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I was lucky to have Matt, a legacy student, call me this year. We had a great conversation and even know some of the same alumni. Phonathon helps me give back to my alma mater in return for all it did for my life and career. I continue to look forward to my annual call.

- Scotty Myers P’90

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From the President

It has been an amazing and eye-opening experience to serve as interim president of this university. Since taking office in September, I have had the opportunity to interact with many faculty, staff, and students in one-on-one settings, small group get-togethers, and town hall meetings. Each encounter is a learning experience, and I walk away impressed by the passion, dedication, and intelligence of the entire USciences community. People have been so helpful and cooperative, and it is clear that we share the same vision for the future.

It is a matter of great pride that our stature as an institution of higher learning has elicited the very highest quality of candidates to fill the president’s position. Our presidential search committee has received applications from a widely diverse group of highly qualified individuals from industry and academia. As of this writing, we remain on track to present the top candidates to the board of trustees at the February meeting.

It is important to note that we are approaching the selection of a president with a new perspective. As directed by the board, we began a university-wide, zero-based strategic planning process early this year, working closely with the consulting firm Decision Strategies International. In November, the board received a completed report that articulated three major goals and six strategic recommendations for achieving these objectives.

Our goals are the following:

1. Prepare students to be successful in a rapidly changing healthcare environment
3. Differentiate the University in a crowded and competitive higher education marketplace.

In order to meet these aims, we plan to:

1. Expand pre-professional education.
2. Increase interdisciplinary education in all curricula, especially:
   – behavioral science
   – healthcare business
3. Increase our research activities in targeted areas.
4. Grow more online programs, and provide more off-site and internship opportunities for our students.
5. Diversify our curricular delivery mechanisms to allow students more flexibility.
6. Widen our scope of student recruitment to a national scale.

With the strategic direction clearly defined, our new president will begin her or his tenure with a roadmap to chart the course of USciences’ future, with the opportunity to leave his or her mark on the implementation process. There is still much work to be done, but I am confident that the University community will continue to respond with the enthusiasm I have already seen firsthand.

Please feel free to reach out to me at president@usciences.edu if you have any thoughts. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marvin Samson
Interim President
A “Tireless Spirit” Retires
USciences athletics icon Robert “Bobby” Morgan won’t soon be forgotten
by Kevin Kaufman

ROBERT “BOBBY” MORGAN is synonymous with athletics at University of the Sciences. After 32 seasons (1968–2000) as the men’s basketball coach and 34 years as the director of athletics beginning in 1977, Morgan stepped down this past summer to shift his focus to advising and teaching.

As the men’s basketball coach, Morgan will be remembered for his team’s 598 victories, 20-straight campaigns with postseason play, and four appearances in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national tournament.

As athletic director, Morgan crafted a legacy of growth and achievement. In 2003, USciences began playing in NCAA Division II, and he presided over the inauguration of a 1,000-seat on-campus arena. The institution’s number of intercollegiate athletic teams tripled during his tenure.

Undoubtedly, though, it is his work off the court and out of the conference room for which he will be most remembered.

The positive impact he has made on the lives of the hundreds of student-athletes he has coached and advised is immeasurable.

“I’ve always gotten more from the kids than they’ve gotten from me.”
-ROBERT “BOBBY” MORGAN

“Bobby has always had a strong commitment to advancing the athletics program,” said Remington Professor of Pharmacy DANIEL A. HUSSAR P’62, MS’64, PhD’67, whose “long standing interest” in USciences athletics reaches back 45 years—to before Morgan was even on campus. “But his highest priority has been serving all students, not just athletes. That commitment transcends his athletics responsibilities. When issues and challenges arise for students, they come to him because they can count on his confidence.”

Morgan’s prescription for success in that realm is simple. By taking himself out of the equation, putting the student-athletes’ needs ahead of his own, and keeping matters in perspective, Morgan transcended his titles and evolved into a friend and mentor.

“I’ve always gotten more from the kids than they’ve gotten from me,” said Morgan, a West Philadelphia native, who is one of the NAIA’s 10 winningest coaches. “I hope the players look back and say their athletic experience was positive—that it is something they would do again. I’d tell the players, ‘I love that we’re winning, but let’s not get too caught up in the basketball thing. Let’s get down to the bottom line of why you’re here—to walk across that stage [at commencement] and give me the thumbs up.’”

A 1961 All-American at Drexel University and inductee into numerous halls of fame, Morgan is that coach whose life lessons his players adopted
and applied in their own lives and then passed along to their own children. He is the coach who allowed his first few teams to dress and act like ’60s college students without judgment; the coach who gladly waded into a sea of administrative red tape on behalf of a student; that coach who helped his star defensive player deal with the death of his father on his own terms. Morgan was that coach who “gave players off here and there to study” because “it wouldn’t kill us.” Coach Morgan “got it,” understanding that his athletes were students first and under immense pressure.

“Coach would seek out teammates who were strong in certain classes to tutor others who were struggling,” said former point guard ERIK COOPER P’90, who played for Morgan from 1985 to 1989 and is sixth on the Devils’ all-time assist list. “I tell my kids about my experiences and often remind them that my coaches had belief in me at times when I couldn’t find any within myself. It is a great feeling to know when someone believes in your abilities.”

Toward the end of his collegiate playing career, Cooper was overwhelmed with school, work, and basketball, and made the decision that he couldn’t continue to play basketball.

“I had to let Coach know, but I was so afraid to disappoint him,” Cooper said. Morgan made the decision easy for him. He smiled and said, “I understand, Coop. You made a good decision, and whatever I can do to help you, let me know.”

“People don’t understand the power that teachers and coaches have,” said new athletic director PAUL KLIMITAS, one of Morgan’s longtime trusted coaches and administrators since joining the University in 1976. “Former players come back to campus every week, and it’s always stories. They’ll come in and ask, ‘Coach, do you remember when…’ You fill in the blank. It could be anything. We don’t remember, but that’s not the important part. It’s that they remember.”

Morgan holds especially dear the plaque he received the night in 2003 when the main arena of the new 1,000-seat Athletic/Recreation Center was named in his honor. The official inscription on the plaque lauds Morgan’s “tireless spirit, guidance and support.” Many of his former players were on hand that evening and wrote messages on the plaque. There is not one inscription about winning games. The plaque is full of heartfelt sentiments about how Morgan helped them succeed in life.

And for that, he will be remembered fondly.
Staying the Course

Academics Remain Priority for new AD Paul Klimitas

by Kevin Kaufman

On Friday, September 10, 1976, PAUL KLIMITAS caught a glimpse of his future; he just didn’t realize it. That day, he met his friend and mentor ROBERT “BOBBY” MORGAN—the man he would succeed 35 years later as athletic director at University of the Sciences.

Klimitas interviewed with then-athletic director Dr. ROBERT JONES for the position of physical education instructor and assistant men’s basketball coach. He also met with Morgan, then the men’s basketball coach. Klimitas received the job offer that weekend and on Monday took his courtside seat next to Morgan. Through the ensuing years, “Coach K” never left that seat and would become one of Morgan’s most trusted coaches and administrators.

Armed with a degree from West Chester and three years teaching in the Cherry Hill (N.J.) School District, the then-24-year-old Klimitas saw the opportunity at the former Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science as a foot in the proverbial door toward accomplishing a career aspiration of working in collegiate athletics. Not long after arriving on campus, he was also named the rifle team coach and would go on to have a highly decorated and accomplished career.

“Thirty-five years later, I’m still here, and it’s because of the kids. I love the kids,” said Klimitas, who is, ironically, the son of a pharmacist.

The first priority for the “kids” has always been high academic achievement, starting before Dr. Jones was athletic director, continuing into Morgan’s tenure, which started in 1977, and extending to the present day. During the spring 2011 semester, USciences’ student-athletes recorded a higher grade point average than the student body. High academic achievement will continue to be the clarion call around which USciences student-athletes rally with Klimitas at the helm.

“You have to take academics seriously in order to exist here as a student-athlete,” said Klimitas, who was promoted from associate athletic director. “Academics has to come first. I know that sounds like the ‘party line,’ but that’s just the way it has to be here. My primary goal is to keep the ship sailing in the right direction and make the transition as seamless as possible.”

—PAUL KLIMITAS

Thirty-five years later, I’m still here, and it’s because of the kids. I love the kids.
“I have known that I wanted to become a physician assistant my entire life. After surviving cancer as a child, I knew I wanted to give back. Personally, the sooner I could help others, the better,” said STEPHANIE BUI PA/HS’11 (PA’12 PCOM). “Thanks to the USciences/Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) accelerated program, I will be graduating PA school at the age of 22, which allows me to impact lives and serve the community at a young age.”

Articulation agreements between University of the Sciences and PCOM have been in place since 1998 for the physician assistant program that Bui is part of and since 1991 for the DO program. These agreements allow students to move seamlessly from one program to the next, with a limited number of seats guaranteed to USciences students who meet all of the program criteria. The accelerated program saves the students a year of study and tuition payments. And as Bui mentioned, it gets them out into the workforce sooner.

The success of the programs with PCOM has led the University to pursue articulation agreements with other schools in a variety of majors. Three different categories of agreements are now in place. The first offers students an expedited transfer from an undergraduate program at another school into a specific USciences undergraduate program. The second is an accelerated program for students of other colleges to transfer directly into a USciences professional graduate program, such as pharmacy or physical therapy. And the third is the kind we have with PCOM, which allows our undergraduate students to move into professional/graduate school, in many cases, on an accelerated basis. Our current agreements in each category are outlined on page 8.

A key factor in determining appropriate agreements, according to WILLIAM LAW, PhD, vice dean of Mishier College of Arts and Sciences, is whether the relationship will help us to provide leaders to healthcare and basic science communities where they are needed. “We look for high academic quality, access, and confluence of principles between USciences and the institutions with which we consider relationships,” he said.

The agreements offer benefits to both the students and the institutions involved. “Articulation agreements allow us to expand the palette of clinical programs and degrees we can offer our students,” said RUSSELL DIGATE, PhD, provost of the University. “We want to be the go-to school for students interested in the science and health professions. Our expanded agreements make our programs even more attractive.”

“Because our articulation agreements provide smooth entry into medical, dental and optometry schools, we can attract top students to our undergraduate programs.”

- SUZANNE MURPHY, PhD
Dean of Mishier College of Arts and Sciences
Each category of agreement focuses on a different population:

**Undergraduates of Other Schools to USciences Undergraduate Programs**

According to the College Board, most students change majors at least once in their college years. And many enter community college unsure of what future career is appropriate for them. If they ultimately make a decision to pursue a career in healthcare or the sciences, the option to move to USciences is a great opportunity.

Each agreement only provides for transition into a particular USciences major, based on the strength of the sending college’s program. “By working with schools that have a good science reputation, we ensure the students who transition to USciences will be successful,” said Dr. Murphy. Forming agreements with undergraduate schools and community colleges also allows those who want a USciences education but can’t afford it to still reap some of the benefits.

Department chairs are currently looking at other college courses of study to see what can translate into specific USciences programs.

**Undergraduates of Other Schools to USciences Professional Programs**

According to LAURIE SHERWEN, PhD, dean of Samson College of Health Sciences, articulation agreements like the new one for students from Georgian Court University to enter USciences’ physical therapy program open doors for qualified students. “These types of agreements give students at our partner institutions broader opportunity,” said Dr. Sherwen, smoothing the way for an easy transition into the professional years of USciences programs. And students don’t have to wait until they graduate to enter a graduate program, since they come to USciences in lieu of their senior year. “Agreements like these ensure a sufficient number of students if a program is not fully enrolled. It also increases the diversity of the student body, allowing students to interact with students from other environments and backgrounds,” Dr. Sherwen added.

Georgian Court science students also have the opportunity to enter the professional phase of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy’s iconic doctor of pharmacy program. “Students at the other institution gain a more convenient and streamlined form of access to our programs and have a greater variety of options for their major. USciences gains from having a pool of well-qualified entering students,” said LISA LAWSON, PharmD, dean of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

**USciences Undergraduates to Professional Programs at Other Schools**

The University wants to open doors for students who choose to start their education at USciences as well. That’s where relationships like our previously established ones with PCOM and the expanded articulation agreements with other medical, dental, and optometry schools come in. “These are like ‘a bird in the hand’ for incoming students,” said Dr. Murphy. “It gives students clear direction.” Students know from the beginning what schools are ready to welcome them based on their strenuous USciences curriculum and professional preparation.

PREYANKA MAKADIA BU’10 (DO’13, PCOM) knows just what Dr. Murphy means. Confident that she already had a spot in medical school (as long as she maintained the required high GPA), Makadia was freed to “focus on a career in medicine, not simply on getting into medical school. I was able to tailor my experience at USciences to what I wanted to be as a physician,” Makadia said. “This led...
me to minor in communication and to take some health policy courses.” University administrators hope to continue to expand the opportunities for USciences students who wish to pursue graduate programs or professional courses of study that the University does not offer.

Expanding Horizons

“We are always interested in what might be out there to bring high-quality students to USciences or to open doors for our students to further their studies,” said Dr. Murphy. University leaders are seeking input from students, alumni, and the healthcare and scientific communities to help determine what relationships are going to be most effective and provide the greatest potential for our current and future students.

“University of the Sciences provides superior opportunities for students to receive the education and training needed to become leaders in the fields of healthcare and basic sciences,” said Dr. Law. “The articulation agreements into which we have entered, and are continuing to explore, provide mechanisms to enhance and extend those opportunities for current students and prospective students.”

Current USciences Articulation Agreements

Undergraduates of Other Schools to USciences Undergraduate Programs

- Penn State Brandywine: Students having completed two years in a prescribed biological science curriculum into the USciences biology program OR USciences’ unique humanities and science major
- Camden County College: Students having earned an AS degree in biology into the USciences biology program
- Middlesex Community College: Students having earned an AS degree in applied science or associate science into the USciences pharmaceutical and healthcare business program

To learn more about transferring, visit http://bit.ly/uWagbH.

Undergraduates of Other Schools to USciences Professional Programs

- Georgian Court University: Students having completed their third year in the biology, chemistry, biochemistry, or exercise science, wellness and sports (PT only) program into the professional phase of the USciences doctor of pharmacy OR doctor of physical therapy program
- Messiah College: Students having completed their third year in the biochemistry program into the professional phase of the USciences doctor of pharmacy program

To learn more about transferring, visit http://bit.ly/stwZQc.

USciences Undergraduates to Professional Programs at Other Schools

- The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC): Students having earned a BS at USciences into the TCMC doctor of medicine (MD) program
- Kornberg School of Dentistry (KSD) at Temple University: Students having completed their third year in the biology program, or earned a BS, at USciences into the KSD doctor of medical dentistry (DMD) program
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM): Students having completed their third year in the biology program, or earned a BS, at USciences into the PCOM doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) program OR students having completed their third year in the USciences physician assistant studies program into the PCOM physician assistant (PA) program
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University (PCO/SU): Students having completed their third year in the biology program, or earned a BS, at USciences into the PCO/SU doctor of optometry (OD) program
- St. George’s University School of Veterinary Medicine (SGU-SVM): Students having completed their third year in the biology program or four years in another major, into the doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) program at SGU-SVM.

To learn more about dual-degree programs, visit http://bit.ly/scFSVQ.
Faculty Appointments

1. Peter B. Berget, PhD
   Chair and Professor of Biological Sciences
2. Eric J. Folkins, DPT
   Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy and Director of Clinical Education
3. Karin Gravare Silbernagel, PT, ATC, PhD
   Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy
4. Amalia M. Issa, PhD, MPH
   Chair and Professor of Health Policy and Public Health; Director of Program in Personalized Medicine and Targeted Therapeutics
5. Bryan (Bang) Kim, PhD
   Instructor and Coordinator of the Health Sciences Program
6. David R. Leonard, MMS, PA-C, DHSc
   Founding Director and Associate Professor of the Graduate Physician Assistant Studies Program, Chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies
7. Colleen M. Maher, OTD
   Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy
8. Karleen T. Melody, PharmD
   Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
9. Richard T. Minoff, MBA
   Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Business, Director of the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Business Undergraduate Program
10. Shelley H. Otsuka, PharmD
    Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
11. McHardy M. Smith, PhD
    Instructor in Pharmaceutical Sciences
12. Kimberly D. Ward, MPT, MPH
    Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy
13. Chris Wieman, MS
    Instructor in Information Sciences
14. Radha S. Vanmali, PharmD
    Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
15. Dana Pape-Zambito, PhD
    Assistant Professor of Biology

NOT PICTURED:
Eric Pelletier, DPT
Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy

Faculty Promotions

Salar Alsardary, PhD
from Associate Professor to Professor of Mathematics

Lisa Davis, PharmD
from Associate Professor to Professor of Clinical Pharmacy

Christine Flanagan, MFA
from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of English

Laura Pontiggia, PhD
from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Statistics

Voki Pophristic, PhD
from Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry to Professor of Physical Therapy

Gregory Thielman, EdD
from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Physical Therapy

USciences Plays Host to Delegation from China’s SFDA

University of the Sciences played host to a delegation representing the China State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) on Monday, December 19, 2011. After participating in a 10-day educational training program at Yale University, the delegation is touring pharmaceutical industry-related institutions such as USciences, Novartis, FDA New Jersey District Office, Drug Information Association (DIA), and the United States Pharmacopeia (USP).

Read more: http://bit.ly/vKwGJY

At right, Dr. Youchun Wang, Deputy Director-General of the National Institutes for Food and Drug Control (NIFDC) of the SFDA addresses the group.
Team Approach: CMSRU, Cooper Health System, and USciences to Collaborate on Education Model

In a move that could greatly impact the education that healthcare professionals receive—and the care they ultimately give their patients—Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) and the Cooper Health System are partnering with University of the Sciences to establish an interprofessional healthcare education and practice model.

The three institutions have signed a formal agreement that will establish a joint curriculum that emphasizes effective collaboration among healthcare professionals. The curriculum will be based at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden.

“USciences has had a strong working relationship with the Cooper Health System for many years as an experiential site for students and a patient care practice site for faculty,” said Interim President MARVIN SAMSON. “By expanding this agreement, we are uniting students and healthcare professionals in developing an interprofessional team approach that will ultimately benefit patients and the healthcare system.”

Read more: http://bit.ly/qAx3CU

Bulletin Board

Board of Trustees Welcomes Three in 2011–12

Two new members and an alumni representative were elected to serve on the University’s board of trustees. The responsibilities of the board include approving the University’s strategic plans and ensuring their consistency with the institution’s mission and goals.

Aminta Hawkins Breaux, PhD
Dr. Aminta Hawkins Breaux is vice president for student affairs at Millersville University and is no stranger to USciences, having served as dean of students from 2000 to 2008. Dr. Breaux earned her PhD in counseling psychology from Temple University and a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Lucy Malmberg, P’72, RPh, FACA, FACVP
Alumna Lucy Malmberg is senior executive vice president of Wedgewood Pharmacy in Swedesboro, New Jersey. As cofounder of Wedgewood Pharmacy, she has been instrumental in transforming the company from a local community pharmacy purchased in 1981 into a specialized compounding pharmacy that is now one of the largest in the U.S. She is also a former alumni representative on the USciences board.

Robin Soifer Keyack, P’81, RPh
Alumna Robin Soifer Keyack, the board alumni representative, is director of pharmacy at Shore Medical Center in Somers Point, New Jersey. She has over 25 years of experience in hospital pharmacy and medication management systems. Keyack is past president of the USciences Alumni Association board of directors.

News Feed: Recent headlines from usciences.edu

Dr. Lia Vas Chosen for 2011 Faculty Special Recognition Award
PCP Makes a Strong Showing at the ASHP Midyear Conference
Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Hosts First Annual Research Symposium
2011 Fall Open House Series Comes to a Close
Teaching and Learning Presentations Showcase USciences Faculty Efforts
Genesis CARES at USciences Celebrates First Year
New Online MPH Program Set to Launch
USciences Recognized for Fulbright Scholar Recipient
DO/PhD Program Offers Link Between the Bench and the Bedside
http://bit.ly/v6OyOx
USciences OT Students Take to the Hill
http://bit.ly/aF5api
HepTREC Taking a Stand in Public Health Crisis
PGY1 Residency Gains Accreditation
http://bit.ly/w36cAt
PCP Helps Students Take a STEPP Ahead
USciences Timmy Global Health Chapter Takes Eye-Opening Trip to Ecuador
New Bachelor’s Degree Conferment Ceremony in May
New Name for Med Tech Program: Medical Laboratory Science Program
Physical Therapy Day on Capitol Hill
Sports in Short

Three Inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame

The University of the Sciences Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed its three newest members, the husband-wife duo of JOSEPH MILLER P’96 (Men’s Basketball 1991–95) and JODI MCNEILL-MILLER P’96, PharmD’97 (Women’s Basketball 1991–95), and Dr. JOSEPH RUANE HonAil’11 (Faculty Athletic Representative, 1999–2011) in a halftime ceremony on Saturday, December 10. Read more: http://bit.ly/shWPqC

Rifle Team Profiled in: The Wall Street Journal

The article on December 6, “Young Scientists Take Aim,” talks about how the successful rifle-shooting program, “pits some two-dozen science students against the likes of West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy.” Read more http://bit.ly/tt1WfW

Dr. Vincent Willey Named USciences Faculty Athletic Representative

VINCENT J. WILLEY P’92, PharmD’99, associate professor of pharmacy, has been appointed the University’s Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR). Read more: http://bit.ly/tG7cxO

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Alumni Connections
Reunion Recap

On September 24, more than 200 alumni, friends, and faculty gathered on campus in celebration of Reunion 2011. Many came back to renew connections to classmates and friends. And many came back to rediscover their alma mater. Whatever the reason, a great day was had by all as participants took part in campus tours, cocktail parties, an alumni award ceremony, and the annual dinner dance. DJ Black Diamond Entertainment and student hip-hop performers iNERT!A got the party rolling and dancers out on the floor.

Awards

Ivor Griffith Service Award—bestowed annually upon a person who has voluntarily given time and service in an outstanding fashion to the University

ROBIN SOIFER KEYACK P’81 has been involved in the alumni association for over 15 years, including serving as president. Read more: http://bit.ly/sWMu1C

Young Alumnus Award—bestowed annually to a person who is less than 40 years old and graduated in the last 15 years and has made distinguished contributions

DOMINIC A. MARASCO P’96, who serves on the University’s board of trustees, is a founder and leader in many areas of the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry. Read more: http://bit.ly/vYUh6D

Annual Alumni Award—bestowed annually to a graduate who is distinguished by his or her contributions

Captain DAVID E. PRICE P’84 has had a long and distinguished career serving our country. He retired from active duty in 2008 and continues to work as a consultant with the Navy. Read more: http://bit.ly/tqF5oz

Honorary Alumnus Award—bestowed annually to a non-alumnus who has shown exemplary dedication and commitment to the mission of the University

Dr. JOSEPH W. RUANE has made a lasting impression at the University for the past 40 years, through founding the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, more than 30 courses, and the psychology major. Read more: http://bit.ly/uDiYr

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.
Save the Date:
Alumni Reunion 2012
Saturday, September 29, 2012

Mark your calendars and start making plans to attend your reunion next fall. If your graduation year ends in a 2 or 7, we will be honoring your milestone reunion year. If not, come anyway and join the festivities. For more information, go to usciences.edu/reunion or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.857.6264.

Members of the class of ’81 celebrating their 30-year reunion:
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Edward Bechtel P’81; Christine Thompson P’81; Ilene Shapelow P’81; Kevin Roman P’81, MBA; Jill Huzin P’81; Vince Zucal P’81; Joan Wein Thompson P’81; and Lori Edell Herman P’81, PharmD’83.
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Patricia Sullivan Haider P’81; Karen Novielli P’81, MBA; Andrew Silverman P’83, PharmD’91; Robin Keyack P’81; Marlene Mentzer P’81; and Laurene Wunder P’81.

Reunion class of ’61 gathers for their 50th:
MIDDLE ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Wakeem Isaac P’61; Maryann Isaac P’61; William Tendler P’61; Rebecca Brecker P’61; Ann Young P’61; Myung Ho Joung P’61, MS; David Shappell P’61; Suzanne Morgan Baker P’61; Robert Bliss P’61; Alan Alten P’61, DDS; and Patricia Zimmerman P’61.
BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cliff Hynniman P’61, MS; Dominic Fino P’61; Mary Ellen Kitler P’61, MS’62, PhD; and Thomas Smith MS’56, PhD’61.
The Sorcerer’s Apprentice*

By G. Victor Rossi P’51, MS’52, PhD

*with appreciation and apologies to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

While watching the minutes tick slowly by during the last afternoon class at Lower Merion Senior High School, visions of soldierly rows of elaborately gilded medicine jars, together with the pungent odors of peppermint oil, cardamom, and orange peel extract, crept unbidden into my consciousness. Soon the last bell would ring, and I would be free to resume my duties as the “sorcerer’s apprentice” in “Doc” Abrams’ pharmacy.

From the Merlin-like array of jars, urns, and flasks, many inscribed with the Latin name of their content, I retrieved for the master’s attention the components required to formulate the prescriptions that awaited me. After many months of such preparatory tasks, I was permitted to compound a number of relatively simple prescription orders. Some were completed as powders or capsules, but most were dispensed as liquid formulations to which were affixed carefully typed dosage instructions, e.g., “Take one teaspoonful every six hours,” and a “Shake Well” label.

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College and career decisions present enormous challenges for most high school students. I would wish for each of them an opportunity to serve as a sorcerer’s apprentice in whatever discipline they find of interest. The sorcerer’s enchanted broom may not always work magic, but it will sweep them on their way to future paths and goals they cannot yet imagine.

G. Victor Rossi P’51, MS’52, PhD, is the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Professor (Emeritus) of Pharmacology at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Read the unabridged text at: usciences.edu/Bulletin/apprentice
Alumni Connections
Alumni Focus
By April Hall

A Lifelong Love of Learning
Stephanie J. Oscarson P’89, MD, JD, LLM

STEPHANIE J. (TOMASSO) OSCARSON P’89, MD, JD, LLM, has a lifelong love of learning. In all, what began at USciences in 1984, took 13 years to complete. Dr. Oscarson not only holds a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from USciences (1989 class valedictorian), but she earned an MD from Thomas Jefferson Medical College and, without a break, went on to obtain a law degree from Widener University School of Law, as the prelude to obtaining a master’s in health law with particular interest in food and drug law.

“Of all the schools that I completed, USciences was my best experience,” Dr. Oscarson said, noting that she graduated from USciences exactly 60 years after her grandfather had graduated. “All this advanced education wasn’t my intention at first, but the staff at USciences challenged me to think more critically about the development of drugs—so much so that I then became more interested in taking it further on my own.”

After a 13-year career as the medical director of a private consulting firm, she recently founded SJO Research & Consulting LLC. On behalf of her pharmaceutical company clients, Dr. Oscarson interviews key opinion leaders from around the world to gather their impressions about the future of specific drug research and development. She analyzes their feedback to make recommendations regarding what treatment approaches are most promising and worthy of pursuit. Her research helps to influence pipeline decisions, including clinical trial design.

It’s been an arduous road of study for Dr. Oscarson to come to this specialty, but she said without her foundation at USciences, she wouldn’t be where she is today, developing her own business while loosely following in the footsteps of her father and grandfather who were pharmacists as well.

A Unique Perspective on Healthcare
Cornelius Pitts P’73, PharmD’04

CORNELIUS PITTS P’73, PharmD’04 has a unique perspective of healthcare. With a macro-view, he travels the world to work in clinics, and with a micro-view, he stays in his own neighborhoods to dole out flu vaccines.

“I decided to devote more of my time to the global and underserved community work I’ve done. And I wanted to devote more time to students,” said Dr. Pitts, who served as the director of neuroscience clinical research at GlaxoSmithKline before taking an early retirement from the company in 2008.

Dr. Pitts takes students with him on trips to Kenya, Ethiopia, or wherever healthcare needs take him. Two USciences students went with him to Kenya in March 2010. But in addition to international travel, Dr. Pitts also works on flu vaccination clinics in underserved communities at home in Philadelphia.

“USciences is a very good environment to be around because students have some altruism and some caring about them,” Dr. Pitts said. “I like being around that type of spirit—those who are open to leading a life of service. The other part is if the students at USciences can and want to be of service in the neighborhood where the school sits, then that’s where I want to devote my own energy.”

Dr. Pitts was recently elected to the USciences alumni board and is an adjunct professor who has taught pharmacy practice labs, professional communication, and introduction to drug development. He is currently designing an elective course in global health for which he hopes to gain approval.
Alumni Connections
Class Notes

1953
MORTON STEINBERG P’53 retired from Walgreens in 2009 to spend more time with his family. He celebrates his 80th birthday this year.

1958
CARMEN DICELLO P’58 (center) was awarded the John W. Dargavel Medal award sponsored by McKesson Corporation. DiCello was presented the award by (left to right) Sharlea Leatherwood, National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation president, and Rex Catton, a senior vice president at McKesson. DiCello’s daughter KRINA DICELLO-AMSPACHER P’87 and son-in-law FRANCIS D. AMSPACHER P’87 recently joined the staff of Towne Drugs, Inc., and Yorkville Drug Store in Pottsville, PA, which DiCello has owned since 1961 and 1997, respectively.

1960
Institutional Advancement coordinated a PCP Alumni Night in Nashville with a four-course Italian dinner for 14 guests that was fully sponsored by DAVID B. LUTZ P’60 and his wife Jeanne.

1968
FRANCIS A. CHRZANOWSKI P’68, MS ’72, PhD ’75 moderated the Contract Pharma Contracting and Outsourcing Conference for the fifth year in a row. It was held September 22 and 23 in New Brunswick, NJ. Also in September 2011, he presented a seminar to undergraduate chemistry students at the University of Northern Florida. In October 2011 he presented a seminar to pharmacists faculty and graduate students at the University of Florida.

1971
The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association honored ROBERT S. SCHRIBER P’71 from Yardley, PA, as the recipient of the 2011 Bowl of Hygeia Award.

1981
JOSEPH P. LECH P’81 testified against the proposed Medco/Express Scripts merger. He was featured in the Government Affairs Forum. Read more at http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/printers/112/112-58_68401.PDF.

1982
CHRISTOPHER A. KEEYS PharmD’82 has launched a new website for his firm, Clinical Pharmacy Associates. Check it out at www.clinpharm.com.

1996
FRANK L. NAZZARIO P’96 was named Trailblazer Brand Manager of the Year, Autoimmune category, by PM360 magazine for his work on Cinryze. Cinryze is a C1 esterase inhibitor for prevention of attacks of hereditary angioedema, a rare and potentially life-threatening genetic disorder. Frank is associate director of marketing for ViroPharma Incorporated.

2002
FRANCESCA (BIAMONTE) KEMETER PharmD’02 and her husband David announced the birth of son Ryan on June 10, 2011. He weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. This is the first child for the couple, who reside in Bel Air, MD.

2008
ZACHARY T. HOPKINS PharmD’08 and his wife Toni are the proud parents of Benjamin Conroy, born on November 29, 2010, weighing 8 lbs., 11 oz.

2011
MATTHEW P. STRATTON BI’11 has joined the Coalition for Christian Outreach, a nonprofit organization located in Pittsburgh. Matthew will be working with students from The Ohio State University at Marion and Marion Technical College in partnership with Trinity Baptist Church.

IN MEMORIAM

1932
ELWOOD T. BRacey PhG’32 died on July 28, 2011. Survivors include his daughter JENNIFER (BRacey) WEADER P’77.

1956
WILLIAM J. O’BRIEN, JR., P’56 passed away on August 5, 2011, at age 82. Bill was a Korean War-era Air Force veteran and obtained the rank of lieutenant colonel before his retirement. He was predeceased by his parents and one granddaughter. Survivors include Rita, his wife of 57 years, and his children Margaret, William III, Bridget, Tracy, Daniel, and Eileen.

1959
ANTHONY P. SORRENTINO P’59, PharmD’71 passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Dr. Sorrentino has been engaged in various roles with the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy since he began here as a student in 1955. He served as an adjunct faculty member beginning in 1972. Dr. Sorrentino joined the University full-time in 1996 as the director of experiential resources for the doctor of pharmacy program and was appointed as a full-time faculty member in 2004. He retired from the University in 2009. He last visited the University in May when the Delaware Valley Society of Health-System Pharmacists awarded for the first time the Anthony Sorrentino Graduation Award to one of the graduates for excellence in hospital and health-system pharmacy. Renaming this award in Dr. Sorrentino’s honor reflected the widespread respect his pharmacy colleagues had for him as a colleague and friend. Following graduation with his BSc in pharmacy in 1959, Dr. Sorrentino practiced community pharmacy before joining Herb Flack and the pharmacy department at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1966 as an assistant director. He returned to PCP&S where he obtained his doctor of pharmacy degree in 1971. He then served as the director of pharmacy for what is now Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. In 1978 he became the assistant director for Outpatient Pharmacy
Services and manager of the Jefferson Apothecary. He was well valued and known by all his patients up to the CEO while serving as “their pharmacist” in this role at Jefferson. While he “retired” from the Jefferson Apothecary in 1996, he has continued to practice part-time in several community pharmacies, including serving as a volunteer at Community Volunteers in Medicine in West Chester where he was instrumental in integrating pharmacist services into their program. He will be remembered as a teacher, professional colleague, mentor, and friend to many. Dr. Sorrentino is survived by his wife Josie and his children Sandra, Gabrielle, and Anthony and their families.

1972

JOANNE M. SICA P’72, MS, passed away on July 1, 2011. She was a former consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Survivors include cousins VIRGINIA “JEANNE” SICA-KODACK P’73 and FRANCES M. SICA P’75.

1995

Dr. NORMAN F. RAMSEY HonDSc’95, father of Dr. Margaret R. Kasschau, emeritus professor of biology and associate provost, passed away on Friday, November 4, 2011. Dr. Ramsey’s long and distinguished career began as a mathematician who found physics to be the perfect outlet for his interests and curiosity. His invention of a molecular beam magnetic resonance method contributed significantly to the new field of magnetic resonance. Dr. Ramsey’s inventions, studies, and accomplishments have led to the development and advancement of such current technologies as radar, magnetic resonance, and the atomic clock. For his work in developing the separated oscillatory field method he received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1989. In 1995, Dr. Ramsey was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by University of the Sciences. A gift in his memory can be made to Institutional Advancement, University of the Sciences, 600 S. 43rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, noting Norman Ramsey Award in the memo space, or online usciences.edu/give, noting Norman Ramsey Award in the comment space.

Friends of USciences

WILLIAM F. CONNOLLY, JR., died on May 11, 2011. Mr. Connolly was treasurer and comptroller of the University from 1960 to 1980. His wife, Marie B. Connolly, was treasurer of the Women’s Club (now called the Friends of USP) from 1974 to 1985. Mr. Connolly was a well-respected member of the University community. In addition to his many years of service, Mr. Connolly generously supported several University initiatives including the J. W. England Library, the Annual Fund, and multiple scholarship funds. He also established the Marie B. Connolly Scholarship in loving memory of his wife. The endowed scholarship fund provides grants in the name of the Women’s Club to upperclass students, on the basis of scholastic achievement and financial need.

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Call for Alumni Award Nominations!

The USciences Alumni Association is soliciting nominations for its annual awards. Nominate deserving alumni for the Annual Award, the Ivor Griffith Service Award, the Young Alumnus Award, and the Honorary Alumnus Award by May 1, 2012.

For criteria and a downloadable nomination form, please visit: usciences.edu/alumni/awards.

NOTES TO SHARE?
Visit our new alumni online community: usciences.edu/USciencesAndYou
Alumni Connections

Events

USciences Move-In Day
August 26, 2011, Campus

Arthur Blatman P’69 and Betty Fusco P’63 manned the alumni move-in day table, sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, welcoming the incoming students and dispensing handy gifts on behalf of the Alumni Association.

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists 2011 Annual Meeting and Exposition
October 24, 2011, Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Alumni Association, an alumni breakfast allowed alumni and faculty to reconnect, including (left to right) Scott Myers P’90; Bob O’Connor P’76, MS’84, PhD’87; Ani Railkar PhD’00; and Yu-E Zhang PhD’00.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists
October 6, 2011, New York, NY

As part of Pharmacy Month activities, PCP students from the APhA-ASP chapter staked out the Today show to promote their field. This event was sponsored by the USciences Alumni Association. Visit http://on.fb.me/vfM4P1 for more photos (log into Facebook to view).

New Jersey Pharmacists Association Annual Convention
October 21, 2011, Atlantic City, NJ

Alumni and friends gathered to network and socialize at a University alumni dinner reception, sponsored by the Alumni Association, at the Trump Casino. Left to right: friends of the University Fred and Kathy Trinkley, Loretta Ridolfi P’54, Shreya Sabharwal PharmD’14, Pat Volz Masterman P’74, friend of the University Joy Johnson, and James Moore P’78.
A Pharmacy Well Stocked with Legacy
By April Hall

At Marone Pharmacy, on any given day, you will meet a member of the family that opened the shop some 35 years ago. On special days, you can run into three generations of the pharmacy’s founding family, and for that, you can thank University of the Sciences.

When VINCENT A. MARONE P’66 was a student at PCP, his family home was just 20 blocks away at 62nd and Elmwood streets, so he would take the trolley to class most days. Marone was following in his older brother’s footsteps. PHILLIP J. MARONE P’53 had already graduated from PCP and, while he went on to Thomas Jefferson University to get his MD, Vincent used his bachelor’s degree to go into retail pharmacy, opening Marone Pharmacy in Glassboro, New Jersey. A cousin, ANTHONY J. CHICHEARO, SR., also graduated with a degree in pharmacy in 1962.

Vincent’s daughter, MARIA E. (MARONE) WHITE P’92 told her father she wanted to study chemical engineering. Though he had suggested pharmacy to her, Vincent supported her education at another Pennsylvania university and was proud of her career.

Then Maria came to him and said she wanted to make a career change, attend USciences, and work at the family shop.

“For Maria, [USciences] was a natural choice because I had gone there and my brother had gone there,” Vincent said. “I don’t think Maria ever thought about going somewhere else.”

For MELISSA WHITE PharmD’17, Maria’s daughter and Vincent’s granddaughter, studying pharmacy was always the goal. She started working at Marone Pharmacy when she was 13 and is a registered pharmacy technician in New Jersey.

“But Melissa could have gone anywhere,” Vincent said, noting his granddaughter was accepted to three other colleges in addition to USciences. “It was a tour of the campus that made her decide on [USciences]. Certainly I wouldn’t have influenced her, other than talking positively about the school as I had over the years.”

Melissa moved onto campus in the fall and plays on the USciences tennis team. On breaks or weekends, she still works a few hours at the Glassboro pharmacy for pocket money.

Vincent said while he hopes subsequent generations will be willing to take over the family business, he puts no pressure on them to do so. He doesn’t, however, rule out more Marone family on campus.

“I still have a couple more grandchildren coming up, so you never know.”

VINCENT A. MARONE P’66 stands with his daughter MARIA E. (MARONE) WHITE P’92 in the Marone Pharmacy where three generations serve customers.
The Difference Donors Make

USciences Launches The Remington Society

Members of The Remington Society, the University’s most loyal and devoted supporters, were honored at an inaugural luncheon on Saturday, September 24, 2011. The Remington Society replaces the Benefactor Society and recognizes anyone who makes a gift or commitment that will support USciences in the future. Gifts include, but are not limited to, establishing an endowment, including the University in a will, or making USciences the beneficiary of a trust, insurance policy, or IRA distribution.

This prestigious, new society is named for one of the earliest advocates of this unique way of giving—former dean and professor JOSEPH PRICE REMINGTON P’1866. Remington supported his alma mater by donating a portion of the royalties from Remington: The Science & Practice of Pharmacy, now in its 22nd edition. His gift continues to benefit the University.

“You are an essential part of the network of support that makes our success possible,” said fellow Remington member and current board of trustees’ member, KATHLEEN MAYES P’76, PharmD’78, who officially inducted the newest members. “We are so grateful to you for thinking of USciences in this special way and proud to officially call you members of The Remington Society.”

When asked why he chose to support USciences through charitable gift annuities, Remington member HAROLD L. BROG P’55 responded without hesitation: “More than 55 years after my graduation, I remain grateful for the many opportunities my alma mater gave me. I want to ensure that future generations will get the same chance to succeed that I did.”

Louis’ decision to include USciences in his will directly and personally affected my life and the lives of countless students.

- Alyssa Handwerk PharmD’13

Student ALYSSA HANDWERK PharmD’13, recipient of the Rudolph Scholarship, which was established through the estate of Remington member Louis J. Rudolph in memory of his brother VICTOR L. RUDOPH P’22, provided a personal expression of gratitude: “Louis’ decision to include USciences in his will directly and personally affected my life and the lives of countless students.”

To learn more about The Remington Society and ways you can support the future of University of the Sciences, contact Joseph Leive, director of major gifts, at 215.596.8795 or j.leive@usciences.edu.
The USciences Class of 2011 successfully completed their Graduation Class Gift Campaign, exceeding their fundraising goal with the help of lead donor and PCP faculty member ELIAS W. PACKMAN P’51, MS’52, PharmD’54. To recognize this achievement, the USciences Annual Fund sponsored the creation and mounting of 2011, a piece of digital art, which was dedicated at Fall Fest on October 22 in the Wilson Student Center.

The Graduation Class Gift Campaign aims to increase awareness and appreciation for philanthropy among graduating students, while providing them an opportunity to honor their graduation year. Participation is encouraged at class presentations and fund drives hosted by the USciences Annual Fund throughout the year.

To participate in the 2012 Graduation Class Gift Campaign, please contact LIZ FRITCHMAN at 215.596.7525 or e.fritchman@usciences.edu.

You Make a Difference!

Your support makes our success possible. Download The 2010–11 Annual Honor Roll of Donors at http://bit.ly/vDNTfo for a complete list of those alumni, faculty, staff, students, friends of the University, and others who made a difference throughout the year.

Thank you.
The Difference Donors Make

The Barra Foundation Grant Supports Student Community Efforts

When USciences students head into the community to give back and become active partners in service work, it's very likely that support from The Barra Foundation is helping them. The Barra Foundation has been donating to various USciences initiatives for more than 25 years and has exceeded $1 million in giving.

Recently it has supported USciences community outreach initiatives with a $7,500 annual Community Fund Grant in each of the last six years. In just 2010–11, the funds helped over 250 students volunteer more than 3,000 hours at 23 different community service programs, ranging from block clean-ups to soup kitchens to multiple nationally recognized fundraisers.

“The Barra Foundation money has been very helpful and well utilized,” said WALTER PERRY, EdD, associate dean of students and director of multicultural affairs. “The grant money is very significant to us by removing financial obstacles and thereby allowing students to do good things.”

Whether through tokens to get to events, groceries for needy families, or assistance to send students on alternative spring breaks, The Barra Foundation grants provide the support for Student Affairs efforts to be effective partners in the community.

The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust Reception

University of the Sciences hosted a reception for The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust and the student recipients of its annual scholarship on November 3, 2011. The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust has been funding scholarships for USciences students for the past 25 years with its support totaling more than $1.5 million. Its annual grant is used to support full-time, undergraduate students from the Delaware Valley who have financial need and are in good academic standing. Student recipients expressed their gratitude to the trust’s grant administrator, Michelle Montgomery (center back row). Interim President MARVIN SAMSON HonAlm’96 (on Montgomery’s left), financial aid director PAULA LEHRBERGER (on Samson’s left), vice president of institutional advancement ANN V. SATTERTHWAITE (on Montgomery’s right), and vice president of corporate relations SUSAN E. BARRETT, EdD (on Satterthwaite’s right) personally greeted Montgomery and expressed our ongoing appreciation for The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust’s support of our students.
Scholarly Activity

SYMBOLS
Faculty and staff = ✤
Alumni = ✷
Current Student = ✶
Not affiliated with USciences = +

ADMISSION OFFICE
Professional Activity
CHRISTINE MCINAW ✤ has been accepted into the Enrollment Leadership Academy (ELA) of the Middle States Regional Office of The College Board. Participation is limited to a small cohort of mid-level admission professionals who are invited to participate in a yearlong professional development program focused on leadership skills, enrollment management issues, and development of the next generation of enrollment leaders.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
Professional Activity
CARRIE WATERMAN ✷ was named a 2011 Fulbright Scholar to teach phytochemistry while conducting research on the use of herbal medicines to treat malaria and bacterial and fungal infections. She is working with the departments of chemistry, biology, and pharmacology at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, for 10 months, beginning in September 2011.

Publication

DINING SERVICES
Award
MARIE FAHERTY ✤, dining services general manager, accepted an Award of Excellence for USciences and Sodexo’s efforts in supporting the employment of individuals with disabilities at a dinner hosted by the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services and PA Office of Developmental Programs at the 12th Employment Supports Symposium, Philadelphia, May 5, 2011.

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS, STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING
Presentation
KAREN LEVINSON ✤, ALISSA BROWN ✷, PAUL FURTAW ✤, EVIE GERBER ✤, ANDREA MCMULTRY ✷, DEBBY MICHELMAN ✷, ALIECE CHEN ✤, 20 interactive date rape prevention workshops in conjunction with the USciences Athletic Department PE classes, October 3–7, 2011.

MAYS COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE BUSINESS AND POLICY
Grants/Service Agreements
AMALIA M. ISSA ✷ received a one-year $250,626 grant from InHealth for “Evaluating the Role and Impact of Breast Cancer Personalized Molecular Diagnostics on Healthcare Delivery Systems: Clinical and Policy Implications.”

STEVE METRAUX ✤ received a six-month $29,548 contract from the UPenn-VA for “VA-2444-10-Rp-0004 Dennis Culhane Contract.”

Poster Presentations


Presentations
KELLEEN FLAHERTY ✷, webinar on medical education communications companies to the Drug Information Association Medical Writing SIAC (special interest area community), July 7, 2011.


AMALIA M. ISSA ✷ • served as symposium cochair for “Innovations in Pharmacogenomic Epidemiologic Methods,” a preconference course, at the 27th International Conference on Pharmacoeconomics & Therapeutic Risk Management, Chicago, August 13, 2011.

AMY JESSOP ✷ • attended a meeting at the White House on Thursday, July 28, 2011, where she joined other federal hepatitis policy makers and policy advocates for a World Hepatitis Day briefing.

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RICHARD G. STEFANACCI+, ANDREW PETERSON+, “Patient-Adherence Strategies and Solutions,” as part of a think tank online at PM360, 2011 (www.pm360online.com/f3_Think_Tank_Bio_Pharma_Patient_Adherence_Strategies_Solutions_0611).

MISHER COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Awards

KRISTEN N. BARRETT+ received the Gordon Research Conferences Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship travel grant, May 2011.

HIU Y. CHENG+ received the American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Leadership Award for the 2011 ACS Leadership Institute, Fort Worth, TX, January 21–23, 2011.

NICHOLAS CHUBATY1+, TAM LIEU+ received Delaware Valley Mass Spectrometry Discussion Group travel grant awards, April 2011.

AMBER ROSS★ received the 2011 Directorate Award in recognition of outstanding support of the DOE-NE Used Fuel Disposition Campaign for work on a nuclear-fuel-related project through the Department of Homeland Security HS-STEM program at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Livermore, CA, August 2011.

DIANA SARDELIS★ received the $1,000 Richard Schaeffer Memorial Fund Travel Award on February 12, 2011, to present a paper at the American Society for Mass Spectrometry 59th Conference on Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics, Denver, June 5–9, 2011.

Grants/Service Agreements

CHARLES N. MCEWEN+ received a three-year $345,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant for “Studies on New Ionization Approaches in Mass Spectrometry for Imaging.”

K.C. Richards+ (principal investigator, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing), STEPHEN T. MOELTER+ (co-investigator) received a three-year $151,178 grant from the National Institutes of Health National Institute on Aging for “Mild Cognitive Impairment and Obstructive Sleep Apnea.” The major goal of this clinical trial in older adults with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is to compare the effects of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) treatment for OSA to those of sham CPAP on cognitive and everyday function.

REBECCA NEWCOMER★, VOJISLAVA POPHRISTIC★ received a one-year $500 Innovative Activities Grant from the American Chemical Society for “Elemental Education & Beyond.”
Getting a Complete Picture with the BOD POD

By April Hall

Some people find themselves slaves to the scale, weighing themselves every month, every week, or even every day. Numbers show up at their feet and that tells the whole story of how healthy they are, right?

Wrong, says KARIN RICHARDS, MS, director of the exercise science and wellness management program. Richards was instrumental in bringing the high-tech BOD POD to University of the Sciences two years ago to measure body fat. The investment of $27,000 was well worth it, she says, bringing not only another tool to the college, but opening the door for a research project with some surprising results.

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ELEONORA GIANTI*, RANDY J. ZAUHAR*, P. Purushottamachar, V. C. O. Njar+, "Induced Fit Docking to Generate a Binding Hypothesis for Steroidal CYP17 Inhibitors to the Human Androgen Receptor” at the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society Eleventh Annual Student Poster Session, Temple University, Philadelphia, February 10, 2011.


ANGELICA JOHNSON*, "Molecular Dynamics Of Sarcin-Ricin Domain: Testing of the Variations of a New Force Field” at the American Chemical Society Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting MARM 2011, College Park, MD, May 21, 2011.


MARCU LUONG†, ZHIWEI LIU∗, ELEONORA GIANTI∗, JHENNY GALAN∗, VOJISLAVA POPHRISTIC*, “Ab Initio and Molecular Dynamic Studies of Aromatic Oligoamide Trimers” at the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society Eleventh Annual Student Poster Session, Temple University, Philadelphia, February 10, 2011.

THUY H. NGUYEN*, "Molecular Dynamics Studies of Amphipathic Peptides Embedded Within a Lipid Bilayer” at the Delaware Membrane Protein Symposium, Newark, DE, May 4, 2011.

THUY H. NGUYEN†, ZHIWEI LIU†, PRESTON B. MOORE†, "Molecular Dynamics Studies of Amphipathic Peptides Embedded within a Lipid Bilayer” at the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society Eleventh Annual Student Poster Session, Temple University, Philadelphia, February 10, 2011. The poster was chosen as a top poster presentation in the graduate student category, which included a $100 award sponsored by DOW Chemical Company.

VINCENT PAGNOTTI†, "Richard Everett Houghton Mass Spectrometry Lab” at the Mini-Symposium of Collaborative Research between University of the Sciences and The Wistar Institute, sponsored by the Center for Chemical Biology and Translational Medicine, Philadelphia, May 18, 2011.

ARPIIT PATEL*, MICHAEL F. BRUIST*, “Study of the Mechanism of the Binding of IHF to the DNA” at the American Chemical Society Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting MARM 2011, College Park, MD, May 21, 2011.

DIANA SARDELIS†, "Investigating the Instrumental Optimization of Laserspray Ionization for Protein Analysis” at the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society Eleventh Annual Student Poster Session, Temple University, Philadelphia, February 10, 2011.

DIANA SARDELIS†, CHARLES N. MCEWEN†, CATHERINE BENTZLEY†, "Investigating the Instrumental Optimization and Sensitivity of Laserspray Ionization for Protein Analysis” at the American Society for Mass Spectrometry 59th Conference on Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics, Denver, June 5–9, 2011.

SARAH SAYLOR†, "Investigation of Hazardous, Volatile Hydrocarbons in Commercial Beverages” at the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society Eleventh Annual Student Poster Session, Temple University, Philadelphia, February 10, 2011.

CHI N. TANG†, "Studies of the Conformational Flexibility of Heterocyclic Arylamide Foldamers” at the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society Eleventh Annual Student Poster Session, Temple University, Philadelphia, February 10, 2011.

CHI N. TANG†, JHENNY GALAN†, SHUBASHIS CHAKRABARTY†, ZHIWEI W. LIU†, GUILLERMO MOYNA†, VOJISLAVA POPHRISTIC*, "Studies of the Conformational Rigidity of Heterocyclic Arylamide Foldamers” at the 241st American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition, Anaheim, CA, March 27–31, 2011.
A large white, plastic egg with a window sits in a small office on the third floor of Glasser Hall. Richards and DEBORAH L. ZAYON, BS, also of the Samson College of Health Sciences, run through a demonstration of the BOD POD. For an accurate reading, the test subject should wear a bathing suit and cap for his or her hair. First there’s the scale for weight, then three sessions sitting in the pod, just seconds at a time, to get the final readings.

The results are total body composition (what percentage and how many pounds of the test subject’s body are fat and how much is lean muscle). This year Richards took a random sampling of students and faculty and found 30 percent of people who were characterized as overweight or obese using the Body Mass Index were lean or even ultra lean according to the BOD POD.

And the confusion goes both ways. Richards says she was surprised when a number of freshmen were tested in the BOD POD and found out nearly 50 percent of their bodies were fat.

“Students look thin, so they think they’re healthy,” Richards said. “But in reality they are really out of shape. We find most of the time people are surprised at the results.”

The BOD POD is now available to the public through USciences. A test of body makeup and resting metabolic rate is $35. Interested? Contact Richards at k.richards@usciences.edu.

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Preston B. Moore++ “Using Computational Chemistry to Understand Complex Biological Systems” at the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo and the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, January 2011.

“Computational Chemistry and Drug Design at USciences” at the Mini-Symposium of Collaborative Research between University of the Sciences and The Wistar Institute, sponsored by the Center for Chemical Biology and Translational Medicine, Philadelphia, May 18, 2011.

“Interdisciplinary Investigation of Membranes Using Computational Simulations,” keynote talk at the VII International Scientific Research Congress, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, June 9, 2011.

“Using Graphical Process Unit (GPU) to Enhance Life Science Research” at the Life Sciences Technology Insight Conference, Boston, June 14–15, 2011.


Lia Vas++, Von-Neumann-Algebra-Like Rings,” invited talk, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey, July 3–16, 2011. The visit was funded by a Visiting Scientists Fellowship Program grant from The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey.


Randi J. Zauhar++, “Molecular Modeling in Small Molecule Discovery” at the Mini-Symposium of Collaborative Research between University of the Sciences and The Wistar Institute, sponsored by the Center for Chemical Biology and Translational Medicine, Philadelphia, May 18, 2011.

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-Karin Richards, MS, director of the exercise science and wellness management program
Scholarly Activity (cont.)

Professional Activity


Publications

GINA KAISER†


D. Shaller†, W. Wang†, A. Li†, GUILLERMO MOYNA†, J. J. Han†, G. L. Helms+, A. D. Q. Li†, “Sequence-Controlled Oligomers Fold into Nanoscale Nodular and Impart Unusual Optical Properties,” Chemistry—A European Journal, 17(30):8350–8362, 2011.


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Presentation

M. N. Berkin†, SHAWN P. CURTIN†, JOSEPH G. TRAINOR†, A. S. Boyd†, “Program Margins and Capacity: A Key Ingredient to a Comprehensive Enrollment Strategy” at the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA, October 30–November 1, 2011.

Professional Activity

BARBARA ELLIOTT† has been named to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling.

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Presentation


PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Poster Presentations

ADEBOYE ADEJARE‡, SHENG-GUO SUN‡, JASON WALLACH‡, “Discovery of Novel NMDA Receptor Antagonists with Neuroprotective Properties” at the 12th International Conference on Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery, Jersey City, NJ, September 26–27, 2011. Wallach was selected to receive an Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation’s Young Investigator Scholarship.

LAURA L. BIO‡, MICHAEL J. CAWLEY‡, LINDSAY B. CURTIN‡, LAUREN CZOSNOWSKI‡, QUINN CZOSNOWSKI‡, GLADYS DUEÑAS‡, JOMY GEORGE‡, DANIEL A. HUSSAR‡, L. McCluggage‡, DIANE W. MOREL‡, JEAN SCHOLTZ‡, SARAH SPINNER‡, JOAN TARLOFF‡, KAREN TIEzte‡, T. Towne‡, CRAIG WHITMAN‡, ADEBOYE ADEJARE‡, BRUCE CANADAY‡, LISA LAWSON‡, LAURA MANDOS‡, CATHY POON‡, “Curricular Integration: Pharmacology, Therapeutics, Practice Lab, and Case Studies” at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, July 9–13, 2011.
JACQUELINE FREED, CATHERINE C. MOORE,

AARON F. KOCH, COLLEEN E. SMITH, LAURA L. BIO,

DIANE W. MOREL, L. McCluggage, CATHY POON, LAURA MANDOS,
“School-Wide Curricular Efforts to Enhance Teaching Scholarship” at the Lilly Conference on College & University Teaching, Bethesda, MD, June 3, 2011.

SANAMITA SPATOCCO, LAURA L. BIO,

Presentations

LAURA A. FINN, “Medication Update with a Focus on Dementia” at the Philadelphia Corporation on Aging, sponsored by the Geriatric Education Center of Greater Philadelphia, October 5, 2011.


“Taking the Next Steps in Acute Coronary Syndrome Management,” as part of The France Foundation Continuing Education Program at the Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists 72nd Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, May 6, 2011.

Professional Activity
ADEBOYE ADEJARE, • has been appointed as adjunct professor at Drexel University College of Medicine.
• has been elected as secretary of the board of directors of iPRAXIS, Inc., a nonprofit corporation based at the Science Center and dedicated to promoting science in under-represented communities.

JOHN A. GANS, • gave the commencement address at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Chapel Hill, NC, May 7, 2011.

JING LI, defended her MS thesis in pharmaceutics, entitled “The Effect of Maternal Protein Restriction During Pregnancy and Lactation on Liver Triglyceride Secretion Rate in the Adult Offspring,” August 5, 2011. Her advisor was ANIL D’MELLO, RUY TCHAO, and ZHIYU LI, served on her committee and CATHERINE BENTZLEY was a reviewer for her thesis. Li is currently working at Regeneron in Tarrytown, NY.

Publications


• “A New Year, an Old Theme—Pharmacy Must Have a More Effective National Organizational Structure!” editorial in The Pharmacist Activist 6(1):1–2, 2011.


• “Priorities for Our Profession,” editorial in The Pharmacist Activist, 6(2):1–2, 4, 2011.


• “Both Patients and Health Care Have a Great Need for a Personal Touch,” editorial in The Pharmacist Activist, 6(3): 1–2, 4, 2011.


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ROGER I. IDEISHI● received a eight-month $1,200 grant from the Smithsonian Institute for “Smithsonian Institute Project.”

Poster Presentations


Presentations


THERESE E. JOHNSTON+


KARIN RICHARDS+

• “How to be a Positive Professional” at the Neumann University Institute for Student Leadership Formation Leadership Conference, Aston, PA, August 19, 2011.
• “Functional Fitness and Overall Wellness for Older Adults” at the Philadelphia Corporation on Aging Regional Conference on Aging, Philadelphia, September 19–22, 2011.


KARIN GRÄVARE SILBERNAGEL+

• “To Be or Not to Be Active with Painful Achilles Tendinopathy?” National Athletic Trainers’ Association 62nd Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposia, New Orleans, June 19–22, 2011.

Professional Activity

THERESE E. JOHNSTON+

served as a grant reviewer for the Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Research Merit Award Reviews, August 9–11, 2011.

JENNIFER S. PITONYAK+

completed a pilot study, in collaboration with Philadelphia’s Maternal, Child & Family Health Department, to develop an occupational therapy–led group that was implemented at Health Center #5 for women in the Healthy Start program, teaching infant massage to give women another positive way to interact with their babies. The two-year project included OT graduate students in needs assessment, program development, data collection, and leadership of the groups at the health center.

Publications

THERESE E. JOHNSTON+

• “Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) for Children with Spinal Cord Injuries: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines,” a Canadian policy paper (Rapid Response Report: Summary with Critical Appraisal) based on work she has done at Shriners over multiple years, and three of the papers referenced (Johnston 2009, Johnston 2009, and Lauer 2011) were published since she has been at USciences (she is the last author on the Lauer paper), Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health, June 16, 2011.


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I was lucky to have Matt, a legacy student, call me this year. We had a great conversation and even know some of the same alumni. Phonathon helps me give back to my alma mater in return for all it did for my life and career. I continue to look forward to my annual call.

- Scotty Myers P’90

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