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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Once again, I am privileged to serve as your interim president as well as chair of the board of trustees. As I walk around campus, interacting with faculty, staff, and students, I am, again, struck by the quality and passion of those I meet and their dedication to the betterment of society. These are exciting times here at USciences, and I am pleased to report on the progress we are making.

Following the resignation of Dr. Helen Giles-Gee, effective December 31, 2014, we began the search for a new president. Board member Ken Murtha, a retired executive from AstraZeneca, is leading the search committee and has assembled a strong group of committed individuals who represent all constituencies of the University. We anticipate that the process of finding the right person to lead us into the future will take nine to 12 months. You can keep up-to-date on the committee’s activities by going to usciences.edu/presidentsearch.

While the search is ongoing, through the enthusiastic participation of the various stakeholders of the USciences community, we have made substantial strides in solidifying and implementing the University’s strategic plan, academic plan, assessment plan, and campus master plan. Our accreditation processes are advancing, and I look forward to sharing many details with you in the months ahead.

In addition, we have begun an innovative advertising campaign, which features the fact that our graduates are “proven everywhere.” You will see our message on television, in print, and on public transportation and will hear it on the radio. We want the local and broader communities to know what we do—this institution was founded almost 200 years ago, and we have been turning out leaders, innovators, and outstanding practitioners in healthcare and the sciences ever since our doors opened in 1821. Throughout the years and along with significant scientific breakthroughs, especially in recent history, the one constant is our commitment to advancing the quality of human life through the work of our graduates.

Not only are our students serious about their studies, they are leaders on the basketball court, as well. I am exceptionally proud that our men’s and women’s teams clinched their first respective Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference South Division titles. Both teams advanced to the CACC semifinals before falling in very competitive contests. Luckily, the men’s team earned an at-large bid in the NCAA Tournament for the first time. Go, Devils!

We are fortunate to have the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends that make this University great. I look forward to further communications with you.

Sincerely,

Marvin Samson
Interim President
Feeling the Brotherly Love

By Josh Verlin

If there’s one thing that University of the Sciences head basketball coach DAVE PAULEY, MEd, doesn’t have to worry about, it’s team chemistry. In fact, the Devils might just have too much of it.

That’s what happens when seven members of the team are related to someone else on it.

There are the KERR brothers—GARRET DPT’17, a senior; WES PhB’16, a junior; and TANNER DPT’19, a red-shirt freshman. Then there’s the KERWIN twins—DYLAN PhB’16 and JACK PhB’16, both juniors. Finally there’s the DA-SILVA duo, freshman SHOFOLAHAN (Flo) Bi’18 and his older brother SHOFOLARIN (Sho) HumSci’16, a junior.

In Pauley’s 32 years at the school as both an assistant and head coach, he could remember 12 sets of siblings that he’s coached at the same time. Now, he’s got three sets all on the same team.

“I think it’s good, I think there’s a level of comfort. They grew up with each other, they kinda know each other, they know each other’s games,” Pauley said. “We just try to keep it tight; we hope for the family atmosphere, hope that they pull for each other, and I think it’s also kind of neat to have an opportunity to play with their brother not only in high school but in college.”

In 2013–14, USciences went 17-11 overall, with a 12-7 record in CACC play. They lost to Philadelphia

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University in the conference semifinals, falling short of a shot at an NCAA Tournament berth.

[Editor’s note: The men’s team captured the CACC South Division title. And while they lost in the CACC tournament semifinals, again at the hands of PhillyU, they earned their first NCAA tournament at-large selection, winning their opening round game before finishing the season with a 25-6 record.]

The only senior in the bunch is Garret Kerr, the team’s driving force and three-time CACC Player of the Year. If the last name sounds familiar, that’s because the brothers’ father, Tim Kerr, enjoyed a 13-year NHL career in the 1980s and 1990s.

For Garret, having his younger brother join him a year after arriving on campus was a no-brainer.

“When he decided that he wanted to play basketball in college, I definitely was on him to come here,” he said. “He’s my best friend; I’ve done everything with him for my entire life, so obviously it’s the perfect scenario having him here.”

“You can’t beat playing with your brother and being with your brother every day,” added Wes, a 6-3 guard who started 27 games this season and averaged 8.1 points per game. And now Tanner has joined them as well.

For the Kerwins, going to college together was always the plan. In their senior seasons at Ridge High School in New Jersey, Dylan and Jack—both 6-2, 195-pound guards—were hearing from separate schools.

Then one night, they filled out an athletics form on USciences’ athletics website. As it turns out, Pauley had seen the two play a week before. He called them that night, and USciences became the only program to offer both brothers a spot on the team.

“Our whole lives we’ve done everything together, so it’s just natural; I wouldn’t know how to do it without him,” Jack said.

“College season is so much longer than high school season, and it gets into a grind, so just having your brother there with you to go through together really helps,” Dylan said.

The Da-Silvas had a little more time to figure out if they wanted to go to college together. With two years between Sho’s arrival on campus and Flo’s decision, the younger brother got to weigh his options.

And while schools like Franklin & Marshall made a hard run at him, eventually—just like the others—the appeal of continuing his career with his brother from their years at Bishop Eustace proved too much to resist.

“There were a lot of reasons, but he was definitely one of the main
reasons,” Flo said. “Going to school with him, playing with him, we’re really family oriented in our family, so I liked being close to him. But the academics and the rest of the team definitely pushed it over the top.”

Sho, is averaging 13.6 points and 4.4 rebounds per game this year, while Flo is adding 5.3 points and 2.3 rebounds per game.

In addition to all the blood relations, there was even more familiarity within the team. All seven hail from New Jersey, and while the Kerwins’ home in Basking Ridge, is closer to New York City, the Kerrs and Da-Silvas were much closer together.

The Kerrs, who went to Middle Township (Garret/Tanner) and Moorestown (Wes), and the Da-Silvas, who went to Bishop Eustace, hail from Moorestown. Sho and Wes played on travel teams together when they were younger, as did Tanner and Flo; they also played soccer together.

“I’ve known the Kerws since I was like 10 years old, so that definitely helped,” Sho said. “My dad actually just sent me this picture, and it was me, Flo, and the rest of the Kerws from a tennis game we went to watch back at Villanova, and I think it was almost 10 years ago. It was really funny just seeing all of us now and how we all ended up in the same college together.”

So far, from Pauley’s perspective, there’s only one real problem with all the brothers.

Ask the Kerws who has the most trouble telling them apart, and their answer is instant and unanimous—their head coach.

“I’ve coached the Kerws now for three years, and I can’t tell the difference; I don’t know who I’m talking to,” Pauley admitted, but he takes advantage of the situation. “When they’re playing, I put them in at the same time so if I was yelling, I got two for the price of one.”

Upset! GARRET KERR scored 27 points, including the game-winning three-pointer with two seconds left, to lead Div. II University of the Sciences to a 54-52 upset win at Div. I Drexel on December 4, 2014. The win was the first by an NCAA Div. II school against a Div. I program on the Div. I school’s home floor in a regular season game this season.

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CHRIS JANETOPOULOS, PhD, associate professor of biological sciences, splits his research between two distinct areas that are leading to important new understandings in how cells work.

The first is in understanding cell division and cell migration, two processes that have been linked to the metastasis of many types of cancers. Through a recent National Institutes of Health grant, the Janetopoulos lab has focused its research on the mechanisms cells use to maintain polarity during those two processes.

“Cellular polarity results in a distinct front and back and is critical for cell motility,” said Dr. Janetopoulos. His lab has identified two lipids in a cell’s plasma membrane that regulate division and migration. Regulation of those two lipids could be a possible treatment in future cancer therapies.

“While several of the proteins we study are mutated in tumors, we are proposing a new model for how they function to make cancer cells more invasive and why a lot of these mutations lead to bad cancer prognoses,” he said.

Janetopoulos recently published a study using a new type of microscope in the journal Science, coauthored with the winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Dr. Eric Betzig. This new lattice light sheet microscope developed by the Betzig lab at the Janelia Research Campus of the Howard
Hughes Medical Institute in Virginia, allows researchers to image live cells and small organisms at high speed and resolution, while also not damaging the specimen. Dr. Janetopoulos says there is nothing else out there that allows scientists to obtain 3D images with this type of spatial and temporal resolution. Recent unpublished work on this microscope supports his new model on the role of the two identified lipids in cancer metastasis.

Dr. Janetopoulos’ second area of interest is in advancing imaging processes. He recently founded the company In Vivo Imaging Solutions, which creates devices that allow researchers to track and immobilize things as small as an individual bacterium to as large as multicellular embryos so their pictures can be taken without destroying the organisms.

“You can look at them and you can watch them for a long time without harming them,” said Dr. Janetopoulos. This is something he learned to value as a graduate student in the Aufderheide lab at Texas A&M, where he discovered a novel organelle, the conjusome, in a cell using a similar device. He believes anyone imaging motile organisms or microbes should have one of these devices.

The Janetopoulos lab is also developing novel fluorescent and microfluidic techniques for 3D imaging that allow researchers to image live cells without destroying them and also to image within live animals. “We recently submitted a patent application for a new type of window that allows you to see into a living animal and interact with it in real time,” he said. The company hopes to sell these devices in the not-too-distant future to researchers doing a variety of studies, including in cancer and neuroscience. Dr. Janetopoulos still has a strong collaboration with the Hofmeister group at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, which is pursuing some of these technologies.

Dr. Janetopoulos came to USciences in August from Vanderbilt University. “I wanted to be part of an institution with a strong undergraduate research program,” he said, because it’s important to him that undergraduates as well as graduate and postdoctoral students are gaining hands-on experience while in school.
Students Turn Internships into Real-Life Work Experience

By Lauren Whetzel

It’s not every day an undergraduate student lands his or her dream job...as a student. But that’s how it worked out for University of the Sciences physics student JENNIFER ROBERTS PHYS’15, who has spent the past several months working with a team of scientists and engineers at NASA to design a device for the currently-in-progress James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).

“The JWST is the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope and, by far, my favorite thing that NASA is working on. When I found out I was going to get to work even tangentially on it, I was unbelievably excited.”

JENNIFER ROBERTS PHYS’16,

She spent the summer deep-rooted in NASA’s Electromagnetic Interference Laboratory, learning how to use the various pieces of scientific and space equipment. Roberts also had the opportunity to conduct several short-term experiments, run a demonstration at a NASA conference, and get involved in different hands-on projects that all pertained to the overall development of the JWST.

At the time Roberts’ internship was scheduled to conclude, NASA’s Electrical Systems Branch opted to keep her on staff as a semipermanent, part-time contractor. That means Roberts continues to travel to Maryland one day each week to work on electrical engineering experiments, scientific graphs, and demonstrations for NASA.

“Although I am technically assigned to work on the JWST, most of my work lately has been more general than that, and I’m having the opportunity to dabble in a bunch of different projects for NASA,” said Roberts.

The JWST is planned to launch in October 2018, and its mission lifetime after launch will be between 5½ and 10 years. The lifetime is limited by the amount of fuel used for maintaining the orbit and by the testing and redundancy that ensures everything on the spacecraft will work.

Roberts is not the only student from USciences who held a summer internship that turned into part-time work. Pharmacy student RICHA SHAH PharmD’16 completed a paid, full-time internship with Pfizer and still continues to work remotely for a few hours each week during the school year.

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RICHA SHAH PharmD’16
“The best part of my internship was learning how to work cross-functionally with people in departments such as medical affairs, marketing, and regulatory affairs,” said Shah, who worked in pharmaceutical research and development at the Madison, New Jersey, location. During her internship, Shah had the opportunity to participate in clinical research projects that involved making prescription drugs available for over-the-counter purchase. As a result, she gained a profound understanding of behavioral and clinical studies specific to the switch from prescription to over-the-counter to help ensure that consumers understood their medications. Because USciences promotes interprofessional learning, Shah said it was fascinating to see firsthand how much departments worked together to attain a common goal: a successful product.

“Pharmacy is a diverse career, and we have so many different career paths we can explore,” said Shah. “It’s important for my peers to realize that it’s okay to step out of their comfort zones and try new things; there are other options for us to discover through internship possibilities that help us determine our ideal career paths.”

Like Roberts and Shah, occupational therapy student DANIEL FICHTER DrOT’15 gained practical job experience through an internship with the Ralston House in West Philadelphia. Fichter—along with five other occupational therapy students from USciences—spent the fall semester working in Ralston’s outpatient clinic one day a week, where they provided seniors with the support and services necessary for them to live with the best quality of life.

“This type of fieldwork provided us with a platform to analyze the role of occupational therapy within a community setting,” said Fichter. “Not only did we gain experience working directly with individuals, but we were also able to evaluate and intervene with a community group and aging population.”

Fichter said the team of students from USciences educated the Ralston House staff on how occupational therapy can play a distinct role in an outpatient mental health setting.

“It was our responsibility to integrate occupational therapy into Ralston’s current structure,” he said. “We completed needs assessments, which led to more directed education and two program proposals that were presented to the Ralston House director and staff for implementation.”

Upon graduation, Fichter said he hopes to develop a strong foundation in clinical practice and then explore occupational therapy jobs that balance clinical and community roles.

Through participation in a national initiative called the LEAP Employer-Educator Compact, USciences has also placed many other students in internships and rotations with science and healthcare-based companies, such as Independence HealthCom Strategies Group, Inc.

As CEO of this company, alumnus and trustee DONALD J. M. PHILLIPS P’70, PharmD’73 said that several USciences students have ultimately been hired after completing internships and rotations with his company.

“USciences students come to us with enthusiasm and energy, challenge us in new ways, and gain exposure that helps make them better healthcare professionals,” said Dr. Phillips. “In a number of instances, the rotations and internships have changed their professional careers and outlooks.”

Although they come from different academic disciplines, Roberts, Shah, and Richter agreed that the applied learning they gained through internships and fieldwork undoubtedly helped them identify their career interests as well as their strengths and weaknesses in their fields.
PCP Lecture Ticket Collection
Luther Pascal Bowers PhG’1885

By Dan Flanagan

A collection of 15 lecture tickets issued by Philadelphia College of Pharmacy during the 19th century has been gifted to the USciences Marvin Samson Center for the History of Pharmacy by MARK J. CZIRAKY PharmD’92. The collection is currently on display on the J. W. England Library’s third floor.

The tickets originally belonged to LUTHER P. BOWERS PhG’1885. There was no such thing as college tuition in those days. Instead, students purchased what amounted to a “season-ticket” from each one of their professors to get into class. The money thus received went directly into the professors pockets, minus expenses paid to the college and other sundry bills.

Getting a diploma required two years of college and the completion of a minimum four-year apprenticeship. Students typically satisfied both requirements by matriculating two years shy of apprenticeship fulfillment, which effectively turned PCP into an after-work night-school.

At PCP’s establishment in 1821 there wasn’t any difference between the first- and second-year lectures. This outdated system changed in the fall of 1878 when a graded two-year curriculum was introduced, which physically separated the student body into two distinct groups, the Junior Class and the Senior Class. Henceforth, promotion to the second year relied on passing examinations. This increased the demand for nonmandatory, supplemental instruction. As a result, PCP’s newly sanctioned assistant professors introduced their Reviews on the Lectures in the fall of 1881.

Another simultaneous development was the opening of the Laboratory Annex, a massive four-story building that doubled the size of the campus and stimulated the creation of a new faculty position—professor of analytical chemistry—and its related mandatory Senior Course in Analytical Chemistry. The latter offering was inaugurated in the fall of 1883, just in time to affect Bowers. His collection includes a ticket from the next session (1884–85).

The professorial faculty included JOSEPH P. REMINGTON (pharmacy), JOHN M. MAISCH (materia medica and botany), SAMUEL P. SADTLER (chemistry), and HENRY TRIMBLE (analytical chemistry).

Although personal assistants had been informally recruited by faculty members in the past, it was not until 1881 that the first official assistant professors appeared on the scene, namely C. FREDERICK ZELLER (pharmacy), HENRY TRIMBLE
Aside from their group historical notoriety, Zeller, Cook, and Trimble were also linked together by personal tragedy. Zeller and Cook died from tuberculosis in 1886 at the respective ages of 27 and 37. Trimble died due to the same cause in 1898 when he was 45.

For most of the 19th century, tuberculosis was considered an inherited disease. The argument held weight until Robert Kotch discovered the tuberculosis bacillus in 1882 and proved that it was contagious. Mercifully, despite their close quarters, Professors Remington, Maisch, and Sadtler never caught TB from their unfortunate assistants.

The poet John Keats often figures in discussions about tuberculosis. Here he merits attention because he was once a licensed apothecary and died of TB on February 23, 1821; a date more strongly associated locally with the establishment of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, of which a person might be tempted to say:

“A thing of beauty is a joy for ever: Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass into nothingness....”

From Endymion by John Keats (1818)
Alumna Trustee Received Second Annual USciences Service Award

By Lauren Whetzel

Through laughter, tears, and personal anecdotes, LUCY MALMBERG P’72 accepted the second annual University of the Sciences Service Award on behalf of herself and her late husband, GEORGE P’72, during a dinner ceremony on November 7, 2014. This annual award is intended to recognize an individual— or organization—that has demonstrated outstanding service to USciences and the broader community, as well as the disciplines, professions, and emergent entrepreneurial outcomes of healthcare and science.

“I am delighted, honored, and humbled to accept this award in the presence of many of you whom I have long admired and respected,” said Malmberg, a USciences trustee. “My only regret is that my dear husband could not be here with us this evening to celebrate this honor.”

This year’s event raised nearly $244,774 for student scholarships at USciences—and proceeds are being used to augment the George and Lucy Malmberg Endowed Scholarship fund. As icons in the compounding pharmaceutical industry, it makes sense that Malmberg’s scholarship will be awarded each year to a student enrolled in Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

With plans to pursue his own compounding pharmacy career after graduation, STEFAN KOLODJ PharmD’16 was named the inaugural recipient of the Malmberg scholarship at the dinner.

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LUCY MALMBERG P’72
“I am ecstatic, thankful, and honored to have been selected as the first recipient of this scholarship,” said Kolodij. “Compounding combines my longtime love of pharmacy with my desire to create something helpful with my own two hands.”

As co-owners of Wedgewood Pharmacy in Swedesboro, New Jersey, the Malmbergs built a business that has touched the lives of millions of people and their pets. What started out in 1981 as a small strip-mall pharmacy has since evolved into a 40,000-square-foot pharmacy that currently employs 250 pharmacists, pharmacy and veterinarian technicians, and other business and healthcare professionals.

The Malmbergs have been staunch advocates for compounding, even serving as resources to legislators and regulators at the state and federal levels to help educate them about the compounding industry. Together, the couple fought for compounding pharmacists’ rights by actively supporting legal challenges at every level of the federal judiciary, up to and including the United States Supreme Court.

Board Chairman MARVIN SAMSON HonAlm’96 was the recipient of last year’s USciences Service Award.

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University of the Sciences unveiled a bold marketing campaign on billboards, public transit, and local television and radio stations. Featuring a new theme, “Proven Everywhere,” the campaign reflects USciences’ emphasis on providing students with transformative experiences that prepare them for successful careers in healthcare and science.

The ads—featuring current USciences students—speak to the hands-on research, real-world learning, and classroom preparedness that propel USciences students into rewarding careers in the science and healthcare fields.

“With the rising cost of college, today’s high school students and their parents are looking for successful outcomes,” said MARVIN SAMSON HonAlm’96, interim president of USciences. “They want to know that the result of the college education is worth the investment.”

For nearly 200 years, USciences has molded, forged, and prepared students to be healthcare and science leaders and respected practitioners. The success of the University’s experiential approach to learning is evident in every graduate who has walked its campus.

“This campaign embraces that very fact,” said Samson. “Whether they’re in clinics, labs, or classrooms, USciences graduates are proven assets everywhere they go.”

USciences rolled out the campaign with radio commercials, targeted TV spots on Comcast, public transit ads, and billboards. The commercial is airing on Channel One News in high schools across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

For more information about this campaign, visit usciences.edu/proveneverywhere or follow the hashtag #ProvenEverywhere on social media.
“Whether they’re in clinics, labs, or classrooms, USciences graduates are proven assets everywhere they go.”

MARVIN SAMSON HonAlm’96, Interim President
USciences Prepares Local High School Students for International Young Physicists’ Tournament

As Phoenixville Area High School students prepare to end the United States’ eight-year absence from the International Young Physicists’ Tournament (IYPT), faculty from University of the Sciences have spent the past few months helping them polish their science and research skills before the weeklong competition in Thailand this summer. The IYPT, commonly referred to as “Physics World Cup,” is one of the largest annual team-based physics competitions. Physics faculty from the Department of Mathematics, Physics and Statistics at USciences have worked closely with the students to help them identify ways to improve their experiments, clarify their conclusions, and reach their fullest potential.


Second Annual USciences MLK Day of Service

USciences coordinated a wide range of service projects to celebrate the second annual USciences MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 19. More than 400 students, staff, and faculty participated in service activities, including clean-up projects at Bartram’s Garden, B. B. Comegys School, Fitler Academics Plus School, The Woodlands, and more; recording books on tape for the blind and making care packages for senior citizens; hosting a health fair at Mount Zion Baptist Church; and holding a donation drive to benefit local nonprofits.

See more: https://flic.kr/s/aHsk4j98CL

USciences Collects Thanksgiving Meal Donations for Local Families

For the third year in a row, University of the Sciences worked with the office of Philadelphia City Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell to provide Thanksgiving meals to families across West Philadelphia who could not otherwise afford such a meal. All told, enough food was donated by the USciences community to feed 162 families.

Physics Prof Releases New Book About Einstein, Schrödinger

A sabbatical research project two years ago inspired Einstein’s Dice and Schrödinger’s Cat: How Two Great Minds Battled Quantum Randomness to Create a Unified Theory of Physics by physics professor Paul Halpern, PhD.

“Basically, my new book tells the story of how the friendship between Einstein and Schrodinger developed through their mutual dislike of quantum uncertainty, flourished as they sought a ‘theory of everything,’ and then crumbled during an international media fiasco,” said Dr. Halpern.

Dr. Halpern is no stranger to authorship, as he has penned more than a dozen popular science books.

10th annual 5K Race for Humanity is set for Saturday, March 28, at 9 a.m.

Pharmacy alumna ISHA SHAH-JOHN PharmD’09 still remembers the hard work and determination that went into organizing the first annual 5K Race for Humanity at University of the Sciences in 2006. What started as a student initiative has continued to grow each year as the USciences community continues to show unwavering support for the 5K. Despite its yearly evolution, the race’s mission to benefit charity has remained unchanged. The race, hosted by USciences’ academic service fraternity Omega Chi Psi, draws a large, enthusiastic crowd each year. Since its inception, this event has raised more than $60,000 for prominent local and national charities, including the Livengrin Foundation for Addiction Recovery, Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, CureSearch, and the Marie Vinciguerra Benefit Fund. This year’s proceeds will benefit ActionAIDS, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization committed to creating an AIDS-free generation through a combination of proven strategies.


Medical Pioneer Honored at 194th Founders’ Day

University of the Sciences presented an honorary doctor of science degree (posthumously) to MARTIN BUCHALTER P’55, MS, founder of Parker Laboratories. Buchalter, who passed away at the age of 76 in November 2008, helped to revolutionize the medical application of ultrasound by developing an easy-to-use transmission gel that provided the medium for ultrasound waves to enter body tissue. Today Buchalter’s ultrasound transmission gel, known as Aquasonic® 100, is the flagship product of Parker Laboratories, a New Jersey company that he founded in 1958 and is still owned by the Buchalter family. Accepting the award on his behalf was his wife Carol Buchalter, who serves as the company’s board chair.

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Sports in Short

Devils Turn in Impressive Season

While a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) championship and an NCAA tournament bid ultimately proved elusive, the women’s basketball team finished with an impressive season nonetheless.

The Devils under second-year head coach JACKIE HARTZELL were 20-8 overall, tops in the CACC south division, and earned two votes in the USA Today Sports Top 25 Division II Women’s Basketball Coaches Poll. This marked the first time in program history that the Devils received votes in the poll.

Individually, Hartzell was recognized as the CACC coach of the year for guiding the Devils’ impressive season that included a win over then fifth-ranked University of Tampa. BRIANNE TRAUB PharmD’17 and JESSICA SYLVESTER PharmD’17 were named to the CACC all-conference team as first and second team honorees, respectively. Traub finished her career as the Devils’ all-time leading scorer with 2,069 career points and is one of only two players to record at least 1,000 points, 800 rebounds, 200 assists and 150 steals in their career. Sylvester is the Devils’ all-time three-point field goal leader with 247 and scored 1,181 career points to rank 12th on the Devils’ all-time list. In addition, KAITLYN SCHMID Psy’15 finished the season as the nation’s leader in assist/turnover ratio, with a 4.25 average.

Athletics Hall of Fame to Induct Two

USciences welcomed its two newest inductees into the Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, January 10.

LEAH SHUMOSKI PharmD’07 (Women’s Basketball 2001–2006) was a four-year starter, leaving an indelible mark on a program that won 90 games and two Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) tournament championships and earned two berths in the NCAA Division II national tournament. At the conclusion of her career, Shumoski was the Devils’ all-time leading scorer with 1,924 points and the only player in program history to record 1,500 or more points while pulling down 1,000 or more rebounds.

CHRIS WELSH PharmD’03 (Baseball 1998-2001) was one of the most prolific hitters in the history of the baseball program. Welsh was a middle infielder and also played in the outfield and pitched during his four-year career. When he finally hung up his cleats, he had recorded 124 career hits, second most in school history at the time behind Hall of Fame player KEN BEVENOUR P’87. Welsh ranks in the top five all-time in nine different offensive categories.

USciences’ Student-Athletes Continue Their Record of High Academic Success

The latest NCAA Division II graduation rate data, including the division’s Academic Success Rate (ASR), ranked University of the Sciences fourth highest among all active member NCAA Division II schools in the nation in 2013–14.

The USciences athletic programs recorded an overall academic success rate of 97 percent for the four-year cohort of 2004–2007. In an eight-year span from 2006–2014, the Devils have ranked no lower than seventh nationally in any given year among all active NCAA Division II institutions. For the eighth consecutive year, USciences was best among the 14 institutions within the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). Eight of USciences’ 11 athletic programs (mixed and women’s rifle is counted as one sport by the NCAA for ASR purposes) produce an ASR of 100 percent for the cohort years 2004–2007 and had no sport with a rate lower than 90 percent.
From the Alumni Association President’s Pen

Dear Alumni,

I think you will agree the past few months have been very busy for USciences and our alumni. In addition to the opening of the new IPEX building in the fall, plans for the newly acquired Alexander Wilson Elementary School are underway. It’s an exciting time for all; USciences is really growing and partnering with the community. If you haven’t been to campus recently, there are several events being held at USciences that will provide the opportunity to visit and tour our newest additions.

These events are listed on our website, circulated in social media, and placed in the Insider along with targeted e-mails to alumni and friends in various majors and areas of the country. If you aren’t receiving these communications, check with the Office of Alumni Relations, alumnirelations@usciences.edu, to make sure we have your contact info.

Many alumni and friends events are featured on page 22 and 23. I’ve had the pleasure to partake in many of these events and reconnect with some “old friends” as well as make new friends.

Founder’s Day on February 19, 2015, in particular holds a place dear to my heart. I am proud to be a descendant of four of the founding fathers (Samuel, John, Charles, and George Wetherill) of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. The University is rich in history, and I am honored to be part of it through the several generations of Wetherills who are alumni of this prestigious institution.

While some of us are still thawing out, we are looking forward to the signs of spring in the air: new beginnings and new challenges for many. Our Alumni Association board of directors will be welcoming new officers and directors if you haven’t already voted for these positions, please do so at usciences.edu/alumni/BOD_ballot.shtml by March 31.

On May 20, the class of 2015 will be joining the ranks of our newest alumni. Many will also be identified as Legacy family members, those who have one or more family members who are alumni, living or deceased. We are in the planning stages for Legacy family gatherings. Once again, check with the Office of Alumni Relations to make sure we have record of this distinction.

We are very fortunate to have alumni who excel in their fields, sharing their USciences pride in their education. Every year at our reunion we recognize some of these individuals who were nominated by their peers. If you know of a deserving individual to be recognized as the recipient of the Annual Award, Ivor Griffith Service Award, Young Alumnus Award, or Honorary Alumnus Award, nominate them. Description of these awards along with the nomination form can be found at usciences.edu/alumni/alumniawardsandnominations.shtml.

Thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement. Without your involvement the success of our programs wouldn’t be possible.

Sincerely,

S. Rogers Wetherill, III, P’68, MS
President, Alumni Association
Pharmacy Remains the “Heartbeat of His Store”
By Lauren Whetzel

At 77 years old, pharmacy alumnus DAVID LUTZ P’60 has not given retirement much thought. After all, his 15,000-square-foot pharmacy and gift shop—located near Hershey, Pennsylvania—continues to grow and increase its profits each year.

In this new era of chain pharmacies, mail order prescriptions, and online shopping, Lutz and his wife Jeanne, owners of Rhoads Pharmacy & Gift Shop in Hummelstown, are confident that their personalized customer service sets their family-owned store apart from the rest. The store’s variety of unique offerings is also a major draw for customers, as the two-story business boasts a pharmacy, Hallmark Gold Crown gift shop, and home décor, fashion, and accessories departments, as well as a candle shop and gourmet food market.

“We are averaging about 350 customers per day; half of them are here for the pharmacy and the other half are here for the gift shop and home décor section,” said Lutz. “The funny thing is that we notice our pharmacy customers tend to shop in other areas of the store, but our gift shop and home decor shoppers generally do not use our pharmacy.”

Rhoads currently has 35 employees, three pharmacists, and a pharmacy robot that acts as an extra set of hands to cap, photograph, count, and sort up to 15,000 pills per day.

As a pharmacist and business owner, Lutz said his store has allowed him to combine his passion in healthcare with his keen interests in business, marketing, and advertising. His and Jeanne’s leadership over the past 40 years helped build and maintain a customer base of more than 15,000 people. Lutz credits his digital marketing and advertisement efforts to his increase in business over the years, because he established an e-mail club for his customers to sign up to receive coupons and news about the store.

“From day one, all customers have received the same level of quality service, from being greeted at the door and quickly waited on, to receiving one-on-one consultations with a pharmacist or free health screenings,” said Lutz. “I don’t plan to stop working any time soon…I’ll think about retirement when I’m older.”

Although our best profit margins are generated from the retail sales, the pharmacy will always be the heartbeat of my store.

DAVID LUTZ P’60
Building a Successful PT Enterprise

By Lauren Whetzel

“My USciences education has undoubtedly played a key role in my success as a physical therapist, business owner, and attorney.”

FRANKLIN ROOKS, JR., MPT’91, MBA, Esq.

Armed with a master’s degree in physical therapy from University of the Sciences, alumnus FRANKLIN ROOKS, JR., MPT’91, MBA, Esq., and his former USciences roommates went on to build a successful physical therapy enterprise that boasted 18 locations across Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland shortly after graduation in 1991.

At the time, Rooks said he would have never imagined that he would someday practice law. But it is fascinating where careers, and open minds, often take people, he said.

As a cofounder of PRO Physical Therapy—a chain of outpatient rehabilitation clinics headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware—Rooks said he gained invaluable experience as both a physical therapist and a businessman. Although he was passionate about his clinical role, Rooks said he was especially intrigued with the business aspects of managing insurance contracts, billing issues, and growth of the company. He then went on to hone his business skills and completed his MBA in 1995.

“My business partners, MATT HANEY [MPT’92] and JOE GIORNO [MPT’92], and I transformed a small physical therapy company with a solo practitioner into a tristate business that employed about 250 physical therapists, assistants, and administrative staff,” said Rooks. “After a decade of success, PRO grew to over $19 million in revenue, and we sold the company to a private equity firm in 2006.”

Rooks said the sale of his company gave him the financial freedom to explore a new career: law. He attended Widener University School of Law and completed his juris doctor degree in 2010.

“My law school classmates came from backgrounds in real estate, criminal justice, and finance; whereas I had a solid background in healthcare and business,” said Rooks. “It would have made no sense for me to go into another branch of law because I wouldn’t have been able to utilize my education and experience in those areas.”

Because of his extensive knowledge in medical billing, medical practice management, clinical documentation, and claims review, Rooks integrates his practical experience as a physical therapist and business owner with his legal education and experience in striving to achieve of the best possible outcomes for his clients.

“My USciences education has undoubtedly played a key role in my success as a physical therapist, business owner, and attorney,” said Rooks. “Even though I am no longer on the clinical side of physical therapy, I am oftentimes providing physical therapists and other medical providers with legal counsel on issues to which I am already up to speed because of my prior experience in the business of physical therapy.”

Aside from his law practice, Rooks and Haney reconnected three years ago to launch another business that specializes in the treatment and management of work-related injuries and employee health. The company, WorkPRO Occupational & Employee Health, employs physicians and is currently a leading provider of occupational medical services in Delaware, said Rooks.
Alumni Events

Annual Career Fair
Thursday, October 9, 2014, USciences Campus
Thank you to several USciences alumni who volunteered their time to participate in the Annual Career Fair. Oleg Zvenigorodsky, PharmD '08 (left) from Johnson and Johnson with a USciences student.

iLead Leadership Series’ Second Annual Alumni Dinner
Friday, October 10, 2014, USciences Campus
Alumni Stephanie Bean MPT’89, DPT (left) and Gary Smedley PharmD’11 recently shared their leadership experiences and advice with 20 students during the USciences iLead Leadership Series’ second annual alumni dinner.

2014 Family Fall Fest
Saturday, October 18, 2014, USciences Campus
USciences welcomed the families of our students to the annual Family Fall Fest. It was a beautiful, sunny day with the perfect temperature, which added to the festive atmosphere. We extend our thanks to all involved in the planning to provide our families, students, and faculty/staff an enjoyable day.

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Luncheon
Monday, November 3, 2014, San Diego, CA
Alumni, faculty, and graduate students mingled during a luncheon hosted by Alumni Relations. Pharmacy professor Clyde M. Ofner, III, PhD, shared USciences news and updates with alumni and guests.

2014 National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Alumni Dinner
Sunday, October 19, 2014, Austin, TX
In conjunction with the 2014 NCPA Annual Conference in November, alumni and friends of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy gathered for a dinner hosted by Dave P’60 and Jeanne Lutz.
Young USciences Alumni Reunion in the Windy City
Monday, October 20, 2014, Chicago, IL

A handful of young alumni living in the Windy City reunited at a Monday Night Football get-together hosted by USciences at Grand and Ogden Restaurant in Chicago. Attendees included Ambrose Delpino PharmD’09 and his fiancé Katie, Nimisha Trivedi-Soni PharmD’08 and her husband Vimal, Anthony Au PharmD’09, and Mary Riley, a friend of USciences.

OT Student/Alumni Panel
Thursday, November 6, 2014, USciences Campus

Four guest speakers participated in an occupational therapy student/alumni panel hosted by the Department of Career Services and the Office of Alumni Relations. The speakers shared their expertise and addressed questions from our OT students.

Left to right: Pooja Patel DrOT’17; Becky Austill-Clausen, MS, OTR/L, FAOT, CEO of Austill’s Rehabilitation Services, Inc., and member of the Samson board of visitors; Katelyn Graff MOT’11; Jaclyn Macchione MOT’06, OTR/L; Dawn Newhard Vilanova MOT’01; and Melissa Crawford DrOT’17.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) USciences/PCP Reception
Monday, December 8, 2014, Anaheim, CA

Over 200 alumni, faculty, students, and guests joined Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and the Office of Alumni Relations for a reception that was held during the ASHP Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting.

USciences Alumni Get-Together and Game at Drexel
Thursday, December 4, 2014, Philadelphia, PA

USciences alumni and friends rallied in support of the USciences men’s basketball team at a reception at Sláinte prior to the upset victory. The Devils defeated the Drexel Dragons, 54-52, the first home loss by a Div. I team to a non-Div. I team in 227 games. Go Devils!

Alumni Volunteers: We Want You!

I’m interested in volunteering...
I want to tell you what I’ve done...

Visit usciences.edu/alumni/getinvolved or contact the Alumni Relations Office at alumnirelations@usciences.edu or 888.857.6264
Class Notes

1951

ELIAS W. PACKMAN P’51, MS’52, DSc’54 (above center with board chairman MARVIN SAMSON HonAlm’96 and assistant vice president of advancement operations NECIE STEWARD) was honored for his over 60 years of commitment and service to Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, its students and faculty, and the entire USciences community. This recognition was received on November 14, 2014, at the 29th Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel.

1955

MARTIN GOLDSTEIN P’55, MS, of Mt. Laurel, NJ, is a member of the Burlington County Art Guild and the Willingboro Art Alliance. From Friday, January 2 through February 27, 2015, an exhibit of his paintings was on display at the Mount Laurel Library. A “Meet the Artist” reception was held on Sunday, January 11. His paintings and prints are for sale; for more information inquiries can be made at 856.778.1163 or saxymusic@gmail.com.

1957

HOWARD GOLD P’57, of Lake Worth, FL, owned and operated Zeebrook Pharmacy for 28 years. After retirement, he went to Clown School and Clown College and joined the Shriners. He has entertained groups in schools, churches, synagogues, hospitals, and nursing homes. “Goldy” has been president of a group of 12 Shriners clowns for the past 12 years. In order to keep in shape for his clowning, he is an avid runner. He has run in nine marathons and in the Susan B. Komen “Race for the Cure” for the last 16 years. In the 2013 race, Howard came in second in the 80-year-old class.

1962

DANIEL A. HUSSAR P’62, MS’64, PhD’67 was recognized at the USciences Celebration of Faculty Accomplishments for being published 39 times in five different periodicals (Journal of the American Pharmacists Association, Pharmacy Today, The Consultant Pharmacist, Nursing, The Pharmacist Activist) as well as publishing his fifth book, New Drugs (2008–2012) and Comparison Ratings: NDCR 2013 Edition. New Drugs and Comparison Ratings is a unique reference on therapeutic agents being introduced in the United States. On December 9, 2014, Dan was also recognized as one of the Cheers Award winners at the 17th Annual Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) reception. The Cheers Awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have set a superlative standard of excellence for others to follow in the prevention of medication errors and adverse drug events. He, along with fellow honoree Fred Mayer, was one of the first healthcare professionals to recognize the need to remove tobacco products from retail pharmacies. Dan is the author of The Pharmacist Activist, a free monthly newsletter that publishes thought-provoking editorials on major issues in pharmacy. He has been involved in professional organization leadership, including serving as a past member of the board of trustees for the American Pharmacists Association and as a past president of the Drug Information Association and Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association. He is a contributing editor to the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association (JAPhA).

1965

RICHARD M. KOSTRZEW A C’65, MS, PhD, DrHC, is editor-in-chief of the newly released Handbook of Neurotoxicity, a three-volume compendium, with 2,371 pages. He continues in his seventeenth year as editor-in-chief of the journal Neurotoxicity Research and is the former president and a current council member of the Neurotoxicity Society.

1972

LUCY MALMBERG P’72 accepted the second annual USciences Service Award on behalf of herself and her late husband, GEORGE P’72. All proceeds from the dinner on Friday, November 7, 2014, were used establish the George and Lucy Malmberg Endowed Scholarship fund. The first scholarship was awarded to STEFAN KOLODI PharmD’16. (See page 12.)

1973

GERALD E. MEYER P’73, PharmD’74, MBA, was recognized for his exemplary leadership role in the profession of pharmacy on December 8, 2014, at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting reception, in Anaheim, CA. Gerald served as the 2013–2014 president of ASHP.

1975

DANIEL A. HUSSAR P’62, MS’64, PhD’67 presented a recognition plaque to PATRICIA KIENLE P’75, MPA, who is just behind him and who was the recipient of the prestigious American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Award for Distinguished Leadership in Health-System Pharmacy Practice. As director of accreditation and medication safety for Cardinal Health Innovative Delivery Solutions, she helps healthcare administrators develop and execute comprehensive medication management programs in acute and non-acute care environments. With more than 35 years of experience, Patricia is one of the nation’s foremost experts on medication management and safety, accreditation, and regulatory issues.

1977

JOHN R. JONES P’77 was recently appointed vice president of Enterprise Pharmacy. John will be responsible for strategy development and overall operations leadership for Enterprise Pharmacy, including the acute care, retail, ambulatory, homecare, and health plan sectors of practice. He has been affiliated with Geisinger Health System for 32 years, most recently as head of system therapeutics.
1978

JOSEPH F. SCOTT P'78, president and chief executive officer of Liberty Health/Jersey City Medical Center, has been appointed to New Jersey City University’s board of trustees.

1981

ROBIN SOIFER KEYACK P’81, assistant vice president of surgical services and clinical informatics at Shore Medical Center in Somers Point, NJ, was named to the USciences board of trustees.

JAMES RIVARD P‘81, MBA, senior vice president of support services at Virtua, was named to the USciences board of trustees.

ELIZABETH STUBITS SHLOM P‘81, PharmD’84 was installed as the president of the New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists in Saratoga, NY, this past May. She is the senior vice president and director of clinical pharmacy programs at Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) Services, Inc., in New York, NY.

1982

DANIEL CONNELLY P’82 spoke at the 4th International Palaeontological Congress in Mendoza, Argentina, on September 30, 2014, on “Introduction to MAPCIS, a Possible End Ediacaran, Early Cambrian Impact.”

1983

Burman’s Speciality Pharmacy and Burman’s Medical Supplies, owned by STEVEN L. BURMAN P’83, received the Patient Safety Award from the Philadelphia Business Journal, the Best Pharmacy in Delaware County Award, and the Shaping Healthcare Delivery Award from AmerisourceBergen.

1984

PARDEEP GUPTA MedC’84 was recognized at the USciences Celebration of Faculty Accomplishments on his promotion to the rank of professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

1987

VICTORIA REHILL ELLIOTT P‘87, MBA, CAE, was featured in the September/October 2014 issue of Associations Now. Her article, “3 Lessons: Planning Power,” focused on three very important steps for all leaders: • Have a plan B, C, and D. • Communication is at the root of all that goes right and wrong in your association. • Leaders need to know what they don’t know.

1988

MITCH SOBEL P’88 was appointed by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie to the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy. His term will be for five years, and he looks forward to serving the New Jersey public for patient safety and pharmaceutical laws and regulations.

1989

SEAN HENNESSY P’89, PharmD’90, MS, PhD, associate professor of epidemiology and pharmacology at Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will join the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT) board of directors in March 2015 as at-large director. Sean also served as a member of the 2014 Strategic Planning Task Force and continues to serve as an active editorial board member for Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

1991

MARK C. TAYLOR P’91 was the recipient of the Buy-SellaPharmacy.com Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award presented at the New Jersey Pharmacists Association Convention in September 2014 in Asbury Park, NJ.

1993

NISHAMINY KASBEKAR P’93, PharmD’95 was the recipient of the Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists (PSHP) Pharmacist of the Year award on October 16, 2014, for her notable contributions to the profession of pharmacy.

1994

ROB DONATI MPT’94 was named July Employee of the Month by Nanticoke Health Services. Rob has been a physical therapist at Nanticoke for the past two and half years, working mainly at the Mears Campus in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department. He is known for his customer service and friendliness to all he encounters at Nanticoke. His commitment to customer service is well noticed not only by his patients but by all staff he interacts with on a daily basis.

2000

MELISSA BUTLER PharmD’00 was appointed to head of population health for Insurer Argus Group. She previously worked as an assistant investigator and pharmacy residency preceptor for the Center for Health Research at Kaiser Permanente in Atlanta.

2001

MICHAEL COHEN Hon’01, MS, was appointed an honorary member of American Society of Health-System Pharmacists during the Midyear Clinical Meeting this past December.

2002

TIMOTHY BOWERS MT’02, MS’08 and his wife Lea Ann announced the birth of their second son, Eli. He was born on September 15, 2014, joining his big brother, Colin.
Class Notes

TIMOTHY NGUYEN PharmD’02 was the recipient of the Donald J. Wernik Academic Achievement Award presented at the New Jersey Pharmacists Association Convention in September 2014 in Asbury Park, NJ.

DENNIES VARUGHESE PharmD’02, JD, is one of six individuals to join Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox. Dennies is a director in the litigation group and specializes in biotech and pharmaceutical patent litigation in district courts, as well as contested proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the Patent Office. Throughout his legal career, Dennies has handled cases involving a broad range of technologies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnical arts, including controlled-release polymers, hypoglycemic treatments, antilipidemic treatments, antimalarial, microfluidics, and in vivo imaging. Dennies also has extensive experience counseling clients on FDA regulatory matters, early commercialization strategies, drug products liability, and antitrust issues bearing pharmaceutical patent settlements.

2006
MELINA T. CIOFFI PharmD’06 was named director of regulatory affairs at Forest Laboratories.

2007
JENNIFER A. REINHOLD PharmD’07 was recognized at the USciences Celebration of Faculty Accomplishments on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, for receiving a 30-years-of-service award from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) at this year’s National Patient Counseling Competition Awards Ceremony.

2009
MAYANK AMIN PharmD’09, founder and CEO at PlatinumDreamEvents, was featured in a November 2014 article entitled “Forbes Under 30 Summit Attendees Share Their Career Mistakes and How to Avoid Them” on Forbes.com.

2014
KENNETH LEIBOWITZ HonAlm’09 was recognized at the USciences Celebration of Faculty Accomplishments on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, for receiving a 30-years-of-service award from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) at this year’s National Patient Counseling Competition Awards Ceremony.

IN MEMORIAM

1942
WILLIAM R. JONES C’42, MS, passed away on November 23, 2014, of cardiac arrest at his home in Broomall, PA. After a 34-year career, William retired from McNeil Laboratories Inc., a Johnson & Johnson division, in 1981 as vice president of the firm’s management control division and a member of the firm’s management board. His office was in Fort Washington. William served in the Army and saw both active and reserve duty before retiring in 1979 with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Ordinance Corps. In retirement, he was a devoted trustee of University of the Sciences. He was an integral force in the University’s growth and support.

1948
CECELIA K. (McCORMICK) GENNARO C’48 of Ambler, PA, passed away on December 22, 2014, at her home at the age of 88. Cecelia was preceded in death by her husband ALFONSO R. GENNARO C’48, a well-respected former member of the USciences faculty. She owned and operated Anna Catanese Flower Shop in Norristown, PA, for 18 years prior to retiring. She is the devoted mother of John P. Gennaro, Richard (the late Carmella) Gennaro, Robert M. Gennaro, Patrice Gennaro, and Lawrence Gennaro. She is the loving grandmother of Shannon D. Gennaro (Matthew J. Shellhammer) and her great granddaughter, Quinn Shellhammer along with many nieces and nephews. Remembrances in her name to The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, or Friends of the University of the Sciences Student Relief Fund, 600 South 43rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, would be appreciated by the family.

1950
ROBERT C. BOGASH P’50 of La Grange, IL, passed away August 7, 2014, at the age of 89. Robert served as the president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) from 1958 to 1959.

1951
ARMAND J. ANGELUCCI P’51 of Blue Bell, PA, passed away on December 2, 2014, at his residence in Normandy Farms. He is survived by his wife PATRICIA (DUFFY) ANGELUCCI P’51, daughters Hollie (David) Annatone and Anjilene Angelucci, and grandchildren Deschawn and Aaron. After graduation from PCPS Armand and Patricia purchased Vink’s Pharmacy on DeKalb Street in Norristown, which specialized in compounding formulas for about 40 years. He was a past president of his college fraternity at PCPS, the PCP Alumni Association, and the Montgomery Co. Pharmaceutical Association. He was a fellow of the American College of Apothecaries and affiliated with the Professional Compounding Centers of America.

1952
WAYNE MARTIN GRIM P’52, MS’54, PhD, passed away on August 28, 2014, at the age of 84. After 25 years with Merck, he resigned to become director of product development with Rorer Group Inc. After ten years, he retired as a vice president. Wayne had a very productive 35-year career with Merck and Rorer and was responsible for the development of more than 200 new human health products. In 1988 he started his own consulting company, serving many pharmaceutical companies as well as start-up companies, which he main-
2010
Tiffani R. Yoder
PharmD’10 of South Williamsport, PA, and John Thomas Preston of Nottingham were married on June 28, 2014.

2011
Courtney Cavaliere
PharmD’11 (left) is an avid marathon runner. In 2014 she ran a race in each Disney park, earning her the Coast to Coast Race Challenge medal. She ran the Disney Princess Half Marathon at Disneyland in November. Courtney completed seven half marathons in five different states, her first marathon this year in Salt Lake City, and the Wasatch Back Ragnar Relay, which was almost 200 miles split between 12 team members. She completed her PGY1 at the University of Colorado hospital in 2012 and then completed a PGY2 in oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 2013. Recently, she gained her board certification as an oncology pharmacist (BCOP). Courtney is a clinical oncology pharmacist at the Huntsman Cancer Center at the University of Utah.

2012
Ashley Hetro
PharmD’12 and Jason Christenson exchanged vows in December 2014 at Corpus Christi Parish in West Pittston, PA, with a reception in Scranton, PA.

2014
Scott Hershey
PharmD’14, a pharmacist at Darrenkamp’s Pharmacy in Elizabethtown, PA, was interviewed by local TV station WGAL-8 and said that antibiotics are one of the most prescribed non-maintenance meds seen in pharmacies.

2010
Elaine V. Plunto-Mandell
PharmD’09 of Egg Harbor Twp., NJ, passed away on September 2, 2014, at the age of 61. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Wayne Grim, in 1980.

1955
O. Darrell Hayes P’55 of West Chester, PA, passed away on August 16, 2014, at the age of 85.

1957
Robert Hoover P’57 passed away on June 3, 2014, at the age of 83.

1958
Joel E. Kauffman C’58, PhD, of Berwyn, PA, passed away on January 5, 2015, at the age of 78. A prominent chemist, researcher, and medical writer, he would receive several hundred e-mails daily from people who just wanted to pick his brain. In addition to his book, Malignant Medical Myths, he authored 80 papers covering chemical and medical research and held 11 patents. He wrote more than 100 book reviews on medical subjects, which can be found on Amazon.com. Joel worked in the chemical industry in the Boston area for 11 years, including four years at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Heath Sciences. He returned to Philadelphia in 1979 and became a chemistry professor at USciences where he retired after 23 years. He is survived by his wife Frances Heckert Pane, step-daughter Natalia Pane Tykra, and sister Ellen Navin.

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George B. Park P’62 of Wayne, PA, passed away on October 29, 2014, at the age of 74. George was a pharmacist at Hahnemann Hospital for 52 years. He was honored for 50 years of service at Hahnemann and for 47 years of perfect attendance during that time. He was a proud member of the Phi Delta Chi fraternity. While attending college, he worked as a cameraman for American Bandstand. In memory of George, donations can be sent to University of the Sciences.

1963
Samuel Paul Rua P’63 passed away on September 28, 2014, at the age of 74. He had owned and operated Paramount Drug since 1973.

1970
E. Daniel McKeever, Jr., P’70 of Bridgewater, VT, died suddenly on July 28, 2014, while vacationing on Long Beach Island. Daniel was 66 years old.

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1989
Deborah M. Murray

2007
Christopher Manuel Tejelo
PH/TX’07, PharmD, of Towson, MD, passed away on December 26, 2014, in Colorado Springs, CO, at the age of 29. Christopher was a member of Upsilon Sigma Phi fraternity at USciences and president in his senior year. He was a clinical pharmacist at OptumRx, a division of United Healthcare, where his role was counseling and educating patients about their medications. He is survived by his wife Ashley Carrino Tejelo PH/TX’07, his parents Manolo and Suzanne Teijelo, and his sister Samantha Elizabeth Teijelo.

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E. Daniel McKeever, Jr., P’70 of Bridgewater, VT, died suddenly on July 28, 2014, while vacationing on Long Beach Island. Daniel was 66 years old.

1977
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BAC Bacteriology
BC Biochemistry
BI Biology
Bioinf Bioinformatics
BiW 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
MOT Master of Occupational Therapy
MPT Master of Physical Therapy
MS Master of Science
MSPAS Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
MT Medical Technology
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
PH/TX Pharmacology and Toxicology
PHYS Physics
PMM Pharmaceutical Marketing
PrePro Pre-Professional
Psy Psychology
STC Certificate in Science Teaching
TX Toxicology

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