I can honestly say, I will never forget my first year as dean at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy.

We navigated a pandemic and civil unrest as we tried to adapt to remote learning, sheltering in place and health and safety protocols that made our heads spin. We maneuvered through life transitions during “unprecedented times,” which brought us both tears and joy. Through it all, what I will remember most about my first year at the School is the resilience, commitment and indomitable spirit that defines Pacific.

During the past year, we focused on three goals to establish the School as a place where tradition and innovation meet.

Delivering exemplary pharmacy education and training
In 2020, we observed the 50th anniversary of our accelerated three-year doctor of pharmacy program. Students continued to progress with distinction and the Class of 2021 graduated on time. Students also engaged in co-curricular activities, including our signature Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics, which incorporated an online format last season and reached more than 800 beneficiaries. The quality of our student-centered teaching and training was exemplified by a University Distinguished Faculty Award; Podesto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring and Counseling; and Order of the Pacific awards to distinguished faculty and alumni.

Advocating for new opportunities for pharmacists
The pandemic provided numerous examples that highlighted the expertise of pharmacists. Our Operation Immunization committee spearheaded the University’s efforts to offer drive-through vaccination clinics on our campuses along with our interprofessional colleagues, which resulted in providing more than 9,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. Many of our pharmacy faculty, staff, students and alumni also volunteered at countless vaccination clinics across the state. For their leadership, Operation Immunization was recognized with the University’s Faith Davies Student Organization of the Year Award. In addition, the California Society for Health-Systems Pharmacists recognized our Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics with an honorable mention for their Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award.

Creating new knowledge through research
Our research labs have reopened after being closed for most of the pandemic. Despite these limitations, our faculty and students have continued to publish and have leveraged more than $850,000 in new competitive, external funding. Our graduate program underwent a highly successful external program review and the quality of the scientific training provided through our school is enhanced via the Jie Du Center for Innovation and Excellence for Drug Development, which officially launched in July 2021.

Our legacy of leadership also continues, with numerous alumni serving and being recognized with awards in regional and state pharmacy organizations this past year. Our alumni also continue to provide scholarships, mentorship and renovated spaces for our students.

The future looks bright as our students continue to achieve strong residency and fellowship placements, and receive prestigious national awards, including the Thurston Grand President’s Award for Phi Delta Chi and United States Public Health Services Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award.

It has been quite a year. I look forward to greeting everyone on campus and at upcoming in-person events.

Sincerely,

Rae R. Matsumoto, PhD
Dean
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院长消息

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太平洋药学院校友会

Back cover: At the annual Faith Davies All-University Leadership Awards Ceremony this May, Operation Immunization received the 2021 Student Organization of the Year Award and Veronica T. Bandy ’00, ’08, PharmD, MS, FCPhA, FCSHP, BCACP was named a recipient of the Podesto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring and Counseling.

校友年度

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药学院学生在COVID-19疫苗接种工作中发挥着至关重要的作用

Pharmacy students play a crucial role in COVID-19 vaccination efforts

校友为红悬崖社区服务

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校友在COVID-19疫情期间学习实习

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Marisella Guerrero ’98, PharmD, assistant clinical professor of pharmacy practice, who serves as chair of the committee, identifies herself as Mexican American. During her first year as a Pacific faculty member, a group of students told her they were grateful to interact with a Latina faculty member. The conversation gave her a heightened awareness of the opportunity — and responsibility — to use her perspective to provide advice and guidance for students with a similar cultural background.

Doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) student Adam Aboubakare ’22 wanted to join the DEI Committee because of his passion for creating inclusive spaces. “No matter what the setting is, whether it is on your campus, in your organization, in your workplace or at home, every place can benefit from incorporating more DEI values,” said Aboubakare. He is the founding president of Pacific’s chapter of White Coats for Black Lives, a nationwide movement dedicated to dismantling racism and promoting the health and well-being of people of color by educating future health care professionals.

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Established in 2012, one of the foundation’s goals is to create a culture of philanthropy. “Through the guidance and mentorship along with the great experiences we received as brothers in the fraternity, we would like to build a community where future generations perpetually pay it forward and support the generations to come,” Dr. Wong said.

The foundation is also dedicated to providing their alumni brothers opportunities for leadership development and continuing education. “Our board members are dedicated to the growth and well-being of our fraternity and the University,” Dr. Wong said. “It is this passion and dedication that encouraged us to establish the foundation to provide future generations of brothers the opportunity to expand their influence and support them in developing their future careers. From the leadership, to the pillars that this fraternity was founded upon, everywhere we go, we know a brother is close by and always willing to lend a hand.”

Established in 1960, the Gamma Nu chapter is one of the strongest chapters in the nation. They are proud to call Pacific their home and believe Pacific students are “hungry to be involved in all facets of pharmacy.” Throughout the year, Gamma Nu hosts a variety of events to engage their brothers in social and professional activities, including health fairs, chapter dinners and retreats.

The iconic Rotunda teaching space is enhanced with a gift from the Chan Family. For Regent Virginia Chan ’77, PharmD and Tony Chan ’77, PharmD and their children, Jonathan Chan ’97, PharmD and Megan Chan ’15, PharmD, the iconic Rotunda building brings back fond memories of their time at Pacific. Like the Chan family, many generations of pharmacy and health sciences students made the Rotunda their educational home—a place to learn, make lifelong friends and even meet their spouses. Now, the Rotunda is where dozens of legacy alumni send their children.

Thanks to a generous gift from the Chan family, the School was able to renovate and name the Jonathan Chan and Megan Chan Auditorium in the Rotunda building. The gift funded the construction of a new exterior and ADA-compliant, gender-inclusive restroom. In addition, a portion of the gift was used to enhance the audiovisual equipment and modernize the interior space.

Built in 1969, the Rotunda served for a number of years as the drama department’s DeMarcus Brown Theatre. With its unique, circular design and folded plate roof, there is no other building like it on campus or in the Central Valley.

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University of the Pacific partnered with San Joaquin County Public Health Services to offer COVID-19 vaccination clinics on the Stockton campus. The Operation Immunization health care outreach committee led the effort to vaccinate the Pacific community as well as local community members.

In addition to their educational commitments, the four Operation Immunization co-chairs worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help plan the clinics. First-year doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) students Carissa Leung ’23 and Talar Yetenekian ’23 were supported by second-year co-chairs Kyle Vo ’22 and Woo Jin Lim ’22.

Hosting the drive-through clinics required the students to navigate a myriad of logistics, including managing the vaccine supply, designing policies and procedures, creating training modules, coordinating volunteers and handling traffic flow, while following legal requirements.

“It is about more than the one shot in that two-second time frame, it is about the whole process and remembering the patient is at the center of the process,” said Veronica T. Bandy ’00, ’08, PharmD, MS, FCPA, FCSHP, BCACP, Operation Immunization faculty advisor, clinical professor of pharmacy practice and regional coordinator for Sacramento.

At first, Leung and Yetenekian were overwhelmed by the weight of responsibility and the size of the undertaking, but through the mentorship of Dr. Bandy and their fellow co-chairs, they embraced the challenge. Between January and July, Operation Immunization hosted 25 clinics and administered 7,525 vaccine doses on the Stockton campus.
"I received the COVID-19 vaccine at one of our clinics on the Stockton campus and it filled me with pride to see our students in action," said University President Christopher Callahan.

"Our outstanding students, under the guidance of dedicated faculty, navigated the complex logistics that came with planning and hosting the vaccination clinics. My heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time to help keep our community safe and healthy."

The clinics also offered students a way to engage in experiential, hands-on learning at a time when classes were being held virtually.

"Through these clinics, we are able to provide students with the opportunity to not only interact with patients, but also with their faculty and classmates," said Leung.

All 600 of Pacific's PharmD students hold intern licenses as well as a nationally recognized certification that allows them to immunize the public; the same certification held by licensed pharmacists.

"Participating in vaccination clinics really helps students mature in their role as vaccinators and helps them to become even stronger pharmacists for the future," Dr. Bandy said. "Not only do they learn how to screen a patient to make sure that they are eligible to receive the vaccine, they learn about the monitoring process and how a person's disease state or previous allergies affect them."

During a time of rapidly changing guidelines and limited vaccine supply, the strength of longstanding partnerships with local health care agencies paved the way for Pacific to host the clinics. Faculty and students also drew upon their experience organizing health care outreach events; specifically, influenza vaccination clinics.

In addition, when the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine was first distributed, the guidelines required the vaccine to be stored between minus 112 degrees and minus 76 degrees Fahrenheit. Provost Maria Pallavicini, PhD played a critical role in securing an ultra-cold freezer.

The clinics were a collaboration of Pacific's three campuses and they brought together students, faculty, staff, emeriti faculty and alumni from across the University. The interprofessional teamwork of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and School of Health Sciences demonstrates the necessity of partnerships between health care professionals to work together to respond to a public health crisis.

"It takes a village, and it takes the Pacific Tiger pride, in order to help end the pandemic," Dr. Bandy said. "Our students, faculty and staff as well community volunteers who spent their weekends helping us run the COVID-19 vaccine clinics are the true heroes."
Colleen R. Carter inducted into California Pharmacy Hall of Fame

In June 2021, Colleen R. Carter ’76, PharmD, FCPHA was inducted into the California Pharmacy Hall of Fame. “The Hall of Fame recognizes a culmination of everything you’ve done, from being involved with the state-level association, your local association, philanthropy and altruism,” said Dr. Carter. “It is the ultimate honor. I want to thank those who nominated me. This happens to be the anniversary of 50 years since I started at UOP, so it’s perfect timing for me.”

Dr. Carter has served the California Pharmacists Association in a number of roles, including speaker of the house and member of the board of trustees, as well as a member of the House of Delegates since 1981. She currently holds the position of president of the Santa Barbara Pharmaceutical Association. Dr. Carter’s career includes leadership roles at Longs Drugs and Walgreens. She also served the University of California, Santa Barbara campus as a staff pharmacist.

As a student, she was involved in the Delta Sigma Rho chapter of Alpha Chi Omega and the Alloys XI chapter of Lambda Kappa Sigma. The year after she graduated, she got involved in what is now known as the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association (PPAA). She received the PPAA Alumni of the Year award in 2006. This year, she established the Colleen R. Carter Endowed Scholarship for Pre-Pharmacy Excellence.

Her passion for track and field garnered her the distinction of officiating national and international competitions, including four Olympic Trials and two Olympic Games.

Class Notes

1960s

1 | John F. “Jack” Schlegel ’67, RPh received the Marquis Who’s Who Alumni Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020.
2 | Elizabeth Johnson ’87, PharmD was appointed to the American Pharmaceutical Association Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning in March 2021. Dr. Johnson is owner and principal of Elizabeth Johnson Consulting.
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Tony Chan awarded Order of Pacific

In 2021, former Regent Tony Chan ’77, PharmD received the Order of Pacific, the University’s highest honor. He met his wife, Regent Virginia Chan Chang ’77, PharmD, in line during their Commencement Ceremony. Self-made entrepreneurs, they own and operate several independent pharmacies in Southern California.

“It is an incredible honor to be presented the Order of Pacific and I am humbly to join such elite company,” he said. “I have learned firsthand the life-changing power that a Pacific education has on the lives of students and I am forever grateful to the University for the life that my education has made possible.”

Over the past 40 years, the generosity of the Chan family has made a transformative impact on Pacific. Their contributions have benefited Pacific and its community across the full spectrum—from scholarships to building renovations, from program enhancements to faculty innovation funds, from classrooms to clinics and beyond. Their generosity has enhanced university facilities, student success and program offerings.

His service to Pacific includes serving as a regent from 2005 to 2014 and as a member of the School’s Dean’s Leadership Council. In addition, the couple currently chair the University’s Leading with Purpose capital campaign.

“Tony Chan sets an inspiring example of service and philanthropy,” said Norman Allen ’88, ’94, 3D, chair of Pacific’s Board of Regents. “We are deeply grateful for his devotion and generosity to the University, which will help strengthen and secure the excellence of Pacific for decades to come.”

The family’s legacy at Pacific includes son Jonathan Chan ’09, PharmD and daughter Megan Chan ’13, PharmD. Twelve members of the Chan family have attended Pacific and they received the Pacific Alumni Association’s Outstanding Family Award in 2016.
Michael Pavlovich named Pharmacist of the Year

Michael Pavlovich ’89, PharmD, FAPhA was named the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) 2021 Pharmacist of the Year. He is president and owner of Westcliff Compounding Pharmacy in Newport Beach.

“It’s always a good day when your colleagues recognise you for the things you’ve done and the efforts you’ve made,” said Dr. Pavlovich. “[Receiving the award] puts you in the company of a lot of real giants of pharmacy practice and the profession.”

Dr. Pavlovich has been a leader in pharmaceutical compounding and sports medicine for two decades and has worked extensively with professional and collegiate athletes. Prior to starting his pharmacy 10 years ago, he was chief pharmacist for SportPharm. He has worked closely with the National Athletic Trainers’ Association to develop medication management recommendations for athletic training and co-authored “Clinical Pharmacology in Athletic Training,” which will be published in November 2021.

He was the sole pharmacist among 100 medical professionals supporting athletes during the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, where he oversaw the pharmaceuticals utilized by the athletes. He also served as a consultant for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

“He displayed creativity and determination as a leader when he was a student and now as a health care professional,” said Donald G. Floriddia ’71, PhD. “I am proud and confident today in his ability to rise to the next challenge.”

Dr. Pavlovich is actively involved in the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and served as a trustee from 2008 to 2014 and in the House of Delegates for more than 25 years. In 2012, he received the APhA Distinguished Achievement Award in Specialized Pharmacy Practice. He is a past president of CPhA and has served as a board member for the Pharmaceutical Care Network.
2020s

22 | Jenny Ho ‘20, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Fresno and was matched with a PGY2 critical care residency with University of California, San Francisco.

23 | Kent S. Asano ‘20, PharmD was matched with a PGY2 pharmacy informatics residency with Kaiser Permanente - Downey.

24 | Tala Sam Alyazo ‘20, PharmD was matched with a PGY1 and PGY2 health administration and leadership residency with UC Davis Health.

25 | Felicia Lee ‘20, PharmD was matched with a PGY2 health system administration and leadership residency with UC Davis Health.

26 | Marissa Annie Lin ‘20, PharmD, MBA matched with a PGY1 managed care residency with Enliva Pharmacy Solutions in Rancho Cordova.

27 | Stephanie Lou ‘20, PharmD joined Pacific’s Department of Pharmacometrics and Medicinal Chemistry as an assistant clinical professor in September 2020. In addition to her role as a faculty member, she contributes and remains active in many committees, including the School’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. Dr. Lou enjoys connecting with students by serving as a faculty interviewer, objective structural clinical examination facilitator and California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination Alumni Support Group mentor.

28 | Kevin Pharm ‘20, PharmD was selected as the inaugural fellow for Pacific’s Fellowship in Industry Program in partnership with the U.S. Air Force and Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield. This one-of-a-kind two-year clinical research and strategy fellowship gives Fellows the opportunity to collaborate with internal and external stakeholders, such as the Graduate Medical Education Department, Defense Health Agency, Space Force, NASA and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Alpha Psi wins Phi Delta Chi’s highest honor for the fifth time

The Alpha Psi chapter of the Phi Delta Chi professional pharmacy fraternity received the 2020 Emory W. Thurston Grand Fraternity Award. The fraternity’s highest honor, the national award recognizes the chapter that best promotes the profession of pharmacy and the values of Phi Delta Chi. This marks the fifth time that Alpha Psi has won this achievement (1980, 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2020).

In Memoriam

Ellen Jane Romano ‘60, ’72, BSPharm
Robert Howard Gibson ‘61, ’62, PharmD
Arthur A. Berliner ‘61, ’62, ’63, PharmD
Mary L. Ohio ‘65, BSPharm
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Lilian Reinoso ‘73, BSPharm
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Nori Yabumoto ‘71, BSPharm
Roger W. McFall ‘77, BSPharm
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Alumna serves the Red Bluff community through her historic pharmacy

By Anne Marie H. Bergthold
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Bianca Bradshaw ’04, PharmD has known she wanted to be a pharmacist from a young age. As a Pacific doctor of pharmacy student, she was introduced to the independent pharmacy community in Bakersfield. What she observed planted the seed of owning her own pharmacy. In 2014, Dr. Bradshaw purchased Elmore Pharmacy in Red Bluff, possibly the oldest continuously operated pharmacy in California.

“To me, the most rewarding thing is every day I can make a difference in someone’s life,” said Dr. Bradshaw. “The ability we have to impact people in the community setting is so real and right there in front of you. You don’t have to look for it; you just have to embrace it.”

Her advice for those considering independent pharmacy ownership is to “know your building” and be prepared to handle the business aspects of being an owner.

“Going into your own pharmacy, you know how to be a pharmacist, you are prepared for that,” she said. “What you don’t know is every personnel and law question, everything you can imagine, is going to come to you. One of the biggest challenges is to know how to handle the things that are not the running of the pharmacy; they are the running of the business.”

“The most valuable thing that I did in preparation for pharmacy ownership was to work in various independent pharmacy settings. You have to be prepared to think on your feet and consider the experiences you’ve had and how you can incorporate those into your current setting.”

Dr. Bradshaw has traced the history of Elmore Pharmacy back to 1861. To connect customers to Elmore Pharmacy’s rich history, she has antiques and historic documents on display.

“I had a patient bring in a bottle they found in the wall in their house when they were doing a remodel,” she said. “I found the matching prescription for it down in the basement. It was from 1923.”

She attributes her success to her staff, who are committed to providing excellent customer service. During the pandemic, Dr. Bradshaw adapted the pharmacy’s operations to continue providing patients with their medications, while prioritizing safety and thoughtfully considering ways to give customers peace of mind. For the first few weeks after adding a curbside delivery option, Dr. Bradshaw handled the curbside delivery herself to ensure the process flowed smoothly.

Looking to the future, she is excited to implement new services. “Right now, I am trying to expand my business and start a functional medicine practice, in addition to providing point-of-care testing,” she said. She also plans to start offering “brown bag” days, where she will provide Medication Therapy Management review. Some of the ideas she has for her business are concepts she first heard as a student. Through Pacific, she was exposed to ideas and opportunities as well as individuals who are achieving those things within the field of pharmacy. She credits Pacific as her foundation, as well as the source of lifelong friendships and mentor-mentee relationships.
By Becky Perry ‘01, ’09

Bruce Toy ’77, ’81, PharmD, DDS has lived a life committed to professional and volunteer service.

One of the rare alumni who has earned dual professional degrees from University of the Pacific, Dr. Toy has served at the executive level of three University alumni association boards, including 10 years with the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association. He has also served his profession and community on local, state and national levels through his commitment to a long list of professional boards and committees, winning several honors for his service along the way. In 2019, he was awarded the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry Alumni Association’s Medallion of Distinction.

“If helping others was important to my father, so it become important to me as well,” said Dr. Toy.

A Stockton native, he earned his bachelor of arts in economics from San Francisco State University. Immediately after graduation, he entered the United States Air Force at the height of the Vietnam War, where he was commissioned as an officer and received his silver pilot wings, ultimately completing his service with a rank of captain. Unsure of his career path after leaving the Air Force, he applied to the doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program at Pacific. He credits the School for giving him the chance to improve and change his life when he was unsure of his future.

Dr. Toy’s education didn’t stop there. After earning his PharmD, his father-in-law, Richard Lum ’44, DDS, encouraged him to consider a career in dentistry. He went on to earn a doctor of dental surgery from the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry at Pacific. He credits the School for giving him the chance to improve and change his life when he was unsure of his future.

Dr. Toy has spent the last 40 years running his own dental practice and helping to improve the lives of others through countless hours of volunteer service. He says that his proudest professional accomplishment was founding the St. Raphael Dental Clinic at St. Mary’s Interfaith Community Center in Stockton. The only free dental clinic in San Joaquin County, it has continuously operated for almost 35 years and serves more than 2,000 patients each year.

In 2017, he initiated the Bruce G. and Deanna C. Toy Endowed Scholarship to benefit pharmacy and dental students.

“If you are going to be known for something, be known for something good,” he said.
Alumni Serving in Professional Organizations

**JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021**

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Member, Past Presidents Council
Benson Toy '74, PharmD
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Colleen R. Carter '76, PharmD, FCPhA
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Catherine Nance '76, PharmD
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Do you serve in a leadership position for a professional organization?
Restrictions put in place starting in March 2020 to minimize the spread of COVID-19 presented a myriad of challenges for experiential learning. The Pacific experiential education team created innovative solutions to meet the needs of doctor of pharmacy students.

Almost all of the Introductory Pharmacy Experience (IPPE) and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) sites were impacted. During the initial peak of the pandemic, approximately 220 APPE rotation spots were affected and students could not be onsite, requiring an immediate transition to virtual learning experiences for the displaced students to prevent a delay in graduation.

Pacific’s 17 experiential education regions are spread throughout California, from Redding to San Diego, and each area has a dedicated faculty member. The regional coordinators worked diligently behind the scenes to find replacement sites, make modifications in response to site-specific guidelines and pivot to virtual options.

“The regional coordinators work closely with preceptors in their local health systems, allowing for immediate hands-on support and real-time collaborations,” said Allen Shek, PharmD, professor of pharmacy practice and associate dean of professional programs. “By leveraging the strength of our decentralized APPE region model, we were able to overcome the challenges created by this unprecedented crisis.”

There are many examples of the experiential education team’s innovation in action. Three regional coordinators rapidly developed a remote drug information APPE elective to support students who were suddenly displaced from their sites. Students located onsite for an internal medicine APPE led weekly virtual discussions on patient cases. These presentations allowed students in hybrid or virtual rotations to benefit from reviewing real-world patient cases. A group of students leveraged skills gained in a journal club to efficiently evaluate a plethora of COVID-19 peer-reviewed publications. In response, they created clear, concise digital content to debunk common pandemic-related misinformation, which they shared on a website and on social media.

“Their efforts were vital in allowing our students to progress through the experiential curriculum and remain on track for graduation.”

Hospital and ambulatory care sites, in particular, were impacted by restrictions, with students needing to adhere to strict guidelines, including daily or weekly COVID-19 tests. In response to these challenges, many preceptors found novel ways to support students. One example is Greg L. Alston ’77, PharmD, chief engagement officer at KVIPP Concierge, who created an IPPE ambulatory care option for those who could not participate in the rotation with the Veterans Affairs Northern California Healthcare System.

During the pandemic, pharmacy practice shifted dramatically. Preceptors were willing and eager to teach, but many lacked the resources to create hybrid or remote learning experiences. Pacific took the initiative to develop resources to help preceptors adapt the way they train students.

“We, as preceptors, had to switch gears fast to ensure that the students would be getting proper exposure and education,” said Sul “Florence” Jung, PharmD, BCPS, a preceptor in the Santa Barbara/Ventura region. “The innovative ideas and support received from Dr. S. Lena Kang-Birken from University of the Pacific was tremendous. She promptly devised and shared a syllabus for the virtual environment, provided training to the students on the use of the online communication platform, integrated published online programs and put together joint-sessions for students all over California.”

The joint sessions offered an environment where students from different regions could come together.

“The sessions also provided a place to receive coveted feedback from a specialist which otherwise would not have been available at the current site,” Dr. Jung said.

Meet Andrew L. Haydon

Dr. Haydon was introduced to the world of pharmacy as a clerk at Long’s Drugs. “The pharmacists I worked with led me into the field by showing me what a good pharmacist does—they care about their patients, provide a valuable service to their community and help people live a healthier life,” he said.

Dr. Haydon earned his doctor of pharmacy from Pacific in 2012. He has worked in a diverse array of pharmacy settings, including compounding pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, industry and managed care. Dr. Haydon also served in the military for 13 years, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

He joined the Pacific faculty in August 2020. In his role as director of professional programs, he collaborates with preceptors, regional coordinators and University leaders to help enhance experiential education and ensure PharmD graduates are career-ready. What he enjoys most about his role is the opportunity to influence the next generation of pharmacists entering the workforce.

“My goal is to help shape students into pharmacists who think critically, communicate clearly and serve their communities as a valuable health care resource,” he said.

Dr. Haydon enjoys hiking, camping and biking. His hobbies include working on his vintage Volkswagen bus and playing the saxophone.

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Andrew Haydon ’12, PharmD, associate clinical professor of pharmacy practice and director of professional programs, witnessed the increased connection between regions. He believes the creativity caused by necessity forged a long-lasting environment of collaboration.

“From a clinical standpoint, individuals can draw upon the expertise of those in other regions,” said Dr. Haydon. “From a student perspective, they can get a completely different viewpoint from someone located in a different region.”

The efforts of Pacific’s experiential education team were recognized by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy with the Award for Excellence in Experiential Education in recognition of dedication and innovations to the experiential curriculum in 2020-21.

Through the herculean efforts of preceptors, faculty and staff, students were able to complete their required 315 IPPE hours and 1,440 APPE hours.

“Their efforts were vital in allowing our students to progress through the experiential curriculum and remain on track for graduation,” Dr. Haydon said.

All students in the Classes of 2020 and 2021 who were expected to graduate were able to do so on time. The efforts made to continue to provide exceptional experiential education during the pandemic have a far-reaching impact. The knowledge and skills students gained at this crucial time in their education will be utilized throughout their careers.
Faculty and Staff

YEARS OF SERVICE

Nancy L. DeGuire ’89, PharmD, FACA, clinical professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

James A. Uchizono, PharmD, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

Marcus C. Ravnan ’94, PharmD, FCSHP, FASHP, professor, Department of Pharmaceutics

Bhaskara R. Jasti ’95, PhD, pharmacology and medicinal chemistry, was promoted to associate professor with tenure, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

Andrew Haydon ’12, PharmD, BCPS, assistant professor of pharmacy practice

Timothy Johnson, support specialist II lead, Office of Support Services

Rajul Arvind Patel ’01, ’04, PharmD, PhD, clinical professor and director of professional advantage program, Department of Pharmaceutics

Carmen K. Swanson, senior director of development, Office of External Relations

In Memoriam

Madhukar Gajanan Chaubal, PhD

MAY 15, 1950 – SEPT. 8, 2020

Madhukar Gajanan Chaubal, PhD, professor emeritus of pharmaceutics and medicinal chemistry, and his wife, Kishori M. Chaubal ’70, MS, PharmD, professor emeritus of biological sciences, devoted their lives to helping students at Pacific learn, grow and develop into caring health and science professionals. Their combined tenure of nearly 60 years at Pacific leaves an indelible mark on each of our alumni who were privileged to be taught and mentored by them in pharmacy and biology. Both received the Order of Pacific, the University’s highest honor, in 1999, and the Pacific Alumni Association Faculty Mentor Award in 2012.

Dr. M. Chaubal earned a bachelor of science in chemistry and botany from Ferguson College, University of Pune in 1951 and a bachelor of science in pharmaceutical sciences, fine chemicals, from the University of Bombay in 1954. He earned a master of science in pharmacognosy from University of Toronto in 1960 and a doctor of philosophy in pharmaceutical sciences from University of Rhode Island in 1964.

Alice Jean Matuszak, PhD

JUNE 22, 1955 – JAN. 10, 2021

Alice Jean Matuszak, PhD, professor emerita of pharmaceutics and medicinal chemistry, was raised on a dairy farm in Ohio. The chemicals used on the farm sparked her interest in chemistry. She earned a bachelor of science in pharmacy and a master of science in pharmaceutical chemistry from The Ohio State University, where she also met her husband, Charles Matuszak, PhD. She earned her doctor of philosophy in pharmaceutical chemistry from University of Kansas.

The couple joined the Pacific faculty in 1963 and served until their retirement in 2000. At Pacific, she was instrumental in establishing a chapter of the Rho Chi honor society and served as a faculty advisor for Lambda Kappa Sigma. In 1994, she received The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Award. In 2000, she received the Kappa Epsilon Career Achievement Award and the Order of Pacific, University of the Pacific’s highest honor.

She served a 10-year term on the United States Adopted Names Council, which is tasked with creating unique nonproprietary names for new drugs before they are released on the market. A lover of history, she chronicled the history of the School and the California Pharmacists Association. Dr. Matuszak served as president of the American Pharmacists Association/Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science from 1993 to 1994 and as president of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy from 1997 to 1999.

She was fascinated by the Lewis and Clark expedition and she and her husband took a road trip following the national historic trail. They took many road trips crossing the United States. Tracing her genealogy, they took seven trips to Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland with the Clan Irwin Association. She enjoyed watching the USC and college football and was a loyal fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes. She is survived by her husband of 65 years and their two sons, Matthew and James.

NEW FACES, PROMOTIONS AND TENURES

July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021

David W. Thomas, PhD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy

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Marcus C. Ravnan ’94, PharmD, FCSHP, FASHP, professor, Department of Pharmaceutics

Bhaskara R. Jasti ’95, MPharm, MS, BCPS, assistant professor of pharmacy practice

Tori Nicholson, lab technician, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

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Kishori M. Chaubal ’70, MS, PharmD, professor emeritus of pharmaceutics and medicinal chemistry

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Mamoun M. Alhmadshah, PharmD, PhD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice

Deepti Vyas, PharmD, BCPS, assistant professor of pharmacy practice

Elaine Law, PharmD, BCPS, FCSHP, assistant clinical professor and regional coordinator for San Jose, Department of Pharmacy Practice

Carla A. Ranson ’15, ’17, PharmD, MS, BCGP, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

Eric Shepherd, senior director of business and operations, Office of the Dean

Carmen K. Swanson, senior director of development, Office of the Dean
Tiger Stripes
JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

Our faculty and staff are constantly earning their stripes on campus, across the country and around the world.

Rajul Arvin Patel ‘01, ’06, PharmD, PhD, professor of pharmacy practice, on behalf of the Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics, received grants of $41,969 and $43,534 from the Human Services Agency of San Joaquin County.

Dr. R.A. Patel and Robert F. Halliwell, PhD, professor of physiology and pharmacology, received a $35,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to support improving opioid and prescription drug management with mental health assessment in Medicare beneficiaries.

Dr. R.A. Patel and Rajjumar Savok, PhD, RPh, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, received a $9,300 grant from the Pacific Technology Innovation Practice Award for 2020.

Pacific pharmacy faculty were awarded a $105,000 contract as San Joaquin County Opioid Safety Program Consultant to support local efforts to reduce the number of opioid and drug related overdoses and deaths.

COVID-19 and Your Health series
In 2020, the School co-hosted Pacific’s COVID-19 and Your Health series. Speakers included Mark P. Wolberg ’06, ’09, PharmD, PhD, CTH and Dr. Halliwell. Each week the featured topic was followed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updates presented by Neel Prasad ’96, PharmD, assistant clinical professor of pharmacy practice and regional coordinator for East Bay/Modesto/Sonora.

PRESENTATIONS
Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry
Xin Guo, PhD Professor
Dr. Guo presented “Using Mice to Find Drugs against Human Lung Cancer. How Good is this Compass, Really?” at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) InSight Symposium, June 4-5, 2021.


Dr. Guo, Z. Xu, Y. Huang, Z. Yuan and Y. Zhu presented the poster “Intrapulmonary inoculation of Multicellular Tumor Spheroids to Construct an Orthotopic Lung Cancer Xenograft Model” at AAPS 2020 PharmSci 360.

PhD student receives accolades for research presentations
Zihao Xu ’20, ’25, MS received first place in Pacific’s 2021 Research Poster Competition for the poster “Development of Lipid-based Nano Formulations of Mitaplatin against Lung Cancer.” Xu received a 2020 AAPS Best Abstract Award and was ranked in the top 10 percent of abstracts for “Intrapulmonary Inoculation of Multicellular Tumor Spheroids to Construct an Orthotopic Lung Cancer Xenograft Model.”

Blhakara R. Jasti ‘95, MPHarm, PhD Professor, Associate Dean of Graduate Education and Research, Executive Director, Xu Du Center for Innovation and Excellence for Drug Development
Dr. Jasti, Qing Zhang ’20, MS and Xiaoling Li, PhD, professor of pharmaceutics and medicinal chemistry,
In 2020, Carlos A. Villalba-Galea, PhD, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, received a $337,647 R21 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant for the proposal “Identification of Structural Determinants in Kv7 Open Channel Stabilization.”

All cells in the body have electrical activity, which are turned on or off by a series of molecular switches. Dr. Villalba-Galea’s goal is to understand the basic process that makes the activity of these molecular switches stable. “If any of these switches turns on spontaneously, you can have uncontrolled activity. In other words, how this molecule has its ‘memory,’ “ Dr. Villalba-Galea said.

Molecules “remembering” they have been activated is an innovative concept. Having a detailed understanding of how Kv7 controls electrical activity paves the way for the development of new strategies to treat epilepsy, seizures, arrhythmias and chronic pain.

Students from Pacific’s doctor of pharmacy and pharmaceutical and chemical sciences programs will help conduct the experiments as well as collect and interpret the data. To explore the way Kv7 open channels behave in different disease states, Dr. Villalba-Galea and his team will introduce genetic mutations to probe for the molecular basis of such illnesses.

“Pharmacy students will learn how Kv7 channels ‘remember’ when electrical activity has been turned on. “We’re trying to understand how this little molecule ‘remembers’ these types of events and keeps tabs on what is happening electrically in the cells. In other words, how this molecule has ‘memory,’ “ Dr. Villalba-Galea said.

Dr. Villalba-Galea is honored to receive an NIH grant. “I look forward to expanding the horizon of our understanding of basic physiological processes because they are the basis of everything we do, from walking to speaking to smiling to sleeping.”

In 2021, Veronica T. Bandy ’00, ’08, MS, PharmD, MS, FCPHA, FCSPH, BCACP received the Podesto Award for Excellence in Student Life, Mentoring and Counseling.

Pharmacy Practice
Veronica T. Bandy ’00, ’08, MS, PharmD, MS, FCPHA, FCSPH, BCACP Clinical Professor, Regional Coordinator - Sacramento.

Dr. Bandy presented “Immunization Updates for Pediatric Patients” at 2021 New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy, held virtually, April 2021.

Dr. Galal, and Deepthi Vyas, PharmD, professor of pharmacy practice and director of interprofessional education and instructional design, presented the mini-session ‘Training Pharmacy Students to Deliver Bad News Using the SPKES Model” at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Virtual Pharmacy Education Annual Meeting, July 19-22, 2021.

Dr. Galal, Raneesta Sharma ‘22, Reema Chandra ‘21, PharmD, M. Marika Gonzales ‘22, Johnson Doung ‘22, E. Ellington, N. Willis-Smith and Dr. Vyas presented the poster “Utilizing visual thinking strategies to impact student empathy and interprofessional attitudes” at the AACP 2021 Annual Meeting.

Kimberly A. Hoffmann ’89, PharmD, APN, BCACP, BCACP Clinical Professor, Regional Coordinator - Bakersfield

Dr. Hoffmann presented “Current Advances in Depression Treatment” at the 2021 New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy.

S. Lena Kang-Birken, PharmD, FCCP, AANHP Associate Professor, Regional Coordinator - Santa Barbara/Ventura

Dr. Kang-Birken presented “Real-world multicenter experience with eravacycline for complicated infections” at the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, held virtually July 9-12, 2021.

Dr. Kang-Birken and Ivy Yang ’21, PharmD presented the poster “Real-World Experience of Bamlanivimab For Outpatient Management of Patients with Mild-to-Moderate COVID-19 Infection at an Academic Community Health System” at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) 2021 Virtual Poster Symposium, May 25-26, 2021.


Adam M. Kaye ’95, PharmD, FASCP, FCPhA, FACP Clinical Professor, Coordinator - Sacramento.


We want to celebrate your accomplishments
Did you recently publish an article in a peer-reviewed journal? Were you presenting at an upcoming conference? Faculty, students, preceptors and alumni please share your noteworthy accomplishments – grants, presentations, publications and professional recognitions.

Clinical Professor, Regional Coordinator - San Jose


Dr. Law and Co. presented the poster “Integrating a strengths assessment tool into a Residency Training Certificate Program to enhance resident self-reflection and evaluating its impact on precepting experiential pharmacy students” at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition, held virtually Dec. 6-10, 2020.


Dr. Law presented “But the Internet told me so: Precepting and training challenges in the digital age and avoiding the pitfalls of ‘Dr. Google’” at the CSHP Pacific Coast Preceptor Conference, held virtually July 9-11, 2020.
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Rajkumar Sevak, PhD, RPh
Assistant Professor

Dr. Sevak presented the poster “Impact of a pharmacist-led medication history program at a community hospital emergency department” at the ACCP Annual Meeting, held virtually, Oct. 19-30, 2020.

Dr. Sevak, J. Tran, N. Wu and P. Gupta presented the poster “Immune-related adverse events from immune checkpoint inhibitors: a retrospective analysis in a single-center veteran population” at the Association of Veterans Affairs Hematology/Oncology Annual Meeting, held virtually, Sept. 12-18, 2020.

Dr. Sevak and Dr. O’Dell presented “Predictors of the pursuit and attainment of postgraduate residency positions by pharmacy students” at the ACCP Virtual Pharmacy Education Annual Meeting, held virtually July 15-31, 2020.

Dr. Sevak and Dr. Hallwell presented the poster “Informatics of student performance in a neuropsychiatric course in an accelerated pharmacy program” at the AACP 2020 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Sevak, C. Norwood, L. Moore, J. Erton, K. Nguyen, W. Brown and R. Stockhouse, presented the poster “Perioperative administration of pregabalin reduces opioid consumption in patients that underwent a spine/orthopedic surgery presentation” at the ACCP 2020 Virtual Symposium.

Sachin A. Shah, PharmD, FACC, FAHA
Professor, Regional Coordinator, Director of Pharmacy Research and Education - Travis Air Force Base


Tiger Stripes Continued

Noreeta Sharma ’18, ’21, PharmD, MS
Pharmacy Practice Fellow
Dr. Sharma presented “Exploring the Relationship Between Grit, Work Engagement, and Career Success Among U.S. Pharmacists” at the AACP 2021 Annual Meeting.

Allen Shek, PharmD
Professor, Associate Dean of Professional Programs
Dr. Shek, Sian Carr-Lopez ’85, PharmD, L. McDowell, R.K. Miyahara and P. L. Stamm presented “Ring, Ring: Implementing a Telehealth Veterans Affairs Population Health Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience Course” at the AACP 2020 Annual Meeting.

Deepti Vyas, PharmD
Professor, Director of Interprofessional Education and Instructional Design
Dr. Vyas presented the showcase “A longitudinal interprofessional education track focusing on patient advocacy” at the Interprofessional Education Collaborative 2021 Interprofessional Leadership Development Program, June 8-10, 2021.

Dr. Vyas presented “Leveraging Technology to Deliver a Hospital-Based Professional Skills Course” at the AACP 2021 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Vyas, Dr. Rogan, Reema Chandra ’21, PharmD and Dr. Galal presented the poster “Enhancing Student Social Emotional Competence in a Telehealth-Based Ambulatory Care Skills Course” at the AACP 2021 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Vyas, Dr. Galal, John Mayberry, PhD, associate professor of mathematics, Claire Caringal ’21, PharmD and Vy Bui ’21, PharmD presented the poster “Training Pharmacy Students to Deliver Bad News using the SPIKES Model” at the AACP 2021 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Vyas, Harriet Do ’22 and G. Swarm presented the poster “An interprofessional telehealth module focusing on disability and quality of life post stroke” at the AACP 2021 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Vyas, Benjamin Reece ’01, ’08, MS, CCC-SLP, assistant professor of speech-language pathology, Tracey DelNero, MS, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, associate professor and associate program director for physician assistant studies, Todd Davenport, PT, DPT, MPH, OCS, professor and program director for doctor of physical therapy, Gabriella Musacchia, PhD, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Audiology, Amanda Nguyen ’21, PharmD and Lan Chi Nguyen ’21, PharmD presented “Use of Video Vignettes and Case-Based Learning to Educate Health Professions Students about Elder Abuse” at the AACP 2021 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Vyas and DelNero presented “Using Near-Peers to Prepare Students for Interprofessional Collaboration” at the 2021 Emswiller Interprofessional Symposium.

Dr. Vyas and L. Zagler presented “Telehealth-Based Interprofessional Education Module Focused on Social Determinants of Health” at the 2021 Emswiller Interprofessional Symposium.

Dr. Vyas presented “New Drugs in Select Gastrointestinal Disorders” at the 2021 New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy.

Dr. Vyas, Dr. Rogan, Dr. Bui, Shirley Wong ’21, PharmD, Sabrina Wu ’21, PharmD and Dr. Chandra presented “Development of Pharmacy Students’ Emotional Intelligence in a Remote Learning Environment” at the CSHP 2020 Seminar.

Dr. Vyas, DelNero, Dr. A. Nguyen and Dr. L.C. Nguyen presented “Use of Video Vignettes and Case-Based Learning to Educate Health Professions Students about Elder Abuse” at the CSHP 2020 Seminar.

Dr. Vyas and DelNero presented “A Longitudinal Interprofessional Education Program Mapped to the IPEC Competencies” at the 2020 Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) Educational Forum, Oct. 20-23, 2020, in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Vyas and DelNero presented “Addressing Risk Management through Scope of Practice with Interprofessional Education” at the PAEA 2020 Educational Forum.

Clifford A. Young, RPh, CGP
Associate Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Regional Coordinator - Fresno
Young presented “Traumatic Civilian Casualty Care” at the CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange, June 18-20, 2021.

Roshanak Rahimian receives Distinguished Faculty Award
Roshanak Rahimian, PharmD, MSc, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, received University of the Pacific’s 2021 Distinguished Faculty Award. The award is Pacific’s highest faculty honor, recognizing outstanding teaching, research, creative endeavors or service to the University.

“Dr. Rahimian represents the caliber of student-centered teaching that is at the core of a Pacific education. In both the classroom and lab, she exudes passion and an infectious enthusiasm which motivates and inspires a whole new generation of scholars,” said Dean Matsumoto.

“Dr. Rahimian is a shining example of the heights to which the faculty have performed during an exceptionally difficult year,” Dr. Rahimian’s research explores an underlying mechanism that could lower the risk of cardiovascular diseases in diabetic women. She and her student research assistants collaborate with investigators from around the world, including from University of Barcelona and University of California, Davis and Berkeley.

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Dr. Vyas, DeNero, Dr. Davenport, Dr. Musacchio, Dr. A Nguyen and Dr. L. C. Nguyen published “Use of video vignettes and case discussions to educate health professions students about elder abuse” in Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice, September 2021.

Dr. Vyas and DeNero published “Peer Teaching in an Interprofessional Education Activity Focused on Professional Skills Development” and “Comparison of an In-Person versus a Virtual Interprofessional Education Activity Focused on Professional Communication” in Pharmacy 2021.

Dr. Vyas, Dr. Galdé, D. Rogan, Shervani P., Patel, ‘19, PharmD and Murad Habibzadah, ‘19, PharmD published “The use of a metacognition and contemplation intervention in improving student abilities to recognize order entry errors” in Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning, May 2021.

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Dr. Rabbiee, et al. published “White adipose remodeling during browning in mice involves YBE1 to drive thermogenic commitment” in Molecular Metabolism, February 2021.


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Bhaskara R. Jasti selected to lead new academic center

Bhaskara R. Jasti ’95, MPH, PhD, FAAPS, professor of pharmacetics and medicinal chemistry and associate dean of graduate education and research, was appointed the inaugural executive director of the Jie Du Center for Innovation and Excellence for Drug Development. In this role, Dr. Jasti will direct the establishment of the long-term vision and objectives of the Center to achieve its mission of promoting innovation in drug development through education, training and mentorship, while fostering collaboration between Pacific students and industrial leaders.

Pharmaceutical entrepreneur and Pacific alumna Sue Du ’90, ’93, PhD donated $5 million to establish the Center. The gift was matched by the Powell Fund, established through an extraordinary gift of $125 million from the estate of the late Regents Robert C. and Jeannette Powell, doubling the impact of Dr. Du’s gift and resulting in a $10 million endowment.

“I look forward to leveraging my experience as a scientist, entrepreneur and administrator to build the center with fundamental strengths that will provide tools for the pharmaceutical community,” said Dr. Jasti. “We will strive to achieve Dr. Du’s vision of offering innovative and entrepreneurial programs to the university and pharmaceutical scientists and help them realize their dreams.”

Dr. Jasti’s two decades of academic and research experience in innovative drug product development includes serving as director of research and development at Corium Technologies as well as dean of graduate studies and associate provost for research at Pacific.

Marcus C. Ravnan ’94, PharmD, FCSHP, FASHP, professor of pharmacy practice and associate dean for student affairs received the 2021 CSHP Central Valley chapter, Kelli Haase Memorial Pharmacist of the Year Award.

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Dr. Shah, N. Kim, Kevin Pham, ‘20, PharmD, Dr. Shek, Dr. Lim and Dr. Liu published “Differences in glucose level between right arm and left arm using continuous glucose monitors” in Digital Health Journal, Nov. 9, 2020.


When Cells Simultaneously Commit to Terminally Differentiate and Exit the Cell Cycle” in Cell Reports, June 16, 2020.


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2021

November

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California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) Seminar
Disneyland Hotel | Anaheim | cshp.org

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Pacific Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Reception at CSHP
Disneyland Hotel | Anaheim | pacific-pharmacy.org

4 - 7
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)
Annual Meeting
Town and Country | San Diego | ascp.com

December

5 - 9
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)
Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition
ashp.org

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March

18 - 21
American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting and Exposition
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center | San Antonio
aphameeting.org

TBD
CSHP California Schools Reception
San Antonio | cshp.org

TBD
33rd annual New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy
University of the Pacific, San Francisco Campus | San Francisco
newdrugsce.com

April

22 - 24
California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) Western Pharmacy Exchange
Mandalay Bay Resort | Las Vegas | cpha.com

TBD
Pacific Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Gathering at CPhA
Las Vegas | pacific-pharmacy.org

May

13
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy Graduation Banquet
6 p.m. | University of the Pacific | Stockton
pacific.edu/pharmacy/events

14
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy Commencement Ceremony
University of the Pacific | Stockton
pacific.edu/pharmacy/events

July

5
Pharmacy Scholarship Ceremony
4 p.m. | Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy
Stockton | pacific-pharmacy.org

23 - 27
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)
Annual Meeting and Seminars
Grapevine, Texas | aacp.org

September

10
Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony
University of the Pacific | Stockton pacific.edu/pharmacy/events

TBD
Pacific Pharmacy Alumni and Friends San Diego Regional Reception
Mission Bay Yacht Club | San Diego | pacific-pharmacy.org

October

TBD
Pacific Homecoming
University of the Pacific | Stockton pacificalumni.org

TBD
National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)
Annual Convention and Trade Exposition
ncpanet.org

TBD
CSHP Seminar
cshp.org

TBD
Pacific Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Reception at CSHP
pacific-pharmacy.org

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