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Pictured on right: University of the Sciences celebrated its 190th anniversary on Founders’ Day, bestowing an honorary doctor of science degree to David R. King, venture partner with Quaker BioVentures, on Feb. 17, 2011. The University also recognized a current student and faculty member with awards of merit.

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For the past year, I have been talking about profound changes in the higher education environment, including the economic downturn and increased competition for students. University of the Sciences has taken steps to overcome these challenges. And now is the time to update the Legacy, Vision and Value strategic plan that was instituted in 2007 and that has served us well in that time.

Using Legacy, Vision and Value as its foundation, the University’s leadership has updated our strategic imperatives. This new strategy is positioning the University for the future and falls under seven core pillars:

• Create long-term financial stability
• Deploy a data-driven enrollment management strategy
• Improve market awareness
• Transform academic programming and delivery
• Create a residential campus
• Deploy technologies that transform the educational processes
• Leverage external relationships to recognize value

These imperatives will translate into action in several ways. Here are a few examples:

• Continuing to engage our alumni in more University activities and events.
• Recruiting students on a national scale.
• Raising a greater number of restricted and endowed scholarships to support financial aid.
• Developing new academic programs in health professions and sciences to address growth in educational areas and the job market.
• Deploying new technologies that will transform the educational environment and how classroom instruction is delivered and accessed.
• Creating relationships with external partners, like those outlined in this issue’s Bulletin Board, that increase enrollment and opportunities.
• Enhancing the living and learning experience for all our students through a plan for a more residential campus.
• Increasing the recognition of USciences across the region through a brand awareness and marketing campaign that is now being deployed.

These imperatives and initiatives are being put in place so that the University can continue to fulfill its mission:

“The mission of University of the Sciences is to educate students to become leaders and innovators in the sciences, the health professions, and emerging related disciplines. Building on our legacy as the nation’s first college of pharmacy, we provide excellence in teaching, research, and service.”

I encourage you to read the strategic plan that is available (www.usciences.edu/StrategicPlan) so that you can be informed about our challenges and the proactive steps being taken to address them. If you have any feedback about these steps, please e-mail me at president@usp.edu. I look forward to sharing our progress.

Sincerely,

PHILIP P. GERBINO
P’69, PharmD’70
President
In 1985, a final walk through an old warehouse slated for demolition resulted in an interesting find. LESLIE BOWMAN, assistant dean for Misher College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor of information science, discovered thousands of “inaugural essays” written by PCP graduates in the 1800s heaped upon shelving in a dark corner. She quickly assembled a rescue team and brought them back to the safety of the J.W. England Library.

From the beginning of the college in 1821, getting a diploma meant writing an original thesis upon a subject of materia medica, pharmacy, or chemistry. Today, these compositions provide remarkable windows into the past.
Most students wrote scientific papers; however, a smaller, yet significant, number wrote paeansto the druggist’s profession, diatribes against physician encroachment, and memoirs of apprenticeships. Length varied dramatically; a thesis could be as short as three pages or as long as 70. Most were around a dozen pages.

Despite the strict requirement for writing a thesis, no demands were placed regarding length or quality. Students graduated just the same if they passed examinations.

Although self-motivation accounted for many strong efforts, other incentives existed. Each year the American Journal of Pharmacy published a select few. Cash awards were also mentioned from time to time.

LOUIS WEISS, class of 1877, based his thesis on a store apprenticeship served in Pueblo, Colorado, with the town doctor from 1869 to 1872. Excerpts from “A Drug Store in the Far West”:

“The druggist and physician was looked upon as a somewhat superior being; his will was done, his word was law. Whenever there was a public meeting or a social gathering, it was not considered complete until the doctor was identified with it in some way. Many a meeting—political or for the organization of a fire company, baseball club, dancing club or church festival—was started in the store...[his] name was always on the ticket for coroner; his services in that capacity were frequently called into use after there had been what they called a neck-tie festival. These were generally held after horses had been stolen and the aggressors caught by the Vigilantes...With the coming of the railroad [improvement in] the drug business was noticeable. Whereas heretofore the proprietor’s formula book had ruled supreme, it was now replaced by the United States Pharmacopoeia, and preparations that were heretofore bought in the East were prepared according to its directions.”

CARRIE EMILY HOWARD, class of 1890, also wrote of apprenticeship behind the drug counter, but the challenges she faced were of a very different nature than most of her classmates.

Excerpts from “Women as Pharmacists”:

“I found my path beset with many difficulties, business opportunities to my liking being very scarce...When once my decision was made, and carried out, I realized the truth of the old adage, ‘that fools rush in, where angels dare not tread’...”

“I was putting up a Prescription, for a gentleman...when an energetic and lively Irishwoman came in calling in a loud voice, ‘Is the Doctor in? I want a Prescription filled.’ I replied ‘No’ inviting her to take a seat...she sat down but began a tirade upon the idea of allowing me to fill a Prescription, addressing herself to the gentleman who was waiting. I came forth with his Prescription, in fear, and trembling, expecting he would refuse to take it.

“...He took it however, and said ‘Madam, I have every confidence in the ability of this Pharmacist to do that which she has undertaken, and no doubt in the near future, we will see many more women Pharmacists’.”

FREDERICK JACOB LICHTENBERGER, class of 1885, struggled mightily with his thesis and ended up making the process itself the ultimate subject. His selection documented an aspect of college life that today’s students might find familiar.

Excerpts from “Thesis Writing”:

“During the first year [choosing] the subject troubles the average student but little, and if he thinks of it at all, it is merely to say to himself: ‘Oh! That will be easy enough when the time comes’ [but as the final year approaches] the subject becomes the bane of his life. He commences to search [for] a suitable subject, he bores his friends to death, he ransacks his brain from morning till night. He even dreams of it...

“Thinking that perhaps he has aimed too high, he wonders if it would not answer as well...to take some well written upon subject, get all the varied information about it that he can, and write it using his own words. [He] desperately commences a series of surgical operations...taking out something here [and] substituting something for it, and occasionally changing a word, but for the most part adhering to the words of the authors he has stolen from... At last he finishes and reads it over admiringly and says to himself: ‘Well done.’ Being quite proud of it he determines to read it to one of his more experienced friends. Listening attentively to the end [the friend says] that it will not answer at all because it isn’t original, and then goes on to tell [the author] how hard he studied, and worked when writing his thesis.”

Regrettfully, not all of the theses turned up in 1985. The absence of virtually everything written before 1868 suggests PCP’s migration to a new home that year resulted in their loss. Nevertheless, the surviving examples provide ample opportunity to peer into the lives of those who have gone before us, to discover what we have in common and, on occasion, to learn from past mistakes.”
In a perfect world, every discovery coming out of the lab would be shepherded into the hands of people who could take those findings and turn them into medicines, technologies, and practices that would lead to cures—and save lives.

This is not a perfect world, but a new partnership between USciences and The Wistar Institute is bridging the gap: the Center for Chemical Biology and Translational Medicine (CCBTM), a joint effort between USciences and an international leader in biomedical research that focuses on cancer research and vaccine development.

“We’re all grounded on the same concept, and the concept is innovation and creativity,” said PHILIP P. GERBINO P’69, PharmD’70, president of University of the Sciences, at a reception in May 2010 to introduce a new joint chair to oversee the center.

The primary goal of CCBTM is to develop and use small molecules to study and probe the biology of living systems. It would then hopefully lead to identification of new chemical agents that can be developed to work against biological targets like genes and proteins known to cause human disease.
“As a result, we’re going to be able to take those resources and leverage them extensively, doing what we do really well at Wistar and being able to pass these discoveries downstream and interact with University of the Sciences,” said Russel E. Kaufman, MD, president and CEO of The Wistar Institute at that same reception. “We have two really distinct areas of experience that can be brought together.”

In 2008, the centerpiece of this partnership opened: a $1.1 million Molecular Screening Facility, that was unveiled late that year and is located at The Wistar Institute. The facility allows for advanced screening technologies that identify molecules and processes involved in the progression of cancers and viruses.

“We can now screen over 150,000 compounds that target various processes involved in cancer and in virus infection,” said Paul Lieberman, PhD, a Wistar Institute principal investigator. “Through that type of work, we really hope we will identify new entities. Then they can be moved further from hits into leads with the help of this partnership in medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, and pharmaceutical sciences. That expertise really lies at the University of the Sciences.”

Dr. Lieberman is the second part of the partnership. His role—McNeil Professor of Molecular Medicine and Translational Research—is a joint chair sponsored by USciences and Wistar to oversee the CCBTM.

The professorship was named in honor of the late ROBERT L. MCNEIL, Jr., P’38, HonDSc’70, who died in May 2010 at the age of 94 and was proud of the center’s development.

“He was a wonderful man and passionate about innovations and structures that would foster creativity and innovation,” said Dr. Gerbino. “Our conversations about what we were doing here and now, working with Wistar, were something that brought a smile to his face.”

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University President Philip P. Gerbino P’69, PharmD’70 and President and CEO of The Wistar Institute Russel E. Kaufman, MD, cut the ribbon that dedicated the CCBTM, a $1.1 million lab and centerpiece for the partnership between Wistar and USciences.

This partnership, according to RUSSELL DIGATE, PhD, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at USciences, helps overcome challenges that those in the academic world sometimes face in getting their discoveries into the real world. “We do not in many cases have the resources to take something from the bench to the bedside,” he said. “That’s where the CCBTM comes in. It was specifically designed to promote collaborative research between two entities so that the synergies that occur will result in a substantial gain in our knowledge base.”

The timing of this partnership is crucial, added Lieberman. “The impact on individual patient lives must be seen more immediately, and the only way that can be achieved is to find ways to bring basic discoveries into a position where they can be delivered to patients,” he said. “Our vision is to translate basic discoveries into drug discovery and identify new ways in which we can treat disease.”

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If you’re in your 30s you probably recognize him from Beverly Hills 90210. In your 40s, from Santa Barbara or Dynasty. In your 50s, from appearances on Mission Impossible or The Virginian. And if you’re in your 60s, you might recognize him as mob lawyer Nick Cain from Cain’s Hundred. But if you’re old enough, you may actually remember sitting beside him at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (PCPS) and catching him on the TV between classes. Dean LINWOOD F. TICE allowed a TV in the hallway so students could watch PETER MARK RICHMAN P’51 in Papa Pietro’s Place, the first TV show premiering out of Philadelphia in 1950.

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How did the pharmacy student end up with an award-winning acting career that has spanned decades with roles in over 500 television shows and movies? In reality, the acting came first. Richman was a star football player, the captain and fullback who led South Philadelphia High to win the city championships in 1944. But he also had a creative streak. He was scouted to play college ball, but only at places that offered a business degree. Richman wanted to be in theatre.

A high school teacher had told him his voice was great for radio, and so at the age of 16 he began acting radio roles on WCAU, WFIL, and KYW. Desiring to be a radio announcer, at 19 he went to Atlantic City for a job. “I failed the audition,” Richman said, “because I couldn’t correctly pronounce Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.”

After a short stint in the navy during World War II, Richman returned to Philadelphia, playing football in the now-defunct Eastern Pro Conference. In his second season playing in the very rough eastern Pennsylvania league, Richman received a very serious leg injury that wrapped up his football days.

Richman’s older brother, the late HARRY RICHMAN, was a pharmacist who had graduated from PCPS in 1932. In high school Richman had worked as...
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Even with his rigorous studies, Richman continued his theatre work. Noticed in a play on Rittenhouse Square, he was asked to audition for Papa Pietro’s Place. Richman was cast as the young love interest of Papa’s daughter. But his acting career didn’t slow down his graduation from PCPS. His yearbook is inscribed by Dean Tice, “To my only student on TV.”

After graduation in 1951, Richman spent a year managing a drugstore in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, and took the Pennsylvania state boards. He was still doing summer theatre and, knowing he would someday be performing in New York, he also took the New York state boards, living with Jack Klugman in NYC while he did so. He still has pharmacy licenses in New York and Pennsylvania!

A $35-a-week summer theatre job at Grove Theatre in Nuangola, Pennsylvania, pulled him away from pharmacy forever. He was hired as second lead, but after three weeks the first lead was fired and he became the leading man. His leading lady, Helen Landess, became his leading lady for life. They’ve been married for 57 years and have five children, four of whom are UCLA graduates in creative fields—two in theatre and two in music. (Their son Lucas is the conductor of the Knoxville, Tennessee, and Bangor, Maine, symphony orchestras.) And they have five talented grandchildren.

Richman went on to do national TV and theatre work and is still going strong six decades later. “I’ve had the opportunity to play opposite so many wonderful actresses. Anne Baxter, Teresa Wright, June Allyson, Jane Wyman, and Cloris Leachman, as well as Sophia Loren in The Black Orchid, where I played the love interest of Anthony Quinn’s daughter.” His favorite film was his first, when famed director William Wyler brought him to Hollywood for Friendly Persuasion with Gary Cooper.

Other movie roles include those in Friday the 13th, Part VIII, and The Naked Gun 2¼. In 2009, Richman starred in the short film The Desperate, playing an imprisoned Jewish physician who must choose to operate on a Nazi officer’s son or be executed on the spot. The film has won 31 awards, including Best Short at the California Independent Film Festival.

Richman also wrote and starred in the one-man play 4 Faces playing four men in crisis and how they handle their tangential relationship to God. Richman won a Drama-Logue performance award in 1995 for the show and has since independently produced it on film. In 2009, he starred in the play The Value of Names about a black-listed writer.

A dedicated father and husband, Richman recently enjoyed a unique family experience. He just finished filming After the Wizard, based on another book by The Wonderful Wizard of Oz author Frank Baum. Richman’s wife Helen, son Orien, and son-in-law Loren Lester also had roles in the film. “I suppose you might say we’re a show-biz family,” said Richman.

“I must say, my education as a pharmacist has been extremely useful as a board member for 28 years of the Motion Picture & Television Fund, which runs the health and retirement home for the industry. My perspective is a bit deeper.”

To catch up on all of Richman’s roles, visit his website at www.petermarkrichman.com.
Faculty Appointments

LAURA BIO, PharmD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice/Pharmacy Administration

BRUCE CANADAY, PharmD, Chair and Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice/Pharmacy Administration

CRISTINA HANGANU-BRESCH, PhD, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Composition, Assistant Director of Writing Programs, Mayes College

SANCHITA SEN, PharmD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice/Pharmacy Administration

VALERIE SHAFIR, PharmD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy Practice/Pharmacy Administration

CATHARINE ALIX TIMKO, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

NATHAN WEST, PhD, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

NOT PICTURED

KELLY DUSZAK MCARDLE, DPT, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, Director of Clinical Education, Department of Physical Therapy

ROCHELLE MENDONCA, PhD, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, Department of Occupational Therapy

BELA PEETHAMBARAN, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biology, Department of Biological Sciences

SAMUEL TALCOTT, PhD, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Humanities

Faculty Promotions

BIN CHEN, PhD, from Assistant to Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences; also awarded tenure

JANET DESPIRO, MSPAS, PA-C, from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies, Physician Assistant Studies

LISA LAWSON, PharmD, from Associate to Barbara H. Korberly Professor in Women’s Leadership and Health

ZHJUN LI, PhD, from Assistant to Associate Professor of Bioinformatics, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; also awarded tenure

MADHU MAHALINGAM, PhD, from Assistant to Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

CLYDE M. OFNER, III, PhD, from Associate to Professor of Pharmaceutics, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

CATHERINE PURZYCKI, MS, B’83, from Instructor to Lecturer of Biological Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences

NOT PICTURED

RUTH CRISPIN, PhD, from Associate to Professor of Spanish, Department of Humanities
USciences signed an agreement with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia to pave the way for citizens of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to matriculate as students to the University. The agreement creates a conditional admission process that streamlines admission for Saudi students. The Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission is responsible for 32,000 students currently studying in the United States. Read more at http://bit.ly/h7Vpjy.

An articulation agreement with The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) in Scranton, Pennsylvania, will help USciences students earn their medical degree. The agreement allows for up to seven USciences students per year to be accepted into TCMC, provided they meet program requirements and undergo a screening process. “Clearly the advantage for students is an identified seat at the start of their collegiate careers,” SUZANNE MURPHY, PhD, dean of Misher College of Arts and Sciences, said. The Commonwealth Medical College, one of the newest allopathic medical schools in the United States, focuses on providing a community-based distributive model of medical education, offering students early clinical exposure beginning the first day of their education. Read more at http://bit.ly/gaOOq5.

USciences is a proud sponsor of The Philadelphia Science Festival, a new two-week, citywide collaboration showcasing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, taking place between April 15 and 28. For a complete schedule of USciences’ events at the festival, visit usciences.edu/sciencefestival.

An agreement with Georgian Court University in Lakewood, New Jersey, provides a smooth transition to USciences’ doctor of pharmacy and doctor of physical therapy programs. “One of the benefits of these cooperative degree agreements is that they open the doors to attracting qualified students at both universities,” said RUSSELL J. DIGATE, PhD, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “GCU students seeking a career in pharmacy or physical therapy will be able to do so by transferring into USciences’ PharmD and DPT programs.” Founded in 1908 and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey, Georgian Court University is a comprehensive university with a strong liberal arts core and a special concern for women. Read more at http://bit.ly/aEFRDw.
Taking a Global Initiative

BY APRIL HALL

Dr. Lois K. Cohen believes that to work in healthcare today is to work in global healthcare.

To further Dr. Cohen’s pioneering work in the area, her niece, ILENE WARNER-MARON PhD’07, established the Lois K. Cohen Endowed Lecture Series in Global Health and held its inaugural lecture on October 4, 2010. Fittingly, Dr. Mirta Roses Periago, director of the Pan American Health Organization, was the keynote speaker for a lecture that included a “fireside chat” with Dr. Roses, Dr. Cohen, and Dr. Steven Larson, assistant dean for the Global Health Program at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cohen said she was impressed by the USciences student interest in global health and feels strongly that technological advances in communication make it far easier to make a universal impact medically. When she first became interested in global health, travel and communication were far more difficult.

“It is student pressure that faculty [of many universities] is reacting to; global healthcare is on the agenda,” said Dr. Roses, adding it is often students now who can teach professors and administrators. “Everything is global for this generation—it’s difficult to be constrained. For us, you were what you were in your location. Now you can take location out as a factor.”

During her lecture, Dr. Roses addressed the U.S. reaction to recent disasters around the world and also looked ahead to how global health issues must be addressed over the next decade.

SHANNON P. MARQUEZ, PhD, associate dean for academic and faculty affairs at Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy, was chair of the planning committee and coordinator for the Cohen lecture. She said the event was a hit, and she looks forward to other lectures in the series.

“The ‘fireside chat’ allowed Dr. Cohen and Dr. Roses to give their perspectives on careers in global health and prioritizing global health training, cultural competence, and cross-cultural understanding in the health sciences,” Dr. Marquez said.

“In my view, the lecture series can sensitize, inform, and begin a dialogue among students, faculty, administrators, alumni, and the surrounding community about the value of paying attention to global health. Learning about issues that occur anywhere else in the world helps each of us to find solutions to problems we face in our own local context.”

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Save the Date

Thursday, October 6, 2011
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Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions

The Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed its two newest members, NATALIE KOHUTKA GROGAN MPT’94 (softball, women’s basketball 1989–1993) and MARK SHAW P’85 (men’s cross country 1980–1983) in a halftime ceremony on December 4 between the women’s and men’s basketball games versus Kutztown University.

NATALIE KOHUTKA GROGAN MPT’94
SOFTBALL 1989–1993
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL 1989–1993

Grogan was the consummate team player during her years at PCPS, doing all the little things necessary for her teams to excel. A four-year starter at shortstop, she played in 69 of her teams 74 games as the Blue Devils compiled a 52-21-2 record from 1990 to 1993. Grogan concluded her softball career as the Blue Devils all-time assists leader with 164, a record that stood for seven years until broken in 2000. On the basketball court, the Blue Devils compiled a 64-33 record over the course of her career, including three trips to the NAIA district playoffs. Grogan posted a career high 225 points as a sophomore while starting all 24 games.

MARK SHAW P’85
MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY 1980–1983

In high school, Shaw had little success at cross country. However, by the time he graduated PCPS, he developed himself into one of the most outstanding small-college runners in the area, winning the Blue Devils first-ever individual NAIA district title in 1982. In addition to recording the seven best times on the classic five-mile course at Belmont Plateau, Shaw ended his career holding school records on seven other courses, including the fastest time ever by a PCPS runner at the NAIA national championship course at Wisconsin-Parkside (26:58). These records still stand today.

Hoops Teams Make Postseason After Improved Seasons

Although the women’s basketball season ended prematurely in the first round of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC), it takes nothing away from a remarkable season that witnessed a school record 14-game win streak. Under the guidance of second-year head coach PAUL STADELBERGER, the Devils improved from 12-15 overall and 8-11 in the conference in 2009–10 to 21-6 and 16-3 this year. The effort earned Stadelberger Coach of the Year conference honors.

Standout power forward CAITLIN SHAW DPT’13 was named the 2010–11 CACC women’s basketball player of the year, as well as to the All-Conference Team. Shaw, who scored in double figures in every game this season and registered 11 double-doubles, led the CACC and ranked eighth in the nation in scoring with 19.6 points per game. COLLEEN CHRISTIAN PharmD’13 earned All-Conference honors as a third-team selection after a career year averaging 12.1 points per game while leading the Devils in assists (98), three-point field goals made (51), and free throw percentage (85.9 percent—ranked 13th in the nation).

On the men’s side, the Devils returned to postseason play for the first time since 2008. Head coach DAVID PALEY’s squad finished the season 12-13 and 7-10 in the conference after also falling in the CACC playoffs first round.

The men were led by ADEWALE ADEFEMI PMM’11 a CACC All-Conference first-team selection. For Adefemi, this was his third-consecutive year on the CACC All-Conference team, earning second-team honors in 2009–10 and third-team in 2008–09. He led the Devils in scoring (16.4 points/game), rebounding (252, 10.1/game), field goal percentage (48.4 percent), and blocked shots (17). His 10.1 rebounds-per-game average ranked third in the CACC and 15th nationally amongst all Division II players. Freshman guard TYRONE MANN-BARNES PhB’14 earned CACC Co-Rookie of the Year honors, averaging 12.8 points per game and leading the team in three-point field goals made (51).
American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists 2010
Annual Meeting and Exposition
November 15, 2010, New Orleans, LA

Fall Fest
Nov. 6, 2010
USciences Campus
1. Left to right: Matt Tornatore PrePro’14 and his father, Mark Tornatore P’81.
2. Left to right: Sagar Shah PharmD’16 and his sister Sapna Shah PharmD’13.

28th Annual USciences Alumni Golf Tournament
August 2, 2010
Newtown Square, PA
1. Left to right: Vince Willey P’92, PharmD’99; Paul Minella P’92; Tom McCool P’94; and John Barron P’93.
2. Left to right: Steve Murray PharmD’98; Craig Cichocki P’96; Mark Tacelosky P’97, PharmD’98; and Jason Wilkinson P’98.

MISSION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
To engage the graduates of University of the Sciences in promoting the goals and objectives of the Alumni Association and the institution.
1. Left to right: David Zimmerman PharmD‘11; Daniel A. Hussar P’62, MS’64, PhD’67; Suzanne Hussar P’67; Ben Margolis P’67; and Lia Margolis.

2. Left to right: Helen Cammarata, Cliff Hynniman P’61, and Dr. Bruce Canaday, chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice/Pharmacy Administration.

South Florida Alumni Brunch
January, 23, 2011, Fort Lauderdale, FL

1. Left to right: Friends of the University Bob Blyskal and Susan Blyskal with Jules Hirsch P’59 and trustee Kathleen Mayes P’76, PharmD’78.

2. Left to right: George Koffs P’51, Isadore Schuman P’51, Shellie Schuman, and Gloria Koffs.

3. Left to right: Philip Fein P’56; Lois Fein; Elias Packman P’51, MS’52, DSc’54; Herb Moss P’54; and Carolyn Moss.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exposition
December 6, 2010, Anaheim, CA

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Jennifer L. Colon P’00 and John D. Norcross P’00 accept the Wetherill Award on behalf of the class of 2000 from Col. S. Roger Wetherill, III, P’68. The Wetherill Award is presented to the class with the highest increase in the number of donors to the USciences Annual Fund.

Thomas J. McNulty, Jr., P’80 accepts the Marshall Award on behalf of the class of 1980 from Christine S. Jump P’74, chair, reunion committee. The Marshall Award is presented to the class with the highest increase in contributions to the USciences Annual Fund.


Alumni Reunion 2011
Save the Date:
Saturday, September 24, 2011
Mark your calendars and start making plans to attend your reunion next fall! If your graduation year ends in a 1 or 6—we will be celebrating your reunion. If not, come anyway and join the festivities. There will be campus tours, receptions, dinner, dancing, and more.
For more information, go to www.usciences.edu/alumni or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1.888.857.6264.
Members of the class of 1985 celebrating their 25th reunion gather with USciences President Philip P. Gerbino P’69, PharmD’70. Left to right: Mary A. Parenti P’85, PharmD’87; Jeffrey E. Goldman P’85; Merry Ann C. Edwards P’85; Robert A. DiCicco P’85, PharmD’88; Stephanie A. Zarus P’85, PharmD’88; Dr. Gerbino; Diane Marie Pascu P’85; and William M. Ellis, Jr., P’85.

Robin S. Keyack P’81, president, Alumni Association, presents Philip P. Gerbino, president, University of the Sciences, with a $112,263.44 check representing the total donations from all of the reunion classes.

ALUMNI AWARDS 2010

Annual Alumni Award
Coleen M. Kayden P’78
A staff and consultant pharmacist for Williams Apothecary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, since 1986, Coleen Kayden has spent her career devoted to improving the pharmacy profession, particularly in the area of pain management. A past recipient of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association’s Pharmacist of the Year and the 2008 Bowl of Hygeia Award, Kayden currently serves as cochair of the Pain and Palliative Care Partnership, devoted to improving pain management in long-term care facilities in Lancaster County and beyond.

Ivor Griffith Service Award
Tiziana Palatucci Fox P’84, PharmD’02
Tiziana Fox is passionate about pharmacy, mentoring, and giving back to her alma mater. Working closely with the University, her department provides numerous opportunities for students through clerkship experiences, internships, and the creation of the University’s Drug Information Teaching Residency. She has been active in the Alumni Association for nearly 20 years as a member of, or chairing, numerous committees, including growth and development, student alumni relations, awards, audit, and finance, and serving as president.

Young Alumnus Award
Jill Rebuck P’95, PharmD’96
Since joining Lancaster General Health and becoming director of clinical pharmacy practice, Jill Rebuck has implemented a new pharmacy practice team model and established the pharmacy residency program. Her pharmacy has been recognized nationally for innovative practice and medication safety efforts. Rebuck has precepted students for 14 years, taught numerous lectures, and published many original scientific papers.

Honorary Alumnus Award
Thomas C. Bernhardt
For over 31 years, Tom Bernhardt has contributed to numerous University service roles, including academic scholarship management and ROTC student advising, and acted as a central resource for both students and alumni who need advice on pharmacy internship and licensure processes. Bernhardt is a past president of the New Jersey Pharmacists Association (1989–90) and a member of APhA and maintains active pharmacy licensure.

1955

ROBERT TENDLER P’55 was awarded the 2010 Boehringer Ingelheim Community Caring Volunteer award for his 25 years of service to Regional Hospice of Western Connecticut. He lives in Southbury, CT.

1957

HOWARD GOLD P’57 (aka Goldy the Clown) is president of the Amara Shriners “Komic Klownz” unit, performing pro bono for Shriners Hospitals for Children, veterans hospitals, and nursing homes. He resides in Lake Worth, FL.

1960

SAMUEL R. BORENSTEIN P’60 has been consulting in the research and development of embalming fluids, caskets, and environmental interments for the past 20 years. He enjoys spending time in the company of his four grandsons and two great-nephews.

1968

HERMAN R. MARINI P’68 has retired from the practice of pharmacy. He is now a site supervisor for Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity.

1970

JOSEPH L. FINK III P’70 (JD’73, Georgetown University) has been elected to serve as vice chair of the editorial advisory board for FDLI’s Food and Drug Policy Forum of The Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI).

1979

MICHELLE (FRanco) KLOECKER P’89 (MBA’95, Drexel University; JD’99, Temple University) and her husband Richard announced the birth of daughter Sophia Mariangela on December 5, 2009. Sophia joins big brother RJ (5). Michelle is associate general counsel at King Pharmaceuticals, and Rick is a senior director of new products at Daiichi Sankyo. The family lives in Bloomsbury, NJ.

1983

STEVEN L. BURMAN P’83 and his wife Heidi are the parents of Max, born in 2008, and Jakob, born in July 2010. The family lives in Newtown Square, PA.

1989

ALLISON (VASILIADIS) LAMBROPOULOS MPT’99 and her husband Demetri announced the birth of son Christos James on July 10, 2010. He joins big sisters Athena, Alexis, Alaina, and Ava. The family resides in Bristow, VA.

1992

DIANE GREEN P’92 married Keith Renner on December 9, 2009, in Las Vegas. They live in Mount Joy, PA.

1995

SARA (NORTON) GUZMAN MPT’95 and her husband Bernie are the parents of Lia Elizabeth (4) and Ali Michele (15 months). The family lives in Islip, NY.

1999

MARK D. PIECHOSKI MPT’00 and his wife Lynn Anne welcomed the early arrival of daughter Madison Elle on July 29, 2010. After a brief stay in the NICU in Roanoke, VA, “Elle” returned home and continues to grow like a weed. The family lives in Christiansburg, VA.

2000

LAUREN (SMITH) SOK MPT’00 and her husband Kevin welcomed daughter Sienna on June 14, 2010. Sienna joins big brothers Ethan and Austin. The family lives in Atlanta.

2002

NISHA (SHAH) BHATT MPT’02 and AMIT M. BHATT PharmD’03 welcomed the birth of son Rohan on June 25, 2010.

2003

KENNETH J. RADISHOFSKI PharmD’03 and CHRISTY-LEE (LUCAS) RADISHOF-SKI P’00, both also P’00, welcomed son Nathaniel Kenneth on July 2, 2010. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces. Nathaniel joins big brother Alexander Ryder (3). The family lives in Chalfont, PA.

2005

ELLINA (KHAYKIN) MAX PharmD’05 relocated with her family at the end of the summer. Her husband has taken a position as an anesthesiologist at a hospital in Raleigh, NC.

2007

BRITTANY (MARCHANT) CROCCO PhC’07 and her husband David welcomed the birth of their first child, David III, on December 3, 2010.

2008

ZACHARY T. HOPKINS PharmD’08 married his high school sweetheart Toni on October 11, 2008. Former classmates MARK L. WENZEL and DAVID I. ERRICKSON, both also PharmD’08, were groomsmen. Zachary and his wife are awaiting the birth of their first child on December 3, 2010.
All in the Family

Coleen Ortmann Kayden P’78

BY CAROL R. COOL

COLEEN (ORTMANN) KAYDEN is enmeshed in a USciences legacy family. Her father (WERNER ORTMANN P’50), brother (PAUL J. ORTMANN P’77), husband (ROBERT STEPHEN KAYDEN, Jr., P’78), and niece (MELINDA JO ORTMANN PharmD’03) are all alumni. Coleen felt those legacy connections when she received the Annual Alumni Award at the 2010 Reunion—the very year her father celebrated his 60th reunion.

“My dad was a tremendous influence on my attending Philadelphia College of Pharmacy,” said Coleen. “It has a reputation of being the oldest, and among pharmacy schools, it’s an institution in and of itself. My father had very fond memories of the school, and he also knew we would get a very high-quality education there.”

Coleen’s dad owned a pharmacy back in the ‘60s, but by the time she graduated he was working for Rea & Derick. She went to work for them too. Her husband Robert also worked for Rea & Derick after a time at an independent pharmacy. But for more than 20 years, both have been with Williams Apothecary, a leader in providing pharmacy services at the long-term care communities that populate Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Robert manages the Williams Apothecary at Brethren Village, a continuing care retirement community. Coleen transitioned into long-term care consulting and now serves as a full-time consultant from Williams to Hospice of Lancaster County.

Coleen reviews care plans and charts for skilled care, looking for ways to improve medication management. She acts as an advocate for patients, a resource for physicians and nurses, and an auditor for care facilities. Coleen’s goal is to ensure patients approaching the end of life do so in as much comfort as physicians and pharmacists can provide.

This goal led Coleen in the 1990s to become a cofounder of the Pain and Palliative Care Partnership (PPCP). The organization fosters research in pain management and provides tools and education to facilities based on that research. The tool kit they developed helps staff members document pain levels on each shift, allowing better management of pain. Coleen trains facility staff around Lancaster County in the tool kit’s use. Inquiries are now coming in from around the state, and she travels to speak to groups that have an interest in improving pain management.

“I’ve always tried to take the big-picture outlook to impact the practice of pharmacy,” said Coleen. “At the end of the day I want to think that I’ve made a difference, even if I don’t see the change in my practice lifetime.” The industry awards Coleen has received show that her legacy is already well established.
IN MEMORIAM

1934
ISABELLA (KACZMARCZYK) DEMOPULOS PhG’34 passed away November 23, 2010, in Poughkeepsie, NY. She was predeceased by her husband GEORGE T. DEMOPULOS P’35 and her brother MICHAEL KACZMARCZYK PhG’26. Survivors include daughter Gina; son-in-law Basil; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews, including MICHELE (KACZMARCZYK) MILLER P’75.

1937

SELINDA BLATMAN (NEE ZONIES), P’37, passed away on April 1, 2010. She was 94 years old and a very active member of the University of the Sciences Alumni Association board of directors (attending meetings right up until her death), as well as a member of the Friends of USP (formerly known as the Women’s Club). She was much beloved by the University community, including fellow alumni, faculty, and staff.

Selinda’s PCP family legacy ties back almost a century to her father, NATHAN ZONIES PD’1913, who owned several drugstores, and his brother JOSEPH P’22. Selinda decided to pursue pharmacy as well and was one of just 12 women and five pharmacy majors in her 1937 class.

At the end of her first year at PCP, Selinda met her future husband, the late MORRIS BLATMAN C’36, P’41. “We met at a dance and never parted,” she recalled later.

After graduation, they bought a drugstore near the college and later moved to downtown Philadelphia where Morris operated a pharmacy.

After taking time off to raise her two children, Selinda returned to work at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center (now the Abramson Center for Jewish Life residence) in north Philadelphia. Eventually she rose to be director of pharmacy, supervising a staff of 11 in this facility with 250 residents, 300 nursing home beds, and 100 hospital beds.

Selinda is survived by her daughter Julie Levy, her son Arthur (Ilene) Blatman, and granddaughter Marcia Blatman.

1942
WILLIAM P. ENGLEHART P’42 (MD’50, Thomas Jefferson University) died on September 22, 2010, at age 90. He played varsity basketball while in college and was inducted into the college’s athletic hall of fame in 1983. After serving as a pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II and finishing medical school, he practiced medicine for 30 years in the Baltimore area. Nearly 30 years ago, he delivered the nation’s fourth “test tube” baby. William is survived by his wife Sarah, three children, and seven grandchildren.

1950
C. RICHARD SHEAFFER P’50 passed away on November 12, 2010, at age 85. After graduation, Dick worked as a pharmacist at People’s Drug Stores, which later became part of CVS, until he retired. Dick’s son STEVEN L. SHEAFFER P’75, PharmD’78 currently works at University of the Sciences as an associate professor and the vice chair of experimental learning. Dick’s family encourages anyone who is interested in making a gift in Dick’s memory to support Student Professional Engagement and Development at University of the Sciences.

1959
PAUL F. GAYNOR passed away on July 16, 2010. He was a faculty member at what was then PCPS, teaching various subjects in the biology department. Survivors include his wife Marilyn and children Anne, Sarah, and Robert Jr.

1963
WAQAR H. BHATTI PhD’63 passed away in Las Cruces, NM, on January 18, 2011. Waqar was professor emeritus of pharmacognosy at Butler University, where he taught pharmacy students for more than 38 years. He is survived by his wife of nearly 47 years MARTHA (CARter) BHATTI P’63; his children Anwaar, Micah, Jared, and Christina; and three grandchildren.

1967
STEVEN G. ZELENSKI P’67 (PhD’73, University of Rhode Island; DO’84, Des Moines College of Osteopathic Medicine) died on April 2, 2009. He is survived by his wife Tamara, son Alex, daughter Nicki, stepson Joel, and mother Erika. Steve was preceded in death by his first wife Jane, his father, and his grandparents.

1983
FRANK ROIA HonDsc’83 died on November 28, 2010. He was active his entire life in education for young people. He was particularly proud of his involvement with Rotary and the scholarship programs he helped to start and expand. The Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club has established a scholarship in Frank’s name.

Donations can be sent to Chester County Community Foundation at 28 W. Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382.

As Gilbert Zink, PhD, associate professor of biological sciences, recalled: “He was an excellent teacher. He required each student to come to his office to receive his/her test grades and go over the exams. This was quite time consuming considering the total enrollment in his courses may exceed 250 students any given semester. However, Frank thought it was time well spent because he got to know all of his students, not just those who voluntarily came to his office.”
The Brain is a mysterious thing. Hemorrhages and other attacks can come on so quickly, many patients never even make it to a doctor. But when medicine is at its best, there are highly specialized practitioners who can save a life. Dr. RAISA LEV, who graduated USciences twice—once in ’95 with a BS in biochemistry, and then in ’98 with an MS in medicinal chemistry—is one of those people.

As a neurointerventional radiologist she uses “minimally invasive procedures to diagnose and treat disorders of the blood vessels of the spine, neck, and head.” This is a new specialty; Dr. Lev said she’s used to explaining what she does. “At this point most physicians don’t know what that is either,” she laughed. But that is beginning to change. In the past, only open surgery was available to treat ruptured aneurysms. Now, minimally invasive surgeons, like Dr. Lev, perform procedures through blood vessels without the need for opening the skull.

Dr. Lev says the technology improves every day, including new diversion devices superior to the traditional stents now used. The doctor takes great pride in her work and is in such demand that she returned to work at Wisconsin’s BayCare Clinic less than two months after having her first child, Alexander.

Before settling in at BayCare, Dr. Lev traveled extensively during her study and internships. She was raised in southern Ukraine, lived in Philadelphia for 10 years, completed medical school in Montreal, and completed internships on the West Coast.

“My traveling has helped a great deal in giving me a different perspective on healthcare around the world,” she said.
“Creating the Susan Blyskal Endowed Scholarship Fund was the most meaningful thing I’ve ever done. It is something tangible I can see and do. I will be at the graduation of the first recipient of the scholarship in 2012.”

FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY ROBERT J. BLYSKAL
ON THE SCHOLARSHIP HONORING HIS SPOUSE,
DR. SUSAN M. BLYSKAL, ALSO A FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY

Henry L. Avallone Endowed Scholarship

When he passed away in 2008, HENRY (HANK) L. AVALLONE P’65 was certainly not a household name to most Americans. But almost everyone felt his impact through his tireless efforts behind the scenes as an investigator, teacher, and writer at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and later in the pharmaceutical industry.

“His zeal for his profession and sensitivity to those patients and consumers vulnerable to unsafe and ineffective drugs made Hank a role model and mentor to countless government and industry professionals,” said Debra L. Pagano. “He initiated so many trainings for the investigators in New Jersey and Philadelphia so that we understood how to conduct effective investigations/inspections in the pharmaceutical industry.”

Pagano, who previously worked with Avallone in the FDA, was so moved by Avallone’s commitment and mentorship over the years, she initiated the Henry L. Avallone Endowed Scholarship, which is being established with the help of Avallone’s friends and family. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support to a pharmacy student in his or her third or fourth year who is recognized by peers as being committed to community service.

“A lot of people do not want to share their knowledge; however, Hank shared his all the time so those of us who wanted to become better investigators could and did so because of him,” Pagano said.

Avallone’s contributions were science-based, practical, and always with an eye to public health, Pagano stated. Many of his guidelines from his 28 years with the FDA are still in use today.

“He believed that compliance had no gray area.”
University of the Sciences is proud to announce the launch of its premier giving society, the Griffith Leadership Society. Established to recognize and unite the University’s philanthropic leaders, it is named in honor of Dr. IVOR GRIFFITH, who led the University’s tremendous post-war growth and success from 1941 to 1961.

“As alumni and friends of the University, we can rightfully bask and share in its extraordinary reputation,” said Griffith Leadership Society cochairs GEORGE J. MALMBERG P’72 and LUCY BARTKOW MALMBERG P’72. “But the truth is the University will not continue to thrive and grow without our leadership and support. Leaders lead. Please join us in doing just that.”

To recognize contributions, the Griffith Leadership Society employs six giving levels:

- **Lincoln Circle** $25,000+
- **Founders’ Circle** $10,000–$24,999
- **Trustees’ Circle** $5,000–$9,999
- **President’s Circle** $2,500–$4,999
- **Dean’s Circle** $1,000–$2,499
- **XV Circle** $500–$999

*For alumni who graduated within the past 15 years*

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Did you ever wonder who was on the other end of the phone when the Phonathon calls? The hard work is being carried out by students like KORY GARDNER PharmD’16. A freshman, Gardner hails from Ocean City, New Jersey. She enjoys “talking to alumni about their careers and finding out where they eventually landed.” Gardner, like many USciences students, is a legacy. Her aunt, LISA McMEARTY WESTOG P’82, and grandfather, HOWARD T. McMEARTY P’52, graduated from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. She loves to hear and share fun stories about their time in college. Gardner finds it important for alumni to support their school so that USciences can “maintain its prestigious reputation and keep up with state-of-the-art technology.” After learning about everything alumni support has done for her education and her college experience, Gardner is happy to say, “I know I’ll give back as soon as I graduate!”

Don’t miss this meaningful opportunity to interact with students. Answer their calls, and support their efforts.

University of the Sciences is appreciative of the support from Wedgewood Pharmacy’s GEORGE J. MALMBERG P’72 and LUCY BARTKOW MALMBERG P’72 for their generous contribution to the Phonathon students and encourages you to visit all of our vendor contributors at www.usciences.edu/give/ourphonathon.shtml.

Thank You for Making a Difference

COLLEGE OF
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Grants/Service Agreements

STEPHEN METRAUX•
• received a 1-year $50,000
grant from the UPenn-Conrad
N. Hilton Foundation for “Young
Adult Outcomes of Youth Exiting
Dependent Care in LA: Earn-
ing, Homelessness, CJ System
Involvement, Public Assistance
Receipt, and Public Health
Services.”
• received a 1-year $28,630
contract from the UPenn-VA
for “VA-2444-10-Rp-0004
Dennis Culhane Contract.”

THUY HIENTHI NGUYEN•
received a 3-year $91,500
United Negro College Fund Special
Programs Corporation grant.

RANDY ZAUHAR•
• received a 1-year $3,000
microgrant from the Keystone
Innovation Zone (KIZ).
• received a 1-year $7,800
grant from UPenn/ Orthopaed-
ic Research and Education
Foundation (OREF) for “Char-
acterization and Modulation of
BMP Activity and Antagonist
Expression in a Murine Fracture
Model.”

Poster Presentations

JAMIE DASILVA•, ERAM
HUSAIN•, YANLIN LEI••+, G. Mann+, SHANAZ TEJANI-
BUTT•+, A. Morrison+, “Altered
Sleep-Wake Behavior in Fear
Conditioned Wistar-Kyoto and Wi-
star Rats: Implications to Coping
through Social Interaction” at
the Society for Neuroscience
40th Annual Meeting, San Diego,

B. Laitman+, JAMIE DASILVA•, SHANAZ TEJANI-BUTT•+
R. Ross+, A. Morrison+, “Reduced
Gamma Range Activity at REM
Entry in Fear-Conditioned Wistar-
Kyoto Compared to Wistar Rats”
at SLEEP 2010: Associated Profes-
sional Sleep Societies 24th
Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX,
June 5–9, 2010.

ERAM HUSAIN•, F. Lee+, JAMIE
DASILVA•, EMILY INZERILLO+, G. Mann+, SHANAZ TEJANI-
BUTT•+, R. Ross+, A. Morrison+, “Effects of Inter-Strain Social
Buffering on Sleep-Wake Behavior
in Fear-Conditioned Wistar-Kyoto
(WKY) Rats Paired with Wistar
(WIS) Rats” at the Society for
Neuroscience 40th Annual Meet-

EMILY INZERILLO•, ERAM
HUSAIN•, JAMIE DASILVA•+, F. Lee+, G. Mann+, A. Morri-
son+, SHANAZ TEJANI-BUTT•+, “Effects of Social Interaction
on Grooming Behavior in Fear
Conditioned Wistar-Kyoto Rats
Partnered with Naive Wistar or
Wistar Kyoto Rats” at the
USciences Annual Research Day,
April 2010.

Presentations

STEPHEN METRAUX•, “A Tale
of Two Systems: Gauging the
Extent of Overlapping Services
Systems Use by Homeless
Veterans” at the 138th Annual
Meeting of the American Public
Health Association, Denver,

STEPHEN METRAUX+, E. Brusilovskiy+, J. Prvu-Bettger+, Y.-L. I. Wong+, M. Salzer+, “Examining Associations Between
Psychiatric Disability and Proxim-
ity to Neighborhood Amenities”
at the 138th Annual Meeting
of the American Public Health
Association, Denver, November

J. D. Fargo+, STEPHEN
METRAUX+, N. Eng+, D. P.
Culhane+, “Trends in Earnings
and Employment Before and
After the First Instance of Home-
lessness: A Multi-Cohort Analysis”
at the 138th Annual Meeting
of the American Public Health
Association, Denver, November

Professional Activity

SHANAZ TEJANI-BUTT•+
• serves as a regular member of
Biobehavioral and Behavioral
Processes Mechanisms of
Emotion, Stress and Health
(MESH-BBBP) Study Section
of the National Institutes of
• serves on the Advisory Board
of Visitors of the Medical
College of Virginia-Virginia
Commonwealth University
Graduate Program.

Publications

JAMIE DASILVA•, YANLIN
LEI••+, V. Madan+, G. Mann+, R.
Ross+, SHANAZ TEJANI-BUTT•+, A. Morrison+, “Fear Conditioning
Fragments REM Sleep in
Stress-Sensitive Wistar-Kyoto,
But Not Wistar, Rats,” Progress
in Neuro-Psychopharmacology
and Biological Psychiatry, 2010,
in press, available online

J. M. Park+, STEPHEN
METRAUX•, D. P. Culhane+, “Behavioral Health Services Use
Among Heads of Homeless and
Housed Poor Families,” Journal
of Health Care for the Poor and

J. Draine+, A. B. Wilson+, STEPHEN METRAUX•, T. Hadley+, A. C. Evans+, “The Impact of Mental Illness
Status on the Length of Jail
Detention and the Legal Mecha-
nism of Jail Release,” Psychiatric

J. Scholl+, K. Renner+, Gina
Forster+, SHANAZ TEJANI-
BUTT•+, “Central Monoamine
Levels Differ Between Rat Strains
Used in Studies of Depressive
Behavior,” Brain Research, 2010,

IRENE YAROSLAVSKY
MORGANSTERN•, SHANAZ
TEJANI-BUTT•+, “Differential
Patterns of Alcohol Consumption
and Dopamine-2 Receptor
Binding in Wistar-Kyoto and
Wistar Rats,” Neurochemical

MAYES COLLEGE OF
HEALTH-CARE BUSINESS AND POLICY
Grants/Contracts

AMY B. JESSOP• received a
1-year $110,000 grant from
Vertex Pharmaceuticals for
“Pilot Program: HDV Clinical
Care Coordination Model.”

SYMBOLS
Faculty and staff = •
Alumni = •
Current Student = •
Not affiliated with USciences = +
ANDREW PETERSON+ • received a 5-year $258,032 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), for “Geriatric Education Centers (GEC) Grant Program.”

• received a 5-year $54,142 grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA), for “Trends in Specialty Care Offices” at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, November 8, 2010.


• received a 2-year $164,999 grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA), for “Geriatric Education Centers (GEC) Grant Program.”

• received a 5-year $258,032 grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA), for “Trends in Specialty Care Offices” at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, November 8, 2010.


Poster Presentations


• “Science Writing, Writing Science: Adapting the Writing Curriculum to a Science-Oriented Institution” at the Council of Writing Program Administrators Conference, Philadelphia, July 11–18, 2010.


AMY B. JESSOP+ • “Viral Hepatitis Epidemiology and Screening Policies, Practices in Public Medically Assisted Drug Treatment Programs” at The Liver Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), Boston, October 29–November 2, 2010.


PUBLICATIONS

CRISTINA HANGANU-BRESCH+ • Science Writing, Writing Science: Adapting the Writing Curriculum to a Science-Oriented Institution, chapter in the Journal of Writing Program Administrators, 2011.


MISHER COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Grants/Service Agreements

The College Library Directors Mentor Program, cofounded in 1992 by MIGNON ADAMS+, professor emeritus, has been awarded $137,854 from the Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Adams is one of three authors of the grant, as well as an officer of the nonprofit organization that oversees the program. Funding will be used to transition the highly successful program, which includes yearly seminars, to new leadership.
Pilot Program for Autism Takes Off

By Brian Kirschner

Going to the airport, passing through security, and finally boarding a flight is a stressful experience for almost anyone. The atmosphere can be particularly trying for a child with autism.

But a unique pilot program that teams experts at University of the Sciences with those at Albert Einstein Medical Center looks to make the experience better for not only the families and children with autism but for the airport and airline personnel who interact with them.

USciences’ ROGER I. IDEISHI, JD, OT/L, associate professor of occupational therapy, and his students have been heavily involved with developing community-oriented programs through the New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences, Walnut Street Theatre, and Ken Crest, a support services organization. These service-learning programs have looked at different ways to impact children through dance and theater.

“Dr. Wendy Ross, a pediatrician at Einstein Medical Center, heard about the work that I was doing,” said Dr. Ideishi. “She sees a lot of kids with autism, and one of the things she wants to help her families with is gaining them access to a broader range of experiences for their kids.”

The two partners met at a focus group regarding community inclusion and began an initial discussion and consultation with local museums. The turning point and focus on the airport came when one of Dr. Ross’ families had a traumatic experience while boarding a plane.
JUN GAO+, ZHIJUN LI+, “Validating the Network-Based Objective Measure for Helical Membrane Protein Structures” at the 4th International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedical Engineering, Chengdu, China, June 18–20, 2010.

JULIE GEORGE+, FRANCISCO GARCIA+, “Game Theory” at the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Section of the Mathematical Association of America, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, November 6, 2010. Faculty sponsor was SALAR ALSARDARY+.


LAURIE KIRSZNER+, “Teaching Literature,” invited presentation to English department faculty at Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX, where all first-year students use Kirsznier’s literature anthology, Literature: Reading, Reacting, Writing, published by Cengage/Wadsworth, August 2010.

ZHIJUN LI+ • “Bioinformatics and Computational Approaches to the Structure Analysis and Modeling of Membrane Proteins” at the School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Shandong University, Jinan, China, June 2010.
• “Bioinformatics and Computational Approaches to the Structure Analysis and Modeling of Membrane Proteins” at the Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, China, July 2010.
• “Structure Modeling: a Critical Step to Rational Receptor Based Drug Design” as part of a biotechnology program at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Harrisburg, PA, July 2010.

JAMESON LINDBERG+, DANIEL DOLAN+, JACOB GREDFICK+, “Fractals and Their Applications in Life Sciences and Mathematics” at the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Section of the Mathematical Association of America, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, November 6, 2010. Faculty advisor was SALAR ALSARDARY+.


PRESTON B. MOORE+, “Coarse Graining—Simplifying Protein Behaviour” as part of a bioinformatics lecture series at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Harrisburg, PA, July 12, 2010.

ROY R. ROBSON+, “Son of the Church and Old Believer Piety in Late Imperial Russia” for the Faith and Story in Imperial Russia workshop, Department of History and Classics, University of Alberta, sponsored by the Canada Research Chair and Associate Professor of Russian History at U. Alberta, October 1–2, 2010.

Robson was one of twelve scholars on Russian religion from the USA and Canada to be invited to the conference.

JOSEPH W. RUANE+ • “Church Finances” at the American Catholic Council Listening Session sponsored by Philadelphia Chapter of Call to Action, SugarLoaf Hill Conference Center of Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, October 9, 2010. Ruane, invited due to his expertise, also served as chair of the session.

FRED SCHAEFER+, “An Approach to Chemical Education Research and Development” at the American Chemical Society Local Section Meeting, DeSales University, Center Valley, PA, May 7, 2010.

SAMUEL R. TALCOTT+, “Georges Canguilhem’s Courses on Error” at the “On Error” InC Research Group In Continental Philosophy Conference at Goldsmiths College, University of London, October 29, 2010. This was an international conference on a concept of recently rediscovered philosophical importance.

LIA VAS+ • “Algebras of Quotients of Some (Leavitt) Path Algebras” at the University of Málaga, Málaga, Spain, March 12, 2010.
• “Algebras of Quotients of Some (Leavitt) Path Algebras” at the Days of Ring Theory, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, April 9–10, 2010.
• “Rings of Operators, Rings and Modules of Quotients,” an invited graduate seminar at the University of Málaga, Málaga, Spain, May–June 2010.

NATHAN WEST+, “Synthesis Gas Conversion Technology: Transition Metal Carbonyl Complexes for the Conversion of H2 and CO into Useful Hydrocarbons” at Villanova University, Villanova, PA, September 2010.

Professional Activity


Publications


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“We needed to address this,” said Dr. Ideishi. “We understand how these things may happen. It emerges out of people not understanding families’ or children’s needs. If they have a little bit of understanding, I think the outcome would have been very, very different at the airport.”

With a psychologist, Dr. Angela Jones, and a speech pathologist, Rebecca Jackel, the team began to develop a program that would have a positive impact on all.

Dr. Ross reached out to the Philadelphia International Airport and Transportation Security Administration staff, and Southwest Airlines quickly became a partner.

“As a clinical team, we provide a lot of preparatory clinical experiences for the kids, education for the families, and different ways to make the experience go faster,” said Dr. Ideishi. The first training program at the airport, which included a mock flight, took place in the spring of 2010 with two families who walked away with the notion that it might now be possible to take a family vacation by airplane.

Of course, you can’t just show up to the airport and march through security without a ticket. There’s a lot of logistics involved to set up the experience, not to mention training at all hours of the day for airport staff, who operate 24/7.

“If children with autism don’t get these experiences and start understanding them as children, are we going to expect them to understand them as adults?” asked Dr. Ideishi rhetorically. “Autism has a broad spectrum, but there are some clear behavioral indicators and challenges these kids and adults are having. Training and experiences are very important.”

Since that first training and mock flight, there have been an additional four experiences with more airlines joining Southwest, including Frontier Airlines and US Airways. There has also been intense interest from other airports as the group seeks funding to maintain the momentum. The team planned a family training with Continental Airlines at Newark Liberty International Airport in February 2011.

“The airport is just one part of what we have been looking at,” noted Dr. Ideishi. “We are still partnering with the aquarium and have begun a dialogue with the Smithsonian for similar programs.”
SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY (CONT.)

OFFICE OF FINANCE

Presentations

JOSEPH TRAINOR+ received a two-year $154,969 grant from the National Institutes of Health for “Effects of Danshen Constituent Tanshinone IIA on Tumor Vasculature.”

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Grants

PAULA J. LEHRBERGER+ obtained a one-year $512,315 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), for “Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students” and “Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students—ARRA” for the 2010–2011 academic year.


RANI J. QASEM+, Elizabeth A. YABLONSKI+, JING LI+, HEE MAN TANG+, LAURA PONTIGGIA+, ANIL P. D’MELLO+, “Low Birth Weight in Rats Is Associated with Chronic Hyperphagia and Reduced Plasma Leptin Levels” at The Obesity Society’s Obesity 2010 28th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, October 8–12, 2010.

GRACE EARL+

• “Safety and Your Prescription Medications” for the Second Chance Heart Transplant Support Group, Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, May 11, 2010.

• “Developing a Preventive Care Plan for a College-Aged Student: A Pharmacist’s Perspective” at the American College Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, June 3, 2010.

• “What Can You Do for Your Patients with Chronic Heart Failure: Advice for Community Pharmacists,” continuing education program at the New Jersey Pharmacists Association Region VI Chapter Meeting, September 22, 2010.
GREGORY THIELMAN+ received a 2-year $49,000 subaward from Temple University from the National Institutes of Health R03 grant for “Rehabilitation of Upper Extremity Function after Stroke: Virtual Reality Using ReoTherapy Compared to Real World Therapy.” Awarded to USciences in collaboration with Magee Rehab (Paula Bonsall, OT) and Temple University (Miccy Selzer, MD).

Poster Presentations


KAY SCANLON+, “Using Repeated Movements to Rapidly Rehabilitate a Shoulder Deraangement Presenting as an Adhesive Capsulitis” at The McKenzie Institute’s Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy Conference of the Americas, Baltimore, August 6–8, 2010.


Presentations

MARC CAMPONO+, TRISH VOILS, DAVE PIZZCA, “A Comparison of Two Taping Techniques (Kinesio and McConnell) and Their Effect on Anterior Knee Pain” at the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference, Harrisburg, PA, October 22–24, 2010.

LISA T. HOGlund+, M. A. Lockard+, J. Song+, M. F. Barbe+, “Patellofemoral Osteoarthritis in Middle-Aged Adults: What Are the Best Measures of Physical Performance and Pain for Use in the Clinic and in Research?” at the American College of Rheumatology/Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals Annual Scientific Meeting, November 11, 2010.

THERESE JOHNSTON+, “Functional Electrical Stimulation in Rehabilitation” at the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Annual Educational Conference, Orlando, October 1, 2010.


Publications


THE WRITING CENTER

Presentations


• “Using Films to Teach Writing, Ethical Issues, and Critical Thinking” at the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning Conference (ISETL), Nashville, October 7, 2010.

• “Integrating Writing Centers and Curricula in the Professional University” at the Council of Writing Program Administrators Conference (CWPA), Philadelphia, July 15–18, 2010.
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CORRECTION

Please note, on page 16 in the last Bulletin (Vol. 99, No. 1), alumna JENNY CHEN P’82 was incorrectly identified as Judy. We apologize for this error.

DEGREE/PROGRAM ABBREVIATIONS

BAC  Bacteriology
BC  Biochemistry
BI  Biology
BInf  Bioinformatics
BW  Biomedical Writing
C  Chemistry
CB  Cell Biology
CS  Computer Science
DPT  Doctor of Physical Therapy
ES  Environmental Science
HonAlm  Honorary Alumnus/a
HonDSc  Honorary Degree (Science)
HPsy  Health Psychology
HS  Health Science
HumSci  Humanities and Science
IndP  Industrial Pharmacy
MB  Microbiology
MBA  Master of Business Administration
MedC  Medicinal Chemistry
MOT  Master of Occupational Therapy
MPT  Master of Physical Therapy
MS  Master of Science
MT  Medical Technology
OrgC  Organic Chemistry
P  Bachelor of Science
in Pharmacy
PA  Physician Assistant
PD  Pharmacy Administration
PhD  Doctor of Philosophy
PhD  Pharmaceutical and Health Care Business
PhC  Pharmaceutical Chemistry
PhCog  Pharmacognosy
PhD  Doctor of Philosophy
PhG  Graduate in Pharmacy
(equivalent to P that is used today)
PhSci  Pharmaceutical Sciences
PhTech  Pharmaceutical Technology
PH/TX  Pharmacology and Toxicology
PMM  Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management
PrePro  Pre-Professional Psychology
Psy  Psychology
STC  Certificate in Science Teaching
TX  Toxicology
USciences President Dr. Philip P. Gerbino
Pennsylvania Bio’s Frank Baldino
Bioscience CEO of the Year

The Frank Baldino Bioscience CEO of the Year Award recognizes a CEO in the Pennsylvania bioscience community whose work reflects the legacy of Dr. Frank Baldino, Jr., founder, and former chairman and CEO of Cephalon, Inc. The recipient will have demonstrated visionary leadership and active participation to advance the industry; he or she will have a record of proven, exceptional achievement as well as a commitment to the biosciences for the benefit of patients.

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Christopher P. Molineaux, president of Pennsylvania Bio

“All the graduates should be grateful and proud of what you have done to bring the “college” as we knew it to the level of a UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES.”

Thomas H.F. Smith MS’56, PhD’61
CALENDAR OF EVENTS (all events take place on the University campus unless otherwise noted)

April
Saturday, April 2
Occupational Therapy Pinning Ceremony

Thursday, April 14
9th Annual Research Day and 24th John C. Krantz, Jr., Lecture

Saturday, April 16
AOTA Conference Alumni Reception Loews Hotel, Philadelphia PA

Summer Open Houses
In July and August
Summer Open Houses are a great opportunity for prospective students and parents to get to know the University. Student-led tours and opportunities to interact with admission counselors, speak to faculty about majors, and meet current students are a part of each day.

Visit www.usciences.edu/applying/visiting for future dates.

May
Thursday, May 12
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, May 25
190th Commencement, Mann Center for the Performing Arts

June
Thursday, June 9
Harrisburg Alumni Regional Reception, Harrisburg, PA