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**From the President**

Commencement is always a wonderful time of year for the entire University of the Sciences in Philadelphia community, especially the graduates. Congratulations to the 413 graduates of the Class of 2004. We wish them well in their professional and personal pursuits. This group of graduating students has an opportunity to foster positive changes in society and in all areas of the health science professions. They enter their disciplines when their skills and talents are both needed and in great demand.

I would also like to congratulate two outstanding and distinguished members of our academic community who are retiring—Dr. George Downs and Dr. Charles Gibley. Dr. Downs has been at the University for more than 30 years, including an impressive nine-year tenure as dean of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Dr. Gibley was hired nearly 20 years ago at the institution as the first dean of arts and sciences, and when it was later renamed Misher College of Arts and Sciences, he served as the first dean.

Both have extraordinary integrity. Each has worked relentlessly on behalf of the students and faculty of the University. They leave a legacy of excellence for others to follow. As distinguished leaders, both were instrumental in advancing the institution to its current level of prominence. Their remarkable achievements have provided foundations for the next era of leadership. We will miss their insight, advice, and counsel.

We continue to enhance the institution by establishing leading-edge programs meeting the educational needs of health professionals today and in the future. One program that has evolved in recent years is our health policy program. This program has been successful in attracting health policy experts from the region and across the nation to present lectures and meet with students. Following last year’s impressive “The Future of Medicare,” we held another successful symposium, this time on “The Future of Medicaid.” An academic environment such as USP is a perfect place to address health issues of this magnitude. Both sides of the issue were discussed in a lively and compelling manner. There were opportunities for an engaging audience dialogue. There were many questions and a healthy critical analysis posted by audience members, many of whom are leaders in the health care field.

As we conclude this academic year, we congratulate our graduates and two esteemed leaders. The legacy and contributions of Dr. Downs and Dr. Gibley and the anticipated successes of our graduates will enhance the future of the University.

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University of the Sciences in Philadelphia may not have had the voice of Sesame Street’s Big Bird as its graduation speaker (see illustration at left) on May 19, but that didn’t stop USP’s 183rd commencement from being A-OK. Similar to past commencements, all of the graduates shared in the excitement, honor, and world of possibilities and potential that awaited them. The Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts was once again filled to capacity with the 413 excited graduates and their proud parents, families, and friends.

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Unlike previous years, one honorary degree recipient was chosen, receiving quite an endorsement. Gary Kielhofner, DrPH, professor and Woda/Meyer chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy in the College of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), was unanimously nominated by this year’s occupational therapy graduates. He received an honorary degree of doctor of science in recognition of a distinguished career in occupational therapy teaching and research, for world-renowned scholarship in the development of the Model of Human Occupation, and for providing inspirational leadership to students, faculty, and practitioners.

Dr. Kielhofner wasn’t the only professor who was honored at commencement. Salar Alsardary, PhD, associate professor of mathematics at USP, received the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. USP President Philip P. Gerbino, honorary degree recipient; and Dr. Philip P. Gerbino, USP president. Unlike previous years, one graduate student was nominated as a Lindback scholar for the Class of 2004. Bernardette Cortes Baronia Daniel O. Boxerman Shannon K. Campion Danielle Cecconnecchio Stephanie Aen Congdon Jannell Ribera Defatlarino Edward Francis Dix Anya Nicole Gambino Kristin Ruth Garland Larissa Marie Gasparato Kieran Angelica Glenbook Lisa M. Gold Christine Joanne Gorka Brooke E. Homberger Anita Kaloni Eric Jay Kamienski Amanda Edna Keefer Amy Jennifer Ketterer Andrea Candace Mariano Bindumal Mathew Stem TECH Mouragio Wendy Lee Murray David Elliott Nepoe Michele R. Richardson John Kenneth Schoolmeister Mrish Bharat Shuh Lauren Ann Stephany Shira Tehrani-Fein Cathy R. Trapani-Rodman Danielle Marie Villano Jason Michael Wright Sean Yanchunas Helena Zoe Velovich

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Anya Gambino BI’04
Hometown: Brewster, NY

Why did you decide to pursue your degree in biology?
I felt that a degree in biology would allow a great deal of flexibility in my future plans. I could go to professional school, graduate school, start my master’s degree, teach, or go into industry or research. I also happen to be a biology nerd because I grew up in a house where science was very important. My dad has a PhD in entomology.

How would you describe your experience at USP?
I think any experience is what you put into it. At USP, I have found great friends, professors, and mentors. I feel that I was given a chance to grow and express myself here. The classes are small, the instructors are approachable, and most of my fellow students have been a lot of fun.

What will you remember most about USP?
I worked as a nurse in the veterinary emergency room at UTHenn for two years, and I think that I have found my calling. For me, it’s an ever-changing challenge, and you need to know a little bit of everything.

Where do you see yourself in 5–10 years?
Hopefully, I will be a Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS) certified vet working in an emergency clinic or practice. I hope to begin a family, too. I would also like to return to the New York metro area.

Jessica Woelfel MT’04
Hometown: Annapolis, MD

Why did you choose to attend USP?
I wanted to attend a small college where my teachers would know me personally, rather than know me as a random Social Security number. When a teacher knows you, he/she can look out for you and not let you fall behind. Also, I couldn’t see myself anywhere else but in Philadelphia. Philly is a great, dynamic city, exploding with culture and fun.

Why did you decide to pursue your degree in medical technology?
I realized that I needed a practical education for a professional career. I knew I wouldn’t have any trouble finding a job as a medical technologist. It seems as though there are far more job openings than there are qualified people to fill them.

How would you describe your experience at USP?
The USP experience is a very intimate one and very academically nurturing. The small class sizes allow for maximum interaction with your teachers and peers. Academics always come first at USP, so everyone is always willing to help you out with your studies.

Where do you see yourself in 5–10 years?
I see myself owning a home in Center City and supervising a hospital laboratory.

Precil Varghese PharmD’04
Hometown: Upper Darby, PA

Why did you choose to attend USP?
The reputation of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy being an excellent pharmacy school had preceded itself. It was the first pharmacy school in the United States. Also knowing that the founders of McNeil, Eli Lilly and Company, and some of the other major pharmaceutical industries were graduates was very alluring.

Why did you decide to pursue your degree in pharmacy?
I’ve always had an underlying interest in science, as well as wanting to help people, so I considered studying something in the health field. When I was in high school, I did a lot of volunteer work at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, which is where I had a glimpse of what it was like to be a nurse, physical therapist, physician, and pharmacist. I had realized that being a nurse, PT, or physician wasn’t my cup of tea, so I decided to pursue pharmacy. I’ve ended up liking the pharmacy profession more and more over the course of my college years.

What will you remember most about USP?
The thing I will remember most about USP will be my clinical year at Pennsylvania Hospital. It allowed for real-world work experience as a medical technologist and a valuable education from the hospital’s pathologists.

Where do you see yourself in 5–10 years?
I hope to work in a hematology lab or a microbiology lab in one of Philadelphia’s hospitals.

Nancy Scalone MBA’04
Hometown: West Chester, PA

Why did you choose to attend USP?
I decided to attend USP because of the excellent reputation of the pharmacy school. It was the best fit for me, enabling me to reach the goals I set for myself.

What will you remember most about USP?
countless all-nighters for P&T exams or when half of the fifth-year class would be in the library trying to figure out case study answers.

What are your career plans after graduation?
After graduation, I will be doing a pharmacy practice residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Upon completion of the residency, I most probably will be pursuing a clinical pharmacist position or possibly a specialty residency. I will also be looking to become more involved in professional organizations, primarily one of the various societies of health-system pharmacists.

Where do you see yourself in 5–10 years?
Professionally, I see myself in a clinical pharmacist position early on in my career. By the 10-year mark, I look to be a clinical coordinator at some institution.
When situations arose, he gave full consideration to what was said and viewed it as constructive feedback. He considered the value of the idea and was able to take the long view of how it applied to the situation.

— John Connors, PharmD, assistant dean of graduate programs

He was not expecting the administration to say, “Tell us what you want to do,” after he told them he was ready to step down as dean of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy (PCP), but that’s exactly what George Downs PharmD’72 heard. Having served in nearly every capacity of pharmacy education—administrator and academician—during his 32-year tenure at USP, Dr. Downs will now further apply his rich experience on behalf of students.

He will work with Institutional Advancement to help students receive more scholarships and will also survey alumni who own practices and develop a publication incorporating their feedback.

“We need to learn what they’re doing right so as to infuse their values and information into our teaching,” says Dr. Downs.

According to USP President Philip Gerbino P’69, PharmD’70, Dr. Downs’ defining attribute is that “he has an easygoing, steady-on-course way of getting things done and, over the years, has accomplished an extraordinary amount. He always found a way to keep USP tenable during some of its more difficult decision-making stages.”

According to many of his colleagues, Dr. Downs’ desire to be helpful in all capacities characterized his numerous contributions. “He broadened my understanding of pharmacy as a profession,” says Barbara Byrne, PhD, vice president for academic affairs. “His sympathetic ear, humor, empathy, openness, and kindness will be missed.”

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Two Legacies of Leadership

Dean George Downs and Associate Vice President Charles Gibley retire after long, distinguished careers

By Leslie H. Levy

George Downs, PharmD

Dean, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

Dr. Downs is an extraordinary person. He is filled with integrity, “passionate,” “generous,” “a solid man” — these are most frequently used words to describe Dean George Downs, PharmD, who will retire this spring from his position as associate vice president for academic affairs. As a result of Dr. Gibley’s tireless efforts, Misher College of Arts and Sciences evolved with purpose, direction, and a roadmap for developmental success, just one of his major accomplishments since USP became his academic home two decades ago.

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Charles Gibley, PhD

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Gibley arrived at USP when Allen Misher, PhD, P’59 was president. “He was easy to work with from day one, open-minded, objective, and diligent,” says Dr. Misher. “He was a team player who worked to achieve the same objectives we all wanted without personal ambitions interceding. His academic perspective was of particular assistance to me since I arrived at USP having just completed a 25-year corporate career.”

Before retiring as the first dean of arts and sciences three years ago, Dr. Gibley helped initiate a core curriculum as the centerpiece of the University’s general education, a turning point for USP students. He then instituted the first Teaching and Learning Center to hone the teaching skills of faculty, demonstrating, for example, how to make classes more student-centered.

“The center began in 1991, and I’m very proud of it,” says Dr. Gibley, who also divided humanities and social sciences into two (continued, on next page)
Gibley

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Downs

"A great friend and colleague who put the University at the top of his list; his outlook contributed to my growth." — Charles Gibley, PhD, associate vice president of academic affairs

Seeing the students blossom has given him enormous satisfaction, but Dr. Downs is ready to pass the torch. “I’d like to see my successor move us to the next level,” he says.

“George Downs has been a great mentor to me in terms of how he handles students,” says Lisa Lawson, PharmD, dean of College of Pharmacy. “His professional demeanor always affords us an example to follow. It’s hard to imagine the USP without him.”

“Working with him was a wonderful opportunity to benefit from his experience and wisdom,” says Dr. Lawson. “He is very much interested in the development of others.”

Such interest in others extended equally to students and faculty. “We will miss his strong champion of students as they become whole people,” says Barbara Byrne, PhD, vice president of academic affairs. “He is the voice that kept pushing for inclusion and action, not just talk.”

According to Kevin Cody, PhD, the former dean of College of Health Sciences, “Charlie Gibley was the prime mover in changing the culture of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now USP) from professional training to the broader vision of professional education. The college became a university because of his strong support of a high-quality liberal arts program.”

Two years ago, Dr. Gibley led the reaccreditation process, a cyclical self-study for all institutions of higher education that necessitated overseeing 145 USP faculty, students, and administrative staff. Both the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (now the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education) reviewed USP’s credentials. Lisa Lawson, PharmD, assistant dean of pharmacy, worked with Dr. Gibley on the joint accreditation.

“I was moved by Dr. Gibley’s vision that USP was ‘a place where education could truly flourish,’ and that made me take the institution very seriously. His support made his vision tangible. Dr. Gibley genuinely loves USP.” — Robert Boughner, PhD, chair of department of humanities and professor of classics

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Dr. Downs fun to be around. His habit was to ask that home-baked goods be brought to the dean’s meetings, especially the chocolate kind. He inspected what was brought. Actually, he supplied most of the goodies.

“Dr. Downs’ responsiveness to student needs was readily apparent. His student-centered approach reflects his concern,” says Margaret Kasschau, PhD, chair and professor of biological sciences, who will assume Dr. Gibley’s position, was the second woman administrator Dr. Gibley hired. “He was totally supportive of my collaborative style of leadership,” she states.

Dr. Gibley looks forward to enjoying his retirement at his home in Bethany Beach, Delaware, with his wife Jeannie, their four children, and six grandchildren. It’s hard to imagine the USP campus without the presence of a man who had such an impact on students and faculty for the past 20 years. Fortunately for USP, Dr. Gibley will continue to contribute to the university’s legacy by assisting in the documentation of the history that he himself helped to create.

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Alumni Help Preserve Home and Honor of Fraternity

Phi Delta Chi sells frat house to establish scholarship and earns praise from community.

by John M. Martino

A historic street in University City was home to the Phi Delta Chi fraternity since 1950. The three-story, Victorian-style home (pictured above) at the corner of Woodland Terrace and Baltimore Avenue is where fraternity brothers ate, slept, studied, organized meetings and, yes, partied. But in recent years, the activity at the house diminished as the number of members dwindled to zero. The future of the now-defunct fraternity and abandoned house appeared dismal.

Then, alumni came to the rescue. Former fraternity brothers did not want to see the name of Phi Delta Chi fade into obscurity on campus. They also did not want to see their old frat house turn into an eyesore for the surrounding community.

Through the help of University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, the fraternity aggressively searched for—and successfully found—an owner who wanted to renovate the house into a single-family residence and restore the property to its historic glory. The proceeds from the sale of the house were gifted to USP to establish an endowed scholarship fund in the name of Phi Delta Chi.

The decision to sell the house was bittersweet for former Phi Delta Chi members, including W. Scott Muller P’84 and David Bradstock P’78, but they agreed that holding on to a building that was becoming a nuisance to the neighboring residents was not in the best interests of the fraternity or the University.

“We felt a deep loss and an empty feeling inside when we heard the number of fraternity members fell to zero,” says Bradstock, treasurer of the Phi Delta Chi Alumni Association. “It was just as sad and frustrating to see our old fraternity house, where we had so many great college experiences, in its present condition. That house was a big part of our college experience. Without Phi Delta Chi, the frat house, and the fraternity brothers who were always supportive, college would have been more difficult and challenging.”

Muller hoped the fraternity would regroup and cultivate new members, especially when the Epsilon chapter of Phi Delta Chi celebrated 100 years of existence in 2001. To his dismay, the fraternity never revived. He said the decision to establish a scholarship was the best choice.

“When we decided to sell the house, we wanted to try to find a buyer who was interested in maintaining the property for its historic value,” says Muller, president of the Phi Delta Chi Alumni Association. “We were always aware of the age of the building as well as the other houses on Woodland Terrace. Too often, homes such as this are being torn down, and we are losing a bit of our heritage with each one. As the owner of a 180-plus-year-old home myself, I was happy when a buyer was found who was interested in renovating the house.”

The University and the community were just as happy. USP is able to offer an endowed scholarship in honor of the fraternity. The Phi Delta Chi Endowed Scholarship, established by the brothers of the Epsilon Alumni Chapter of the Phi Delta Chi fraternity, will be awarded with preference to a descendent of a fraternity member in good standing with the alumni chapter. The scholarship may be awarded to more than one student.

“This real estate transfer is a wonderful example of how many hard-working, well-intended individuals can join efforts to accomplish the best for all interests involved,” says Kenneth J.D. Boyden, Esq., director of USP’s capital campaign and major gifts.

“The Phi Delta Chi fraternity—Epsilon Alumni Chapter pursued a gift opportunity with the University, and the result was beneficial to our community, our proud Phi Delta Chi alumni, and future generations of our students.”

The perseverance of both USP and Phi Delta Chi in finding an ideal owner—a physician from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania—was appreciated by residents of Woodland Terrace and recognized by the University City Historical Society (UCHS), which awarded the University and fraternity with a Preservation Initiative Award.

“The Preservation Initiative Award is given to a person or organization that furthers the preservation of Philadelphia’s built environment, not only to the past, but to the future at the accomplishments that have been made by the members of the fraternity in our professions, in our lives, and in the lives of others. As our fraternity motto states, ‘Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget’—‘Each needs the help of the other.’ Hopefully through this gift, the fraternity name will continue on at the school, and its history and members will be remembered.”

Contributionsto the Phi Delta Chi Endowed Scholarship may be sent to:

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Chic Office of Institutional Advancement
600 S. 43rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Alumni Reunion 2004: Sweet Memories Relived

Whether they graduated in 1964 or 1954, when USP alumni looked south across campus during their college days, a huge neon green sign hovered in the distance, an omnipresent image on the horizon. That huge leaf—the familiar logo atop the former Breyers Ice Cream plant—is a thing of the past. Where it once stood is now USP’s dazzling 78,000-square-foot Athletic/Recreation Center (ARC). On May 1, more than 285 returning alumni and guests reminisced during the Annual Alumni Reunion, held for the first time in the ARC.

The theme of the festive event was “Sweet Memories,” featuring a 1950s atmosphere with music and décor of the era as well as a fix-your-own ice cream table provided by Breyers. Judging by the expressions of awe on all faces that gazed upon the future, transformation and its exciting promise were not the only topics of conversation. So were USP’s staggering growth in number of participants to the Annual Fund.

In another strange twist, the winning gifts of ice cream scoops to jog their memories. And if they ever forget, they’ll have their own sweet memories. And if they ever forget, they’ll have their own sweet memories.

The event was extra special for the Class of ’54. The theme was based on their “happy days,” and the members of the class were honored as “Golden Graduates” for their 50 years of service to the University. The class was also presented with the Samuel P. Wetherill Prize, given annually to the reunion class with the highest increase in number of participants to the Annual Fund. In another strange twist, the winners of the three prizes raffled off for alumni who filled out USP Bulletin surveys were from, you guessed it, the Class of ’54.

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Alumni Award Recipients Stand Up and Take a Bow

The Class of ’79 was recognized for 25 years of service. The Class of ’74 received the Charles Marshall Prize, given to the reunion class with the highest increase in contributions to the Annual Fund.

1 This year’s Golden Graduates—the members of the Class of ’54—were honored for 50 years of service to the University. They also were bestowed with another honor—the Samuel P. Wetherill Prize, which is given annually to the reunion class with the highest increase in number of participants to the Annual Fund.

2 Class of 1959: (left to right) Carman Bevillacqua, Anthony Sorentino, Paul Willis, Fred Sall, Jules Hirsch, Stanley Serlick, and Richard Suscha.

3 Alumni Award Recipients: (left to right) Louis Hegyes, Honorary Alumnus Award; Genie Rogers MPT’93, Athletic Hall of Fame; William M. Deptula P’56, Ivor Griffith Service Award; Dr. William Vilensky, Annual Alumni Award; Dr. Timothy R. Fox P’88, PharmD’90, Athletic Hall of Fame; Dr. Michelle M. Chapman P’90, PharmD’93, Young Alumnus Award.

4 Class of 1964: Joan Anderson.

5 Class of 1969: (left to right) Arthur Blatman and Philip Gerbino.

6 Class of 1974: (back row, left to right) Christine Secula Jump, Henry Karush, Henry Katze, Jeffrey Lipman, Joanne Gorski Boyer, and Charles Schieffell; (front row, left to right) George McAlanis, Michael Bimler, Patricia Volz Masterman, Paula Kralove, Joan Synk Lipman, John Fischer, Scott Gerhart, Norman Greenman, Carl Dean, and Thomas Silvonek.

7 Class of 1979: (front row, left to right) Richard Kaufman, Iris Vera Zak, and Randy Shott.

8 Class of 1984: (front row, left to right) Michael Donohos, Tiziana Palatuori Fox, Pamela Sabo, Lisa lithium, and Mary Kate McGinty; (second row, left to right) Phyllis Huberty Livengood, Collleen Bat taglia, Robin Brownsett Fairnella, and Siobhan Duffy; (third row, left to right) Pamela Jennings Kelly, Fran Terris, and Stacy Rosemarin; (last row, left to right) Steven Livengood and W. Scott Muller.

9 Class of 1988: (left to right) David Rabin, Sean Hennessy, Karen Salzmann, and Stephanie Bean.

10 Class of 1994: (front row, left to right) Eileen Pippel, Kelly Down forever Karpa, Laura Anne MacEntee, Julia Vaska-Rock, and Caroline Gaartan Mera; (back row, left to right) Dorothy Hultfand Buler, Denise Greco, David Desender, Elyce L. Jones-Freeman, and Jay Sochoka.
A Memorable Season for the Lady Devils Basketball Team

The USP women's basketball team enjoyed one of its finest seasons ever. Competing in its inaugural year as a member of NCAA Division I, the Lady Devils claimed the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference championship with a 74-62 title game victory over top-seed and tournament host Holy Family University on March 6. The victory propelled the Devils into the NCAA Division II National Championship, where they were matched against Holy Family's Mike McLaughlin. Shumoski ended the season with an 11-21 overall record, 5-15 in the conference.

Peter J. Miller, PhD, has been promoted to the position of director of academic assessment. In his new position, he will have responsibility for leading, directing, and overseeing assessment efforts focusing on academic programs and student services. He will also serve as liaison to other divisions of the USP campus, consulting on assessment plans as appropriate. Dr. Miller has taught in the Department of Physical Therapy at USP since 1993. He was promoted with tenure to associate professor in 2002 and was also named director of the BS in health science program. He has published research articles in the Journal of Excellence in Higher Education and in Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education. He also serves as an ad interim for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. He has been appointed to the board of trustees for the Marvin Samson Center for the History of Pharmacy. Brody came to USP from Boston, where he was employed in the print department of Harvard's Fogg Art Museum. His museum studies began in 1996 at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, a branch of the Smithsonian, in New York City and, after that, the Ashmolean Museum at the University of Oxford, where he currently holds a doctoral degree in the history of art. The focus of his dissertation is the evolution, function, and social context of Italian Renaissance ceramic (or maiolica) services, which were used for dining and display. Before embarking on his graduate career, he was a manager of rare books at a Philadelphia medical book store, where he catalogued antique, scholarly, and collectible books on the history of medicine and its subspecialties. He received his BA in the biological basis of human behavior and psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Following the University trustees board meeting on May 13, USP officially dedicated the atrium in the Athletic/Recreation Center to alumnus and trustee Edgardo Mercadante P’79. The Mercadante Atrium reflects upon his continuous assistance, guidance, and association with USP, as well as his leadership support to the Campaign for USP—An Historic Opportunity—to Shape Our Future.

Mercadante has more than 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical health care field, managed care industries, including significant experience in retail pharmacy. He was the founder, president, and CEO of FamilyMed Group, which is merging with DrugMax, Inc. He will be joining the DrugMax executive team as cochairman and CEO. He was president of Arrow Corporation from 1987 to 1996. He was president and chief executive officer of APP Inc., a pharmacy benefit management company, which he founded in 1991. In 1997, he founded FamilyMed Group, Inc., a venture and institutionally backed company that operated more than 80 specialty pharmacies throughout the U.S., Internet mail order distribution, and nutritional centers in near medical facilities.

Dr. Miller Promoted to Director of Academic Assessment

New Museum Director and Curator Named

Freshman Honor Society Inducts Record Numbers

The Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for freshmen students, held an induction ceremony for new members on April 16 inside the ARC. It was the largest class of inductees since A.L.D. was established on campus in 1989. There were 111 freshman students who attained a 3.5 GPA or higher in their first semester.

Another Player of the Year for Women's Sports

USP also boasted the CACC women's softball Player of the Year, and she's only a freshman. Megan Trimbile 'PharmD’07 set USP single-season records for home runs (15), runs scored (34), and runs batted in (45). She led the conference in batting (.498), home runs, and RBIs as well as total bases (100) and on-base percentage (.553). She also ranked among the conference leaders in runs scored, stolen bases (10), and walks (14).

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The museum, located in Griffith Hall, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 215-596-8721 or e-mail: m.brody@usip.edu.

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Trimbile led the Lady Devils in nine offensive categories and was one of three USP players to compete in every game this season. The Lady Devils ended their season with an 11-21 overall record, 5-15 in the conference.

Freshman Honor Society Inducts Record Numbers

The Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for freshmen students, held an induction ceremony for new members on April 16 inside the ARC. It was the largest class of inductees since A.L.D. was established on campus in 1989. There were 111 freshman students who attained a 3.5 GPA or higher in their first semester.
USP presented its Annual Misher Symposium, a three-day symposium on liberal arts and professional education, held April 13-15.

The Misher Festival of Fine Arts entertained audiences through a wide variety of music, dance, and dramatic presentations. Guest performers included Spiral Q Puppet Theater, Curtis Theatre Company, Chamosoyn Yir, and USP’s own performance group, Encore. For the first time, the events occurred in the event tent located near the Athletic/Recreation Center.

The theme of the Misher Symposium was “Knowing and Doing: The Liberal Arts and Professional Studies” and featured guest lectures by keynote speaker John Taylor Gatto, an author and former USP president, and Angelo Carapita, a philosopher and author.

The Misher Festival of Fine Arts honored former USP president Allen Mishler, PhD, FSSA, who made many contributions to USP, including enhancing the school’s general education and expanding the role of the humanities and social sciences in a science-based curriculum. Mishler College of Arts and Sciences is named in Dr. Mishler’s honor.

USP’s Asian Student Association presented Cultural Event at International House

Asian Student Association (ASA) presented Through Our Eyes, a variety of performing arts that aimed to educate the public on the Asian American culture, on March 21 at the International House, located at 3701 Chestnut Street. Proceeds from the show were donated to the Angkor Hospital for Children in Cambodia.

Through Our Eyes featured a variety of music, dance, drama, and comedy. The show opened with a lantern dance performance that included members of ASA from various Asian countries wearing elaborate outfits and hair styles to demonstrate their diversity. The members also presented monologues that described the journey of Asian immigrants to the United States. Audiences were entertained through various performances, including a hip hop act, a Cambodian puppetry performance, a ribbon hat dance, a pop fan dance, a Mulan instrumental performance, and other educational and festive presentations.

USP Hosts Misher Festival and Symposium

USP Scholarly Day Features Lecture on Designing Drugs on the Computer

The Second Annual Scholarly Day featured the 17th Annual John C. Krantz, Jr., Distinguished Lecture, presented this year by Dr. William J. Welsh of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). Dr. Welsh’s lecture, titled “Designing Drugs on the Computer,” concentrated on the tools used in bioinformatics, chemical informatics, and molecular modeling that are making a profound impact in a large and growing number of applications including biology, chemistry, toxicology, and medicine. He took examples from active drug discovery projects in his laboratory to illustrate the utility of these approaches.

A reception was held in the Athletic/Recreation Center, followed by a research symposium highlighting undergraduate and graduate student activity. The goals of USP Scholarly Day are to encourage and promote communication and collaboration between investigators at USP. The event recognizes undergraduate and graduate student research efforts, highlights aspects of faculty scholarly activity, and showcases the diversity and growth of research pursuits on campus. Because of USP’s size and the fact the University is a science-based institution, most undergraduate students can conduct research with faculty early in their academic careers.

USP students and alumni will have some help in their job searches. The University partnered with MonsterTrak, a division of the popular job-search website Monster. MonsterTrak is the most-visited college-targeted site on the Internet, utilized by more than 600,000 employers.

Through the partnership, USP students will now be able to enter the MonsterTrak site and have access to a number of job postings, as well as the ability to post their resumes for employers to read. USP’s Career Services staff will also be able to access student resumes. USP alumni will be able to use MonsterTrak for job searches and posting their resumes. Alumni may also register for the new Alumni Mentor Network, which will serve to bring current USP students and alumni closer together, providing mentoring and networking skills for current students and strengthening alumni ties to the University.

“This will provide a wonderful service to the students and the University,” says Rachel Yudell, USP career counselor. “We’re looking forward to reaching out to as much of the student population as possible.”

For more information, contact Rachel Yudell, at 215.895.1121 or e-mail at r.yudell@usp.edu.

MonterTrak Helps Students and Alumni with Job Searches

Students Help Plant Trees on Arbor Day

As part of the Walnut Street Greenway effort, hundreds of students from University City including a group from USP, volunteered their efforts on a Saturday morning in April to plant more than 80 trees along Walnut Street, between 40th and 43rd Streets. A tree specialist worked with each group of volunteers and a block supervisor oversaw each lot of 10 trees, which included a mix of honey locust, Chinese elm, white oak, hackberry, Japanese maple and yellow cherry.

Organized by UC Green, the Walnut Street Greenway extension is part of a renewed effort to beautify the neighborhood and create a “Green Belt” that connects various neighborhood greening initiatives. The Walnut Street Greenway originated in 2001 when hundreds of volunteers planted 100 trees from 43rd to 48th Streets.

The community played a big part in the success of the event. Tables and stools were supplied by the University City District (UCD), shovels were donated by the Water Department of Philadelphia and UC Green, and brooms were supplied by Spruce Hill Community Association and UC Green. UC Green is a nonprofit taking the leadership role in promoting cooperative community greening in University City through volunteer efforts and partnering with neighborhood residents, community and religious organizations, local students, and city agencies. The Walnut Street Greenway project is sponsored by the Spruce Hill Community Trust and funded by a grant from Citizens Bank’s University City Neighborhood Partnership Fund and matched by participating property owners and other stakeholders.

Isha Shah PharmD’09 helped coordinate the group of USP students.

Unveiling of AIDS Quilt Evoke Emotion

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Physical Therapy Students Organize Wellness Presentations

Physical therapy students at USP organized a series of wellness presentations on campus for faculty, staff, and students that focused on dieting, exercise, smoking cessation, and other health topics. The students gained experience in encouraging wellness through a service learning project for the wellness program of the Human Resources Department and for their health promotion course. In addition to speaking to the campus community, they created flyers and brochures on various health issues to communicate the importance of living a healthy life. “This is beneficial to the students because health promotion and wellness is an integral part of being a physical therapist,” says Robin Zappin, MA, assistant professor of physical therapy. “This exercise provides the student with invaluable experience in putting together a wellness presentation, which can then be used later within their own personal practice as physical therapists. Regardless of the diagnosis, wellness and health promotion are part of rehabilitation,” or bringing someone back to health.

Student Leaders Recognized

The Office of Student Affairs held its Annual Student Leadership Awards Reception on April 15 to honor the student organizations and leaders for their excellent work during the year. Len Farber, director of student life, and Joseph Ike PH/TX’04, president of the Student Government Association, served as toastmasters for the evening. Congratulations to the 2004 award recipients:

Emerging Student Leader Award
Lily Lin PharmD’08
Martin Luther King, Jr., Service Award
Tina Bhattacharjee PharmD’05 and Lena Yuen MOT’05
Community Development Program Award
Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, Erika Dobos PharmD’08, Coordinator
Collaborative Organization Award
Asian Student Association
Multicultural Program Award
Women Series
Persevering Leader Award
Erin Fadden MOT’05
Outstanding Student Organization Award
Bharat and Hindu Student Council
Consequential Student Advocate Award
Amy Kinchuk, MA, Instructor in Mathematics and Computer Science
Student Organization Advisor of the Year Award (Asian Student Association)
Kathie Pannill, Associate Registrar

SGA President’s Choice Awards
Advocate
Mike Caluch PharmD’07
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Department of Information Science

Presentation

Joukje Smith, Phyllis Blumberg; “The Pedagogy of Technology” at the Inaugural Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey, PA, on February 23.

Publications

Gina Kaiser, book reviews of:

Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science

Presentations


“Diabetes 2004” conference promoting a dialogue between the mathematics community and program officers in the NSF Division of Mathematical Sciences in Washington, DC, on May 1.

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Poster Presentations


Peter Harvison, et al., “Potential Role of Conversion of 3,3-Dichlorophenyl-2,4-Thiazolidinedione (DCF)–Induced Hepatotoxicity in Rats and Ontin of 3,3-Dichlorophenyl-2,4-Thiazolidinedione (DCF)–Induced Hepatotoxicity in Rats” at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology in Baltimore, MD, in March.

Clyde Olner, et al., Department of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacy Administration

Presentations


Andrew Peterson, editor for Managing Pharmacy Practice: Principles, Strategies and Systems, CRC Press. USP contributors were: Glenn Rosenbath; chapter 2—“Systems Theory and Management”: Andrew Peterson; chapter 3—“Organizational Structures,” chapter 5—“Leadership,” chapter 10—“Principles of Inventory Management,” chapter 12—“Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees,” and chapter 13—“Drug Use Evaluation.” Robert Votta; chapter 9—“Accounting Principles,” Barbara Plager; chapter 18—“The US Health Care System: Health Care Reform and Managed Care” and chapter 19—“Physician Participation in Market Outcomes in Heart Failure Patients” at the Ambulatory Setting” at the Philadelphia Pharmaceutical Forum in Ambler, PA, on March 11 and the USP Scholarly Day Research Poster Presentation on April 8.


William Cunningham; “The Causes of Apologetic Terrorism” at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research: In Arlington, VA, on May 16–19.


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1 (left to right) Peter Vlasses P’71, PharmD’73, George Downs, John Guns PharmD’60, Philip P. Gerblino P’63, PharmD’70, Daniel Hussar P’62, and Joe Fink P’70 at the APhA Alumni and Friends Reception on March 29.

2 (front row, left to right) James Appleby P’87, Rina Patel PharmD’01, Allen Misher P’59, Maya Thompson P’99, PharmD’00, and Phil Moravec BC’03. Back row, left to right) William Reinsmith at the Misher Festival of Fine Arts on April 15.

3 (left to right) Parsh Sachdeva P’98, Renee Johnson PharmD’98, and Peggy Pyrovolakis PharmD’98.

4 (left to right) Glenn Herskowitz P’83, Danica Herskowitz, Thao Nguyen PharmD’02, Matt Banghart C’02, and Dan Pagano P’70 at the San Francisco Alumni Dinner on April 17.

5 (left to right) Lawrence Miresi P’00, Larry Miresi, Will Eisenman PharmD, Theresa Giannone, Nancy Costa, Nancy Costa, and Anthony Costa at the New York City Alumni and Friends Reception on April 23.

6 Daniel Hussar P’63, MS’64, PhD’67 receiving the Hugo H. Schaefler Award at the APhA National Meeting on March 28.

7 (left to right) Ralph Epstein P’29 and Max Nexer P’30 in Miami Beach, who hadn’t seen each other in 75 years.

8 (left to right) George Downs P’72 and Pat Carroll-Grant P’78, Pat received the PPSI Distinguished Person of the Year Award at the APhA National Meeting on March 28.

9 (front row, left to right) Adeboye Adejare, Chair Pharmaceutical Sciences; Deidre Dalmas PH/ TX’96; Joan Tarloff; Jeannie Burton PH/ TX’84; Lomnia Dahm PH/ TX’94; and Anne Chappell PH/ TX’98. (back row, left to right) Jeffrey Lawrence PH/ TX’97; Donald Stump PH/ TX’85; and Dr. Peter Harvison.

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Alumni News and Notes

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Class notes updates can be sent to the University via e-mail. Please submit notes to m.schwar@usip.edu.

The USP Bulletin welcomes any and all accomplishments. However, if you are engaged or awaiting the birth of a child, please hold off and let us know as soon as the wedding or birth takes place.

Photos are especially welcome. If you would like them returned, include your address on the back of the photo.

Martin Gibbs C’43 (PhD’47) published “The Summer of ’51” in a special issue of Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications in December 2003.

Howard Rabinowitz P’48 and his wife Esther Rabinowitz P’48 were honored at the Jewish National Fund’s annual breakfast on February 1. They reside in Coconut Creek, FL.

Mary Louise (Tigue) Andersen P’52, Hon 66 was presented with a pewter plate from the United States Public Health Service Professional Advisory Committee, commemorating the renaming of its Non-Clinical Pharmacist of the Year Award as the U.S. Public Health Service Mary Louise Andersen Leadership Award.

Daniel A. Hussar P’62, MS’64 was a speaker at a recent meeting of the California Pharmacists Association. Also in attendance were Suzanne (Fitz) Hussar F’67, John L. Sykora F’66, Daniel C. Pagano P’70, and Roger S. Wilson P’63 (MS’70, University of Minnesota).

Howard D. Wolfson F’67 was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Delaware County Pharmacists Association at the 70th anniversary dinner dance on November 9, 2003.

Mary (Sheehan) Howett B’69 (PhD’76, University of Pennsylvania) has been appointed as professor and head of the bio-science and biotechnology department at Drexel University.


Joanne (Gorski) Boyer P’74 was appointed as executive director of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy in September 2003. She was previously manager of clinical operation services with Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater, NJ.

Patricia (Rhoads) Klishевич P’75 was named Consultant of the Year by PhaMerica, northeast region. She lives in Aston, PA.

Steven J. Gilbert P’76 has been promoted to vice president of operations at Hospice Pharmacia’s Philadelphia office. He resides in Riverton, NJ.

Patricia Carroll-Grant P’78 was named PPSI Special Distinguished Person of the Year by the American Pharmacists Association at its annual meeting on March 30. The award was presented by George E. Downs PharmD’72.

Carl D. Stapiscki P’79 is a senior pharmacovigilance specialist at Allergan Pharmaceuticals in Irvine, CA. He was previously employed as medication safety officer at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA. He lives with his wife Arlene and children Lia and Sam in Alto Vejo, CA.

Stacy M. Rosemarin P’83 recently became an active member of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association. She is the director of alumni relations and annual fund at USP.

Iris D. Cohen P’84 presented her poster on “Improving Adverse Drug Recognition and Reporting Using the ‘BE NOSEY’ Acronym” at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists midyear meeting on December 9, 2003, in New Orleans, LA. More information about the “BE NOSEY” acronym can be found at www.medicalmnemonics.com.

Robert F. Spera P’88 published “Should Counseling Go Beyond Drug Information?” in the April 5 issue of Drug Topics.

Rosemarie (O’Malley) Halt P’89 was presented with a plaque commemorating two years as president of the Delaware County Pharmacists Association. She is the director of alumni relations and annual fund at USP.

Jo-Ellen (Boris) McLauglin P’89 and James J. McLaughlin P’86 announced the birth of their son Brennan Michael on September 20, 2002. He joins older brothers Christopher, Jonathan, Colin, and Timothy. Kathy (Boris) Ambielli P’80, Michael Ambielli P’77, and John Boris P’85 are the proud aunt and uncles.

Timothy J. Huber B’89 (MS’94, Drexel University) received his DO degree from Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2003. He is the father of Alexandria, born January 2002, and Nicholas, born March 2003, and is currently interning at Palmetto General Hospital.

Denise (Orlosky) Ludwikowski P’89 and Mark Ludwikowski P’81 announced the birth of their daughter Leah Nicole, who joined big sister Lauren on March 8. Denise is a clinical staff pharmacist at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, PA, and Mark is a staff pharmacist at Community Medical Center in Scranton. They live in Clarks Summit, PA.

Sarah (Cohen) Sianis P’92 and her husband Jim announced the birth of their son Louis Edward on December 9, 2003. They live in Kinnear, LA.

Lisa (Gruszka) Tufankjian B’92 (DO’96, PCOM) is currently employed at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital’s Hamilton division as a full-time OB/GYN. She lives with her husband Deon and their children Sydney (3) and Deon Jr. (2) in NJ.

Alicia (Swyry) McGregor P’91 and her husband Steven announced the birth of their daughter Lauren Kelly on August 27, 2002. She joins big brother Aidan Thomas (1). Alicia is a staff pharmacist for Walgreens. The family resides in Belmar, NJ.

Craig C. Umbach P’91 and his wife Michele announced the birth of their son Eric Matthew on December 13, 2003. He joins big brother Tyler, born on October 5, 2002. The family lives in Marlton, NJ, where Craig is employed by the Virtua West Jersey Hospital System.
MPT’98, and her husband Michael announced the birth of their son, Christopher Michael, in December 2003. Christopher joins big brother John (5) and sister Anna (3).

Adrian (Berti) Matalavage and Jeffrey R. Smith, Announced the birth of their son, Max, who joined big brother Casen John (4) and sister Sadie on September 9, 2003. They live in Aston, PA.

Karen (Bankovich) Chajko P’96 and her husband Joseph announced the birth of their first child, Matthew Joseph, on December 7, 2003. Karen is employed by Neighborcare Pharmacy in King of Prussia, PA. The family lives in West Norriton, PA.

Regina (Rossi) Fazzaro P’96 and her husband Gabriel announced the birth of their daughter Bella on May 20, 2003. They live in Easton, PA.

Christina (Burhans) Moyer P’96 and Michael G. Moyer P’98 announced the birth of their son, Alexander Maxwell, who joined big brother Thomas on March 12. Christina is employed by Holy Spirit Hospital and Michael works for Eckerd Drug. They live in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Denise (Stely) Orsulak P’96 and her husband Christopher announced the birth of their son Michael on June 5, 2003. They reside in Bernwyn, PA.

Elizabeth L. Schiffrin P’96 and Carl Shook were married on June 29, 2002, at Shadowbrook Inn and Resort in Tunkhannock, PA. Scott D. Schiffrin P’79 walked his daughter down the aisle. Elizabeth is the pharmacy manager at Rite Aid in Tunkhannock. Carl is employed by Pride Mobility Products of Pittston. They live in Nison, PA.

Heather N. Anderson MPT’98 and Kenneth R. Berardis were married on June 28, 2003. The bridal party included Jennifer (Gagliardi) Santaniello MPT’98, Talene A. Metjian PharmD’99, and Nesli Cericioglu P’99. Heather is a physical therapist at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, NJ, where she and Ken live. He is pursuing a career in law enforcement.


Kimberly (Passero) Brooks P’99 and her husband James proudly announced the birth of their twins, son Gavin Cole and daughter Cameron Mackenzie, on September 21, 2003. The family lives in Wilmington, DE.

Nesli Cericioglu P’99 is Cameron’s godmother.

Jay J. Gambale PharmD’99 and Susanna C. Addesi MPT’02 were married on June 14, 2003, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ambler, PA. Rebecca L. Rucci MPT’02 and Andrew M. Kennedy P’98, PharmD’99 were members of the wedding party. Jay is a medical program coordinator at Merck & Co., Inc., in Blue Bell, PA. Susanna is the manager of inpatient physical therapy at Chestnut Hill Rehabilitation Hospital in Wyndmoor, PA. They live in Chalfont, PA.

Christine (Hayes) Repp MPT’00 and her husband John announced the birth of their daughter Sydney Michelle on February 26. Christine is an occupational therapist forGenesis Health Care. The family resides in Millville, NJ.

Matthew C. Lindahl P’00 and Marie Suszynski were married on May 24, 2003, at Jacob’s UCC Church in Jacksonville, PA. Matt is a pharmacy manager at CVS in Bethlehem, PA, and Marie is a pharmacist for AM Best. They live in Emmaus, PA.

James R. Loss PharmD’00 was appointed as a medical writer at DVC Healthcare in January 2004. He resides in New Hope, PA.

Marvin H. Plog PharmD’98 and her husband John announced the birth of their daughter Madeleine Elizabeth (Maddie) Lee (P’98), on March 19, 2003. The family resides in Scappoose, OR.
Great Giving

Over the years at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, we have received numerous planned gifts. These include bequests, gift annuities, charitable trusts, and outright gifts of stock, real estate, life insurance, and other assets. Each one of these gifts has been received by the University with sincere and enthusiastic appreciation.

Though every gift has its own special quality, we have learned that some gifts stand out from the rest as extra special. Interestingly, it’s not the size of a gift that makes it particularly special, though we are always encouraged when a larger asset is given to support USP.

What makes a gift extra special are the circumstances surrounding it, including the intentions of the donor.

As we look back over the many years of generous philanthropic support, certain common characteristics emerge that combine to make for great giving. See if you agree.

1) A great gift is motivated by our mission.
Something intangible, yet valuable, is added to a gift when it addresses the purposes of our University. The donor identifies with our vision and mission. His or her planned gift reflects a sense of ownership and partnership. Such a gift often inspires us more than, for instance, a gift that comes to us anonymously or a gift that is motivated solely for tax purposes.

2) A great gift is well-planned.
Great giving requires time and effort. One must consider a variety of factors and options and select the right asset for the right gift vehicle at the right time and do it in a manner that will appropriately address his or her overall estate plan, as well as the needs of University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

3) A great gift gratifies the donor.
That is, the donor is convinced his or her gift will make a notable difference at USP. If it has been well-planned, there will be no regrets. A sense of fulfillment prevails and enhances the gift with added value. The gift is made greater by its resulting indelible satisfaction.

As you consider what type of planned gift you might like to give to University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, I invite you to contact me at the USP Office of Institutional Advancement at 1 888 857 6264 or kr.boyden@usip.edu. We are well-versed in the various gift arrangement opportunities and are dedicated to helping our donors make “great” gifts.

You can also contact us by using the response form provided below. Please note that you can also use the form to request complimentary material. We look forward to assisting you.

Thank you for your support.

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- USP Unveils New Alumni & Friends Website

USP Launches New Alumni Website!
If you want to read stories and see photos of your fellow classmates or you want to keep connected to your alma mater, then visit USP’s newly updated Alumni & Friends website. We have added informative and interesting sections, such as “Upcoming Events,” “Featured Alumni,” an option to request “E-mail Updates,” and “Photo Scrapbooks.” And we welcome your input, photos, and story ideas to keep the website fresh and dynamic. To see what the buzz is all about, go to:

www.usip.edu/alumnifriends

Call for Nominations!
We are still seeking nominations for our traditional recognition awards, which will be presented at USP’s Annual Alumni Reunion, Saturday, May 7, 2005. If you have a nomination for the Annual Alumni Award, the Ivor Griffith Service Award, the Young Alumnus Award, or the Honorary Alumnus Award, please contact the Alumni Office at 1.888.857.6264 or e-mail p.mcnell@usip.edu.

The Annual Alumni Award
Bestowed on an alumnus distinguished by contributing in outstanding fashion to the professions, to science, and/or to mankind.

The Ivor Griffith Service Award
Bestowed on an alumnus who is distinguished by voluntarily giving his/her time and service in an outstanding fashion to USP either directly or through his/her activity in the USP Alumni Association.

The Young Alumnus Award
Bestowed on an alumnus who received his/her initial degree within the last 15 years and who is distinguished by having contributed in outstanding fashion to the professions, to science, and/or to mankind.

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

If you would like to nominate someone for the Athletic Hall of Fame Award, please contact Coach Paul Klimitas at 215.596.8818 or e-mail p.klimit@usip.edu.

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Bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated outstanding career accomplishment, leadership, and commitment to his/her sport. Two awards are bestowed yearly.

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Tell us about your new job, promotion, new professional memberships, etc. If you are engaged or awaiting the birth of a child, please let us know as soon as the wedding or birth takes place. Photos are especially welcome. Please identify the individuals in the photo so that we may ensure accuracy.

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July
22 Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association Alumni and Friends Reception
23 Kappa Epsilon Reunion, Sellersville, PA
31 Summer Beach Party, Windrift, Avalon, NJ
TBD North Carolina Alumni and Friends Reception

August
9 USP Alumni Golf Tournament
20 Kappa Psi Golf Tournament
22–26 ACS Alumni and Friends Reception, Philadelphia, PA
27–28 Fall Welcome Session for Incoming Students
30 Fall Classes Begin
TBD Boston Area Alumni and Friends Reception

September
2 Opening Convocation and Groundbreaking for new Science and Technology Center