Dean Phillip R. Oppenheimer: A Transformational Legacy
Early this year, after 40 years in pharmacy academia, I announced my intention to retire. Since that announcement, I have received the same three questions over and over again. The first one is, “What are you going to do in retirement?” The answer remains to be seen. The second asks, “Will Teri also retire?” My wife, Teri, currently works two days a week as a pharmacist. Her answer to that question is, “Well, you are going to be home now, right? Maybe I will go back to working full time.” We laugh, but she may be serious. The third question is typically, “Do you have hobbies or projects?” The answer to that question is very typical of deans and others in executive positions: my vocation and my avocation are the same. My life has been consumed with students, faculty, staff and administrators, as well as planning, supervising, negotiating and strategizing. When I’m not doing those things, I am thinking about them. First, you’re tired, then you’re retired.

I recently read an article in Forbes that indicated Type A personalities are not cut out for retirement. We are used to structured days and living by a strict calendar, run by full-time support staff. Our days are long, governed by deadlines, reports, meetings, budgets and spreadsheets. We have people to help us deal with issues that arise throughout the day and immediately resolve technical issues, such as putting apps on our smartphones. These issues include minor but important tasks like needing a ride to a meeting across campus because it’s pouring rain, refilling the coffee cup during a conference call without being asked or running out to get a new tie for the afternoon because the one you’re wearing landed in your soup. Apparently, this will all disappear upon my retirement. There will be no more early arrivals to the office to make calls to the East Coast. No more planning, executing, assessing, revising and documenting. No more Monday morning staff meetings with my team, no more report-outs, no more evaluations. I will no longer eat lunch at my desk in the Dean’s office. I have to admit, I am nervous, but I am determined to make a successful transition. Maybe I will “unretire” at some point to pursue a passion yet to be determined.

By far, the part of the job I will miss the most are the people. I have been blessed with amazing staff, faculty, students and administrative partners in my career. I have had the honor to interact with some of the most revered professionals in health care. I have enjoyed working with our donors to transform the School through their generosity. It’s the people who have made my career a labor of love. My goal is to keep some structure, just enough to allow for those spontaneous moments. I also will have a solid purpose to each day and week, with goals to complete in the short and long term. I will continue to meet and network with my former colleagues and find new and interesting ways to stay social. I will continue to see all of you at association meetings, celebrations and special occasions.

Pacific is a very special place and I will continue to be involved in her evolution. Sincerely,

Phillip R. Oppenheimer, PharmD
Dean, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

DEAN’S MESSAGE

“I have been blessed with amazing staff, faculty, students and administrative partners in my career.”
Together with his team at Pacific, Dean Oppenheimer has been involved in garnering more than $55 million in donations for programs, scholarships, facilities, research and new initiatives, which have transformed the School and the University beyond measure.

2013
With generous support from ScripPro, the ScripPro SP2010 equipment was donated to the Barker Lab, enhancing technology and education for the doctor of pharmacy program. The School launched the combined master of science in pharmaceutical and chemical sciences and fellowship in pharmacy practice. The School also instituted the bachelor of applied science degree.

2014
Dean Oppenheimer was selected as the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Most Outstanding Dean of the Year for his contributions to the Pacific APhA-ASP Chapter and active promotion of student welfare through various community service, leadership and professional activities. Dean Oppenheimer’s leadership resulted in funds to refurbish Brocksie Hall, which was renamed Chan Family Hall.

2015
Dean Oppenheimer was named a recipient of the University of California, San Francisco Alumni Excellence Award. The Audiology Clinic on the San Francisco campus began treating patients, providing audiology and hearing aid services through patient visits and community outreach events. The inaugural White Coat Ceremony marked the launch of the doctor of audiology program.

Under Dean Oppenheimer’s leadership, the Chan Family Office of Academic Success and Instructional Support was launched. It provides students in the School with individualized strategies for academic, personal and professional success.

2016
Pacific’s doctor of pharmacy program received full eight-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Dean Oppenheimer was named the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Central Valley Pharmacist of the Year.

2017
Dean Oppenheimer was inducted into the California Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame. Due to the generosity of the Joseph and Vera Long Foundation and the Chan Family, the School was able to renovate the second floor of the Chan Family Health Sciences Learning Center and Clinics (following the relocation of the dental hygiene program to the San Francisco campus) to include three high-tech large classrooms, a quiet study area, several conference rooms, a telehealth center, 19 faculty offices and a pharmacy care clinic space.

2018
The School secured a significant gift from the Chan Family to support the renovation of the Rotunda building, including the construction of new exterior ADA-compliant and gender-inclusive restrooms.

2019
Regent Clark and Pamela Gustafson provided significant funding to support student scholarship, community outreach programs and sustainability for the School and the University.
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Partnering to Build a Healthier Community

By Dua Her '09

Pacific’s Medicare Part D Program and the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) share a common goal in providing services and support to help people lead healthier lives in their communities. Rajul A. Patel '01, '06, PharmD, PhD, professor of pharmacy practice, saw a need for increased community outreach to the developmentally disabled population in the region. In 2016, he approached the VMRC with a proof-of-concept proposal to assist VMRC clients who had prescription drug coverage through Medicare with their out-of-pocket Part D costs, while also providing a comprehensive review of their medications. Services were provided by trained pharmacy students during the fall Medicare Part D outreach clinics to community attendees as well as clients identified by the VMRC. Each subsequent year, students have assisted an average of 80 VMRC clients during the Medicare open enrollment period and identified potential savings averaging $1,700 per VMRC client.

The success of this early effort opened the doors to expand this unique partnership to support roughly 1,300 VMRC clients, most of whom are dual-eligible (they have Medicare and Medi-Cal). Medicare beneficiaries who also have Medi-Cal are those with the lowest income and most limited resources. Medicare provides some safeguards for this vulnerable population, including their ability to change their Part D plan outside of the fall open enrollment period.

In January 2019, a pharmacy elective course titled “Part D Services for the Developmentally Disabled” was offered for the first time and was taught by Carly Ranson ‘13, ’17, PharmD, MS, BCGP, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and Dr. Patel. The elective course’s core service was to evaluate the Part D plan and other offerings for each VMRC client in light of their medications, preferred pharmacy and receipt of additional governmental subsidies.

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- Yi “Allan” Yao '20

VMRC an estimated $1.69 million on their out-of-pocket prescription drug expenditures. "The tangible benefit to the VMRC is that they can rest assured the costs are minimized to the greatest extent possible," said Dr. Patel. "If these drugs work, don’t want to change them, but we certainly want to minimize the cost of these medications whenever possible."

Last year, 45 doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) students enrolled and participated in the Medicare Part D Outreach program elective. Of those, 30 decided to add the elective course to their rigorous academic load, despite having already fulfilled the PharmD elective requirement with the past years’ outreach activities.

“Being part of the Medicare Part D outreach program has certainly enriched my learning and sparked my passion for patient care,” said second-year PharmD student Yi “Allan” Yao '20. “It gave me the opportunity to put what I have learned into action and the positive feedback from the patients provided further encouraged me to try harder. Each patient interaction required different things and being able to help them gave me a sense of accomplishment as a health care provider.”

Dr. Ranson appreciates the opportunity to utilize Pacific’s strengths to support a community organization that provides resources and services to a vulnerable population. More importantly, Dr. Ranson finds it rewarding to see the excitement of pharmacy students working with real patients. She realizes that dealing with insurance is not for everyone, but the students’ care and dedication is very encouraging.

“It’s a humbling experience to see the students come back every single week. They are exhausted from their week, but are excited to assist and stay as late as the client situation requires,” Dr. Ranson said. “These are individuals who are doing this because they can and because it is the right thing to do. These are individuals I want to continue to work with.”

The partnership with the VMRC has been in the works for many years. Nearly 20 years ago, Bert Gundersen ’84, PharmD, vice provost and former pharmacy practice faculty member at Pacific, established a partnership with the VMRC to provide clinical pharmacy consultation services. William A. Kehoe ’96, MA, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS, professor emeritus of pharmacy practice, continues to serve in this capacity. Today, students have the opportunity to step into this role as they continue to serve this population on a large scale through Part D optimization initiatives that are incorporated into the Medicare Part D Outreach program.

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From the ashes of World War II, Mariano Que built what would become the thriving Mercury Drug Corporation. He opened the first Mercury Drug store on March 1, 1945, in Manila, Philippines. Orphaned at age 10, he was only able to attend school up to the seventh grade. These formative experiences instilled in him the value of education and a deeply compassionate, generous spirit. “Helping people has been one of the most important values that my father wanted to pass on to his family,” said his daughter, Fortune Que Andrada. “Since he started from humble beginnings, he wanted to be able to help others as he knew what it was to need help.”

Since 1999, the Mercury Drug Foundation has provided medicines and medical services to individuals in underserved communities throughout the Philippines through the Operation Bigay Lunas medical outreach program. “Since he started from humble beginnings, he wanted to be able to help others as he knew what it was to need help.”

Fortune, her husband, Perfecto A. Andrada, and their children Irene Frances Que Andrada ’15, PharmD, BCGP and Elena Anne Que Andrada ’22, established the Que-Andrada Foundation Endowment Fund at Pacific in honor of Mariano. The Que-Andrada Foundation is supporting the efforts of Pacific’s Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics. Through the power of the Powell Match, the endowment will support an annual health fair focused on reaching the Filipino community. Fortune noted how the efforts of the Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics mirror those of Operation Bigay Lunas. “It is nice to know pre-pharmacy and pharmacy students volunteer for this event just like how the pharmacy students from different schools throughout the Philippines volunteer at Operation Bigay Lunas,” she said. In addition to his philanthropic spirit, Mariano passed on his firm belief in the value of education. “My father strongly believed that education is the best investment and I am glad that my husband and I listened to him because, without a doubt, Pacific is truly a worthwhile investment that no one can ever take away.” Mariano was proud his two granddaughters decided to pursue careers in pharmacy. Fortune shared that from a young age Irene wanted to become a pharmacist. “After being inspired by my father, she knew that she wanted to join the profession to help others,” Fortune said. “She knew that pharmacy would be a great way to serve both patients and doctors.”

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Each year brave doctor of pharmacy and undergraduate pre-pharmacy students step onto the Rotunda stage and put their talents on display. Sponsored by Walgreens and hosted by Pacific’s chapter of The Rho Chi Society, the annual talent show is an opportunity for students to showcase their artistic creativity.

Rachel Stone ‘20 has been dancing since she was 4 years old. She started out in ballet, but was drawn to hula dancing. “I wanted to learn more about my culture since I am a quarter native Hawaiian,” said Stone. “Dancing allows me to express myself. For the talent show, I decided to showcase hula, rather than other forms of dancing. I wanted to share that part of my culture with my classmates and the faculty.”

Ryan Rana ‘20 also has a background in ballet, but he currently focuses on urban choreography. He is a member of Syndicate Dance, a San Jose-based dance team that competes in urban choreography dance competitions across California. “Dancing is my way of saying what’s on my mind in ways that I can’t express otherwise,” said Rana. “Dancing is something I can use to connect with other people.”

When considering career options, Rana knew he wanted to work in health care. An incident where one of his family members ended up in the hospital after taking the wrong medication put him on the path to a career in pharmacy. “It opened my eyes to the importance of pharmacists and the job they do,” he said.

At this year’s talent show, Sharon Cheung ‘21 performed the song “Jealous” by Labrinth. “I have been singing ever since I could talk,” said Cheung. “I sing because it is my favorite form of artistic expression. I love the way that singing can tell a story.”

Cheung started at Pacific as a pre-pharmacy student. “I decided to pursue pharmacy because it is at the forefront of accessible health care,” she said. “You can find a pharmacist in so many different health care settings, making it a versatile career and, most importantly, an accessible means to health care for patients.”

Stone, Rana and Cheung emphasized the importance of having an outlet for self-expression. Having the opportunity to share their creative side helped them connect with their classmates. “A lot of people didn’t even know I could dance until the talent show,” Stone said. “I enjoyed showing people a different side of me than they see in class.”

“The Rho Chi talent show is an important tradition because it allows for friendly competition among students,” said Stephine A. Golik ‘20, president of Rho Chi, Beta Omega chapter. “The talent show allows us to show the community that we are just as invested in maintaining our interests outside of school as we are dedicated to studying and the practice of pharmacy.”

The talent show is also a bonding experience for students who are pledging one of Pacific’s four professional pharmacy fraternities: Kappa Psi, Lambda Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Chi and Rho Pi Phi.

Xin Guo, PhD, professor of pharmaceutics and medicinal chemistry, who serves as a faculty advisor for Rho Chi, said, “The Rho Chi talent show is also a platform for a number of student organizations to recruit new members. The students connect and collaborate with one another while preparing for the performance.” At this year’s event Dr. Guo and fellow Rho Chi faculty advisor Veronica T. Bandy ’00, ’08, MS, PharmD, FCPHA, FCSHP clinical professor of pharmacy practice, were joined by guest judges Carly A. Ranson ‘13, ’17, PharmD, MS, BCGP assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and Roshanak Rahimian, PharmD, MSc, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

The Beta Omega chapter of The Rho Chi Society was established at Pacific in 1964 to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement and to advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. Its members are known for supporting their classmates by offering tutoring for students by students. Dr. Guo said tutoring goes beyond explaining a specific subject. Tutors play a key role in helping students identify their weaknesses and leverage their strengths.

“Tutoring shows students different ways to approach problems or see things from a different perspective, which can be useful for future classes and on rotations,” Golik said. “Tutors also share the struggles they had, so students can see that the academic excellence we have achieved was not without its own struggles.”
When Patricia "Pat" Tirone ’02, PT, DPT, EdD moved from New York to California, her career path was at a crossroads. In order to continue to work in adult education in California, she would have to go back to school, even though she had a doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University, where she also had trained teachers. Her experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, West Africa, prior to graduate studies in New York, had sparked an interest in pursuing a career in health care. “Physical therapy married everything I was interested in because physical therapy requires teaching skills,” said Dr. Tirone.

Becoming a student in Pacific’s doctor of physical therapy program also led to a new hobby when one of her classmates introduced her to the world of competitive rowing. When she discovered individual sculling, she never looked back. In sculling, the rower has an oar in each hand as compared to sweep rowing.

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where each rower has a single oar. “The feeling of being on the water by yourself and propelling across the water is very addictive,” Dr. Tirone said.

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She received the USRowing 2018 Isabel Bohn Award, named in honor of a pioneer and role model in the world of adaptive rowing who lost her left leg at age 11. Dr. Tirone was humbled to receive the award and accepted it on behalf of the center’s volunteers, staff and athletes. Speaking of the award’s past recipients, she said, “Those are my mentors.”

In 2016, the center received a grant from USRowing, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish Freedom Rows, a program for military veterans suffering from PTSD and other war-related injuries. The center is also bringing rowing to local schools. Dr. Tirone helped successfully secure a grant from the George Pocock Rowing Foundation to bring Erg Ed®, an indoor rowing education program, to Stockton Unified School District and local Aspire Public Schools.

Established in 2010 in Seattle, the program uses indoor rowing machines, known as ergometers or ergs, to introduce students to the sport. In addition to rowing skills, the students learn about exercise, goal setting and teamwork. Delta Sculling Center facilitates moving the rowing machines from one school to another and assists the work of physical education teachers who implement the Erg Ed® curriculum in their schools.

Dr. Tirone is currently a consultant for Rehab Without Walls. She works with patients who are coming out of acute care, many of whom have severe orthopedic and neurologic injuries. She is part of an interdisciplinary team that consists of an occupational therapist, neuropsychologist, speech-language pathologist and social worker. “For me, that work is really exciting in terms of both getting that patient back on his or her feet and back to being a part of the community.” She finds great reward in “being a part of getting them back to their life.”

Looking back at her time at Pacific, Dr. Tirone remembers the “incredibly positive, supportive atmosphere.” “The way my classmates supported one another reminds me of a rowing team,” she said. “My life is so much richer than it would have been had I not become a physical therapist. I bring to my physical therapy the insights of an educator. Without my experiences as a physical therapist, I would not have had the courage to bring my own patients down to the water to help them reclaim sport.” Through the power of rowing, the center is helping individuals become athletes again.
12,620 alumni and counting. On May 18, the School conferred degrees on 21 audiology, 23 pharmaceutical and chemical sciences, 36 physical therapy, 54 speech-language pathology and 198 pharmacy graduates.

“Here’s to those APPEs that drove us to our wits’ end, but made us smarter and stronger; and to the patients whose lives were positively changed by our medication interventions. We have a promising, thrilling future ahead of us and we’re ready to take on this new responsibility of serving our communities.”
- Alexi Spoto ’19, PharmD

“As speech-language pathologists, we are able to convince those who struggle to not give up and that they are not alone. We help provide them the tools to use language as it was intended so that they too can enjoy language and all of the wonderful things that come with it.”
- Adriana Oseguera Joma ’17, ’18, MS

“Today is about celebrating us. Tomorrow is about our patients. As new doctors of audiology, our Oath of Professionalism reminds us that we have a ‘duty and social responsibility to influence positively the health and wellness of society.’ My hope for us is that we will be standard bearers for audiology, dedicating ourselves to lifelong learning and advocating for our patients.”
- Cheryl Linton ’19, AuD

“Take one minute to look at your patient; see them as a whole person. Speak to them as a human being. Be 100 percent present in your allocated treatment time. Let us not take one minute for granted because one minute is all it could take to change and save a life.”
- Ashley McLaughlin ’19, PT, DPT
His clarity of speech and writing has greatly improved." For Zoller, receiving feedback from the client's support team was a highlight of her time at the Scottish Rite. "It was an empowering emotion to not only see a client's progress through my measurable data notes, but to hear about improvements in other settings, such as at home or at school," said Zoller.

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center fosters an atmosphere of teamwork. "I've worked with a group of two boys during my time at Scottish Rite," McHugh said. "Seeing them work together and help each other out when working on separate goals was so inspiring. These kids are so willing to help others; it's really admirable."

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The students who worked with Cody have connected with him through conversations about fishing and baseball. On May 4, 2018, he threw the first pitch at a Stockton Ports home game during Better Speech and Hearing Night at the Ballpark. This annual event was established by Benjamin Reece ‘01, ’08, MS, CCC-SLP, director of clinical education and assistant clinical professor of speech-language pathology, to give student clinicians and clients, along with their support teams, the opportunity to interact outside of the clinic setting.

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Haying a conversation about sports with a teenage boy can be easily taken for granted. For Cody Pate, such conversations represent years of hard work and the support of a remarkable team. He was born deaf. Doctors tried hearing aids, but they proved to be ineffective. He received a cochlear implant when he was 2 years old.

Since June 2017, he has been a client of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center in Stockton, where he has worked with several Pacific speech-language pathology student clinicians: Timothy Carroll ’18, MS, Arianne Cubildo ’19, MS, Ashley MacWhirter ’19, Kailie McHugh ’19, Tierney O'Mara ’17, ’18, MS, Vanessa Vincent ’18, MS and Mackenzie Zoller ’19.

Cody has diligently worked on articulating his ending sounds, such as "ed" or "s." "When we first started, he would leave out certain features of words, which made it difficult to understand what he was saying," said McHugh. The student clinicians work closely with the clients to set goals that they work toward achieving, one conversation at a time. "I've always enjoyed working with the clients at Scottish Rite and seeing how much they improve from the beginning of the semester to the end," McHugh said. "They all work so hard, it's amazing to see how much clients absorb in a short amount of time."

Trudy Pate has witnessed the growth in her son's communication skills. "He has come a long way since being here," she said.

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For the past three years, Gabriella Musacchia, PhD, assistant professor of audiology, Jiong “Joe” Hu, PhD, assistant professor of audiology, and their research team have traveled to Nanjing, China, to assess at-risk infants for early signs of hearing impairments. Research shows that early detection and intervention can help children with hearing loss develop better language skills later in life. This international collaboration includes researchers from the Stanford University School of Medicine and Nanjing Maternal and Child Health Hospital, which is associated with Nanjing Medical University. Pacific doctor of audiology students had the opportunity to join the research team, where they played a critical role in recording data and examining patient cases. “It is always our priority to have students involved in projects that are on the forefront of auditory research,” said Dr. Hu. “Students will not only experience the process of research, but will also learn from experts in this field.”

During the two-week trip, the research team evaluated the auditory processing development in two groups: infants born with jaundice and healthy infants. Jaundice occurs when the baby’s blood contains excess bilirubin, a yellow pigment of red blood cells. This causes a yellow-hued discoloration to the skin and eyes. If untreated, jaundice causes liver and brain damage. Research suggests that jaundice is also a risk factor for Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorders.

The research team measured stimulated responses using the speech-evoked frequency-following response (FFR) method, a test for speech functional processing. Team members also employed the Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR), one of two methods used as part of the universal hearing screening program. The FFR method uses the speech unit of a consonant-vowel combination, specifically the syllable “da,” which is widely used in English and in Mandarin Chinese words, such as 大 (big) and 打 (hit). Stimuli parameters for the ABR method followed standard clinical parameters such as a brief click or tone beep. Both sounds were presented at equal sound levels.

The FFR method proved to be a promising measure to better understand hearing loss and its effect in infants with newborn jaundice. Their research found that infants with jaundice have a less robust response to speech sounds. Further testing also revealed that after phototherapy treatment for jaundice, the infant’s response increased when given the same hearing screening using the FFR method. These results would have either been undetected or labeled as low-risk using the ABR method.

“This collaboration is important because it gives our students a breadth of knowledge and context for what we do. It also supports the department’s mission to advance the profession and create audiologists who are global citizens.”

- Gabriella Musacchia, PhD

Qin Hong, associate professor at Nanjing Medical University and associate chief physician at Nanjing Maternal and Child Health Hospital, served as a visiting scholar in Pacific’s Department of Audiology from January to June 2019. “A close relationship and deep collaboration can certainly benefit both parties and will, in turn, form the forefront of international collaboration in providing hearing health care,” she said.
ATHLETIC TRAINING: A LIFESTYLE AND A CAREER

By Dua Her '09

Pacific’s athletic training alumni continue to thrive. One hundred percent of the bachelor of science in athletic training class of 2018 passed the national certification exam on their first attempt.

For many alumni, athletic training is a lifestyle as well as a career. Scott Nastase ’13, a passionate Green Bay Packers fan, found his vocation through his love of sports. “I knew a professional career as an athlete would be a long shot, therefore, I found the next best thing in keeping my involvement in athletics by becoming an athletic trainer,” said Nastase.

After earning his bachelor of science in athletic training from Pacific in 2015, Nastase completed a graduate assistantship and earned a master of arts in education from University of Redlands. During his time at Redlands, he served as one of three athletic trainers for their 21 NCAA Division III athletic teams. He is currently a teacher and an athletic trainer at Loara High School in Anaheim.

Nastase believes athletic trainers are important members of the sports medicine team. “Athletic trainers are the key component to ensure safety for athletes and play a vital role in prevention, emergency care, clinical differential diagnoses, treatment and rehabilitation for all student-athletes,” he said.

Garrison Chan ’17, a loyal Los Angeles Clippers fan, also launched his career at Pacific. Chan chose Pacific for its small class size and he appreciated how professors knew his name. “I decided to pursue a career in athletic training because of the great professors I had as an undergraduate student at Pacific,” said Chan. “Coming into college, I didn’t know what I wanted to do. After taking some foundational athletic training classes, I knew I wanted to make this my career.”

While completing his master of science in health and human movement with a specialization in sports medicine from Utah State University, Chan served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer.

Chan also has been fortunate to meet many professional athletes. While an undergraduate student at Pacific, he had the opportunity to be involved in training camps for the San Francisco 49ers. He accepted an internship with the 49ers for the 2019 season. “I look forward to being able to work with elite athletes and to learn what it takes to work at the professional level,” he said.

Recently, the national accrediting body recommended that all candidates sitting for the certification exam have a master’s degree. In 2017, Pacific launched the master of science in athletic training (MSAT) program and welcomed the first cohort of students in fall 2018. The full-time, two-year graduate program prepares students to become highly qualified health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and rehabilitation for athletes and active patients.

“Pacific’s formal education, in combination with experiential learning opportunities, prepared me to become the athletic trainer I am today,” Nastase said. “I have brought the many values that I learned from Pacific into my own practice.”

BECOME AN ATHLETIC TRAINER

Learn more about Pacific’s MSAT program at go.pacifi.edu/msat
1960s
Regent Clark Gustafson '66, RPh was re-elected to the University’s Board of Regents for another three-year term.

1970s
Gerald “Jerry” Dieter Griffin '71, PharmD, MD, FACFE presented “Autologous white blood cell infusion for trauma, brain trauma, stroke and select immune dysfunction co-morbidities” at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, Feb. 14-17, 2019, in Washington, D.C. His presentation was based on the paper co-authored by Dominique Charron and Reem Al-Daccakb, which was published in Medical Hypothesis, August 2018. Dr. Griffin also presented “CPR for the Immune System by infusion of Autologous WBCs as a ‘vaccine’ for the Immune System” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Feb. 15, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

1980s

Gina Curry Moore '83, PharmD, MBA was named assistant dean of the University of Colorado, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Aurora, Colo.

Lorainn DeMartini ‘84, PharmD, CEO of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists, was named a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ Commission on Affiliate Relations. Dr. DeMartini also was inducted into the CPAH Hall of Fame and was recognized at the 2019 CPAH Western Pharmacy Exchange.

Mark Sanford ‘84, MS, CCC-A published the article “Lyric after 10 Years: New Data and Perspectives from a Private Practice” in The Hearing Review, May 21, 2019.

Maria Serpa ’87, PharmD was appointed to the California State Board of Pharmacy.


Keith Yoshizuka ’76, PharmD received a California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) 2018 Bronze Level Star Award.

Greg Alston ’77, PharmD published “Own Your Value: The Real Future of Pharmacy Practice Revealed,” available in paperback and for Kindle.

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Start a new job or earn a promotion? Got married or had a baby? Share your exciting news with your fellow alumni.

We also want to recognize our alumni who are actively involved in professional organizations. Let us know if you hold a leadership position or serve on a committee.

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2010s

12 Amanda Reece Fraser ’18, MS was named West Sonoma County Teacher of the Year and featured in Sebastopol’s Apple Blossom Parade. She is a speech-language pathologist for the West County Special Education Consortium, which provides special education services to the small, rural school districts in West Sonoma County.

13 Sandeep “Sonny” Bains ’10, PharmD was interviewed by the Washington Post for the article “Combating the opioid crisis one doctor at a time.”

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18 Joshua Moreall ’11, PT, DPT welcomed future Tiger Carmela Rose on March 3, 2019. She is loved by brother, Gino, age 6, and sister, Caira, age 4.

19 Joey Salgado ’11, PT, DPT married Jenn in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on Feb. 15, 2019.

20 Silkya Sortera ’11, MS, along with Marcy Fox, SLPD, Learn Schouters, CiSDoD, Caitlin Francis, MS, Emily Perez Yi, LS, and Laura Isaacson, MS, presented, “Adventures in Leadership: Experiences of a CSHP Leadership Academy Learning Team” at the 2019 CSHP Convention.

21 Elizabeth Chang ’12, PharmD married Yalen Yu on Sept. 16, 2018, at the Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon.

22 Jillian Hall ’13, MA, CCC-SLP and Kelly Dodge, MS presented “Serving the Social-Pragmatic Spectrum: Adolescent Case Studies” at the 2019 CSHP Convention. Hall also served on the 2019 CSHP Annual Convention and Exhibition Program Committee.


24 Kendall Ravotti ’14, PT, DPT and her husband, Michael, welcomed their second son, Markow Taylor Ravotti, on Feb. 19, 2018.

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In Memoriam

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Vance Grainger ’59, ’69, BSPharm
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Douglas Scheid ’60, ’61, RPh
Rudolph Toller ’90, ’95, BSPharm
Donald Tonnenacher ’60, BSPharm
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Lionel Sequeira ’94, BSPharm
Richard Babich ’65, BSPharm
Sterling Betty ’66, BSPharm
William Ostrow ’68, RPh
Roger Panayotii ’71, PharmD
Raymond Farmer ’73, BSPharm
Michael Toney ’74, ’75, PharmD
Kathy (Dudley) Webster ’78, PharmD, PhD
John Steven Hambright Sr., ’71, PharmD
John Taylor ’76, ’78, PhD
Gilbert Castillo ’76, ’79, PharmD
Robert Skolovsky ’77, PharmD
Deborah Camacho ’86, PharmD
Theresa Allen-Gutierrez ’88, PharmD
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Donald Ernest Johansen ’59, RPh (top row, second from the right) and the Class of 1959.

Donald Ernest Johansen ’59, RPh

JULY 4, 1929–MARCH 3, 2019

Donald Ernest Johansen ’59, RPh was one of the 16 graduates of the School’s inaugural class. He was a charter member of the Alpha Psi chapter of the Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity and he stayed connected to his brothers throughout his career. Johansen also supported the School by sharing his time, talent and treasure.

He and his wife, Marlo Marie Griffin, have three daughters. He discovered his love for travel when he made a trip to Tuscany in 2000. He returned to Italy eight more times and thoroughly enjoyed exploring Europe. Friends will remember his charm, sense of humor and love for animals.

Kathy (Dudley) Webster ’78, PharmD, PhD

OCTOBER 7, 1955–DECEMBER 24, 2018

Kathy (Dudley) Webster ’78, PharmD, PhD was passionate about equipping future pharmacists with the skills to impact their communities, as students and throughout their careers. She was a strong proponent of STEM education and an innovative leader in higher education. Over the course of her career, she helped establish four schools of pharmacy throughout the United States at Campbell University, University of the Incarnate Word, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Keck Graduate Institute. Dr. Webster was named the founding dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Keck in 2013. She successfully led them from candidacy to full accreditation, graduating the inaugural class last May.

Dr. Webster earned her doctor of philosophy in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry from University of Minnesota and completed post-doctoral research at University of Rochester. Dr. Webster was a steward and supporter of many professional and community organizations, including the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association. She published numerous educational articles and frequently presented at professional conferences nationwide.

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John Steven Hambright Sr. ’71, PharmD

MAY 21, 1945–APRIL 6, 2019

John Steven Hambright Sr. ’71, PharmD served his community with dedication and care. He owned Lincoln Family Pharmacy in Stockton from 1980 to 2004. Dr. Hambright was a founding member of the Central Valley chapter of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He was named the California Pharmacists Association Pharmacist of the Year in 2003 and was inducted into the San Joaquin Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

A proud Stocktonian, he was a strong supporter of the University and the Children’s Museum of Stockton. He served as a Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association board member and received the Pacific Alumni Association’s Professional Service Award in 2007. An avid outdoorsman, he was a jogger, sailor and cyclist. He will be remembered as a compassionate humanitarian, intrepid traveler and steadfast friend.

“He deeply believed that we, as pharmacists, need to push the profession forward, develop new ways of practice, develop relationships with other health care professionals and teach the next generation to not accept the status quo,” said Edward L. Rogan, PharmD, BCACP, FCPHA, assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

“What he taught me has helped shape how I approach practice and set the bar for what a mentor should be.”

- Edward L. Rogan, PharmD, BCACP, FCPHA

Dr. Hambright met Merrill (Werner) Hambright ’69, COP while attending University of California, Santa Barbara. They were married at Morris Chapel on Dec. 30, 1967. He is survived by his wife, sons, Steve and Patrick Hambright ’00 EDU, daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

“In Memoriam” - Edward L. Rogan, PharmD, BCACP, FCPHA

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A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Johansen served during the Korean War and earned the rank of lieutenant. His first exposure to the pharmacy profession was at the age of 14, when he started working at the Blackstone Pharmacy in Fresno. He would later own and operate the Ashlan Pharmacy in Fresno. He would later own and operate the Ashlan Pharmacy in Fresno. Dr. Webster was a steward and supporter of many professional and community organizations, including the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association. She published numerous educational articles and frequently presented at professional conferences nationwide.

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“Which member of the Pacific Family had the greatest impact on your life?

Catherine Grady Sterk ’77, ’78, PharmD, FCSHP

“The late [Professor Emeritus] Colonel William Christopherson’s work behind the scenes had a profound influence on my career. When I was on site in Honolulu, he arranged for a UCSF residency interview over the phone through the lead colonel’s office; a residency interview that I thought was unavailable to me given my assignment in Honolulu. If he had not intervened, I would not have had the opportunity for the residency, nor the opportunity to work at UCLA that was enabled by that specific residency—the two most pivotal assignments in my early career.”

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PRESIDENT, PPAA

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“The Pacific faculty member who had the greatest impact on me was Todd Davenport. He was an excellent teacher and mentor to me and, I’m sure, to many of my classmates. However, I believe the biggest impact he had was reminding us that we had a life outside of physical therapy, and that it was especially important during PT school that we found time to enjoy ourselves outside of our studies. For me, this has carried over into my career. I often make it a priority to find time for my family and hobbies within the busy work week.”

Tyler Goslinga ’16, PT, DPT
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Alumni of the Year

Jim Morisoli ’75, RPh

Throughout his career, Stanley James “Jim” Morisoli ’75, RPh has embodied the spirit of the pharmacist’s oath: to devote oneself “to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.” From 1986 to 2015, he owned American Surgical Pharmacy in San Bernardino, where he specialized in helping local mental health clinics. He pioneered a clinic for Clozaril, an antipsychotic medication used for high-risk patients with schizophrenia. He was actively involved in the Inland Empire Pharmacists Association and has served as secretary, president, and board member from 1978 to 2015.

In 2014, he and his son, Adam Morisoli ’10, PharmD, purchased Carlisle Village Pharmacy, where they currently serve the community as pharmacists. Jim Morisoli is a member of the California Pharmacists Association and the Orange County Pharmacists Association. He was also a council member for the St. Catherine of Siena Parish and is currently a volunteer pharmacist for the California Dental Association (CDA) Foundation’s CDA Cares program, which provides dental care for individuals in underserved communities.

A strong supporter of Pacific, Jim Morisoli served as a Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association (PPAA) board member for 10 years. “I was very fortunate to receive a quality education from Pacific, own a successful business and, in return, be able to give back to the School through an endowed scholarship,” said Jim Morisoli. He and his wife, Deborah, established the Powell-matched Morisoli Family Endowed Scholarship to assist pharmacy students who intend to pursue private practice pharmacy.

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“T he friendships and relationships that I have made from attending Pacific have been lifelong,” he said. “The reputation of Pacific students and pharmacists, as well as their involvement in state and national organizations, makes me so proud to be an alumnus. I have been very blessed in my life and my career as a pharmacist. I attribute that to Pacific.”

In addition to the honor of being recognized as the 2019 PPAA Alumnus of the Year, the highlight of his year has been the recognition as the 2019 PPAA Alumnus of the Year. The recognition as Alumna of the Year brings my career and passion for communication between all people to a deeply satisfying closure,” Nimtz said. “I consider myself blessed to have found such a gratifying career and to have been given the privilege of working with some of the best clinicians, professionals and students in the field.”

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Janet Nimtz ’85, MA, CCC-SLP

For more than 30 years, Janet Nimtz has worked as a speech-language pathologist. She is currently associate professor emerita of speech-language pathology at Pacific. Nimtz has supported the speech-language pathology profession as an advisory board member of the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CSHA) District 3. She also served the program chair for CSHA’s state conference. When she retired from Pacific in 2009, Robert E. Haney ’79, AuD established the Janet Nimtz Endowed Scholarship in her honor. She and her husband have helped perpetuate the scholarship, which is awarded to a graduate speech-language pathology student in recognition of clinical excellence working with the adult population. Each year, Nimtz is thrilled to meet the scholarship recipient.

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Sandy Reina-Guerra ’97, ’99, ’03, PT, DPT, PCS

Sandra “Sandy” Reina-Guerra ’97, ’99, ’03, PT, DPT, PCS felt a connection to Pacific before she was even enrolled as a student. After she completed her military service in 1992, a Pacific counselor helped her choose courses she needed to take at a junior college 70 miles away. By the time she transferred to Pacific to complete her undergraduate education, she knew she would also stay to complete her graduate work. “Pacific led me to a career I’ve loved, in teaching and clinical practice, and provided a place where long-lasting friendships were made,” said Dr. Reina-Guerra.

Dr. Reina-Guerra began her career as a physical therapist at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton in 1999. She joined the Pacific physical therapy faculty in 2003 and eventually became chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. In 2017, she made the decision to leave higher education and take a position as the physical therapy clinical coordinator at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California. At Shriners, Dr. Reina-Guerra is involved in the BikeFit program, an annual community tricycling education program. She also volunteers for the NorCal Trykers, a nonprofit community tricycling program for special needs riders.

At Pacific, she was instrumental in the success of the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program as well as the Pacific Physical Therapy Alumni Association (PPTAA), helping to organize events and meetings. In 2017, she brought concussion expert Bennett Omalu, MD to address students, faculty and alumni at the semi-annual Sanderson Lecture. Today, she gives back to the profession as a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy of APTA and the California Physical Therapy Association.

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Dr. Reina-Guerra credits the teamwork and vision of the department’s professors and staff members with her success as a physical therapist. She is influenced daily by her patients, young and old, and their families and caregivers.

“Pacific has already given me a wealth of experiences and opportunities,” she said. “Being recognized by the PPTAA is an honor that deepens my gratitude for its people and programs and reminds me of its ongoing good work.”

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Spotlights

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We are recognizing four faculty members who retired this year. The countless hours they spent teaching students and collaborating with colleagues has left a lasting legacy.

Jill Duthie, PhD, CCC-SLP
13 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jill Duthie, PhD, CCC-SLP, associate professor of speech-language pathology, was a clinician for 30 years before coming to Pacific. Dr. Duthie and Jeannene M. Ward-Lonergan, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, department chair and professor of speech-language pathology, established the Language-Literacy Center, which provides reading intervention for elementary and high school students. One of Dr. Duthie’s proudest accomplishments was developing the “Clinicians’ Hierarchy for Advancing Treatment (CHAT),” a set of resources to train supervisors and beginning clinicians, which has been adopted nationwide. Leading by example, she has inspired countless students and alumni to become actively involved in the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

“Dr. Duthie radiates passion for teaching and love for her students. She encouraged me to take on challenges with a smile and feel confident in my clinical decision making. Dr. Duthie, thank you for the lessons you taught me both inside and outside the classroom.”
- Caitlin Elam ’17, MS, speech-language pathology alumna

William A. Kehoe, MA, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS
34 YEARS OF SERVICE

William A. Kehoe, MA, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS, professor of pharmacy practice, established the Order of Academic Success and Instructional Support (OASIS) with a gift from the Chan Family. Using his training in psychology, he created a framework to help students develop individualized learning strategies. Dr. Kehoe’s many roles at Pacific included chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and overseeing the Masters of Science in Pharmaceutical and Chemical Sciences and Fellowship in Pharmacy Practice program. He served as the founding faculty advisor for the Christian Pharmacy Fellowship and the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy. In 2019, Dr. Kehoe was awarded the Order of Pacific, the University’s highest honor.

“As a student, I never imagined that one day I would work alongside Dr. Kehoe at an independent pharmacy. I remember feeling extremely nervous and intimidated. I had great respect for him as a professor, and did not want to disappoint him. I remember him telling me that I did not have to keep referring to him as Dr. Kehoe, that I could call him Bill. From then on, I quickly discovered that he was not only a great professor, but a great pharmacist, colleague and friend. Several years later, I had the opportunity to work with him at Pacific. I will forever be grateful for his support, mentorship and friendship.”
- Marisella Guerrero ’96, PharmD, assistant clinical professor of pharmacy practice

Denis J. Meerdink, PhD
29 YEARS OF SERVICE

Denis J. Meerdink, PhD, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, served as dean of Graduate Studies and Research from 1996 to 2006. Under his leadership, he strengthened the process for thesis and dissertation research. He mentored student leaders through his role as associate dean for student affairs and organizations. For more than a decade, he was actively involved in the California Pharmacy Student Leadership program, known as CAPSLEAD, which hosts an annual leadership conference.

“Countless students have benefited from Dr. Meerdink’s willingness to share his knowledge and expertise. If he feels you can learn from something, he shares with you. I have personally benefited from his guidance and constructive feedback. He never hesitates when his help is needed. Dr. Meerdink is also very humble. At every event, he takes the time to acknowledge and thank all of those involved in making the event successful.”
- Carmen K. Swanson, assistant director, Office of Student Affairs and Organizations

Timothy J. Smith, RPh, PhD
26 YEARS OF SERVICE

Timothy J. Smith, RPh, PhD, professor of physiology and pharmacology, loves the enthusiasm of his students. Throughout his time at Pacific, he focused on helping students gain unique, marketable skills. A talented singer and songwriter, this year marked his 22nd performance at the annual Rho Chi Talent Show.

“Dr. Smith brought a practical knowledge of pharmacy practice from his home state of Indiana and a wide range of interests in pharmacy history, lore and science. As a colleague, he was always ready to help out where needed and his very agreeable personality kept our relationship upbeat. One of my most memorable experiences with Tim was hearing the soft tones of his guitar coming through the wall between our adjacent offices as he took his lunch break.”
- James W. Blankenship, PhD, professor emeritus of physiology and pharmacology
**New Faces, Tenures & Promotions**

**July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019**

Jessica Fuentes was hired as audiology program services assistant, Department of Audiology.

Antonia Hernandez was hired as administrative assistant II, Office of the Dean and transitioned to the Department of Pharmacy Practice.

Jenana Maker, PharmD, BCPS was promoted to professor,* Department of Pharmacy Practice.

Elliott Mason was hired as academic records coordinator II, Office of Academic Affairs.

Sonya North was hired as program services assistant, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry.

Preeti Deshpande Oza, PT, PhD, NCS was promoted to associate professor with tenure,* Department of Physical Therapy.

Matthew Pausa was hired as clinic services assistant, Department of Audiology.

Laura Street, AuD, FAA, CCC-A was hired as assistant clinical professor, Department of Audiology.

Madhu Sundararajan, PhD, CCC-SLP was hired as assistant professor, Department of Speech-Language Pathology.

Eric Shepherd was promoted to director of business and operations, Department of Speech-Language Pathology.

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Yong S.K. Moon, PharmD, associate professor and regional coordinator for LA/Long Beach, Department of Pharmacy Practice

**15 Years**

Xin Guo, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

**20 Years**

Peter Hildenbrand, PhD, Joseph M. Long Chair of Healthcare Management and professor of economics, Eberhardt School of Business

Preeti Deshpande Oza, PT, PhD, NCS was promoted to associate professor, Department of Physical Therapy

**5 Years**

Yvonne Mai ’13,* ’15, PharmD, MS, BCGP, BCACP, assistant professor and regional coordinator for Stockton, Department of Pharmacy Practice

**35 Years**

Effie O’Neal, administrative assistant II, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology

**25 Years**

Xiaoling Li, PhD, professor and associate dean of graduate education and research, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

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He was actively involved in the Central Valley Pharmacists Association for many years. His career in pharmacy started when he was 15-years-old and spanned four decades and multiple practice settings. Franklin sold his pharmacy in Inglewood and began working for Rx relief® in 1990. Through his leadership at Rx relief®, he served as an advocate for the School and provided invaluable contributions to student leadership programs and scholarship funds. His wife, Lydia Broussard-Franklin, shared that he considered Pacific as family.

Highly regarded by his colleagues and peers, he was inducted into the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) Pharmacy Hall of Fame in 2018. He was awarded posthumously the 2019 CPhA Bowl of Hygeia.

He enjoyed family get-togethers and Sunday dinners. His friends will remember his love for playing golf, playing chess and traveling internationally.

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Associate Clinical Professor; Regional Coordinator - Sacramento
Dr. J. Bandy received a CSHP 2018 Silver Level Star Award.

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Dr. Rogan was named a Fellow of the California Pharmacists Association (CPHA). He was recognized at the CPHA Western Pharmacy Exchange, April 12-14, 2019 in Los Angeles.

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RECOGNITIONS

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FAREWELL TOUR FOR DEAN OPPENHEIMER

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SPRING 2020

Dates and event locations to be announced for the following regions:
- Northern California
- Bay Area
- Central Coast
- Central Valley
- Southern California

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CALANDER OF EVENTS CONTINUED

2020

January
- TBD Physical Therapy Scholarship Ceremony
  University of the Pacific | Stockton | pacificphs.org

February
- 12-15 American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting (CSM)
  Denver | apta.org
- 13 Pacific Physical Therapy Alumni and Friends Reception at CSM
  Denver | pacificphs.org

March
- 19-22 California Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CSHA) Annual State Convention
  Anaheim | csah.org
- 21 Pacific Speech-Language Pathology Alumni and Friends Breakfast at CSHA
  Anaheim | pacificphs.org
- 20-23 American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting and Exposition
  Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
  National Harbor, Md. | aphameeting.org
- TBD APhA California Schools Reception
  National Harbor, Md. | aphameeting.org
- 27-29 32nd Annual New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy
  University of the Pacific, San Francisco Campus
  San Francisco | newdrugsce.com
- TBD Doctor of Physical Therapy Candidacy Luncheon
  Noon | pacificphs.org

April
- 16-19 California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) Western Pharmacy Exchange
  Hilton Hotel | Anaheim | cpha.com
- TBD Pacific Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Gathering at CPhA
  Anaheim | pacificphs.org

May
- 15 Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Graduation Banquets
  6 p.m. | University of the Pacific | Stockton
  go.pacific.edu/phsgradbanquets
- 16 Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Commencement Ceremony
  9 a.m. | University of the Pacific | Stockton
  go.pacific.edu/phscommencement

June
- TBD Pharmacy Scholarship Ceremony
  4 p.m. | Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences | Stockton | pacificphs.org

July
- TBD American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Annual Meeting and Seminars
  Long Beach | aacp.org

August
- TBD Physical Therapy White Coat Ceremony
  6 p.m. | DeRosa University Center, Ballroom
  University of the Pacific | Stockton | pacificphs.org

September
- TBD Speech-Language Pathology Welcome Back Dinner
  5 p.m. | Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences | Stockton | pacificphs.org
- TBD Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony
  9 a.m. | University of the Pacific | Stockton | pacificphs.org
- TBD Pacific Pharmacy Alumni and Friends San Diego Regional Reception
  Mission Bay Yacht Club | San Diego | pacificphs.org

October
- 2-4 California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) Annual Conference
  cptpa.org
- TBD Pacific Physical Therapy Alumni and Friends Reception at CPTA
  pacificphs.org
- 17-20 National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Annual Convention and Trade Exposition
  ncpanet.org
- 26 Pharmacy Showcase
  Defosa University Center, Ballroom | University of the Pacific
  Stockton | pacificphs.org
- 28 Speech-Language Pathology Employer Showcase
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- TBD Audiology White Coat Ceremony
  University of the Pacific | San Francisco | pacificphs.org
- TBD Pacific Homecoming
  University of the Pacific | Stockton | pacificalumni.org
- TBD California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) Seminar
  csphp.org
- TBD Pacific Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Reception at CSHP
  pacificphs.org

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