MAKING MEDICINES WORK FOR PEOPLE
Dear Friends,

This booklet is a testament to the good that you have fostered through your incredible generosity. In his book entitled “Giving,” Bill Clinton describes the five ways that private citizens do public good: money, time, skills, possessions, and the gifts that keep on giving. Approximately fifteen hundred of us have given to the School of Pharmacy in one or more of the five ways.

Generosity and engagement bring to life the words of our mission and values. Our School of Pharmacy is “committed to improving health through excellence, innovation, and leadership in education, research, patient care, and service.” The accomplishments are the embodiment of our shared values.

With warm appreciation,

Patricia Dowley Kroboth, Dean
University of Pittsburgh
School of Pharmacy
2008

VALUES

Integrity guides our daily work.

We foster:
Passion, commitment, and diligence;
Creativity and personal growth;
Collaboration and teamwork;
A culture of respect for the individual.
Scott R. Drab, PharmD, CDE
Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists Joe E. Smith Award
Dr. Drab received the award from PSHP for his excellence in patient care and service to the University, the community, and the profession. Drab developed and successfully operates a diabetes medication management program in partnership with physicians in the community. He provides care and improves the health outcomes of hundreds of patients with diabetes annually.

Amy L. Seybert, PharmD
Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award
Dr. Seybert received the award for teaching excellence in the PharmD, the postgraduate residency and continuing education programs. Dr. Seybert’s leadership placed the University of Pittsburgh among the first schools of pharmacy in the United States to use programmed response patient simulators as part of the curriculum.

Matthew Sapko ‘09
American Pharmaceutical Association Foundation Boyle Family Scholarship
Matthew Sapko received this award because of his extensive engagement in the School’s APhA-ASP student chapter, his academic strength, and an essay on how he has used communications skills to better help patients understand their therapeutic plan. The Boyle Family Scholarship is one of nine national scholarships awarded annually by the APhA Foundation.

Sharon E. Connor, PharmD
Chancellor’s Distinguished Faculty Public Service Award
Dr. Connor received this prestigious award in recognition for her work that provides underserved patients in the Pittsburgh area with pharmaceutical care and access to medications. Dr. Connor has led a team of volunteers in the program for nine years and has taken two unpaid leaves of absence to volunteer as a pharmacist in Kenya and Ethiopia.

We foster passion, commitment, and diligence among all the members of our School of Pharmacy family. Add to these the talents and skills unique to individuals within our faculty, staff and students and you have a formula for excellence.
Wen Xie, MD, PhD
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New Investigator Award
Chancellor’s Distinguished
Research Award, Junior Category
Dr. Xie was honored by the Chancellor for exceptional research accomplishment. Dr. Xie is the principal investigator on three National Institutes of Health grants and has published 54 peer-reviewed articles. He is the editor and a contributing author of “Nuclear Receptors in Drug Metabolism” published in 2008.

Randy P. Juhl, PhD
Distinguished Service Professor of Pharmacy
Dr. Juhl, vice chancellor for research conduct and compliance, was awarded the distinguished title, which constitutes the highest honor that the University can accord a member of the professoriate. It honors Juhl’s distinctive contributions and outstanding service to the University community and his national stature in the field of pharmacy.

Robert J. Weber, MS
The Ohio State University
Clifton J. Latiolais Award
Mr. Weber, a graduate of The Ohio State University master of science program, received this award for exemplary career accomplishments in hospital pharmacy. He was chosen because of his strong personal commitment, enthusiasm for excellence, and significant contributions to institutional pharmacy practice.

Jeremy Stultz ’10
Big East/Aéropostale
Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
Jeremy Stultz, a P2 student at the time of the award, was selected by the Big East Conference Academic Affairs Committee for academic and athletic excellence. He has served as team captain of the men’s swimming and diving team, been named Big East Diver of the Year twice and is a four-time Big East Champion.

Carlie Smith ’10
University of Pittsburgh 100-Victory Club
Carlie Smith moved into the record books during her P1 year by becoming the first-ever junior to earn membership in the University’s 100-Victory Club. She tallied her 100th career win in singles tennis. Smith became the youngest player to reach the 100-win milestone.
Making Medicines Work for People:

Innovation

Faculty Researchers
Innovative research led by these faculty members has been recognized by multiple grant awards from NIH. Their work enhances our creative environment, provides opportunities for students and faculty, and enhances our international reputation.

Pictured, left to right: Samuel Poloyac, PharmD, PhD; Michael Vanyukov, PhD; Wen Xie, MD, PhD; Barry Gold, PhD; Yong Tae Kwon, PhD; Billy Day, PhD; Dexi Liu, PhD, and Song Li, MD, PhD. Not Pictured: Ralph Tarter, PhD; and Lisa Rohan, PhD.

Ty Ridenour, PhD
Early Career Award, Society for Prevention Research
Dr. Ridenour received the 2006 Early Career Award from the Society for Prevention Research/Early Career Prevention Network. He is a junior faculty investigator who demonstrated “commitment to prevention science through outstanding contributions to research, policy, or practice.”

Lisa Rohan, PhD
Microbicide Trials Network, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Dr. Rohan is a faculty member at Magee-Womens Research Institute, where she leads a research program focused on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. Her work and that of her collaborators focuses on the identification and development of topically applied microbicides in a form that is acceptable both for the women who will use them and for their partners.

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Faculty and Staff Team

DM Educate™
Launched in 2006, DM Educate™ is an Internet-based course designed to deliver comprehensive diabetes management and education to clinicians, educators and students in health care fields. It is an international course integrated into the PharmD curricula of 82 schools of pharmacy in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Lebanon.

Pictured are Cheri Hill and Tom Waters, two staff members who power the program. Not pictured faculty members: Randall Smith, Susan Meyer, Scott Drab ’89, Deanne Hall ’96 ’98 and Shelby Corman ’02.

Kerry Empey, PharmD, PhD
University of Pittsburgh Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Scholars Program
Shortly after she joined our School as a faculty member, Dr. Empey was selected as a Scholar in the Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Scholars Program and was awarded an NIH career development award. Each of the young scholars has the goal of developing innovative clinical and translational research.

Margie Snyder, PharmD
CXXV Anniversary Scholar
Dr. Snyder, postdoctoral research fellow in community pharmacy, was recognized for her commitment to developing research programs to advance community pharmacy practice. Her research addresses national issues in community practice and in services to underserved populations, such as those provided by the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARCH).

American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) Project
Smoking Cessation Student Project
ASP conducted an anti-smoking commercial competition among University students. Students were challenged to create the best 30-second anti-smoking commercial. ASP awarded the student with the winning commercial a $1,000 prize.

Bonnie Falcione PharmD, BCPS; Denise Howrie PharmD. Not Pictured: Susan Meyer, PhD.

Provost Innovation in Education Award

These faculty members received one of eight awards from the Office of the Provost for "Development and Systematic Evaluation of Rubrics to Assess Value of Student Wiki Contributions in Collaborative Case-Based Learning." The project seeks to develop a method to identify the value of individual student contributions when using Wiki technology for collaborative patient-care-based activities.

Robert Snyder ’09
University’s Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence

Robert Snyder is one of six winners in the BIG IDEAS competition sponsored by the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. He envisioned a patient advocacy company focused on reducing the complexity of health care by coordinating all health care professionals involved in patient care.

www.pharmacyinsights.org

Student pharmacists created a new Web site for students and others interested in the business of pharmacy. The site offers student-produced audio interviews of influential leaders discussing strategic decision-making skills, the outlook for the pharmacy profession, and advice for students in the field. Students presented the project at the 68th International Congress of FIP in Basel, Switzerland.

Pictured: Christopher Antypas ’09 and Erika Trimble ’10
We value collaboration and teamwork with each other and with all of our partners as we seek to enhance the health of the public. Our faculty and students have embraced leadership roles.
Melissa Somma McGivney, PharmD
American Pharmaceutical Association and National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation Steering Committee
Dr. Somma participated as a member of a team that developed the National Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Training Program—leading pharmacists to better care for patients. The training program was designed to provide practicing pharmacists with tools needed to establish MTM services in community-based pharmacies.

Susan Meyer, PhD
Board of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR)
Dr. Meyer was elected to a three-year term on the board of APTR, beginning in 2007. APTR is an interprofessional association advancing population-based and public health education, research, and service. APTR provides essential links to bring together individuals and institutions devoted to health promotion and disease prevention education and research.

Timothy Davis
Ivan and Mary Novick Award for Young Alumni Leadership
Dr. Davis (PHARM ’00) was named by the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association as the recipient of this award for demonstrating committed involvement as a leadership volunteer for the Pitt Alumni Association and the University.

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