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Dear Alumni and Friends,

One thing that is abundantly clear to leadership of any institution of higher education is that we all must continually adapt our structures and programming to meet the needs of current and future students. In particular at USciences, this change is necessary in order to grow our enrollment, diversify our offerings and revenue sources, and maintain the high quality of our academic programs.

As we emerged from our Program Review process in June 2017, it became quite clear that evaluation of our college structure would be one of the University’s strategic initiatives and a priority task for 2017–18.

Using the findings from various advisory groups and reports, a proposal for academic restructuring was unanimously endorsed by our board of trustees at their February 15, 2018, meeting. It will take effect as of July 1, 2018, for the 2018–2019 academic year.

The most difficult decision in this restructuring has been the dissolution of Mayes College, which is marking its 10th anniversary this year. Since its founding, Mayes College has developed educational programs, scholarly activity, and numerous partnerships all focused on preparing students and professionals to practice successfully in an increasingly complex and dynamic healthcare environment. However, its small scale has been an impediment to enrollment growth, which we believe can be aided by positioning its programs in the other colleges. I am very grateful for Mayes College dean Andrew Peterson’s leadership and collegiality throughout this process, and I am happy that he will be retaining a leadership role at the University as the executive director of the Substance Use Disorder Institute.

The programs in Mayes College will be distributed to the remaining three colleges. You can learn more about the moves on our website at usciences.edu.

As a University, we are thankful for the support and dedication of our Mayes alumni. You are and always will be graduates of Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy but, most importantly, alumni of University of the Sciences.

I am confident this restructuring is a step in the right direction as we pursue our vision for the future—a higher education institution of choice for the sciences and health professions, featuring high quality, innovative, and flexible programs for a diverse student body.

Sincerely,

Paul Katz, MD
President
Q & A with Paul Katz

With just over a year on the job as president of University of the Sciences, PAUL KATZ, MD, has already begun putting an indelible stamp on the University. Drawing from more than 40 years in healthcare and higher education, including starting two medical schools (Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and The Commonwealth Medical College), Dr. Katz has used a personable and collegial leadership style, sprinkled with a self-deprecating sense of humor (if not one of his ubiquitous Diet Cokes®), to influence the campus environment toward becoming more student-centric. While his leadership style and his new cabinet, comprised almost entirely of individuals hired since he got to campus, have been tested with challenges and issues that began before he assumed the presidency—the loss of accreditation by the physician assistant program, a University-wide program review, and a multimillion dollar budget deficit—Dr. Katz helped guide USciences though these speed bumps to emerge positioned for the future. This past fall saw the largest incoming class in three years, and more is on the horizon:

• Construction of a new, 426-bed mixed-use residence hall
• Completion of a new interprofessional education space
• A tuition reset that makes USciences more affordable
• An eight-year accreditation ruling from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

Plus, the anticipated milestone celebration of the University’s 200-year legacy in 2021.

*The Bulletin* sat down with Dr. Katz to learn more about him and his vision for the future.

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What inspired you to pursue a career in healthcare?

My dad was a physician (pulmonologist). And one of the things that he did, which my wife Anne Marie and I tried to do with our girls, was not influence me. Originally, I never had any intent to be a physician. For a long time, I was going to be a veterinarian and then finally decided to go into medicine. I appreciate the fact that my dad was neither discouraging nor encouraging in terms of that.

Did you have any significant mentors, and how have they helped you?

I had a number of significant mentors. I'm not sure I always appreciated they were mentors at the time. In retrospect, I learned an awful lot from my dad, although I never felt like he was mentoring me from a career standpoint. There were lots of things I picked up from him about how you treat people and the importance of having a social mission, the importance of commitment to a cause. I also think there were some people who were in some respects negative mentors. And what I mean by that is sometimes you learn more from seeing people do things poorly than well.

What were you like as a college student?

I was not as focused as our students are. For a long time, I thought I had “peaked” in seventh grade because I went into this five-year funk. I was just not very concerned about much of anything. [I focused on] having fun and certainly not on school work. I got into college and it was a tough transition for me. I got off to kind of a sluggish start, but I finally got focused in time.

How do you handle stress and stressful situations?

So stress and handling stressful situations is something that I’ve really tried to work on my whole career, and I would not say it’s a strength. I once worked for someone at Georgetown who came in to see me one Saturday and said, “You know, the problem with you, Paul, is that you take things too personally,” which got me really angry. And then I realized that he was correct. And so I do take these things personally, not as personal affront, but I do have a great commitment to the jobs I’ve had, and I worry about those.

How would you describe your leadership style?

One of the things that I thought of as important was to create a vision and to have people with you and around you, who are very capable and share that passion. I also realized that all these jobs were pretty complicated and there was no way you could know everything about everything. I really felt it was important to have very strong, talented people around you who were bold in their thinking and not shy. So, I’ve tried to do that. I listen to people. I really value people’s opinions and take them under great consideration. Then I try to come back to, What is the mission of the organization? What are we trying to get done? And do that.
What is your vision for the future of USciences?

When people ask me about my vision, I really like to think about “our” vision. Our vision is to really build on the rich heritage and tradition of the University. To position ourselves to continue to be a leader in providing education in science and healthcare to students of all varieties. And to really adapt to the changing higher education landscape. We are in a pretty volatile time right now in higher ed. I think the other [piece of our] vision is we really need to be more diverse as a University—and I mean diversity in its broadest sense. Both from our student perspective and faculty and staff perspective. I think I’d like to see us be known for that.

What is the future of public higher education, and how does USciences fit into that picture?

The landscape in higher education is a tough one right now for lots of reasons: a declining number of college-age students, economic pressures, reductions in endowments, and competition galore. It is a tough time. I tell people all you have to do is pick up the newspaper or call your friend at university of whatever and talk to them. There’s a lot of commonality there. I think we are actually in a pretty good spot because we are in science and healthcare, which are very strong in terms of the job market. I think that we have all realized that we need to do things differently than we have done before. We need to position ourselves differently than primarily appealing to an undergraduate admissions crowd. I think we need to diversify our portfolio as well.

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In order to become more competitive in attracting students, University of the Sciences lowered its tuition for incoming students for fall 2018. The goal of the tuition reset is to provide price transparency, so that families will know the cost of attending USciences before students even apply.

“We want more students and their families to be part of our rich heritage and nearly 200-year history. We want to make a USciences education—which leads to rewarding healthcare and science careers—financially within reach,” said USciences president PAUL KATZ, MD.

Students who enroll as undergraduates for fall 2018 will not pay more than $25,000 per year in tuition and general fees until they complete their degree. And for those students accepted into one of USciences accelerated, six-year doctoral programs in pharmacy, physical therapy, or occupational therapy, that tuition has also been lowered and simplified to a total cost of $190,000.

While this new pricing does not include room and board, it offers a significant tuition reduction over current “sticker” prices and locks in the cost of a student’s education for their entire career. There are some new scholarships available in addition to the reset pricing. One of the unique aspects of USciences’ tuition reset is that the initiative combines the lowering of the tuition with a cohort-based freeze that secures pricing for the entirety of the degree.

“Every parent wants to be able to provide the very best education for their child. At USciences, we don’t want the cost of education to deter any student from one of our exceptional programs,” said PATRICIA VANSTON, PhD, vice president for business development and enrollment management. “By lowering our tuition, we are addressing this concern. In general, all students and parents will know exactly what to expect to pay for a USciences education. There will be no hidden fees, price increases, or surprises during the course of their education.”

In addition, USciences is freezing tuition for its current students. For the remainder of their studies, current students will no longer see the approximately three and a half to four percent annual price increases that affected tuition in the past.

“All of us at USciences are invested in the success of our students and are striving to be more student-centric,” said Dr. Katz. “By launching new programs, building new facilities, and growing our proud and storied legacy, USciences is continuing our commitment to support our students on their pathway to rewarding careers. Our lower tuition is just one of the thousands of reasons to take a look at USciences.”

While the true impact of the tuition reset will not be known until May 2018 when students traditionally put down deposits, the Admission Office saw greater interest in fall open house events and application submissions.

For more information about the campaign, visit usciences.edu/LowerTuition

Learn how the tuition equation just got easier for USciences students: usciences.edu/TuitionEquation18

Watch “Thousands of Reasons” usciences.edu/ThousandsOfReasons
An exciting, new marketing campaign to support tuition reset turns up the volume from the successful Proven Everywhere campaign launched two years ago focusing on the outcomes of a USciences education.

The ads, which were created in partnership with Aloysius Butler & Clark (AB&C) out of Wilmington, Delaware, feature current USciences students and provide a unique first-person camera perspective to make the viewer see themselves at USciences. The custom camera rig, made from a motorcycle helmet with a high-definition camera and monitors mounted to it, was worn by students during the commercial shoot to capture a student-eye view of the USciences’ experience. The camera was created by the production company, Eskimo.

Focused on sharing with prospective students and their families the many valuable advantages offered to students and alumni, the new television and radio ads convey that there are “thousands of reasons to take a look at USciences.” In other ads, this value is communicated through several engaging headlines, including “Lower Tuition. Top 10 in Earnings.”; “The tuition equation just got easier.”; “Our students amount to more for less.”; and “Tuition. One less hurdle on the road to success.”

The colorful and vivid advertisements are appearing on billboards, public transit, targeted TV and cable TV spots, and radio stations throughout the region. The commercial also runs via a variety of online media channels and on Channel One News in high schools.

Read more: usciences.edu/TuitionReset18

Behind the scenes at the video shoot: usciences.edu/ResetBehindTheScenes
Bright and bubbly first-year student EMILY PASQUALETTO DrOT’23 is inviting prospective students into her life, dorm room, study group, and USciences experience through weekly video blogs posted on YouTube.

Pasqualetto, from Toms River, New Jersey, said she was inspired to use her iPhone camera to document life as a student at USciences after seeing students from other schools like Temple University sharing so much about their campus life.

“Just being able to show people what life here is like, it gives kids a view that they aren’t necessarily seeing at open houses or hearing from the adults,” she said. “I am just trying to reach out to as many people as I can. Kids will believe other kids more than they will adults. If I can be a friendly face on campus or answer any questions they have, it would be nice to do that.”

Picking up her phone and filming her life is something new for Pasqualetto, who didn’t consider herself a blogger until a few months ago. It was only because her roommate wasn’t able to make it to orientation that she thought to film it and edit it together.

“I never thought I was going to post it, but when I did I got a lot of great feedback,” she said.

Since September, Pasqualetto has delighted her YouTube audience with weekly videos posted on Saturdays. The videos, in which she shares everything from what she carries in her backpack to a tour of campus, have racked up more than 8,000 views. She’s connected offline with high school students interested in attending USciences, answering questions they may have or tailoring her next video topics to their interests.

In a video about why she chose USciences, Pasqualetto said she was wooed away from her first choice school because of the excellent educational opportunities and the individual attention she got from her admissions counselor.

“There is just a feeling [here], when I walked on to campus, and I was like, ‘Wow, this is home.’” she recounted in the video. “And you leave school with a USciences degree, and people will see that and be like, ‘Oh, snap.’”

Pasqualetto said her passion for science and healthcare stems from seeing occupational therapists in her mother’s school classroom and in her younger sister’s speech therapy sessions.

“I always knew I wanted to go into a field that helped people, but when I saw the OTs working with students, I knew that was the career for me because they really did make an impact bettering someone’s life,” she said.

As she continues to have all of the experiences of a student at USciences, she hopes to share more of the student experience with her ever-growing number of viewers and subscribers on YouTube.

Watch: usciences.edu/EmilysVlog
Who was the first African American graduate of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy?

As far as we know, that would be PINCKNEY NAPOLEON PINCHBACK PhG’1887. Pinchback’s identity surfaced earlier this year (2017) when Gregory Bond, PhD, assistant director of the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, paid a research visit to the USciences archives. Dr. Bond also revealed to us the identity of another black graduate, WILLIAM TAYLOR PhG’1894.

Prior to Dr. Bond’s visit, HENRY M. MINTON PhG’1895 was our earliest known black graduate, but the possibility always existed that someone else might have preceded him.

The answer remains uncertain because the college never prohibited black enrollment and never recorded the racial status of matriculating students in the registration ledgers. As a result, the research field is extremely limited. Beginning in 1899, the publication of The Graduate yearbook added a new dimension to the search but only allows us to say that, although their numbers were small, African Americans graduated from PCP with some regularity going forward from that year.

In the case of JOHN ALLEN MCFALL PD’1899 (doctor in pharmacy), family historians have shared information with us. According to Dr. McFall’s grandniece Lahnice McFall Hollister of North Carolina, Thomas Alston McFall, Dr. McFall’s father and a former slave, worked as a porter for a wholesale drug company in Charleston established by Herman Baer. He also had an uncle in Philadelphia who worked in a dispensary. Presumably, Dr. McFall’s interest in pharmacy came from these earlier associations.

Our own records indicate that Dr. McFall attended PCP for three years during the sessions of 1896–97, 1897–98, and 1898–99. He received his degree on April 19, 1899, as well as an honorable mention for the Maisch Prize for the historical knowledge of drugs.

Dr. McFall returned to Charleston after he graduated and established his own pharmacy, which he operated until his death in 1954. Dr. McFall also assisted his former preceptor Dr. Alonzo Clifton McClennan in the establishment
of the Charleston Hospital and Training School for Nurses, which opened in 1897. Dr. McClennan graduated in 1880 with honors from Howard University College of Medicine with degrees in medicine and pharmacy.

Although Dr. McFall listed Dr. McClennan as his preceptor during his first year at PCP, during his second and third years he identified Dr. Minton as his preceptor.

We already knew about Dr. Minton’s status as an early black graduate, mainly because of his fame as a physician. After earning his pharmacy degree at PCP, Dr. Minton opened the first black-owned pharmacy in Philadelphia. He enrolled as a student at Jefferson Medical College in 1902, and in 1904 he cofounded the Sigma Pi Phi medical fraternity, the first Greek-letter fraternity established by African Americans.

Following Dr. Minton’s graduation from Jefferson in 1906, he joined the staff of Frederick Douglass Hospital (est. 1895) as a pharmacist. He cofounded Mercy Hospital in 1907 (Philadelphia’s second black hospital) where he served as superintendent and director for 24 years. The merger talks between Mercy Hospital and Douglass Hospital, which would become Mercy-Douglass Hospital, began under Dr. Minton’s supervision in 1938 and finally came to fruition in 1948, two years after his death. Dr. Minton also served on the staff of the University of Pennsylvania’s Henry Phipps Institute (1915–1946) was recognized nationally as an expert in tuberculosis treatment.

Because of the numerous tributes paid Dr. Minton after his death, his status as a PCP graduate became well known and therefore, greatly facilitated his identification as an African American. However, the possibility always existed that someone less famous might have preceded him in that role.

Which brings us back to Dr. Bond’s discovery…

What little we know about Pinchback comes from his obituary in the PCP Alumni Report (a precursor to today’s Bulletin). He died of consumption in Phoenix, Arizona, on March 24, 1900, at the age of 37. Pinchback resided in Philadelphia at 34th Street and Woodland Avenue, and his burial place is in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, at the intersection of Ridge and Lehigh Avenues.
Although Pinchback’s obituary said nothing about his race, we can make that distinction because Dr. Bond recognized the family’s name. Pinchback’s father was none other than the famous Louisiana politician Pinckney Benton Stewart (P.B.S.) Pinchback, the son of a slave (Eliza Stewart) and a white Mississippi planter (William Pinchback). William emancipated Eliza a year before the birth of P.B.S. Pinchback, making him a free man by birth. P.B.S. Pinchback then married a free woman of color, Emily Hawthorne, in 1860, who gave birth to our graduate Pinckney Napoleon Pinchback in 1862.

Taylor graduated one year ahead of Dr. Minton. A 1902 article in the Chicago Broad Ax, provided again by Dr. Bond, identified Taylor as “the first colored man to engage in the drug business in Chicago.” Taylor opened his store in 1896, at the corner of 28th Street and Armour Avenue, “in one of the most thickly settled colored settlements in the city.” His establishment also functioned as a post office and money repository for the community: “Many of the people in his locality leave their hard-earned savings to his keeping, rather than trust the city banks.”

The article also describes Taylor as the president of the local “Colored Men’s Business League,” as well as the “first colored graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy,” an indication perhaps of Mr. Taylor’s impression. Because of confusion in the historical record, several of Taylor’s followers would repeat the same mistake.

One reason for anticipating an earlier date for black enrollment involves the presence of so many Quakers in leadership positions at the college. Although the Society of Friends had nothing to do with our establishment, PCP became, by sheer circumstance, a Quaker-run institution from the very beginning. Throughout the 19th century, Quakers held virtually all of the most important administrative positions. Each of the college presidents, for example, between 1821 and 1900, were Quakers. The Society of Friends has a long history of support for educational programs benefiting African Americans in Philadelphia. Their commitment went hand in hand with their opposition to slavery.

This commitment to African American education going back to the 1750s and the presence of so many Quaker druggists among the college founders, administrators, and faculty strengthen the possibility that black enrollment might have happened fairly early in our history. Significantly, perhaps, there were at least two Quaker administrators with strong personal ties to the antislavery movement. DILWYN PARRISH (college president, 1869–1885) was part of the Underground Railroad, and HENRY TROTH (founder and vice president, 1829–1842) was treasurer for the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery.

Of course, the same kind of uncertainty also surrounds the identification of the first African American woman to graduate. The earliest claim on record belongs to EFIE NEVERS PhG’1923. According to an article in the New Journal and Guide (Norfolk, Virginia) sent to us by a family member and dated February 24, 1924, “Miss Nevers” was the “First Race Woman” to finish Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. The same article goes on to say, “Miss Nevers took the state examination after graduation, passing with high average, and at present is employed as a chemist here. She plans, however, to practice in Baltimore.”

Although it’s frustrating to deal with so much uncertainty, the possibility that there might always be an earlier African American graduate to discover is worth celebrating (and investigating).
CHRISTIAN RUFFIN PharmD’18 has his sights set on working as a clinical pharmacist after graduation and perhaps later getting a law or business degree. Helping to ease his path forward was receiving the Delbert S. Payne Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded to one African American student each year at USciences.

The scholarship was established in 2010 by a former Rohm & Haas employee, the late John C. Haas, in honor of his longtime friend and former colleague DELBERT S. PAYNE. Payne served on the USciences board of trustees from 1990 until April 2011 when he retired from the board and the chair position he had held since 2000. Payne’s tenure on the board was marked by historic growth and development of the University. Unfortunately, he would pass away in May 2011 just a short time after his retirement.

It’s a fitting tribute that the scholarship bearing his name is tailored to relieving financial stress so students can grow and develop while on their career paths.

“The scholarship helped me focus on my education rather than worry about my tuition,” said Ruffin. “It’s a huge stress relief knowing that a large part of my tuition is covered, and it makes finding funds for the semester a lot easier.”

Payne’s wife Altona Payne regularly meets with scholarship recipients and takes an active role in following their trajectories.

“The scholarship was such a surprise when it was created by Del’s colleague and friend John Haas and has become a wonderful way to help young students while also being a lasting memory of Del,” Altona said.

“I’ve met Ms. Payne on a couple of occasions, and she has been so encouraging and supportive of my education,” said Ruffin. “Receiving this scholarship has further motivated me to become a successful pharmacist.”

To learn how you can help students at University of the Sciences, please contact Kim Barkhamer at k.barkhamer@uscience.edu or 215-596-7161.
Scholarship Award Makes a Difference Toward Student’s Educational Pursuits

By Jenna Pizzi

In the small town of Pendleton in northeastern Oregon, where EVANGELINA OLIVERA PhSci’19 grew up, the nearest large hospital is about three hours away. The town of 17,000 is better known for its local rodeo, The Pendleton Round Up, than the pharmaceutical industry.

But, for Olivera, watching her best friend from childhood take on, and ultimately lose, a four-year battle with Ewing sarcoma cancer in her femur propelled her to look beyond the borders of Oregon to pursue a career in medicine.

“Hailey and her family continue to motivate me daily to reach the goal that I set for myself when I was only 13 years old—to assist in the research and development of a cure for cancer,” said Olivera.

As she approached the end of high school, Olivera, who is just the second in her family to pursue higher education, was recruited to play softball. When the coach from USciences, a small institution on the other side of the country, approached her, Olivera took her chance.

“When I came here I really fell in love with the atmosphere,” said Olivera. “It is like a small town, in the middle of a big city.”

Moving to the East Coast and living in a big city come with some financial realities. “Philadelphia, in general, is an expensive city to live in, and then in this neighborhood on top of it, it isn’t cheap,” she said.

Although her athletic scholarship helped to defer some of the cost, Olivera sought other scholarship opportunities, too. She was awarded the Martin Buchalter Endowed Scholarship, which was established by Carol and MARTIN BUCHALTER P’55, HonDSc’15 to support students who are studying pharmaceutical manufacturing or who have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Buchalter, who posthumously received an honorary doctor of science degree from USciences in 2015, made his name as a medical ultrasound pioneer when he was president and CEO of Parker Laboratories. He advanced the medical application of ultrasound by developing a gel that is applied to the patient’s skin, thus providing the medium that the ultrasound waves need to enter the body tissue.

“I could not be more thankful and constantly grateful for having been awarded this additional scholarship.”

Evangelina Olivera PhSci’19

Though she has not graduated, Olivera’s pursuit of working in cancer research has already begun. As an undergrad at USciences, she has had the opportunity to work in two labs, under the direction of pharmacetics professor CLYDE M. OFNER III, PhD, and ZHIYU LI, PhD, director of undergraduate pharmacology/toxicology, conducting research on cancer drugs and drug delivery systems.

To Olivera, receiving a scholarship like the Martin Buchalter Endowed Scholarship is more than just about the financial aspect; it has given her the confidence to continue to pursue her education and her dream.

“For some people, the financial burden of medical school can hinder their aspirations because it may seem like it is unaffordable,” she said. “So just getting a scholarship like this boosted my motivation to continue to do the things that I really want to do but might not have been able to if not for the financial support.”

Evangelina Olivera PhSci’19
A promising new discovery by University of the Sciences researchers has shown early success in targeting one of the deadliest forms of breast cancer—triple negative breast cancer (TNBC).

Professor of pharmaceutical sciences ADEBOYE ADEJARE, PhD, and associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences ISABELLE MERCIER, PhD, along with Zeynep Ates-Alagoz, PhD, who is a professor of pharmaceutical chemistry at Ankara University (Turkey), have discovered a small molecule that exhibits selectivity toward TNBC cells while sparing normal surrounding cells.

Studies have shown that TNBC disproportionately impacts African American, Hispanic, and younger women and can be a worst-case scenario for those with the diagnosis. In women with TNBC, the cancer cells lack receptors for estrogen, progesterone, and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), hence the triple negative designation.

Current successful treatment therapies for other breast cancers can use drugs such as tamoxifen and Herceptin® that can target at least one of the receptors. Since TNBC lacks all three receptors, treatment options for women become limited and include high doses of chemotherapy, which have severe side effects and toxicity not only to the TNBC cells but to healthy cells in surrounding tissue. For example, the use of doxorubicin is very cardio toxic; the TNBC may be regressed, but the patient could develop heart failure.

“The research in the field now is to find more selective therapy that is not extremely toxic,” said Dr. Mercier. “In the modeling and in vitro studies, our compound kills TNBC cells very efficiently. And when mixed with normal cells, it only targets the TNBC ones while keeping the normal surrounding cells healthy and alive.”

With current chemotherapeutic treatments for TNBC, suboptimal doses are given to the patient to not only lessen side effects but to also lower the risk of actually killing the patient due to the drugs’ poisonous nature.

“By selectively killing TNBC cells and sparing normal cells, this small molecule could be delivered in high amounts to patients, if necessary, thus attacking resilient TNBC cells, preventing recurrence, and maintaining quality of life through fewer unwanted side effects,” Dr. Mercier said.

“As an added benefit, this molecule is very cheap to make,” said Dr. Adejare, whose modification to an existing compound already in public space led to the molecule taking on a targeted property.

“Drug companies are certainly interested in a molecule that exhibits selectivity for TNBC, although there is additional research to be completed,” explained Drs. Adejare and Mercier, who are...
In the Footsteps of Giants: Alumnus at the Helm of Diabetes Drug Maker

By Jenna Pizzi

As a student at USciences, MIKE CASTAGNA P’00, MBA, PharmD, often found himself thinking of the iconic names in pharmacy whose education was molded at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and dreaming of making an impact like they did.

“Lilly, McNeil, Wyeth. So many people who would go on to form the important pharmaceutical companies and products of our time came from PCP,” said Dr. Castagna. “It was always a dream of mine to build a company that the school could remember one day.”

Following that legacy, Dr. Castagna set bold goals for himself as a student and in his career. Upon graduation, he hoped to lead a pharmaceutical company. Last year, he achieved that goal when he was named CEO of MannKind Corporation.

Dr. Castagna credits the quality instruction at USciences and the practical experience he received at the University with helping to prepare him to reach his career goals and encouraging him to continue to invest in himself through additional education. Dr. Castagna obtained his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business in 2003 when he saw his future leaning toward pharmaceutical business. He also received his doctor of pharmacy degree.

“If it were easy, everyone would do it. Hard work pays off,” said Dr. Castagna of the rigorous education he received at the University. “You have to really be focused and not get distracted. If you put in that work, you won’t regret it.”

More than his position in the industry, Dr. Castagna said he is proud to be leading a company that is improving lives. MannKind focuses on the discovery, development, and commercialization of products for patients with diabetes, including its first product Afrezza, an inhalable insulin.

“For me it is all about the patients we have helped and all the lives that we have changed with Afrezza,” said Dr. Castagna, whose father and uncle both suffered from diabetes. “It is one of those special medications that have made a huge difference for patients living with this chronic disease.”

Afrezza helps to stabilize blood sugars throughout the day so that individuals with diabetes don’t have the peaks and valleys they often see when trying to manage their blood sugar with traditional insulin. Dr. Castagna said he hopes that Afrezza will be the change the diabetes industry needs to revolutionize care for the illness.

Upon graduation, Dr. Castagna was able to start a good job. Although it wasn’t the highest paying job, Dr. Castagna, who funded his entire education through student loans and working full-time while a full-time student, was able to pay off his student loan debt in three years. Students graduating in today’s marketplace need to be strategic about their career goals and trajectory, Dr. Castagna said.

“I didn’t go after the money when I first graduated; I went where I could have the most career growth, and that was a decision that saved me and set up my career so that I could advance very quickly,” said Dr. Castagna. “Write out a five- and 10-year plan of where you want to be, because you are going to have to make career choices very quickly and it is important to set long-term goals.”

MannKind’s first product Afrezza, an inhalable insulin.
As FEMA and other aid organizations descended on Puerto Rico in the days after Hurricane Maria made direct landfall on the island, Lt. JOSEPH KENNY DPT’15 made his way to the devastated U.S. territory aboard the USNS Comfort. Lt. Kenny would be charged with leading his physical therapy team on the humanitarian mission from the floating hospital ship.

Lt. Kenny and the Comfort initially deployed to San Juan, the commonwealth’s capital and most populous city; however, in order to better access patients in need, the mission was rerouted to the western and southern areas the island, where the devastation was more widespread, access was more difficult, and there was no power.

“We’ve been picking up and dropping off patients and supplies via helicopter as it is hard to transport them otherwise. And due to the destruction of the island, we have to stay on the ship,” said Lt. Kenny, who joined the Navy in April to give back to his country and those who so bravely put themselves in harm’s way.

“The biggest challenge here from a physical therapy standpoint is standing and ambulating critically ill patients on a rocking ship,” Lt. Kenny said. “Normally, you have a level surface, which provides stability. Here, whenever there is a storm or big waves, the rocking of the ship definitely challenges the patient’s balance.”

He and his team have seen a variety of patients, but Lt. Kenny said his most memorable experience was a 21-year-old woman who had given birth a few months before. During the storm, she had been hospitalized with pancreatitis and debility.

“She became bed bound with multiple lines. After the power at her hospital went out, she was transported here onto the USNS Comfort,” he said. “The first day I saw her she was in the ICU, could not move, and had a lot of difficulty opening her eyes. She was malnourished, dehydrated, and very ill.”

After she stabilized, Lt. Kenny and his team began trying to get her up and walking. A few days later she took her first steps with a walker, and then the next day, she was able to walk with only handheld assist.

“The Navy has been the best opportunity to continue learning, travel, expand my scope of practice and privileges, and collaborate with an elite group of health professionals and service members who are the best of the best.”

JOSEPH KENNY DPT’15

Alumnus Leads PT Team for U.S. Navy’s Humanitarian Mission in Puerto Rico

By Jenna Pizzi

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USciences celebrated its 197th Founders’ Day with a special ceremony that awarded an honorary degree as well as awards of merit to a faculty member, graduate and undergraduate students, and a staff member. In addition, the University recognized endowed positions and installed a new one. Founders’ Day at USciences recalls the University’s establishment on February 23, 1821, by 68 prominent Philadelphia apothecaries who ushered in a new era in the education and practice of pharmacy. The day celebrates the University’s rich tradition of producing leaders who shaped new dimensions in healthcare, policy, and business and in science and research. The centerpiece of the celebration was the bestowing of an honorary degree on GEORGE M. WOHLREICH, MD, MA, Thomas W. Langfitt chair, president, and CEO of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Left to right: Paul Katz, MD, president; Peter Miller, PhD, provost; honorary degree recipient George M. Wohlreich, MD, MA; and Marvin Samson HonAlm’96, HonDSc’16, chairman of the board of trustees.

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As the cost of higher education continues to be a barrier to many students in need, USciences is opening the door to rewarding careers in science and healthcare with a new scholarship that makes tuition one less hurdle on the road to success for eligible Philadelphia high school students who otherwise might find a university degree to be unaffordable.

USciences.edu/OppScholars18

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) notified the University that its doctor of pharmacy program accreditation has been extended to June 30, 2023. The announcement restores the customary accreditation term of eight years between comprehensive evaluations. The review was based upon the focused site visit in October 2017, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy's written report, and other communications received from the institution following the 2014–2015 comprehensive study.

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USciences Opportunity Scholarship Offers Free Tuition to Philadelphia High School Students
Professor Wins Fulbright Scholarship for Zika Research

Using mathematical modeling to fight the spread of Zika virus, assistant professor MICHAEL ROBERT, PhD, has received funding from the Fulbright Commission to continue his research in Argentina this summer. Dr. Robert, a professor in the Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics, is working on the study in collaboration with colleagues from the National University of Córdoba in Córdoba, Argentina, and the Department of Medicine at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University. The full title of their grant is “Modeling the Impacts of Social, Environmental, and Ecological Heterogeneities on the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Zika Virus and Its Vector Aedes Aegypti in the City of Córdoba, Argentina.”

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Sports in Short

The USciences women’s basketball team advanced to the NCAA DII Tournament after winning their second straight Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference championship. The Devils marked their second consecutive trip to the “big dance” earning the No. 3 seed in the East region and advancing to the sweet 16 for the first time in program history. The Devils (30-4), under the guidance of CACC Coach of the Year JACKIE HARTZELL, set a new program record for victories in a single season. Propelling the team were standout guards CACC Player of the Year SARAH ABBONZIO DPT’20 and All-CACC First Team ALEX THOMAS DrOT’22 who was named CACC Tournament MVP.

The track and field team, which is in its inaugural season, has already shown excellence on the track. In its second-ever event at the Albright Invitational, WILLIAM HALLINAN PharmD’23 won the 800 meters and teamed with RYAN WARD DPT’23, ERIC PAPAZIAN PHB’21, and CHRISTOPHER CARDACE BMS’20 to win the mile relay. The men and women will open their inaugural spring outdoor season on March 30.


Bottom row, left to right: Shane Bishop DPT’23, Chloe Georges Misher’21, Bridget Houghton DrOT’20, Elizabeth Sauers PharmD’22, Christopher Cardace BMS’20, Eric Papazian PHB’21, and Matthew Weiner Neuro’21.
Reunion @ Fall Fest highlighted social events and programs that brought alumni, parents, families, students, and guests together throughout campus. Reunion favorites like the All-Alumni Happy Hour and the Golden Graduate Reception were integrated with Fall Fest favorites like the S.O.U.L. Arts Festival and Student Organizations Fair to create excitement across the University. This year’s new addition, Oktoberfest on the Quad, served as the afternoon’s focal point on the warm fall day. As usual, there were also educational opportunities during the weekend, including a free CE program and Pennsylvania’s first approved medical cannabis certification course on Sunday. The pinnacle of the weekend was the All-Alumni Reception, which celebrated our alumni.

Fall Fest included a petting zoo and other activities such as Oktoberfest and the Student Organizations Fair.

Alumni and families were captivated by the S.O.U.L. Arts Festival sponsored by the Filipino Cultural Association & Dance Team, which showcased acts from several talented students.
WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Leo Ross P’73 (left) and Neil Pitts P’73, PharmD’04, reunion committee chair.

Left to right: Joining athletic director Marc Caserio, EdD, were inductees Keith Armson P’94, PharmD (men’s basketball 1989–93) and Paul Caceras PharmD’12 (men’s tennis 2005–2009) along with interim dean of students Ross Radish, JD. Not pictured is Shelby Rance PharmD’09 (women’s basketball 2003–07) who was unable to attend.

MAYES’ 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Left to right: Joan Miller MPH’13, Susan Bristow Bl’83, and Mary Powell P’77 enjoying a laugh.

Alumni in Wilson Cafeteria listening to welcoming remarks from President Paul Katz, MD.

See more photos at: usciences.edu/ReunionPhotos18 usciences.edu/FallFestPhotos18

HALL OF FAME

The annual Hall of Fame ceremony honored alumni for their outstanding careers as student athletes.

GOLDEN GRADUATES

Golden Graduates, class of 1967. Standing, left to right: Mark Noble P’67; Rich Herilla P’67; John Zaro P’67, MS’69, PhD’73; and Larry Chase P’67. Sitting, left to right: Don Jones P’67, MS’69; Donna Baer Jones P’67; Susanne Fix Hussar P’67; and Laura Miranda P’67.
AWARDS

During reunion, the Alumni Association board of directors acknowledged the classes whose fundraising performances were outstanding and bestowed their highest accolades to the following alumni:

- Patricia Kienle P’75, Annual Alumnus Award
- Edward Li PharmD’02, Young Alumnus Award
- Siobhan Duffy P’84, BW’05, Ivor Griffith Award
- Leslie Ann Bowman, AMLS, HonAlm’17, Honorary Alumnus Award

Accepting the Charles Marshall Prize, given to the reunion class with the highest increase in contributions to the Annual Fund, on behalf of the class of 2012 is Neil Pitts P’73, PharmD’04 (left) with Scott Greene P’92, MS’14.

Receiving the Samuel P. Wetherill Prize, given annually to the reunion class with the highest increase in number of participants to the Annual Fund, on behalf of the class of 1987 is Jerry Bliss P’82, PharmD’02 (left) with Sam Wetherill IV P’97.

25TH REUNION

Celebrating their 25th reunion, left to right: Judi Zak Checca P’92; Alumni Association president Hong Jin Na PH/TX’92, BW’01; Scott Greene P’92, MS’14; Amany Mansour-Awad P’92; and Audra Romano P’92.

Save the Date!

2018 REUNION @ FALL FEST

October 12–13, 2018

You’re invited to our largest annual alumni gathering on campus! And there’s something for everyone. usciences.edu/reunion
Dear Alumni,

Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

I want to echo that sentiment in saying USciences is creating the most important implements of change—our students.

Under the leadership of President PAUL KATZ, MD, the University has moved forward on its plan to transform the institution into a 21st-century model for science and health professions education all the while keeping the value of student-centricity in mind.

The University has had record-breaking attendance at recent open house events, and this trend is an indication that the tuition reset and new marketing campaign have been resonating among prospective students and their families.

As USciences provides this new opportunity to strengthen our student population with stellar candidates, we are preparing to welcome our graduating students into our membership as future alumni. Each class’s achievements and future accomplishments will only add to our total success as alumni.

As I mentioned last time, the Alumni Association is here to connect you and your values with the University and its priorities, so I want to invite you to tell the Alumni Association and me what you’re thinking. We are here to champion meaningful ways to interact with the University that will mutually benefit our alumni and this institution. One new event we are piloting is our Alumni and Accepted Student Reception at the Nemours Mansion and Gardens this March. We have heard you that you want to be able to do something for the University, and what better way to help USciences than to convince accepted students to make their deposits and commitments to enter the incoming class this fall (as well as to give some advice and support to their parents)? For information about this and all of our upcoming events, please visit usciences.edu/AlumniEvents.

As you see, it all comes back to making sure the best and the brightest can access the education that will enable them to change the world.

In the meantime, I would also like to hear what is important to you. The Alumni Association and Alumni Relations welcome your thoughts, suggestions, news, and stories. Please send them along to alumnirelations@usciences.edu, or call the Alumni Relations office at 215-596-8570. We want to hear from you.

As always, it is an honor to serve, and I look forward to working with you!

Thank you,

Hong Jin Na PH/TX’92, BW’01
President, Alumni Association

Alumni Association Mission:
To engage the graduates of University of the Sciences in promoting the goals and objectives of the Alumni Association and the institution.
For the past year and a half, ROB RUDD has spent his free time restoring a 250-year-old former malt-making establishment in Delaware County into his home. The project sits adjacent to a field that General George Washington’s troops used to rest after the Battle of Brandywine during the American Revolution. The house has evolved over the years from its origins to a metal manufacturing facility to a tollhouse for old Route 1 and, for the last 100 years, to a residence. For the most part, Rudd has been undertaking all aspects of the restoration himself.

And now as vice president of institutional advancement, Rudd is taking on another restoration project in rebuilding USciences’ connections to it alumni and friends.

“If you think about all the disparate places I worked—zoos, museums, universities—they all shared a need to build a comprehensive fundraising program, and that’s what really intrigued me about coming to USciences,” Rudd said.

Rudd joined USciences in August 2017 after eight years at the University of Delaware where giving to the university increased from $25 million annually to over $70 million in part due to his efforts. In addition to managing the university’s comprehensive efforts to connect and partner with corporations and foundations worldwide, Rudd managed the college-based major gift fundraising programs for three years and was responsible for major gifts to the provost’s initiatives. He also pioneered the university’s effort to partner with companies in Asia, resulting in research funding from Chinese corporate partners. Prior to joining Delaware in 2009, Rudd had a long career in fundraising management for museums, zoos, and a library.

One of Rudd’s first challenges is to reconnect alumni with USciences.

“There’s no direct mail scheme, no internet ability to connect with people on a level that we want to connect with,” Rudd said. “And so, we have to get on the road to listen to ensure that we are making progress and, in essence, reconnecting alumni with their University.”

Almost from the first day he started, Rudd has quite literally been hitting the road to meet with alumni while simultaneously building and shaping a team that is responsible for development, alumni relations, and University events. Rudd has been impressed by the success and achievements of the alumni he has met as well as their deep interest in current students.

“We need to do a better job of ensuring that students and alumni aren’t two very different groups never in contact with one another,” Rudd assessed. “You should never be only a student and only an alumnus. We are ultimately all a part of University of the Sciences.”

One area for improvement lies in keeping track of where alumni are and what they are doing. This will make it easier to find alumni to mentor students and arrange internship opportunities so that, as graduates, students are afforded the same pathways to success that alumni had been given.

“I am very, very confident that we will be successful in engaging alumni and friends of the University and get them interested,” he said. “We have not done a very good job of asking for their help on all fronts and in all areas.”

Like the house he is restoring nail by nail, Rudd know that rebuilding alumni outreach will be accomplished one by one by one.
Alumni Events

Bienestar Pharmacy & Wellness Center Opening

Saturday, September 9, 2017, Lindenwold, NJ

Former assistant professor Gladys G. Dueñas, PharmD, celebrated the opening of her bilingual Bienestar Pharmacy & Wellness Center. An independent and locally owned pharmacy, Bienestar has opted to join the Health Mart network of independent pharmacies.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2017, Orlando, FL

Over 250 alumni, students, proctors, and guests joined PCP faculty and University president Paul Katz, MD, for the annual alumni reception at the ASHP Midyear.

#GivingTuesdayUSciences Campaign

November 2017

Alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff, and friends of USciences raised $550,000 for our #GivingTuesdayUSciences campaign throughout November. A special dollar-for-dollar matching gift was provided through the generosity of trustee LUCY MALMBERG P’72 who added another $50,000 to the total to thank all of our donors who pushed us far past our original goal. Thank you for showing your support for the students of USciences and helping us ensure that they are well prepared here and proven everywhere they go.
Visit usciences.edu/alumni/getinvolved or contact the Alumni Relations Office at alumnirelations@usciences.edu or 888-857-6264

National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)
Sunday, October 15, 2017, Orlando, FL
Thirty-one alumni, students, and friends convened for dinner and discussion at the annual NCPA meeting. The dinner was hosted by David Lutz P'60 and his wife, Jeanne. Daniel A. Hussar P’62, MS’64, PhD’67 moderated the introductions and discussion.

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)
Sunday, November 5, 2017, Orlando, FL
Nine alumni and students convened for breakfast and discussion at the annual ASCP meeting. The breakfast was hosted by Ed Mercadante P’79, HonDSc’17 and Daniel A. Hussar P’62, MS’64, PhD’67, Remington Professor of Pharmacy, who moderated the discussion.

Social networking events such as these are made possible by alumni contributions. Your generosity to the Annual Fund is the core of USciences. Without your contributions, we simply could not provide the breadth of enriching programs and experiences that have become the trademark of USciences, allowing our amazing students to thrive. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Young Alumni Happy Hour
Thursday, August 17, 2017, Philadelphia
Several newer graduates joined the Office of Alumni Relations for the Young Alumni Happy Hour at Clarkville in West Philadelphia.

Left to right: Terrance McDaniel PharmD’18, Tyler Greene C’16, and Cheryl Agyemang PH/TX’17.

Left to right: Tho Hoang HS’17 (left) and Mahmuda Helal ESWM’16.
University students will make their reunion, 62 years in the making, regaled, and rejoiced in reunited in Florida. They reminisced, regaled, and rejoiced in their reunion, 62 years in the making. They hope current University students will make everlasting friendships.

1955
JOHN HOLAK P’55, of Sarasota, FL, and RICHARD HOLOCHWOST P’55, of Alpine, TX, who were fraternity roommates when they attended USciences, recently reunited in Florida. They reminisced, regaled, and rejoiced in their reunion, 62 years in the making. They hope current University students will make everlasting friendships.

1956
Brothers of Eta Chapter of Kappa Psi and their wives and significant others attended the yearly reunion of Kappa Psi Brothers who graduated from PCPS from 1965 to 1969, September 11–13, 2017, at O’Callaghan Hotel in Annapolis, MD. This reunion has been taking place yearly for about 15 years beginning in 2003. Highlights included a trolley tour of Annapolis followed by a tour of the U.S. Naval Academy.


1966
JOHN FRANCESCHINI P’66, MBA’70 had his play Waitin’ for the ‘C’ Bus recently produced by the Found Theatre in Long Beach, CA.

1969
JOHN SYKORA P’66 is a recipient of the prestigious APhA Pinnacle Award.

1977
The “Future Pharmacists of America” are reliving their memories from in front of their apartment at 4310 Spruce St., Philadelphia (circa 1977). Back, left to right: BRUCE B. CLUTCHER P’77, senior solution architect, Cerner Corporation; JOHN R. JONES P’77, vice president systems therapeutics, Geisinger Health System; and WILLIAM A. BEST, SR., P’77, senior regulatory consultant, ad/promo at Opus Regulatory, Inc. Front: ARNIE CAINE P’77, vice president U.S. business services (retired), AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

1981
CYNTHIA S. RICHART P’81, RPh, was appointed vice president of pharmacy operations for Phoebe Services Pharmacy in Lehigh County, PA. In her new position, Cynthia will oversee an expansion of customer base and additional technology advancements and will foster leadership development within the department. Cynthia is also responsible for the operation and supervision of the pharmacy and support staff for two pharmacy locations. She resides in Emmaus with her husband Stephen.

1984
TERRY TRUtt P’84 had always dreamed of opening an independent community pharmacy in his hometown of Mifflinburg but didn’t want to be in direct competition with another independent pharmacy. In 2016 he finally had the chance to pursue his dream. TruTT’s Pharmacy opened October 28, 2017, on Walnut Street in Mifflinburg.

1987
VICTORIA E. ELLIOTT P’87, RPh, MBA (Widener University), CAE, was named new CEO of the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care.

1988
GILDA “JILL” MECCA Mcalarney P’88, who writes under the name Gilda Runco, recently published her debut book Legacy of the Purpose Stone, an emotional and personal story that recounts a tragedy to show the importance of living life with purpose.

1989
MATTHEW JEFFREY A. FENERTY P’89 was named the director of pharmacy services for Marshall Health in September 2017.

1993
ROSE MINNITI Bi’93 was named superintendent of Valley View School District in Archbald, PA. Rose previously was director of mathematics and science for the Abington Heights School District.

1996
AIMEE DIXON GUNOSKEY PharmD’96 reached a new milestone in her fiction-writing career: USA Today best-selling author. Writing as Ash Krafton, she saw her first novel Bleeding Hearts: Book One of the Demimonde hit the list in May 2017 as part of an urban fantasy boxed set. To date, she’s published seven novels, issued several collections of poetry and short fiction, and been nominated for the Pushcart Prize. As a student, she worked as a tutor in the campus Writing Center. Today, Aimee is a retail pharmacist for CVS/pharmacy in Northeast PA.

2000
MICHAEL CASTAGNA P’00 was recently engaged to Karina Arellano.

MARTY MILLER PharmD’00 was elected commissioner of West Norriton Township, PA. His candidacy was endorsed by 314 Action, a group committed to getting STEM professionals into elected office.

2002
DARSHAN KULKARNI PharmD’02, a leading food and drug attorney and principal at the Kulkarni Law Firm, has been appointed to serve on the board of the American Pharmacy Purchasing Alliance. Darshan is also a visiting professor in the biomedical writing program and MBA program at USciences.

2003
JONNY LOQUASTO MPT’03 announced his latest comedy album entitled, Jonny Loquasto Presents…Jonny Loquasto’s Jonny Loquasto.

JANICE YATES HS’03, PA-C, was recently hired by Presbyterian Medical Group at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, NM.

2009
MAYANK AMIN PharmD’09, MBA (Villanova), and Payal Amin, PharmD, JD, were married on October 6, 2017, in Parsippany, NJ. Mayank’s brother DIPUN AMIN MBA’10 served as the best man, and more than 30 USciences alumni attended. Mayank, who serves on the Alumni Association board of directors, continues his day job as a pharmacist at Pfizer and Walgreens. He also owns Platinum Dream Events, which recently completed planning 100 couples’ weddings, including his own.
2010

KATIE BIFANO PharmD’10 and Martin Rakaczewski were united in marriage September 2, 2017, at St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, PA, by the Rev. Louis Grippi.

2011

THOMAS FRANKO PharmD’11 was awarded the Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Companies Distinguished Young Pharmacist award. The award was presented at the 2017 Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Conference on September 23, 2017. Tom is currently an assistant professor at Wilkes University’s Nesbitt School of Pharmacy.

2012

CAITLIN BENENATI PharmD’12 and SCOTT CAHAYLA PharmD’12 were married in September 2017. The couple currently resides in Wilmington, DE.

2013

MICHAEL DEJOS PharmD’13 received Delaware's Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year Award. Michael was also named among the honorees for the 2017 Minority Business Leaders Award from the Philadelphia Business Journal.

2014

MEGHAN TOLAN PharmD’14, MBA, and MARC WAGNER PharmD’16 were engaged on August 26, 2017, in Rome, Italy. Meghan completed a two-year health system pharmacy administration residency program at The Johns Hopkins Hospital with a combined MBA from Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School. She is now the operations manager for oncology investigational drug services at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Marc is currently pursuing his JD at Penn State University Dickinson Law and plans to practice in healthcare law. The couple will be married at St. Paul’s Church in Scranton, PA, on September 1, 2018.

2015

CHELSEA HAWKINS PharmD’15 and BRYSON VELLETRI PHB’14 celebrated their marriage on August 19, 2017. Hawkins was a member of Kappa Epsilon, and Velletri was a member of Upsilon Sigma Phi.

2017

KATELYN CALDERAIO PharmD’17 and Connor Price were married on Friday, September 29, 2017, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Warrington, PA. Calderaio is working for Rite Aid Corporation.

IN MEMORIAM

Dolores Deptula Kolakowski P’57
Rosemary D. Bushnell P’87
James E. “Jim” Ruberg P’72
Richard P. Di Liberto P’67
Monroe Kimmel P’62
John R. Marvel P’54
Vito A. Zeccola P’54
Robert A. “Bob” Raffa P’75
Robert “Bob” Frank Kocsardy P’59
Scott Reese MPT’99

Alumnus and board of trustees member Col. S. ROGERS WETHERILL, III, P’68, MS, passed away on November 16, 2017. Truly “the legacy of legacies,” he was one of a long line of Wetherills who have left an indelible mark on University of the Sciences, from the signing of its charter in 1821, to Col. Wetherill’s service on the alumni board and board of trustees. Col. Wetherill was a retired Army pharmacy officer with over 24 years of hospital pharmacy experience. He served in Vietnam, Germany, and numerous stateside hospital assignments. His civilian education included not only his pharmacy degree but an MS from University of Michigan and military schooling at Command & General Staff College and the National War College. For 15 years, Col. Wetherill was employed by Happy Harry’s in Newark, DE, and until recently, was an employee of Accredo Specialty Pharmacy, a division of Express Scripts in New Castle, DE. In 2012, he was the recipient of the lifetime achievement award in pharmacy given by the Delaware Pharmacist’s Society and in 2014 received the University’s Ivor Griffith Service Award. Col. Wetherill’s involvement with the USciences Alumni Association started some 20 years ago. During that time, he was a director for 15 years and served on the executive committee as vice president, president-elect, and president. From 2006 to 2009, he represented the Alumni Association as a member of the USciences board of trustees and since 2015 was a full member of the board of trustees. Col. Wetherill’s generosity and care for the institution further manifests itself through his donations to help advance the field of healthcare and pharmacy and to support current students in achieving such goals. The Wetherill name is further linked to USciences through the street named Wetherill Way, located between 42nd and 43rd Streets, that provides an easy and direct route for students across Woodland Ave. Col. Wetherill regarded Wetherill Way as “a lasting tribute to [his] family and the first chairman of the board of trustees and to the Wetherills who followed.”
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DEGREE/PROGRAM ABBREVIATIONS

BAC  Bacteriology  MSPAS  Master of Science in
BC  Biochemistry  Physician Assistant Studies
BI  Biology  MT  Medical Technology
BInf  Bioinformatics  Neuro  Neuroscience
BMS  Biomedical Science  OrgC  Organic Chemistry
BW  Biomedical Writing  P  Bachelor of Science
C  Chemistry  in Pharmacy
CB  Cell Biology  PA  Physician Assistant
CS  Computer Science  PaD  Pharmacy Administration
DPT  Doctor of Physical Therapy  PharmD  Doctor of Pharmacy
DrOT  Doctor of Occupational Therapy  PHB  Pharmaceutical and
ES  Environmental Science  Healthcare Business
ESWM  Exercise Science and Wellness Management  ES  Environmental Science
HonAlm  Honorary Alumnus/a  PnC  Pharmaceutical Chemistry
HonDSc  Honorary Degree (Science)  PnG  Graduate in Pharmacy
HPsy  Health Psychology  (equivalent to P that is used today)
HS  Health Science  PhCog  Pharmacognosy
HumSci  Humanities and Science  PhD  Doctor of Philosophy
IndP  Industrial Pharmacy  PhG  Graduate in Pharmacy
MB  Microbiology  (equivalent to P that is used today)
MBA  Master of Business Administration  PharmD  Doctor of Pharmacy
Misher  Misher Studies  PhSci  Pharmaceutical Sciences
MedC  Medicinal Chemistry  PM  Pharmaceutical
Mish  Mish Studies  PMM  Pharmaceutical Marketing
MOT  Master of Occupational Therapy  and Management
MPTH  Master of Physical Therapy  PrePro  Pre-Professional
MS  Master of Science  Psy  Psychology
MPTH  Master of Physical Therapy  STC  Certificate in
MS  Master of Science  Science Teaching
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beginning discussions with grantors and potential licensees to complete the preclinical studies. “We are looking for help in moving the research forward so as to reach clinical trials. We are also moving ahead with additional studies looking for other molecules that can act as adjuvant therapy in the treatment of TNBC.”

The researchers envision moving to clinical trials within the next two years—and if the research continues to progress, to providing a much-needed novel, cost-effective, and lifesaving treatment for TNBC patients, thus moving one step closer to beating this deadly disease.
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