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Dear Alumni and Friends,

While 2021 may seem far away, preparation for University of the Sciences’ Bicentennial Celebration has already begun. We are examining our past and, more importantly, how our past can help inform our future as an institution. In anticipation of this momentous milestone, we’ll soon be sharing plans to engage the campus, our alumni, and the community in the journey to this anniversary—many exciting things to come.

Much as the University is looking back, so too has Edward Foote P’87, PharmD’91 also looked to his past to help inform his future. Dr. Foote returned to USciences as dean of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy over the summer. I had the pleasure of working with Ed when I was in Scranton as Dean of Commonwealth Medical School, and I know he is a champion for interprofessional education and for student centricity.

In this issue you’ll read more about Dean Foote, his path to his new position, and his vision for the future.

You’ll also read about the success of the class of 2018, who are now embarking on bright futures in their respective health and science fields. At our commencement ceremony this year, I had the honor of recognizing the great legacy of this institution by acknowledging the attendance of alumnus and former professor Arthur Greene BS’49, MS’50, DSc’52 who was in the audience to celebrate his grandson’s graduation. Their story is also included in this issue.

Looking to future generations of USciences students, construction is continuing on a new residence hall at 46th Street and Woodland Avenue, expanding the campus footprint and offering a state-of-the-art living and learning community for our students. We plan to celebrate the opening with an “official” event next spring.

We’ve also launched a new USciences marketing campaign as we continue to evolve our #ProvenEverywhere message. The campaign speaks to our remarkable graduate outcomes and the quality education our students receive. We have already seen the impact that this “value” message is having with applicants and their families, and we look forward to sharing our story with prospective students for the fall 2019.

As always, I thank you for your ongoing interest in and support of USciences!

Sincerely,

Paul Katz, MD
President
The Substance Use Disorders Institute at USciences (SUDI) was established with the goals of improving substance use disorders care and translating science into policy and practice. The institute celebrated an official launch in the fall of 2018; however, it had already begun pursuing this mission.

ANDREW PETERSON PharmD, PhD’09, executive director of the institute, leads the development of certificate programs, curriculum, and research opportunities alongside manager GAIL GROVES SCOTT MPH’16. In the 2017–18 academic year, Scott focused on policy efforts, presenting at two national addiction conferences, leading a policy workshop, giving community lectures, and collaborating in interdisciplinary research.

With hundreds of policy proposals on opioids or addiction policy in front of federal, state, and local officials, SUDI faculty is seeking opportunities to translate evidence to inform policymakers. E. AMY JANKE, PhD, director of the master’s program in health psychology, coauthored a position statement for the Society of Behavioral Medicine on evidence-based psychosocial approaches for pain assessment and management.

With a focus on harm reduction related to opioids in Philadelphia, faculty members GEORGE DOWNS PharmD’72 and DAN VENTRICELLI, PharmD, MPH, worked with pharmacy students to conduct outreach to pharmacists about the opioid overdose antidote naloxone. They presented a continuing education course on opioid use disorder and taught addiction classes on campus.

As Pennsylvania’s medical cannabis program came online, SUDI became a state-approved educator, offering a professional certification course for medical professionals in the program.

Making the Connections, hosted by SUDI, focused on “Medical Cannabis and Its Impact on Opioid Use.” In June, SUDI hosted a discussion of the scientific evidence around Comprehensive User Engagement Sites for in-person and online audiences.

The SUDI faculty members look forward to an exciting year as they continue their work in translating evidence into policy and practice by educating practitioners, researching science and policy questions, and advocating for changes to improve substance use disorder treatment.

SUDI hosted a community forum focused on Comprehensive User Engagement Sites in June. Panelists (left to right): Dontae Jones, Brooke Feldman, Roland Lamb, Carol Rostucher, Tyler Hurst, Devin Reaves, Thomas Farley, and moderator Robert Ashford.

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More than 590 graduates were honored on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at the 197th Commencement Ceremony held at the Liacouras Center. DR. WILLIAM E. EVANS, endowed chair and former CEO of the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, received an honorary doctor of science degree.

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The seventh annual bachelor’s degree conferment ceremony was held on Friday, May 18, 2018, in the Athletic/Recreation Center. Some 160 USciences students in the doctor of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and pharmacy programs earned bachelor of science degrees and continue toward their professional degrees.

Photos: usciences.edu/ConfermentPhotos18 | Video: usciences.edu/ConfermentVideo18
By the Numbers

Total graduates: 760
Degrees granted: 762
Undergraduate degrees: 650
Graduate degrees: 112
Undergraduate-level grads: 649
Graduate-level grads: 112
Dual-degree graduates: 2
Men: 294
Women: 466
Age of youngest graduate: 20
Age of oldest graduate: 58
Number of states represented by graduates: 20

Number of countries represented by graduates (other than USA): 16
Number of graduates with a 3.40 GPA or higher:
328 Undergraduates
109 Graduates

Graduates by College
Mayes College: 48
Misher College: 111
PCP: 347
Samson College: 255

is often the beginning!
Meet the Class of 2018
By Katherine Tancredi

Dual Degrees in Pharmacy and Public Health Provide Unique Perspective on Patient Care

SWANA THOMAS PharmD’18, MPH’18 will start her career as a pharmacist with a better grasp of the possibilities that healthcare providers have to impact public health because of a dual-degree program she completed at USciences.

Dr. Thomas said the combination of pharmacy and public health will help her to be a more patient-centered pharmacist and caused her to fall in love with the profession in a new way.

After graduation, Dr. Thomas began work as a PGY1 ambulatory care resident at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She hopes to continue her career in an ambulatory care setting and, down the road, return to academia.

Cooking Inspires Love for Chemistry and Future Career in Renewable Energy Research

While working as sous chef at Bouchon Bakery in New York City, ZACH FRIAR C’18, found a passion for chemistry. After reading Harold McGee’s book *On Food and Cooking* and exploring molecular gastronomy techniques, Friar was hooked and decided to change career paths to further his interest in physical chemistry.

After earning his associate’s degree in science from the Community College of Philadelphia, Friar transferred to USciences, where he was drawn to the school’s small class sizes, strong reputation, and abundant research opportunities. Friar started undergraduate research during his first semester and took directed studies that gave him a foundation for future research.

Friar will attend University of California, Berkeley, in their physical chemistry PhD program. He plans to study inorganic materials with energy applications.
For Alumna, USciences Is First Step in Path to Medical School

KYLA COLBURN HS’18 found guidance and support in USciences faculty members while pursuing her bachelor’s in health science to help her toward her career aspirations.

Visiting assistant professor of biological sciences WASIM ANWAR, MBBS (MD), helped her to improve her study methods to meet the demands of the coursework.

“Dr. Anwar saw the potential in me even when I couldn’t see it myself,” said Colburn. After graduating from USciences, Colburn started working on her master’s in clinical exercise physiology at East Stroudsburg University. She hopes to eventually attend medical school and work as a cardiologist or a pediatric exercise physiologist.

USciences Prepared Alumna for the Future of Global Regulatory Affairs

DORIS FORESTAL PhD’18 (Health Policy), director of global labeling therapeutic area head for oncology in the global regulatory affairs department at Janssen Pharmaceuticals, pursued her doctorate to further her career.

“My PhD in health policy provided me with sophisticated knowledge on the evolution of healthcare, the new drivers, and healthcare determinants to tailor research and development and treatment delivery, in order to improve health outcomes,” said Dr. Forestal. “Thus, I have already become a more effective health leader who understands the new healthcare dynamics and applies new paradigms to address regulatory issues.”

In the future, Dr. Forestal hopes to continue her work in global regulatory affairs, with the goal of tailoring her research to impact global public health.
It has been more than 30 years since ARTHUR E. GREENE BS’49, MS’50, DSc’52 retired as an adjunct professor of virology. However, at nearly 95 years old, he returned to the University’s commencement ceremony to watch his most beloved student, his grandson, receive his diploma and carry on his legacy.

ANDREW BERGMAN PA’18 said it was an honor to attend a University that his grandfather valued so deeply.

“USciences was number one on my list when I was looking at physician assistant schools,” said Bergman. “Knowing that my grandfather went here and taught here inspired me to go to such a renowned university. My experience was unbelievable because of what a close-knit environment I found at this school. It was great to make new friends and new relationships.”

This summer Bergman began his career at Reconstructive Orthopedics in New Jersey.

“Seeing Andrew move through the program and then to actually be here when he received his degree is a really wonderful situation,” said Dr. Greene. “As late in life as I am, what a truly great gift it is, to be here and enjoy it and appreciate it.”

Dr. Greene is a World War II veteran wounded in action before being honorably discharged in 1946. He went on to earn a bachelor of arts at University of Pennsylvania before enrolling at what was then Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science to earn a bachelor of science in 1949 and a master’s degree in microbiology in 1950. In 1952, he received his doctor of science degree in bacteriology.

Dr. Greene went on to work at the Institute for Medical Research in Camden, New Jersey, now The Coriell Institute for Medical Research, alongside Lewis L. Coriell, a famed virologist who helped create the technology used to develop the polio vaccine. Dr. Greene stayed connected to the University, working as an adjunct professor, from 1956 until 1985.
Although he discovered the pharmacy profession through a standardized aptitude test, it was his years as a student at USciences, then known as Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (PCP&S), that helped **EDWARD FOOTE P’87, PharmD’91** gain an appreciation for the important work of patient care provided by the pharmacist.

Now more than 30 years since he first graduated and took his first job as a night pharmacist at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Dr. Foote has returned to his alma mater as dean to help a new generation of pharmacists prepare for successful careers.
“I saw a great opportunity to make an impression on students the same way that my experience here was transformative for me,” he said.

Although Dr. Foote started his career as a hospital pharmacist, he returned to USciences to earn his PharmD before completing a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in nephrology and pharmacokinetics at the Hennepin County Medical Center/University of Minnesota. In 1993, he took his first academic position as assistant professor at Rutgers University.

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EDWARD FOOTE P’87, PharmD’91

In 2000, he took a position as associate professor at Wilkes University where he worked for the past 18 years, 14 as chair of the department of pharmacy practice. During his career he practiced as a clinical pharmacist in nephrology, taught numerous courses, and provided leadership to his department faculty. Over the past several years, he’s focused much of his energies on developing the interprofessional curriculum at Wilkes University.

“One of the things that I’m really passionate about in this job at USciences is having the opportunity to enhance the student experience,” Dr. Foote said. “Through my experience in higher education, I’ve learned that students have to feel that they are valued, that their learning experience is meaningful and not just a grind or a series of obstacles they need to overcome to earn a degree.”

Dr. Foote came to PCP&S as the youngest of 10 siblings from Jermyn, a small town in Northeastern Pennsylvania. However, he found an even larger family in the friends, faculty, and staff he met here. The one-time president of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity credits much of his personal and professional growth to his experience in the fraternity. “It was really interactions, leadership skills, and friendships that I still have today from my fraternity that were so transformative for me as a student. Heck, I even met my wife through Pi Lam!” Dr. Foote’s wife, Corinne, is sister to BILL CATALUTCH P’87.

Dr. Foote says he was neither an all-star student nor one who drew concern from professors. “While I had a great relationship with the faculty here, I can’t say I’d ever been into the dean’s office until I started this position,” he joked.
He keeps in touch with many of the faculty that influenced him so many years ago, many of whom are still at USciences.

Dr. Foote says some of his first tasks in his new position have been frank discussions about the future of the college with all of the stakeholders, both on campus and off.

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Since his return to USciences was announced, Dr. Foote says he’s received encouraging messages from fellow alumni who have expressed their commitment to the future of the institution.

“I’ve been away 30 years, but, you know, I’ve always cared deeply about this place. Healthcare and higher education are undergoing extreme change. We can’t go back to where we were, but as we move forward, I’m here to listen to all of our alums,” he said. “I encourage folks to reach out to me, engage, let me know what is on their mind, and come back to visit.”

From the top:
Left to right: Donna Marchesani, Angelo Sutera, Cheryl Bell, Foote, Vicky Rehill, Ken Heim, Bill Catalutch, Susan Holmes, and Paul Helerick, seen in a yearbook photo from the class of 1987 senior picnic.
Foote’s senior portrait (1987).
Sandy (Howell) Zaragoza P’87 and Foote at the Sweetheart dance in 1986."
A new yeast species discovered by USciences researcher MATTHEW J. FARBER, PhD, promises to brew sour beer in half the time of the usual fermentation process. Named GY7B, the novel, lactic acid–producing yeast is capable of fermenting a pleasant, aromatic sour beer and eliminates a secondary fermentation that is normally required for production.

“We have evidence that GY7B is a novel yeast species with distinct characteristics,” said Dr. Farber, director of the brewing science certificate program and an assistant professor of biology. “In addition to the faster brewing time for sour beer because the yeast itself makes lactic acid, there is no need for brewers to introduce bacteria to their production line, thus avoiding contamination concerns. Plus, it’s delicious.”
In normal sour beer production, two steps are required to achieve its flavor. First is a fermentation process by traditional brewer’s yeast, followed by the introduction of bacteria that ferments the remaining sugars into lactic acid. The production time can be four to six weeks or longer. The GY7B yeast species delivers highly attenuated (~95%) fermentation, which yields beers with bright, lactic acidity balanced by a slight sweetness. The tartness of the beer is perfectly balanced with a pleasant bouquet of apple esters with no discernible off-flavors.

The wild yeast was locally isolated on a tree near campus in West Philadelphia as an outcome of student research in Dr. Farber’s lab. Once cultured, GY7B went through production trials in the USciences pilot brewery and is the basis of ongoing research. The resulting analysis indicated the quite rare trait of heterolactic acid fermentation by yeast, something classically described in bacteria such as Lactobacillus and Pediococcus.

“Our ultimate goal is to provide GY7B to a commercial yeast supplier who would in turn get it into the hands of more brewers,” said Dr. Farber. The application of the GY7B yeast for sour beer production is patent pending.

For more information on GY7B, visit http://bit.ly/SourBeerYeast

“A Surprise in the Yeast”

“A brewing program in Philadelphia has come across a wild yeast that not only flocculates clear but also naturally produces lactic acid. Is GY7B the next big thing for sour beer?” Beer and Brewing Magazine’s John Holl reported on the finding and came to campus to taste the beer and interview Dr. Farber. Read the article at BeerandBrewing.com/a-surprise-in-the-yeast/

Above left: Dave McKenzie, brewing science student, and Marisa Egan, brewery manager.

Above right: Dr. Farber and Egan.
It all started with a seemingly simple gesture. Because he was given a scholarship that enabled him to go to college, once BOB CARR, former CEO of Hartland Payment Systems, was successful, he decided to fund a scholarship to help others. Now Carr’s quiet act has helped hundreds get a college degree as part of his Give Something Back Foundation of which he is founder and chairman.

Carr and Give Something Back were integral to funding the recent partnership between University of the Sciences and the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation that will provide scholarships for economically disadvantaged Philadelphia-area high school students attending the University.

“Growing up in a household with more troubles than money, I was honored and surprised to be awarded a $250 college scholarship from the local women’s club during my senior year in high school,” Carr said. “The money was great, but the recognition was just as important. Someone believed that I was worth an investment. I vowed that if I ever had some extra money, I would provide scholarships to other students who knew adversity. I would give something back.”

The partnership with USciences, announced in May in a ceremony on campus, included a $500,000 donation from the Goals & Assists Foundation, a joint venture of Snider Hockey and Give Something Back. With additional contributions from USciences donors and friends, qualified student athletes who participate in Snider Hockey can apply for scholarships for admission starting in fall 2019 to cover four years of tuition, room, and board.

“We are excited to partner with University of the Sciences to make a first-rate college education available to qualified Snider Hockey students,” added Carr. “University of the Sciences consistently ranks as a top school in the region and is recognized for providing a quality education at a great value.”

Both Snider Hockey and Give Something Back are dedicated to helping inspire and academically motivate young people to excel, despite financial and social challenges. They created the Goals & Assists Foundation to provide Snider Hockey participants with the opportunity to attend one of several postsecondary institutions.

DR. PAUL KATZ, USciences president, recognizes how this aligns with the University’s mission and values. “We continue to reach out to students in need, specifically students from Philadelphia, to offer the support needed to gain a USciences degree and a pathway to a successful career in science or healthcare,” he said.
Dan Hussar P’62, MS’64, PhD’67 Retires After More Than 50 Years

By Jenna Pizzi

After more than 50 years and thousands of students, DAN HUSSAR P’62, MS’64, PhD’67 is filing away his lecture notes and retiring. At a retirement reception for alumni held on campus on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, a line formed out the door to greet Dr. Hussar and thank him for the impact he has had.

However, Dr. Hussar said he was just as impacted by the friendship of each in attendance.

“If I were to abstract or provide an executive summary of my comments and my feelings it would be two words: thank you,” he said. “Thank you for the experiences that you have shared with me; thank you for what I’ve learned from each of you. It is a two-way street.”

Dr. Hussar has instructed more than 10,000 students and impacted many more through his activities on campus, both in and out of the classroom.

“His legacy on this campus is tremendous and almost incomprehensible,” said Provost PETER MILLER, PhD. “He is a model for faculty, staff, and all of us on this campus.”

More than 100 former students of Dr. Hussar attended his retirement reception on campus.

“He has been my advisor for about 13 years now and he is truly an inspiration to so many,” said PAUL CACERES PharmD’12, who returned to campus for the reception. “He is still helping me in my career.”

Dr. Hussar is the author of the Pharmacist Activist, a newsletter and blog featuring editorials and information about topics important to the pharmacy profession, including information about new drugs. Always interested in the latest treatments, Dr. Hussar has led continuing education programs for practicing pharmacists and other healthcare professionals. His primary interests are in the areas of new drugs, drug interactions, and patient compliance.

He has also served in a number of capacities within pharmacy and community organizations. In 2017, Dr. Hussar’s dedication to the profession was acknowledged with the Remington Honor Medal, pharmacy’s highest honor, presented by the American Pharmacists Association.

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Student Volunteers Focus on Food Insecurity During Service Day

On August 23, two dozen USciences students traveled to Scranton, Pennsylvania, to join in a service event that marks the beginning of a partnership with students from three other institutions—Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, Keystone College, and Lackawanna College—to help fight food insecurity in the region. Students spent the day building a living case study centered on how food insecurity impacts community and then assembled 10,000 meals to be distributed to families in need.

usciences.edu/ScrantonService

New Residence Hall on the Rise

On track to open for the spring 2019 semester, USciences is constructing a new, mixed-use residence hall to better meet the needs of students. The project, which broke ground in September 2017, incorporates numerous sustainable features for Green Globe certification. The building will feature double-occupancy rooms with private bathrooms. In addition to housing, the building will include classroom, retail, and office space as well as an open-air courtyard for students and neighbors to use.

usciences.edu/ResidenceHall

A New Virtual Tour Gives Prospective Students a Look at Campus from Anywhere

Those interested in taking a tour of USciences’ Philadelphia campus don’t have to wait for a visit or an on-campus event. A new, virtual tour allows for a fully immersive experience with 360-degree views of campus and helpful information about the University, its culture, and its rich history. The tour, produced with YouVisit, gives a guided “walk” through campus starting at Griffith Hall and stopping along the way at buildings including the McNeil Science and Technology Center, Athletic/Recreation Center, and Integrated Professional Education Complex. The tour guide also provides information about the University’s history and notable alumni.

See for yourself at usciences.edu/#virtualtour
USciences Physics, Biology Professors Awarded Research Grants

The board of the Charles E. Kaufman Foundation, a supporting organization of the Pittsburgh Foundation, awarded 10 scientific research grants totaling $1.9 million, including $200,000 to USciences and ROBERTO RAMOS, PhD, and MARGARET PEARCE, PhD. Drs. Ramos and Pearce received the inaugural Integrated Research-Education Grant offered by the foundation, which aims to support a research process that places undergraduate students alongside innovative scientists engaged in basic, fundamental research in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ramos, associate professor of physics, was awarded for his proposal entitled “Undergraduates Investigating Quantum Effects in Multi-Gap Superconductivity in Novel Superconductors.” Dr. Pearce, assistant professor of biology and neuroscience, was awarded for research on “Elucidating Phagocytic Glial Responses to Protein Aggregation in Neurons.”

USciences Welcomes 335 First-Year Students to Campus

Students, faculty, and staff gathered to welcome the newest additions to the campus community on August 24, 2018, as they moved into Goodman and Wilson Halls and celebrated the official start of their time at USciences at our 12th Annual Convocation Ceremony.

The new class consists of 335 students from 10 states, including California, Colorado, Nevada, and Oregon—not to mention international students who traveled even further. They are pursuing a mix of 22 majors, including pharmacy, physical therapy, biology, occupational therapy, and biomedical sciences. With an average GPA of 3.72, the class scored an average 1219 on the SAT and earned a 26 ACT composite score.

USciences Launches Data Science Degree

With “big data” playing an integral part in nearly every facet of life today, a majority of industries are seeking professionals who can extract meaningful information from data and provide scientific insights. To meet this need, the University has launched a bachelor of science degree in data science that provides an in-depth understanding of the science behind data.

The unique curriculum allows students to tailor their degree based on their area of interest and career goals through three application domains and opportunities for hands-on research and internship opportunities. In an age where data safety is top of mind, the program will also focus on data integrity, security, and privacy.
USciences Student-Athletes Post 3.41 GPA

Student-athletes posted a 3.41 grade point average for the spring 2018 semester, with all 12 teams achieving at least a 3.1 GPA. 91 student-athletes earned Dean’s List honors, with nine posting a perfect 4.0 GPA: SHANE BISHOP DPT’21 (cross country/track & field), MICHAEL FOX PharmD’20 (basketball), MIKAELA GIULIANI BMS’20 (basketball), WILL GREGORITS PHB’20 (basketball), ALYX MCKIERMAN Psy’19 (basketball), KARLA MILETIC PHYS’20 (tennis), BRITTANY RICKARD PH/TX’19 (softball), DANIELLE TAYLOR Bi’21 (volleyball), and BROOKE WITMER PharmD’21 (volleyball).

Women’s Tennis’ Karla Miletic Named Academic All-American

KARLA MILETIC PHYS’20 has become the fifth student-athlete in USciences Athletics history to receive Academic All-America accolades, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Miletic joins women’s volleyball’s EMILY ROTH (2005); ERIK SODERBLOM (2002); men’s tennis’ ALVARO VARGAS (2012); and men’s basketball’s GARRETT KERR (2015) as Academic All-American honorees.

Competes at Historic Penn Relays

Members of the first-year track and field program got an experience to cherish forever as they competed at the historic Penn Relays hosted at Franklin Field. The women, represented by STEPHANIE ROMERO BMS’21, SIMRAN SANGU DPT’21, ELIZABETH EATON DPT’20, and JORDYN PURSEL MOT’20, competed in the 4x100m in season-best time. Running for the men were ERIC PAPAZIAN PHB’21, WILLIAM HALLINAN PharmD’23, RYAN WARD DPT’23, and JOHNATHAN EPSTEIN DPT’23. The four ran the 4x400m and the sprint medley.

Get more Athletics news at usciences.edu/athletics.
Dear Fellow Alumni:

I am pleased to announce the arrival of Ed Foote P’87 PharmD’91 as the next dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. The University attracts amazing people to leadership roles, but we swell up with a little more pride when an alumnus comes back to campus to lead. We look forward to welcoming him at an upcoming meeting of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association’s role is to encourage our alumni to interact—to see old friends and make new connections—at our events, from Reunion @ Fall Fest on campus to our Alumni Receptions during annual professional meetings all across the U.S., including those in Washington, DC; New Orleans; and Seattle this year. We want you to feel welcome and to participate. It is a great opportunity to connect with colleagues, faculty, and administrators and to get a personal update about campus. We know that it may not be possible for you to come to USciences, so USciences is going out there to meet you.

We want you to cherish your relationship with USciences—and not just the place—but with the people who mentored you, the classmates who supported you, the teammates who cheered with you, the Legacy family member who blazed the way for you, and the new connections that you have yet to meet.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Annual Alumni Reception at the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2018, New Orleans, LA

Physical therapy alumni attending the APTA Combined Sections Meeting gathered for an alumni reception and to reconnect with faculty and friends.

At left, left to right: Shelly Lewis, PT, DPT, GCS, director of clinical education; and recent alumni Nicole Notaro DPT’17; JJ Andrews DPT’17; Alex Stiverson DPT’17; Christihe Kettle DPT’17; Heather Murphy DPT’17; and Kristen Shoop DPT’17.

Celebration of Scholarship

Sunday, March 25, 2018
Philadelphia, PA

The Office of Institutional Advancement hosted the University’s annual Celebration of Scholarship with a breakfast reception to celebrate our generous donors and outstanding scholarship recipients. Sixty students, donors, and family members attended.

Pat Walsh BW’01 and Hong Jin Na BW’01 of the Alumni Association with their scholarship recipient Brooke Witmer PharmD’21.

Mr. Timmy Garde and the recipient of the Joseph L. Garde Scholarship, Alan Duong DPT’18.

Donors Frank and Barbara Dollarton with their student recipient of the Michael F. Dollarton Memorial Scholarship, David Sharp PharmD’19.

Ms. Debra Pagano and the student recipient of the Henry L. Avallone Endowed Scholarship, Eric Simpson PharmD’20.
Annual Alumni Reception at American Pharmacists Association (APhA)

Saturday, March 17, 2018
Nashville, TN

Students, faculty, and alumni from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy gathered at the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association reception cohosted by USciences Office of Alumni Relations.

Left to Right: Lt. Col. Dominic A. Solimando, Jr. P’76; Betty Jean Harris P’75, PharmD; and Doug Miller PharmD’76 catching up at the reception.

Summer Happy Hour Down the Shore

Saturday, July 21, 2018, Strathmere, NJ

Rain in the afternoon did not stop 30 USciences alumni from attending the annual Happy Hour Down the Shore at the Deauville Inn. It is an ideal location on the bay, which has made the event a favorite for three years in a row. Go ahead and mark your calendars, we will be returning to the Deauville Inn on July 27, 2019.

Young Alumni Fall Happy Hour

Thursday, September 6, 2018
Philadelphia, PA

USciences Office of Alumni Relations hosted young alumni for a happy hour at Urban Village at the Piazza at Schmidt’s Commons in Northern Liberties. Co-owner Dave Goldman is a graduate of the Brewing Sciences Program. Attendees enjoyed appetizers and two drinks on us, while enjoying an evening with fellow alumni.

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.
Class Notes

1963
When the Institutional Advancement office learned that the Curcio family did not receive their Legacy photo opportunity on commencement day, Rob Rudd, vice president, invited Peter N. Curcio P’63, Kimberly Curcio P’87, and their son Brandon Curcio PharmD’18 to lunch and arranged for a professional photo shoot on campus.

Left to right: Kimberly Curcio P’87, Brandon Curcio PharmD’18, and Peter N. Curcio P’63.

1966
JACK COOK
P’66 was recognized by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials at the Orange County Basketball Officials’ Association end-of-season dinner. The award recognizes Cook’s 35 years of basketball officiating in Orange County, NY.

1976
PATRICIA RYAN AUDET
P’76, PharmD’78 made a leadership gift to the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration to create the Tuition Relief Fund for fourth-year professional students.

RICHARD L. LUCAROTTI
PharmD’76 became a member of the Griffith Leadership Society with a gift of $1,000 to the annual fund.

1979
South University School of Pharmacy awarded Joël Becker P’79 the Advanced Institutional Preceptor of the Year award in recognition of his student advocacy by showing active involvement and leadership in student professional development.

NANCY GILBERT
P’79 retired from Eli Lilly & Co. after 34 years of service. She retired as a senior executive specialty representative having represented Lilly in the neuroscience and osteo divisions as well as participating in an Integrated Health Services pilot program from 2013 to 2015. Nancy continues to live in Salem, MA.

1986
DAVID B. JOSEPH
PH/TX’86, PhD (University of Kansas) presented for the Food and Drug Administration at the Joint Meeting of the Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee and the Pediatric Advisory Committee on May 3, 2018. The committee discussed the new drug application for stannsoporfin injection, proposed for treatment of neonates at least 35 weeks gestational age with indicators of hemolysis who are at risk of developing severe hyperbilirubinemia. David is the lead pharmacologist (non-clinical) in FDA’s Division of Gastroenterology and Inborn Errors Products.

1992
MARIA TERE SA AMBRO SINI
PharmD’92 was recently recognized as an “Outstanding Reviewer” for the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association, in recognition for the contribution in reviewing.

BRIAN E. MCCUSKER
MPT’92 and JULIA B. MCCUSKER
P’91 became members of the Griffith Leadership Society with a gift of $1,000 to the annual fund.

1996
DAIN RUSK
P’96 joined Publix as vice president of pharmacy.

1997
MICHAEL A. EVANS
P’97 has been promoted to vice president of enterprise pharmacy and chief pharmacy officer at Geisinger Health. Michael has served in numerous roles including clinical pharmacist, clinical coordinator of pharmacy anticoagulation services, clinical coordinator of pharmacy disease management services, director of ambulatory clinical pharmacy programs, codirector of Center for Pharmacy Innovation and Outcomes, and associate vice president, clinical strategy and innovation at Geisinger.

1998
ELENA MACK MB’98 co-authored an article for Contract Pharma Magazine titled “Fostering Global Regulatory Collaboration in the Marketing of Combination Products,” about how early partnerships between pharmaceutical companies and drug delivery technology providers can be valuable.

2000
MARDHIA S. DAYISI
P’00 became a member of the Griffith Leadership Society with a gift of $1,000 to the annual fund.

2009
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OBI
PharmD’09 and her husband appeared on Wheel of Fortune.

2010
KATIE BIFANO
PharmD’10 and Martin Rakaczewski were married on September 2, 2017, at the St. Rose of Lima Church in Carbondale, NJ.

2011
COURTNEY CAVALIERI
PharmD’11 married Dominic Rucci on October 21, 2017, in the Hudson Valley of New York. Courtney was a member and captain of the rifle team, as well as a contributing member of The Elixir. She is currently a clinical oncology pharmacist at Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.
MAGGIE MURPHY RANDAZZO  
PharmD’11 was named one of Atlantic County’s Top 40 under 40.

2012  
ROMY ANTOINE  Bl’12 became a member of the National Wellness Institute board of directors.

MARK FORBES, JR.  
PharmD’12, son of THERESA FORBES  
PharmD’78, will be married to Jacqueline Pentek, RPh, PharmD, on September 7, 2019.

2013  
OMAR M. MIAN  PhSci’13  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

KENDRA A. STROBEL  
EWSM’13  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

2014  
JACQUELINE KODISH  
MOT’14  
married Matthew Sofianelli on September 2, 2018, at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Clarks Summit, PA.

JOHN J. MONDIN  
PharmD’14 is is the grand vice president for collegiate affairs at Phi Delta Chi, a national pharmacy fraternal organization. John was initiated into the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Delta Chi in the fall 2009 at USciences. John is currently employed as a clinical pharmacy specialist in cardiovascular critical care at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in Webster, TX.

MEGAN ELIZABETH TOLAN  
PharmD’14 married MARC NICHOLAS WAGNER  
PharmD’16 on September 1, 2018, at St. Paul’s Church in Scranton, PA.

2015  
MICHAEL J. GARTLAND  
DPT’15  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

JARED HUNTER  
HumSci’15  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

KAITLYN A. LECH  
PHB’15  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

AVRY E. MARTIN  
HS’15  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

XUE YANG  
PhD’15  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

2016  
Since graduating, MATT CIAPETTA  
PharmD’16  
has continued to support students who are attending the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Matt is a Walgreens pharmacy store manager in Camden, New Jersey, and is a preceptor overseeing students completing their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience rotations in community pharmacy practice. Plus, Matt is involved precepting students enrolled in the Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience course and interacting with pharmacy students at the Cooper-Rowan Clinic, a primary care clinic.

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH DROZD  
PharmD’16  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

LINNLY C. FOO  
DPT’16  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

SABINA KAMINSKI  
PharmD’16  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

STEFAN A. KOLODU  
PharmD’16  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

2017  
POOJA PATEL  
DrOT’17  
was elected and inaugurated as the national president of the national occupational therapy honor society, Pi Theta Epsilon.

WILLIAM TIDWELL  
PharmD’17  
was awarded best poster at the Tennessee Pharmacist Association/Tennessee Health System Pharmacists Winter 2018 Meeting. William, who is completing his pharmacy residency at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, TN, collaborated with faculty from Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on the research project, investigating a phenobarbital-based protocol versus CIWA-Ar for the treatment of suspected or confirmed alcohol withdrawal syndrome in critically ill patient population.

2018  
ELIZABETH GREENE  
DPT’18  
became a member of the Young Devil Society* with a gift to the annual fund.

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John A. Borneman, III, P’S2, HonDSc’08 passed away on July 9, 2018. He was the third of four generations of family to attend USciences, and he focused his practice and family’s business in the field of homeopathic medicine. He was founding director and president of the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia Convention of the United States.
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BW   Biomedical Writing
C    Chemistry
CB   Cell Biology
CS   Computer Science
DPT  Doctor of Physical Therapy
DrOT Doctor of Occupational Therapy
ES   Environmental Science
ESWM Exercise Science and Wellness Management
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
Misher Misher Studies
MOT  Master of Occupational Therapy
MPH  Master of Public Health
MPT  Master of Physical Therapy
MS   Master of Science
MSPAS Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
MT   Medical Technology
Neuro Neuroscience
OrgC Organic Chemistry
P    Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy
PA   Physician Assistant
PAd  Pharmacy Administration
PharmD Doctor of Pharmacy
PhB  Pharmaceutical and Healthcare 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
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PM  Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management
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Psy  Psychology
STC Certificate in Science Teaching
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