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From the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Over the past 30 years or so, I have occupied numerous roles at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia...student of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, alumna, trustee, and donor...but none has made me more proud than serving as the interim president of this distinguished institution. Since taking over the reins in July, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiasm of many alumni and friends who have offered to help me and this great University.

There is a lot going on at USciences.

One of the exciting projects being readied for students is a new look to the Wilson Hall dining facility, complete with a multipurpose space. Another project underway is the transformation of vacant space on the first and second floors of the Integrated Professional Education Complex (IPEX) into high-tech learning environments. In addition, other projects will update labs in Griffith Hall, the Pharmacology/Toxicology Center, and the Robert McNeil Graduate Study and Research Center.

Administratively, in addition to my arrival as interim president, we have had two senior members announce their departures: vice president for institutional advancement Carrie Collins and provost and vice president for academic affairs Dr. Heidi Anderson. We are fortunate to have strong teams of people in both divisions who can manage the day-to-day operations. I can assure you that we will do everything to maintain the highest standards in all areas of the University. The faculty and staff are very dedicated to this institution and are enthusiastic about its future.

As you know, the University is currently conducting a national search for a new president. The presidential search committee has issued a leadership profile that is being used to recruit candidates for the position. More updates can be found at usciences.edu/presidentsearch.

Another exciting development is the completion of the agreement of sale for the Alexander Wilson Elementary School property immediately adjacent to campus. This acquisition is a key component to our Campus Master Plan. This site is envisioned for new student housing to replace existing housing. The University’s intention will also consider a retail option that will benefit our campus as well as the neighboring community. You will get an overview of the Campus Master Plan at Reunion, and it will be featured prominently in The Bulletin in the fall.

The University is going through some changes that will make it more dynamic, focused, and stronger. We welcome you to visit our beautiful campus to see the impact of those changes yourself.

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. Mayes P’76, PharmD’78
Interim President
For some students, USciences annual Research Day is the culmination of their hard work, collaboration, and studies. For others, it is just the beginning of a journey of discovery. No matter the point of inquiry, Research Day is a chance for proud faculty and students to showcase their efforts in the lab or in the community.

For the last 13 years, USciences has provided a growing vehicle where research can be displayed, questioned, scrutinized, and discussed by curious peers and mentors. The growth is evident in that the 217 posters on display at Research Day have taken over both gyms in the Athletic/Recreation Center. What else is clear is that the posters on display represent the vast majority of disciplines from USciences’ four colleges.

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“Research Day allows students of all ages to experience what veteran scientists do: Hold their work up to the scrutiny of their peers and then answer questions about methodology, results, and conclusions,” said JEAN-FRANCOIS JASMIN, PhD, associate provost for research and graduate education at USciences.

The ultimate goal of Research Day is to encourage and promote communication and collaboration among researchers not only at USciences but at other institutions.

“Students and faculty have devoted many hours to work on their projects during the school year, and this event gives them a forum to show it off,” said Dr. Jasmin. USciences distinguishes itself by offering students the opportunity to conduct research early in their academic careers.

Included each year at Research Day is the annual John C. Krantz, Jr., Distinguished Lecture. Now in its 28th year, the Krantz lecture brings a distinguished speaker to campus. This year renowned bioethicist Arthur L. Caplan, PhD, the Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor of Bioethics and founding director of the Division of Medical Ethics at New York University’s Langone Medical Center, spoke on “The Ethics of Compassion: New Drugs, Desperate Patients, and Corporate and Government Responsibilities?” His engaging discussion focused on the ethics surrounding the use of drugs still in clinical trials that may have other uses than on what they are being tested.

“Research Day is part of our ongoing efforts to foster our research mission. It provides the perfect opportunity for students and faculty to share their scholarly activity with our campus community and visitors and to enhance research collaborations and partnerships,” Dr. Jasmin said.
Effectiveness of Alternative Seating in the Elementary Classroom: A Case Study

With the rate of children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) rising each year, new approaches are needed beyond medication and behavioral therapy. CAROLINE ELLIS MOT’16 (left) and DANIELLE GLAUBMAN MOT’16 (right) worked under VARLEISHA GIBBS, OTD, OTR/L, assistant professor of occupational therapy, to investigate adaptive seating as a new avenue to pursue. Their study aims to provide school-based occupational therapists with a parent’s perception and observation of the benefits or disadvantages of using adaptive seating through the use of a modified Functional Assessment Interview Tool (FAIT).

Glycemic Control and Outcomes in Patients with Pancreatic Cancer and Diabetes

In a cross-disciplinary project, HELENE VO PharmD’16 is collaborating with LAURA PONTIGGIA, PhD, associate professor of statistics; TYAN THOMAS, PharmD, associate professor of clinical pharmacy; and LISA DAVIS, PharmD, professor of clinical pharmacy, to retrospectively analyze patient data over a 10-year period starting in 2005 and examine the relationship between glycemic control and survival in pancreatic cancer patients with diabetes mellitus. The study considers the different antidiabetic medications to identify effective diabetes management strategies in this patient population, as well as evaluate whether glycemic control impacts patients’ ability to receive planned cancer treatments (such as chemotherapy regimens).

Serial Position Effects in Healthy Older Adults with Pathological or Normal Cerebrospinal Fluid Markers of Alzheimer’s Disease

LAUREN C. MACE MS’15 teamed up with STEPHEN C. MOELTER, PhD, associate professor of psychology, and University of Pennsylvania’s David A. Wolk, MD, associate professor of neurology, to test the hypothesis that healthy adults at risk for Alzheimer’s disease (AD) as indicated by abnormal cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) biomarkers would show reduced primacy effects during word list recall. This ongoing study evaluates a novel approach to AD diagnosis and links memory performance in normal adults to established biomarkers.

Penalties vs. Incentives: A New Age of Controlling Healthcare Cost in America?

Carrot or stick? Incentives programs have been implemented to encourage people to live healthier lives with the idea of controlling healthcare cost. However, other countries such as Canada and France have utilized penalty programs for the same purpose. OKECHUKWU AMACHI, JR., PhB’15 and RICHARD MINOFF, MBA, associate professor of pharmaceutical and healthcare business, performed confidential and anonymous data collection from both healthcare professionals and patients to gain insight on the opinions of healthcare wellness and penalty programs, while attempting to see which one would be more effective. Based on results, a penalty will be difficult to deploy, which may limit its effectiveness.
It’s hard to believe now, but in the early nineties, while serving as U.S. secretary of health and human services (HHS), Donna E. Shalala, PhD, helped to mandate that women needed to be included in clinical drug trials. Imagine she said, doing breast cancer studies without having women in the studies. And while progress continues to be made in advancing healthcare for women, there is much more work to be done.

Dr. Shalala, who has served as president of the University of Miami since 2001, became president and CEO of the Clinton Foundation when she retired from academia in the summer of 2015. Among her many career accomplishments, she was the longest-serving HHS secretary in U.S. history, serving from 1993 until 2001.

Because of these combined experiences of leadership and healthcare, Dr. Shalala was the keynote speaker for the Women’s Health Leadership Breakfast on April 20, 2015, sponsored by University of the Sciences and made possible through the generosity of the Agnes Varis Charitable Trust.

“Making Women’s Health a Priority
By Brian Kirschner

‘The key to us having a healthy and prosperous society, both economically healthy as well as socially healthy, is good healthcare and great education, and USciences clearly excels at both.’

Donna E. Shalala, PhD

“‘If you look very carefully, the Affordable Care Act is about women,’” Dr. Shalala explained. “More women got covered under the Affordable Care Act than any other group in our society.”

ACA coverage inclusions that benefit women she noted include mandatory maternity care, birth control coverage, and preventative care without co-pays. Approximately, six million women received coverage through the ACA who did not have it prior.

And while healthcare in the U.S. is not perfect, she said, one of America’s greatest strengths is its constant forward motion to improve and the desire by its citizens to have access to the best healthcare in the world. Since access is key component of healthcare, the students that USciences is producing are vital to that forward progress.

“The key to us having a healthy and prosperous society, both economically healthy as well as socially healthy, is good healthcare and great education, and USciences clearly excels at both,” she said. “Increasing [interprofessional education] training is going to be important and doing things out of the box in how we train people. Training pharmacists and physician assistants ... getting people in the room with each other so they respect each other when they get out of school is going to be important.”

The Agnes Varis Charitable Trust was established to support Dr. Agnes Varis’ (1930–2011) passion for women’s rights, the underprivileged, animal rights, and the arts. Dr. Varis believed that philanthropy uplifts both the individual and the community.

“Although there have been significant advances in women’s healthcare, we still have a considerable way to go before the needs are met appropriately,” said
USciences board chairman MARVIN SAMSON HonAlm’96, who was a cofounder of the generic pharmaceutical company Marsam Pharmaceuticals, Inc., with Dr. Varis. “Agnes fought a constant battle against gender discrimination… In many ways, Agnes broke the glass ceiling, allowing us to celebrate the increasing advances and impact that women have made in healthcare.”

Dr. Varis’ political and business stature was such that she helped draft the Hatch-Waxman Act, which eased generic drugs’ passage to market, as well as the Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act, which passed as part of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.

“The irrepressible Agnes Varis, though her work and her philanthropy, made the world a lot healthier and happier,” said Dr. Shalala.

2015 Varis Women’s Health Research Awards

The Women’s Leadership and Health Fund at USciences was created by a gift from the Agnes Varis Charitable Trust. The fund provides awards of $10,000 to each of the following faculty members to support research for women’s health and/or leadership:

Gladys Dueñas, PharmD, assistant professor, clinical pharmacy
Developing Women Faculty Leaders in Community Pharmacy Practice

Isabelle Mercier, PhD, associate professor, pharmaceutical sciences
Novel Radiosensitizers for the Treatment of Women with Triple Negative Breast Cancers

Clyde Ofner, PhD, professor, pharmaceutics
Intracellular Delivery of Doxorubicin from a Biodegradable Conjugate for Localized Treatment of Breast Cancer with Minimal Systemic Toxicities

Jessica M. Sautter, PhD, assistant professor, medical sociology
Interprofessional Palliative Care Workforce: A Survey of Tomorrow’s Leaders

Left to right: Keynote speaker Dr. Donna E. Shalala, ANDREW M. PETERSON, PharmD, PhD’09, the John Wyeth Dean of Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy; and MARVIN SAMSON HonAlm’96, board chairman.
Celebrating USciences’ 194th Commencement

By Brian Kirschner

The tassels were turned. The hoods adorned. The speeches delivered. And USciences’ class of 2015 celebrated not only the University’s 194th commencement ceremony on May 20, 2015, but their own personal achievements of graduation.

But even before the nearly 550 graduates made the recessional into the waiting arms of family and friends, the majority had turned their attention to their futures: residencies, internships, jobs, or more schooling. Historically, these graduates will quickly be making an impact on the fields of healthcare and science.

The stats speak for themselves. Within six months of graduation, 95 percent of USciences graduates will be employed or accepted for an advanced degree. Already the list of schools and employers for the class of 2015 is impressive.

Recent USciences graduates are making their way to new employment or residencies at places like Beth Israel Medical Center, University of Pennsylvania Health System, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Genentech, McNeil Consumer Healthcare, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Sanofi, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, ATI Physical Therapy, Vincera Institute, Decision Resources, and Novo Nordisk.

Locations for advanced degrees of study are similarly impressive: Louisiana State University, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, University of Arizona, U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School, College of Veterinary Medicine—The Ohio State University, Salus University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

But not everyone is going far. A number of graduates have chosen to stay at USciences to work on their PhD or advance in the physician assistant studies program.

Wherever their final destination, USciences’ newest alumni are prepared to meet whatever challenges and opportunities they face.

Commencement:
Bachelor’s Degree Conferment Ceremony

The University’s fourth annual bachelor’s degree conferment ceremony was held on May 15, 2015, for approximately 200 students in the doctor of occupational therapy, doctor of physical therapy, and doctor of pharmacy programs. These students were eligible to receive a bachelor’s degree as they continue their matriculation toward their professional degree.

Class of 2015

Commencement Snapshot

Total graduates: 751
Degrees granted: 752
Undergraduate degrees: 674
Graduate degrees: 78
Undergraduate-level grads: 673
Graduate-level grads: 78
Dual-degree graduates: 1
Men: 294
Women: 457
Age of youngest graduate: 21
Age of oldest graduate: 58
Number of states represented by graduates: 19
Number of countries represented by graduates (other than USA): 14
Number of graduates with a 3.40 GPA or higher:
  - Undergraduate: 278
  - Graduate: 24

Breakdown of Degrees

- BS: 293
- BSHS: 94
- MBA: 16
- MOT: 39
- MPH: 15
- MS: 34
- DPT: 68
- DrOT: 6
- PharmD: 174
- PhD: 13

Graduates by College

Mayes College: 49
Misher College: 87
PCP: 408
Samson College: 207

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Conferment

USciences brews new certificate program

By Brian Kirschner

Have a thirst for crafting the perfect beer? USciences is ready to turn a passion for brewing into an exciting, highly rewarding career through the mid-Atlantic region’s first brewing science certificate. Good beer doesn’t happen by accident—it’s a science that participants in USciences’ first brewing science certificate class will learn when it starts in the fall of 2015.

“The brewing industry is booming,” said Peter B. Berget, PhD, chair of the Department of Biological Sciences at USciences. “If you’re interested in entering or advancing in this industry, the timing is perfect.”

Currently, America’s breweries account for more than 110,000 jobs, and the best positions require formal, completed training in brewing science. The post-baccalaureate, 18-credit certificate program delves deep into the biology, chemistry, physics, and math of creating the perfect pint of beer. The program can be completed full-time in one year, or part-time in two, followed by an internship with a local brewery partner.

Participants in the brewing science certificate program will benefit from a team-teaching model that combines USciences faculty and facilities with experts from the brewing industry. Participants gain knowledge and experience while forming professional connections—a fast track to career growth.

“The cost of our program is competitive with other such certificates across the country,” said Matthew J. Farber, PhD, assistant professor of biology and director of the brewing science certificate program, who played a central role in crafting the new program and who will be one of the active faculty members.

“Our courses are taught hands-on by both USciences’ faculty and brewers in the industry. This is a certificate program that delves into the science of brewing and is for those individuals looking to make or grow their career in the brewing industry.”

Microbreweries are more prevalent now than ever, with about 1.5 breweries opening per day in the U.S. and more than 150 in the mid-Atlantic region alone, according to the Brewers Association. The Brewers Association also reports that production of craft brews grew 18 percent by volume and 22 percent by sales in 2014.

“Demand has never been greater for trained professionals with a passion for this extraordinary work,” Dr. Berget added.

For more information about USciences’ brewing science certificate program, including prerequisites, visit usciences.edu/brewingscience.
Assessing Neurocognitive Changes in HIV Patients

By Jen A. Miller

JESSICA ADAMS, PharmD, BCPS, is an assistant professor of clinical pharmacy at USciences and also has a clinical practice site at the HIV Clinic at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. The two are perfectly intertwined, she said. “My research projects have incorporated things that come up in the clinic that need to be addressed.”

In 2013, she received an American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy New Investigator Award, which provided a grant to study neurocognitive disorders in patients taking antiretroviral medicines. The study focuses specifically on integrase inhibitors, which are the newest class of antiretrovirals being used to treat HIV patients.

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“Since antiretrovirals came onto the market and became more and more effective at treating HIV, we have seen a sharp decline in the number of patients who have HIV-associated dementia,” she said. That dementia can lead to loss of memory and abstract thinking, poor judgment, decreased coordination, and even personality changes.

Despite the effectiveness of the drugs, patients are still reporting symptoms like memory and attention deficits, “things that are a little bit more minor that don’t necessarily interfere with the patient’s day-to-day life,” Dr. Adams said. “There’s some indication that there’s still some damage being caused by the virus itself.”

In the study, the team assesses a neurocognitive baseline and then performs another assessment after patients have been on the drugs for six months and compares any changes.

Dr. Adams is also looking at how to make sure that her patients adhere to their drug regimens. “Adherence is the No. 1 thing that’s going to predict if their therapy is going to be effective or not,” she said.

Dr. Adams came to USciences in 2012 after completing a fellowship in HIV pharmacology at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill because she knew she would be able to teach, conduct research, and keep a robust clinical practice. “I knew coming here I would be able to have a good mix.”
Students Share with Underprivileged Youth to Spur Interest in STEM Fields

By Lauren Whetzel

From the time RIMA PATEL HumSci’17 was a young girl growing up in the suburbs of Houston, Texas, she has had a passion for helping others. That’s because she realized early on that, unfortunately, not all children grew up in a supportive home and conducive learning environment like she did.

By the time she entered her first year at University of the Sciences, Patel had already made the decision to bolster her community service efforts by further establishing a nonprofit organization called Heart to Soul in Action. The purpose of her organization is to extend science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and healthcare improvements to underprivileged youth.

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Rima Patel HumSci’17

“Higher education rates have been correlated with lower pregnancy rates, better social mobility, higher health standards, and more effective communication,” said Patel. “Heart to Soul has forged partnerships with local community groups to educate youth in a fun and exciting way by incorporating arts and humanities with STEM disciplines.”

In just three years, Patel’s organization has made a positive influence in the lives of children from Boston, Houston, Philadelphia, and Richmond through donation drives and learning opportunities. However, because she spends the most time in Philadelphia for school, Patel focuses her efforts on the USciences chapter of Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) and identifies opportunities to collaborate with Heart to Soul to fulfill the missions of both organizations. This on-campus group currently boasts more than 50 members from all academic disciplines. Over the past school year, Patel and her classmates have hosted a variety of service-learning projects at homeless shelters, schools, and community organizations. One of the group’s proudest experiences was visiting Jane Addams Place once a month during the school year to expose young children to interactive STEM lessons and experiments. This West Philadelphia shelter gives homeless mothers and their children a place to stay while they search for permanent residences.

“Some of the children’s favorite experiments included creating slime, producing baking soda and vinegar volcanoes, and engineering toothpick and marshmallow bridges,” said Patel. “It was such a rewarding experience to educate them, as well as put smiles on their faces during a tough time in their families’ lives.”

HOSA teamed up with Heart to Soul in the spring semester to participate in the Target Community Nights at The Franklin Institute, which are held on the third Wednesday of the month and free to the public. The themes for these events are different each month, and Patel and her group teamed up with other academic organizations on campus and took part in the chemistry and healthy heart theme nights.

Although Patel has two years left at USciences, she said she is confident that her legacy will carry on for many years after she graduates, especially since the professors and administrators at USciences place such a strong emphasis on community service. ☀️
2015 Japan Residency Recipient

The Organization of American Historians announced that KEVIN C. MURPHY, PhD, chair of the Department of Humanities, has been selected to receive the 2015 OAH/JAAS Japan Residency at Kobe University in U.S. Cultural and Social History, and U.S.-Japan Relations. The OAH and the Japanese Association for American Studies (JAAS), with the generous support of the Japan–United States Friendship Commission, select two U.S. historians to spend two weeks at Japanese universities giving lectures and seminars, advising students and researchers interested in the American past, and joining in the collegiality of the host institution.


PCP Student Takes Third Place in Prestigious U.S. Pharmacy Competition

By combining her pharmacy education and interpersonal communication skills, VIHA DAVE PharmD’16 took third place at the APhA-ASP’s National Patient Counseling Competition held on March 29, 2015, in San Diego. The main goal of this national competition is to encourage student pharmacists to become better patient educators. “My PCP education definitely helped prepare me for this experience because many of my professors continually emphasize the importance of delivering personalized care to our patients,” Dave said.


USciences’ Business Programs Receive Full, 10-Year Accreditation

With an ongoing commitment toward providing a top-notch education to students, the Department of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Business at University of the Sciences recently earned full, 10-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). The University’s BS in pharmaceutical and healthcare business and MBA in pharmaceutical and healthcare business programs are included under this accreditation. “We are especially grateful for the involvement of our pharmaceutical and healthcare business alumni for providing feedback about our programs, sharing their employment and promotion information, and participating in our accreditation site visit,” said PATRICIA R. AUDET, P’76, PharmD’78, professor of pharmaceutical and healthcare business and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Business. “This successful accreditation reflects the hard work and accomplishments of our faculty, staff, board of visitors, students, and alumni.” ACBSP is a specialized accreditation association for business education that supports, celebrates, and rewards teaching excellence. It promotes continuous improvement and recognizes excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world. ACBSP is also the only organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels—from associate through doctoral degree programs.


2015 Donor Dash

A dedicated group of students from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy joined the Hahnemann University Hospital team to participate in the 20th Annual Donor Dash, an annual event that combines 10K and 5K races, as well as a 3K walk, and draws more than 12,000 people. The goal is to raise awareness of the critical need for more organ and tissue donors with proceeds benefiting public education programs designed to increase the number of people who register as organ and tissue donors.

Left to right: AAKASH GANDHI PharmD’17; GRACE EARL P’86, PharmD’92, assistant professor of clinical pharmacy; MELISSA NGUYEN PharmD’19; LEENA PANG PharmD’19; DARSHAN PATEL PharmD’20; GINA YI PharmD’19; CHRIS DORIAN PharmD’19; AISHANI PATEL PharmD’19; and AMI SHAH PharmD’19.

Aspiring occupational therapists at USciences spent three months helping local high school students with intellectual disabilities learn important life skills, such as navigating the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority’s (SEPTA) buses, trains, and trolleys. “Like anyone learning something for the first time, students with autism and other cognitive disabilities need repetition in order to understand how to use the public transit system,” said JULIANNE SOBY DrOT’16. “They perform best when things are taught to them over and over.” The students’ work drew media attention with a story appearing on NBC10.


Students in the honors program teamed up with Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County during their spring break in March 2015 to renovate the interiors of three townhomes in Wilmington, Delaware. “Although we battled a winter storm during the week, we had the opportunity to make an impact with a group and community very close to our University’s hometown,” said STEPHEN MOELTER, PhD, director of the USciences honors program. A generous donation to the honors program allowed 11 students and two faculty members to participate in the annual Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Collegiate Challenge.

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Books in Print: Leadership and Management in Pharmacy Book Published

Faculty and alumni at USciences collaborated to write chapters for the second edition of Leadership and Management in Pharmacy Practice. Published in December under the direction of ANDREW M. PETERSON, PharmD, PhD’09, John Wyeth Dean of Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy, the book discusses a variety of leadership and managerial issues facing pharmacists now and in the future; contains information that applies to all settings of pharmacy practice: community, hospital, industry, ambulatory care, and long-term care; and includes cases and questions to promote critical thinking and application of learning.


Honors Students Team Up with Habitat for Humanity over Spring Break

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Take Me Out to the Ball Game

This spring, USciences called Citizens Bank Park home as students and faculty not only cheered on the Phillies but took part in cultural and scientific events.

As part of the Philadelphia Science Festival and Science Night at the Ballpark, physical therapy faculty and students put fans through their paces on the science of swing on Saturday, April 25, 2015. In the lineup that night were (left to right) assistant professors of physical therapy DAVE LOGERSTEDT, PT, PhD, MPT, MA, SCS, and SHELLEY LEWIS, PT, DPT, along with AVRY MARTIN DPT’17 and BRETT OSTAIEWSKI DPT’17.

USciences student dance group Dhadkan took to the left field plaza to put on a dance performance for Phillies fans as part of a cultural night at the ballpark on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Dhadkan was on hand when 2014 Miss America Nina Davuluri threw out the first pitch, and the group later scored a photo with the first South Asian beauty pageant winner (center in Phillies jersey).

Talk about a homerun. USciences’ PCP students MARINA ABDELSAVED PharmD’16, DIPAL PATEL PharmD’17 (left), MELISSA NGUYEN PharmD’19, MILLIE GEORGE PharmD’17, SIMI MATHEW PharmD’17, and ALYSSA CAJKA PharmD’17, along with assistant professors of clinical pharmacy GRACE EARL P’86, PharmD’92 and ELIZABETH MCCARTNEY, PharmD, conducted blood pressure screenings for the 18th Annual Richie Ashburn Home Runs for Heart event on May 4, 2015, at Citizens Bank Park. This was the fourth year that the Operation Heart initiative of the APhA-ASP chapter at USciences has been participating in this event. Home Runs for Heart is sponsored by the American Heart Association.

More photos: https://flic.kr/s/aHskaU4QjF
ACS Award for Undergrad Teaching

MADHU MAHALINGAM, PhD, associate professor and assistant chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was named the recipient of the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Chemical Science. She accepted the award during a ceremony held at the University on Thursday, May 21, 2015. This distinct honor recognizes Dr. Mahalingam’s excellence in undergraduate teaching in chemical science at USciences, where she instructs a large general chemistry course to students in the pharmacy, physical therapy, and biology programs, and pursues research in chemical education. She is the first professor from USciences to receive this award, which was established in 2003.


U.Sciences at the 2015 Philadelphia Science Festival

U.Sciences was excited to be a core collaborator in the 2015 Philadelphia Science Festival, an innovative, nine-day celebration that explores the many ways that science and technology touch our everyday lives. There were many U.Sciences activities throughout the week.

(See “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” on page 15)

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GRACE A. FARBER, PhD, assistant professor of biological sciences (above right), helped showcase sensory activities in one of three booths U.Sciences sponsored at the culminating Science Carnival on the Parkway as part of the 2015 Philadelphia Science Festival.

Are you LinkedIn with the U.Sciences Alumni Group yet?

The U.Sciences LinkedIn Alumni Group page is a great way to connect with other alumni, catch up on U.Sciences news, learn about upcoming alumni events, post or search for a job, and more.

It’s easy to join the U.Sciences Alumni Group—visit http://bit.ly/U.SciencesAlumniLinkedIn or search for U.Sciences Alumni Group in LinkedIn.
In so many ways, BRIANNE TRAUB PharmD’17, JESSICA SYLVESTER PharmD’17, and KAITLYN SCHMID Psy’15 saved their best for last.

Sylvester’s was in the final seconds, when a four-point play saved their senior season.

Schmid’s was the whole season, where she steadily put together a year for the record books.

Traub’s was the culmination of four years that saw her score more points than any other woman to wear the uniform.

All three had impressive careers as members of the University of the Sciences women’s basketball team, where they helped the team to a 72-40 record in their four years of eligibility. That’s in addition to helping the team transition to a new coach, with JACKIE HARTZELL taking over before their junior years—and there were no seniors on that 2013–14 squad.

“They were great; they made me feel comfortable from day one. There was a lot that I needed to learn, and they were just extremely helpful,” Hartzell recalled. “They’re very coachable, and they work really hard. They put a lot of time in in the offseason, even during the year, when we’re not practicing.

“They just were really, really good girls to coach.”

Sylvester, a 5-foot-7 guard from Trevose, Pennsylvania, hit 247 three-point shots during her USciences career, which set the new career standard for Devils women’s basketball. Her biggest one was undeniably the four-point play in the final 10 seconds that lifted USciences to a 66-65 win over University of Tampa, the No. 5 team in the country.

After a 2-4 start to the season, they went on to win the next 15 games.

“We had our winning streak, and that just caused everything,” Traub said. “It was an amazing feeling, just watching that shot go in.”

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It’s a shot that Sylvester has watched over and over again, one she keeps on her phone, ready to pull up at a moment’s notice.

“We ran that last play for me, it was an inbounds play, and we ran it wrong—completely wrong,” Sylvester said. “I actually ended up falling down, and my girl who was playing me went and doubled Brianne, and that’s how I got open.”

That’s the benefit of having a 2,000-point scorer on the team.

Traub, a 5-foot-8 wing from Wayne, New Jersey, started her college career with a double-double: 20 points and 11 rebounds against St. Thomas Aquinas back on November 11, 2012. Over the next three-and-a-half years she would go on to accumulate 2,069 points and 848 rebounds; no woman has scored as many points at USciences, and only four have pulled down more rebounds.

“When I first came in, it wasn’t a goal of mine,” she said of the scoring record. “But as I saw my progression throughout the years, it was something that I knew I could reach, and I’m really happy with the fact that I was able to do it; it’s a great accomplishment.”

Of course, neither Sylvester nor Traub would have scored the 3,000-plus points they scored if it wasn’t for the pint-sized point guard dishing them the ball. Despite standing just 5-foot-2, Schmid compiled an incredible senior season, averaging more assists (4.8 assist per game) than points (4.6 points per game) while turning it over just 32 times in 28 games.

The Howell, New Jersey, native’s assist-to-turnover ratio wasn’t just sparkling—it was tops in the nation. For all NCAA divisions: D-I, D-II, and D-III. And, dating back to the first time the stat was kept in 2007–08, it was the best mark for all Division II women’s players.

“Before the season started, I always put three goals down for myself. The first one was to just take care of the ball—no matter what, take care of the ball,” she said. “I think it was the beginning of January, [assistant athletic director] BOBBY HELLER pointed out that I was No. 15, and my friend joked to me, was like, ‘You have to get No. one,’ and I was like, ‘Haha, I’ll try.’

“And then it happened.”

Schmid, who graduated with her degree in psychology, has already accepted a graduate assistant position at D-I University of Southern Mississippi. Sylvester and Traub both have two years remaining until they get their doctorate in pharmacy degrees. Sylvester is hoping to be a graduate assistant at USciences, where she can coach her sister MARISSA, an incoming freshman on the team.

Now those last great moments are only memories, as the three women who spent nearly 10,000 minutes on the USciences court move on to the rest of their lives, whether that’s staying involved with basketball or otherwise.

Sylvester summed up their thoughts the best.

“If I could go back and do it all over again, I wouldn’t change a thing.”

JESSICA SYLVESTER PharmD’17

That’s the benefit of having a 2,000-point scorer on the team.

That’s the benefit of having a 2,000-point scorer on the team.

Josh Verlin is the owner and editor of CityofBasketballLove.com, which was founded in June 2012. You can follow him on Twitter @jmverlin.
From the Alumni Association President’s Pen

Dear Alumni,

I am the new president of the Alumni Association at USciences. I was a pharmacy major and graduated in 1984. I also received my master’s degree in biomedical writing in 2005.

A lot has changed since I graduated. The school is now a university and has four colleges: Samson College of Health Sciences, Misher College of Arts and Sciences, Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy, and, of course, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. I am an alumna of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and with my biomedical writing degree I am an alumna of Mayes College of Healthcare Business and Policy. For those of you who have a pharmacy degree, you are alumni of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. For those of you with a degree in something other than pharmacy, do you know which college you are affiliated with as alumni? Even if you graduated before the school became a university, you are represented by one of the colleges, and you should feel a sense of identity and a connection. We are all USciences alumni, and no matter what your major, we all worked hard to get our degree. USciences started as the first pharmacy school in North America, but we have grown to be a university that produces healthcare professionals in several disciplines as well as scientists. We should all be proud of what we accomplished, and we should remember where we came from.

I was a member of the cross-country team. My experiences as an athlete at the University were just as important to me as my academic experiences. I’m delighted to see that the Athletic Department has thrived and grown over the years. The men’s and women’s basketball teams had phenomenal seasons last year. It was a lot of fun to watch the games, and it was nice to see so many alumni come out to support our teams. We also had Bob Morgan Day in February, in parallel to men’s and women’s basketball games on campus. It was a nice opportunity to honor Bob, who is a former athletic director, a former head men’s basketball coach, and a good friend to many athletic alumni. Paul Klimitas and Gayle Garrison also came out to support Bob, and it was really nice to see two other people who are very dear to the athletic alumni.

I will work with the Athletic Department and the Department of Alumni Relations to have more events in which alumni can come out and support our student athletes and reconnect with coaches and friends.

If you haven’t been back to the campus in a while and are in the area, I hope you’ll stop by and see how the campus has grown. Watch for announcements for University events of interest to you that would provide an opportunity for you to reconnect with old friends and maybe make some new friends too.

Hope to see you soon!

Siobhan Duffy P’84, BW’05
President, Alumni Association
Alumni Events

Dinner with a Scholar
Thursday, March 12, 2015, USciences Campus

The Delta Iota chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon, the occupational therapy honor society, hosted “Dinner with a Scholar.” Diana Ramsay, president of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation board of directors, was the guest speaker. The networking event was well attended by students, faculty, alumni, and friends. The USciences Alumni Association was honored to be able to provide partial funding for the dinner.

Left to right: Wendy Fox MOT’00 and Diana Ramsay, president of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation board of directors.

USciences Alumni Association
Board of Directors Officers Induction
Thursday, April 2, 2015, USciences Campus

Induction of newly elected officers and directors of the USciences Alumni Association took place during the Alumni Association board of directors general meeting. Congratulations to all.

Left to right: Hong Jin Na PH/TX’92, BW’01, president-elect; Leo Ross P’73, MBA, director; Elizabeth A. Fusco P’63, director; Siobhan Duffy P’84, BW’05, president; S. Rogers Wetherill P’68, MS, past president; Victoria R. Elliott P’87, MBA, CAE, vice president; Christine Secula Jump P’74, director; Jeanette Litts P’78, director; and Stacy Gorski B’08, PhD, director. Not pictured: Timothy Bowers MT’02, MHP’08, director; Stacy M. Rosemarin P’83, director; and Patricia Walsh MT’83, BW’01, MBA, secretary.

APhA-ASP Alumni Networking Bowling Event
Friday, April 10, 2015, Pep Bowling, Philadelphia, Pa

The USciences chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) held their second annual bowling event. This networking event was attended by students, faculty, and alumni. USciences students acknowledge that the success of the program was largely due to the support of the USciences Alumni Association.

Top row, left to right: Dan Fichter DrOT’15, Diana Ramsay, president of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation board of directors, Marissa Barth DrOT’16, Callie Nagle DrOT’16, Emily Bart DrOT’16, Tara Derudder DrOT’17, Eun Joung Kim DrOT’17, Pooja Patel DrOT’17, and Wendy Fox MOT’00. Bottom row, left to right: Nabila Enam MOT’00, Kaia Gardner DrOT’16, Dominique Sulit DrOT’17, Erin Kendall DrOT’16, Kimberly Hurley DrOT’16, Christen Morrison DrOT’16, Sara Hyman DrOT’16, Katie Hill DrOT’16, and Kelly Otchet DrOT’17.
Student Appreciation Day
Friday, April 17, 2015, USciences Campus

Thank you to the alumni volunteers who were present for Student Appreciation Day to greet our students. Volunteers distributed a small token of appreciation to the hardworking students.

Left to right: Robert Spera P’81; Casey Ryan, director of Alumni Relations; Pat Walsh MT’83, BW’01; Jeanette Litts P’78; Arthur Blatman P’69; Lorri Halberstadt P’83; and Pat McNelly HonAlm’08, assistant director of Alumni Relations.

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Alumnus DAVID KITTLE DPT’11 had one goal in mind when he started his career as a physical therapist four years ago: Bridge the communication gap between patients and healthcare providers.

After gaining a few years of experience in his field and learning more about the concerns and needs of his patients, Dr. Kittle came up with the idea to develop an app that allows healthcare providers to conveniently communicate with their patients via text message without exchanging phone numbers. That idea came to fruition after his healthcare app, dubbed Vinitial, launched last summer in both the Apple App Store and Google Play Marketplace.

“Providers—like physical therapists—can bolster their ability to be the most accessible healthcare providers by making themselves available to their patients after typical office hours,” said Dr. Kittle, a physical therapist at Metro SportsMed in Brooklyn, New York. “Patients and I often text between visits regarding changes in their symptoms, questions about home exercises, or having to reschedule their appointments due to inclement weather or other conflicts.”

Here’s how Vinitial works: First, a provider signs up with his or her name and e-mail address. Then, the provider fills out personal information, such as his or her practice’s name and location, specializations, and treatment methods. Once the provider signs up, he or she can encourage patients to maintain communication between visits and/or after discharge through Vinitial. If a patient signs up, he or she also only does so with a name and e-mail address. After that, the patient is instructed to send a test text message or the first “hello” to commence the two-way texting.

“This app guarantees that there is no chance of receiving calls or voicemails from patients late at night because it functions solely through text messages,” said Dr. Kittle. “If it’s truly a medical emergency, patients are urged to dial 911.”

This communication service remains private between the patient and provider because the conversations are one-to-one, without the ability to commence group texting. More particularly, Dr. Kittle said the app is secured with a Secure Socket Layer, which ensures that all data passed between the web server and browsers to remain private and integral.

Although this app is free for patients and staff providers, there is a monthly membership that is paid by the practice owners. Dr. Kittle said his former classmate MIKE ST. GEORGE DPT’10 uses this service with patients, as does his former boss David Schuld, DPT, owner of Schuld Physical Therapy in Maple Shade, New Jersey.

“At the end of the day, Vinitial was designed based off of my own expectations as a patient,” said Dr. Kittle. “Personalized healthcare is what I want as a patient, and tech-savvy, forward-thinking healthcare practice owners understand that this app benefits both their patients and providers.”

For more information about the Vinitial app, visit vinitial.instapage.com or contact vinitialapp@gmail.com.
DINESH PATEL MS’75, PhD, is considered by many to be the pioneer of biotechnology and pharmaceutical endeavors in the Mountain West region. But long before the self-made entrepreneur became known across the country for his business ventures, Dr. Patel made the life-changing decision to move with his wife, Kalpana, to the United States so that he could pursue his master’s degree in pharmaceutics at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

“I knew early on in my college career that I would someday run my own company,” said Dr. Patel, a native of Zambia, Africa. “I was aware that in order to accomplish my goals, I needed to gain a strong educational background, and PCP had a great reputation in the pharmaceutical industry.”

Despite his solid background in pharmacy, Dr. Patel—who first earned his bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Gujarat University in India—said he was never interested in practicing pharmacy. That’s because he was more fascinated with the science and business aspects of the pharmaceutical industry, and after PCP he completed his PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Patel followed a traditional career path—conducting research and working for large corporations for several years. However, his life as he knew it changed drastically in 1985 after he teamed up with his former Michigan professor to launch his first business, TheraTech, Inc., in Salt Lake City. This company specialized in developing controlled, time-release medicines like transdermal patches and oral systems for delivering medications.

“I did not want to spend the rest of my professional life trying to climb the corporate ladder,” said Dr. Patel, who offered this universal advice to all students: “I encourage students and young professionals of all backgrounds and descents to seek employment opportunities at startup companies where they can be more exposed to the decision-making process that goes into operating a prosperous business.”

Some of his most noteworthy accomplishments include taking TheraTech, Inc., public in 1992. At that time, Dr. Patel became one of the few Indian CEOs of a publicly traded U.S. company. TheraTech was acquired by Watson Pharmaceuticals in 1999, and Dr. Patel shifted his entrepreneurial efforts toward becoming a venture capitalist and philanthropist.

Over the past 30 years, he has secured 15 patents worldwide, as well as founded and invested in more than 20 biotechnology and information technology companies. He is also the cofounder of vSpring Capital, a Salt Lake City-based investment firm now known as Signal Peak Ventures. He is currently the founder emeritus of this company, which manages more than $500 million in capital investments.

At 65 years old, Dr. Patel now spends much of his time and fortune giving back to underserved communities in India through the Shakti Krupa Charitable Trust started by his father. In 1994, he and his brothers established the Shree Chhotubhai A. Patel Hospital & Community Health Centre in Mota Fofalia, India, in memory of their late father—a 100-bed charity hospital now serving 65,000 people in local villages surrounding their father’s birthplace.

“My father always told us that service to mankind was of utmost importance because he moved to Africa with nothing and established himself through his service to the community,” said Dr. Patel, who also runs a foundation with his wife that donates to various social and cultural activities in the United States and abroad.
1962

DANIEL A. HUSSAR  P'62, MS'64, PhD'67 shared his expertise with the public when he was featured on NBC10 about the use of Tamiflu and the spread of the flu. He was also interviewed by Stephanie Stahl, CBS 3 news anchor on March 6, 2015, being asked, “What happens when drugs expire?” In April 2015, Dan’s article “New Drugs 2015: Part 1” was published. The article reviews seven drugs recently approved by the FDA.

1964

JOEL STEINBERG  B'64, PhD, MD, has joined the Cooper University Health System medical staff as a hospitalist at the Memorial Hospital of Salem County, NJ. As a member of the medical advisory board and board of directors of the Guillain-Barre Syndrome/CIDP Foundation International, he represented patients with these rare paralyzing neurological disorders at an Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill in April 2015.

1966

JOHN FRANCESCHINI  P'66, MBA, had his play Herman's Wedding aired on Spokane Public Radio (NPR affiliate) KPBX on March 9, 2015.

1968

FRANK CHRZANOWSKI  P'68, MS'72, PhD'75 presented a seminar entitled “In Pharmaceuticals, Sometimes Problem Solving Means Solving Problems” at Jacksonville University’s Science and Engineering Lecture Series (SELS). This presentation was offered to undergraduate students in math, science, and engineering degree programs on March 5, 2015. http://users.ju.edu/hdoung/SELS/

1972

LUCY BARTKOW MALMBERG  P'72 was honored as the alumnus of the year by the Delaware County Christian School on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

1975

PAT KLISHEVICH  P’75 and her teammate Veronique De Sybou-Siffert were the only U.S./Swiss team competing in the 2015 Gazelle Rally—a 1,553-mile automobile race across the Moroccan desert that spans nine days. Pat has been practicing pharmacy in Delaware County, PA, for the past 35 years.

1976

PATRICIA KIDSTON, KATRA, MARK KATRA, SANDY BUBRI SZILAGYI, and MARK SZILAGYI, all P'76, along with their children, also alumni, were featured in an article in the March issue of Phoenixville InCommunity Magazine. They have been coowners of Gateway Pharmacy since the 1980s. Along with its compounding capabilities and custom prescriptions for both humans and pets, the pharmacy also provides its customers with quality home care products for sale or rent.

1977

ROBERT STANEK  P’77, MBA, was named CEO by Dabo Health and plans to expand its national presence. Dabo Health is an innovative platform that uses a social media format to provide easy access to information and metric for nurses, physicians, and frontline staff to improve quality of care.

1979

ROBIN M. FIELDS  P’79 recently became a member of the 2014–2015 class of the Pharmacy Leadership Academy through American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

1981

EDWARD BECHTEL  P’81 received the 21st annual “Spirit Award” presented by the Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce. As a past president of the Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce, he has made serving others and the community a priority and passion.

1983

CATHERINE BURNS PURZYCKI  B’83, MS, was recognized as USciences Academic Advisor for 2015.

1985

DAVID KROLL  PH/TX’85, PhD, is a Forbes contributor. He is a pharmacologist, freelance science and medical writer, educator, and speaker with a passion for public understanding of science and medicine. He earned his PhD in pharmacology and therapeutics from the University of Florida. He reports on all things pharmaceutical and scientific from the Research Triangle Park area in North Carolina.

1986

MARYBETH SNIADOWSKI-COLE  P'86 had a rare opportunity to work closely with the Food Network’s bold and energizing host, Robert Irvine, to revamp her family-owned business, Lyon’s Pharmacy of Elkton, MD. The episode, entitled “Prescription for Failure,” aired on the Food Network on Wednesday, April 22. In the episode, Irvine updated the luncheonette’s design and also added new selections to the menu, including a crab cake. Marybeth’s mother, Bernadette Sniadowski, had a visible role on the episode and shared the origin to some of the luncheonette recipes. The crowning achievement of the show, however, was the installation of Lyon’s new business sign, which now boasts an image of long-time leader in the Elkton community, Mr. Sniadowski. Read more including a link to the episode at http://bit.ly/pcpfoodnetwork

1987

JAMES C. APPLEBY  P’87, RPh, MPH, executive director and CEO of the Gerontological Society of America, the nation’s leading interdisciplinary professional membership organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging was conferred an Honorary Degree at the 194th USciences commencement on May 20, 2015.

1988

WAYNE HOUCK  TX’87, MBA (St Joseph’s, 2000), MDiv (Liberty University 2014), is now lead pastor at Trinity Lighthouse in Royersford, PA. He is married to CHRISTINA (MILES) HOUCK MPT’90.
1988

JANICE E. MINER P’88 recently participated in a roundtable discussion about family businesses. She said the key to keeping her family-owned pharmacy profitable is to focus on the benefits a small, family-operated pharmacy provides.

1990

ROBERT BEGLIOMINI P’90, PharmD’99 was promoted to vice president of operations at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. He has networkwide responsibility for pharmacy, imaging, pain management, security, emergency preparedness, and air/ground transport.

1992

MEGAN S. GILL P’92 discussed her role as the owner of the CHCE pharmacy for the Chestnut Hill Center for Enrichment program’s focus on health on February 12, 2015. She talked about this year’s flu symptoms, vitamins and supplements, the role of insurance, and vaccination and addressed several inquiries from the attendees.

DAVID A. WOOD P’92, DO, FAAFP, was appointed to the Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers in PA as a board-certified family physician. David has been practicing medicine at WMCHC’s Hamlin Family Health Center since the beginning of July. Prior to completing his medical degree, he worked as a pharmacist in the Hamlin and Honesdale areas. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, where he rose to the rank of major. David most recently held the position of medical director of the Sullivan County Medical Center, Laporte, PA.

1993

BRIAN D. LENICH P’93 was promoted to administrator of pharmacy services at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg in PA. In this role, Brian oversees all pharmacy responsibilities.

As a mother of a child with Down syndrome, JULIE M. GERHART P’94, BW’05 wrote to A.C. Moore in March 2015 about featuring people with Down syndrome in ads after the company featured a little girl with Down syndrome in one of their ads. She stated in her letter that she spends a lot of her time raising awareness, raising funds, and trying to make a difference for people with Down syndrome. To her amazement, A.C. Moore sent an email to 2 million people re: Changing the Face of Beauty, the campaign for inclusive advertising. This has now become a daily practice for the company. In March, Julie was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia Award during the annual American Pharmacists Association convention in CA. Over 50 years ago, the Bowl of Hygeia Award Program was developed by the A.H. Robins Company to recognize pharmacists across the nation for outstanding service to their communities. Selected annually through state pharmacy associations, each recipient of the award is recognized for making unique contributions to a strong, healthy community through service and personal leadership.

1996

DANIEL LEWIS MULLENIX P’96 and Stacie Jean Cummins were united in marriage on Friday, September 19, 2014, at Christ Community Church in Boonsboro, PA.

1997

MARK TACELOSKY P’97 was inducted into the Philadelphia Area Small College Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the association’s annual banquet, Monday, March 23, 2015.

2004

BRADLEY VINCENT MALLOW PMM’04 and Amy Lynn Lorio were married on Saturday, October 11, 2014, in a private ceremony in Hamburg, PA. The ceremony was officiated by the groom’s brother, Brian Mallow. The couple resides in Freemansburg, PA.

2008

STACEY A. GORSKI B’08, PhD, was featured on 6ABC Action News on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Stacey, an immunology professor at USciences, discussed several concerns about the spread of the flu on college campuses.

2011

VIJENDRA NALAMOTHU PhD’11 had a feature article in Drug Development & Delivery titled “The Importance of the Right Formulation in Topical Drug Development.” Vijendra is CEO and cofounder of Tergus, which specializes in complete topical development services, analysis, testing, manufacturing for clinical trials, and regulatory support. His efforts over the past 18 years in various dermatological companies have led to many commercial products on the market today.

2012

VERAJA GARACHH PharmD’12 was selected to attend the prestigious American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Foundation’s Pharmacy Leadership Institute as a pharmacy manager for Kennedy-Stratford. He is one of only 40 professionals from a national pool of applicants selected to attend the exclusive Boston-based program, held April 26 to May 1, 2015. Upon graduating from PCP, he was selected for Kennedy Health’s PGY-1 pharmacy residency program, which he completed in 2013. He then worked as a Kennedy staff pharmacist and was appointed Kennedy-Stratford’s pharmacy manager in 2014. The Pharmacy Leadership Institute, founded in 2000, develops inspirational leaders, energizes accomplished clinicians and managers with new insights, and equips participants for the roles of executive leader, coach, teacher, motivator, and strategist.
IN MEMORIAM

1943
ISADORE WENOUCR P’43 passed away on December 8, 2014. He was 93. Isadore proudly served in the Navy on a hospital ship in WWII and was a pharmacist in Philadelphia for many decades. He is survived by his wife Sylvia and sons Brian, Howard, and Michael.

1949
HELENE BEAL BRUCK BAC’49 passed away on January 31, 2015. She was 88. Helene was employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare as a caseworker by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare as a caseworker until her retirement in 1983.

1950
ROBERT EDWARD BARBER C’50 of Warminster, PA, passed away on April 8, 2015, at the age of 91. He was the quality control chemistry supervisor with Wm. H. Rorer Company in Fort Washington, PA, for 25 years, retiring in 1986. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Force in 1942, entering World War II and serving in the Pacific Theater of operations with the 1955th Ordinance Depot as a supply sergeant, in support of the front line troops. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jane (Seip) Barber. He is survived by his daughter, Betty Ann Ritter (Bruce); three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1951
HELENE V. SCHMIDT P’51 of Mechanicsburg, PA, passed away on February 5, 2015, at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband Jack; children John (Dora), David (Marguerite), Robert (Ali), and Karen Rafferty; several grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

1952
NICHOLAS PENNENTE P’52 of Vineland, NJ, passed away at the age of 85. Nicholas was a member of the Rho Chi Honor Society. He was a pharmacist and coowner of Varsity Pharmacy on Landis Avenue in Vineland for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife Madeline; children Barbara (Rick) Wainwright, Beth (Matthew) Mc Bryan, Nicholas (Lisa) Pennente, and Danielle (Joe) Montelone; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother Ernest.

1953
JOSEPH ANTHONY EDMUNDO WICZ P’53 of Bel Air, MD, passed away on March 16, 2015, at the age of 87. He was the owner of Spotanksi’s Pharmacy Inc., a business that has been in the family for about 100 years. He considered his staff like family, some of whom worked alongside him for more than 50 years. He served three and a half years in the Merchant Marines as a seaman with the U.S. Maritime Service. He was predeceased by his wife Jeannine and is survived by his daughter Yvette Rose, son-in-law Scott Rose, and grandchildren Courtney, Christopher, and Bradley.

1954
MORTON EDWARD GOLDBERG P’54, PhD’55, DrSc’58 of Glen Mills, PA, passed away on December 8, 2014, from Parkinson’s disease. Morton was a distinguished pharmaceutical researcher and executive. He is survived by his wife Janet, their three children, and their spouses.
Morton focused on research and development of new drugs to treat conditions of the central nervous system, cardiovascular disease, and cancer, working with such companies as Abbott, Squibb, and Warner-Lambert. He retired in 1991 from Imperial Chemical Industries (a British pharmaceuticals company and predecessor to AstraZeneca) as its head of research and development.

JOSEPH R. KUKULICH P'54 of Claymont, DE, passed away on April 11, 2015, surrounded by his family and friends at St. Francis Hospital at the age of 83. After college, he served his country for two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, GA. In 1963, Joseph purchased Community Pharmacy in Wilmington, DE. During this time, he introduced the unit-dose system for the distribution of medications for nursing homes. He was also a consultant for Little Sister of the Poor for 27 years. After selling his business in 1989, he worked for Rite Aid and Happy Harry’s until retirement. In 1982, Joseph was the recipient of the Harry Zeisig Award for outstanding pharmacist of the year. He was also director of pharmacy at Sannino’s Pharmacy in Ridley Park, PA. He worked for Graduate Hospital for 18 years and was the former owner/operator of Sannino’s Pharmacy in Ridley Township. Louis is survived by his wife Dawn (Krieger) Sannino; two sons, Joseph W. (Diana) Sannino and Craig Sannino; two daughters, Michele (Bob) Sannino-Hart and Nicole (Angelo) Sannino-Tufaro; stepson Bill (Lori) Schnell; stepdaughter Linda (Don) Scott; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1958
GERALD EVERETT COX P'58 of Valencia, PA, passed away on January 21, 2015, after a prolonged illness. Gerald was a Marine Corps sergeant, was fascinated by history and family genealogy, loved to travel, was an avid golfer, and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

1959
DANIEL YEOMAN P'59 of New Orleans, LA, passed away on October 20, 2014, at the age of 83. Daniel was director of pharmacy at Touro Infirmary, a New Orleans hospital known for its family birthing center and neonatal intensive care unit. He was also director of pharmacy for the Clinical Research Center, a branch of healthcare science that provides physicians and staff superior patient care. He was a member of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy from 1972 to 1996, serving as chairman of the Examination Committee. He was appointed to this board by the governor of Louisiana. From 2004 to 2006, Daniel served on the Institutional Review Board for MDS Pharm Services. This board is a committee that is designated to approve, monitor, and review biomedical and behavioral research involving humans. It often conducts some form of risk-benefit analysis in an attempt to determine whether or not research shall be done.

1967
STEVEN CABLE P'67 passed away on October 25, 2014, at the age of 72. Steven was a retired pharmacist who worked in Philadelphia and suburbs. He is survived by his wife Cecelia (Kafitz) Cable, and was the father of Sheri (Shawn) Phillips and the late Barbara Cable, and had four grandchildren.

1971
EDWARD HAUGHEY, JR., PharmD'71 of Haddon Township, NJ, passed away on March 31, 2015, at the age of 70. Edward served as director of pharmacy at Penn Presbyterian Hospital, PA, from 1976 to 2008. He is survived by his wife Patricia (McGovern) Haughey, children Edmund (Brooke) and Karen (Mark) DeWane, and grandchildren Erin, Quinn, Isla, and Cole.

1974
HOWARD “SKIP” D. KOUP P'74 of Exton, PA, passed away on March 11, 2015, at the age of 69. In addition to USciences, he graduated from Penn State University. He owned and operated a pharmacy in Downingtown, PA. A Viet Nam veteran, he served in the 82nd Airborne Division. Skip was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer, where he sang in the choir and served as an elder. He was an avid sports fan; he especially loved the Phillies and Penn State football. He is survived by his wife Louise, children Richard (Christina) Koup and Suzanne Koup Larsen (Scott), and grandchildren David and Matthew Koup and Anna and Ian Larsen. He is also survived by siblings Dr. Richard Koup (Carol), Charles E. Koup (Gail), and Barbara Grace Turner (Thomas).

1981
MICHAEL ANTHONY JOSBENA P'81 of Rose Valley, PA, passed away on February 27, 2015, at the age of 60. Michael started his own medical communications company, which flourished throughout his life. He was a member of many area organizations, including Rose Valley Borough Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Town Watch. He was also a committee man and treasurer for the Rose Valley Republican Committee. He is survived by his wife Donna (Croce) Josbena, daughter Erika (Austin) Van De Vyvere, son Matthew, mother Alman Josbena, sister Jeanne (James) Carlson, and brother Manuel Josbena.

2011
KAJAL PATEL PharmD’11 was one of four individuals—including her husband—who drowned while vacationing in the Dominican Republic in March. Kajal and Kush were married in November and lived in Northeast Philadelphia.

FRIEND OF USCIENTIES
JOSEPH V. LAMBERT age 76, of Flourtown, PA, died suddenly on April 11, 2015. At the time of his death, he was a well-respected professor of psychology at USciences, a position he held for many years.
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