust@wayne.edu or Andrea Curtiss – andrea.curtiss@wayne.edu.

Arab American Pharmacists Association (AAPA)

With the help of the hardworking board and active members, the Arab American Pharmacist Association (AAPA) participated in various events throughout the 2015/16 academic year including fundraisers, cultural seminars, health screenings, and wellness education. Early in the fall semester, the AAPA helped set up a seminar surrounding the topic of specialty pharmacy. The event was successful and shed light on a field of pharmacy that few knew much about.



In the fall semester, several AAPA members volunteered at the St. John's Armenian Church Health Fair. At this event, AAPA members, along with members of different student organizations, conducted a full spectrum of health checks to the public for free. Members also provided education on nutrition, diet, blood pressure control, diabetes education and several other relevant health information. In October, AAPA engaged undergraduate and pre-pharmacy students to participate in an informative seminar about pharmacy school called "Meet the Dean." We had a great turnout and many students really benefitted from the opportunity to ask questions to current pharmacy students! Later that month, the AAPA helped host a session on self-wellness in medicine given by Dr. Hana Saad. In the fall semester, we continued our tradition of participating in the "Hunger Hurts" program by Zaman International. In this event, members are given donation cans to be filled with money. This year we were able to raise hundreds of dollars for those in need! On two occasions during the school year, AAPA members set-up food sales which helped raise funds. Turkey and roast beef sandwiches were prepared and sold to faculty and students. In February 2016, the AAPA organized an interfaith dialogue between three different religious clerics. The event had an amazing reception and everyone learned a lot about the different faiths to help curb stereotypic ideologies. In both November and March, AAPA engaged with the Michigan Antibiotic Resistance Rangers program (MARR); our members educated 1,200 elementary students from three different schools on the importance of antibiotic resistance through educational games and informative sessions. Lastly, in May 2016 we held our annual dinner. We had attendees from our parent chapter faculty, and members and faculty from our Ferris State chapter as well. During this dinner, the parent chapter awards scholarships to AAPA members who qualify and deserve the award.

Through the support and involvement of our 100+ hard working members and our supportive parent chapter, the AAPA plans to preserve and flourish in our accomplishments throughout the upcoming years! We thank all of you for your continuous support and efforts!

Faculty Spotlight: Brittany Stewart, PharmD



Q: You were recently awarded the Generation Rx Champions Award from the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), which recognizes a pharmacist who has demonstrated excellence in community-based prescription drug abuse prevention. Tell us more about it.

A: I am one of the co-advisors of the APhA-ASP chapter along with Drs. Amber Lanae Smith and Randy Commissaris and I oversee the Generation Rx initiative. The project that earned us the Generation Rx Champions Award from MPA all started from a collaboration with the Love Detroit Prevention Coalition. Acting as facilitator, I introduced the students to the Love Detroit Prevention Coalition, which enabled WSU's Generation Rx to increase community involvement, resulting in the Just Say Know event. With this foundation, we were able to continue to expand our events to include the Truth Fairy event on Belle Isle. I used these events as a part of a year-long project with MPA's leadership academy. At the end of this leadership academy, I presented this information to the rest of my colleagues and MPA was impressed.

Q: What does this award mean to you? How do you feel this will impact Generation Rx at WSU?

A: This award is not for me, but for the students who were involved with the initiative. I am so happy to see how much the students wanted to be involved with this initiative and for them to be recognized for their achievement. There's a national problem with prescription drug abuse and patients do not realize how much pharmacists can help. What makes me happiest about this is to see the passion of the students for this issue and for their dedication to be rewarded with this award. In terms of its impact on Generation Rx, I feel like this has already had an impact. Generation Rx was lying dormant before this, a committee that was not really understood or utilized. The Just Say Know and Truth Fairy events really shined a light on this committee and the positions within it. These events were the catalyst to the expansion of Generation Rx's role within APhA-ASP at WSU. This allowed us to excite more students, encourage involvement, and continue to plan additional events. The excitement from winning this award has really started the ball rolling for Generation Rx at WSU.

Q: What is your best advice for someone looking to get involved?

A: My best advice for someone looking to get involved is to do self-evaluation and find out what you are passionate about. Getting involved brings with it a large time commitment for something besides school work. I am the kind of person where if I am going to get involved, I am going to give it 100%. If you are passionate about what you are doing outside of the classroom, you are more willing to spend the necessary time to complete your activities. Everyone feels like they don't have time, but if you want to get involved and you have the passion you can make the time for it.

Q: What are some future projects you are hoping to get involved with?

A: I have a lot of projects on my radar, but I am currently hoping that Generation Rx can continue to expand what we are currently doing while simultaneously forming new relationships that allow us to reach a broader audience. I feel that there is so much more that we can do when it comes to educating our community about prescription drug abuse. While it is important for us to continue this work in Detroit, I want to expand our reach to the suburbs where prescription drug abuse is more common. I also would like for Wayne State's Generation Rx to partner with those at Ferris State and University of Michigan to put on larger scale events. I also hope to get Generation Rx to be greater involved at the state level with policy. With the talks of a statewide standing order for pharmacist administration of naloxone, I hope that WSU and Generation Rx can put together a training program for naloxone administration that does not exist in Michigan as of yet.

Q: What advice do you have for current students?

A: It goes back to the idea that being a great pharmacist is not just about what you learn. I believe that being a great pharmacist is about being a leader. Pharmacy needs more leader because this is where change comes from. Pharmacy is constantly battling to show the role that pharmacists play in the healthcare team. Pharmacy needs leaders to push the boundaries of the field and continue to expand the role of pharmacists in healthcare. You are going to learn the therapeutics and all the technical knowledge

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