Alumni News

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

CNU College of Pharmacy marked its 3rd Commencement on May 18 at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium before an audience of over 2,000 family, friends, Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, faculty and staff. President Alvin Cheung and Dean Shane Desselle presided over the event and awarded 90 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees to the Class of 2014!

Special Message from Alumni Association President, Dr. Raynold Yin

The year-end celebration marks another milestone for CNU as it graduates the third class from the College of Pharmacy and celebrates a year of accreditation. As the university continues to earn a distinguished reputation within the community and pharmacy profession, I am counting on the growing number of CNU graduates to help lead the way. As the Alumni Association continues to grow, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new board members: Drs. Kiran Biring, Jimmy Munteanu, and Silva Petrosyan. As you all continue to progress through your career, remember the hard work and sacrifices made to earn your coveted degree and find value in giving back and caring for your alma mater. Do not let your experiences pass you by and remember to stay passionate, socially conscious, community oriented and always remain professionally competent.
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The featured commencement speaker was Dr. Rita Shane, Chief Pharmacy Officer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and Assistant Dean, Clinical Pharmacy Services, at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Pharmacy. Dr. Shane reminded the new professionals to take on a leadership role in pharmacy healthcare. She encouraged them to be a part of the solution; and to think about if they want to be “a generic or a brand” pharmacist.

Speaking on behalf of the Class of 2014 was co-Class Presidents John Gorman and John Hadi. Dr. Gorman spoke to his class that “they are the medication experts, the last line, the fact-checkers, the consultants, the advisors, and the administrators. They have much of the same medical knowledge as physicians and to ensure that the best care and the best implementation of medication is being used.”

Dr. Hadi reminded his classmates that after 4 years of preparation, “we are making a difference in people’s lives. We realize the importance of being firm but collaborative with other healthcare professionals. We didn’t always have the answers but came to understand that pharmacy is a profession of lifelong learning.”

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Associate Dean of Experiential Education, Dr. Dave Carroll led the new pharmacists in recitation of the “Oath of the Pharmacist.”
More Alumni News

Class of 2014 “Black & White” Graduation Dinner

The College celebrated the Class of 2014 “Black & White” graduation dinner at the Hyatt Regency on May 17. Dr. Jimmy Munteanu delivered the student message to his classmates thanking them for a wonderful 4 years. Co-Class Presidents, Drs. John Gorman and John Hadi presented the college with a cherry wood clock as the class gift.

University Awards
Excellence in Research Award: Dr. Dan Pham
Excellence in Community Service Award: Dr. Silva Petrosyan
Academic Excellence Award: Dr. Soo-Jeon Choi
Excellence in Leadership Award & Student Body Council President Award: Dr. Jimmy Munteanu

Rho Chi Honor Society

The Rho Chi Society’s Executive Council granted the petition to establish a new chapter of the Rho Chi Society at the College of Pharmacy. We are the 116th Chapter; as such, designated as Delta Upsilon. The Rho Chi Society is the national academic honor society in Pharmacy and serves as an instrument for the advancement of the profession.

The Society encourages and recognizes academic excellence, promotes high standards of conduct and character, fosters a fellowship among its members nationwide, and seeks recognition of its members as lifelong intellectual leaders in pharmacy. Rho Chi honors the top 20% of students in GPA.
Summary of Post-Doctoral Survey for the Class of 2014
from the Office of Career Services as of July 2014

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Alumni in the News

Alumni Dr. Kevin Tse ’12 received the Pharmacy Quality Alliance’s 4th Annual Quality Award in Washington DC on May 29 on behalf of his organization, Chinese Community Health Plan of California. This award recognizes the achievement of a 5-star rating on the PQA measures of medication safety and appropriate use that are included in the CMS Star Rating Program.

Alumni Dr. Tuan La ’13 opened his very own independent pharmacy in Garden Grove, California. Congratulations!

Global Express Pharmacy
10596 Garden Grove Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92843

Alumni Announcements!

We look forward hearing from you! New job? Promotion? Opening up your own pharmacy? New baby? Engaged? Just got married? Special award or honor? It’s all special news to us!

To have your alumni announcement posted in the e-newsletter, please call Erica Shima at (916) 686-8731 or write to alumni@cnsu.edu

We’re looking for Alumni Preceptors and Volunteers

- Admission Interviews on October 3 & 24; November 21; December 19 – contact Jason McDowell for more details at 916-686-8799
- COP Health Fair at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4th and Sunday October 5th – contact Imani Grant to sign up at 916-686-8611
- Career Services is hosting the Graduate Interview Day on Thursday, December 11th at the Embassy Suites. Alumni interview spots available – contact Polly Robertson at 916-686-8732
Student News

Class of 2017 White Coat Ceremony

The Class of 2017 was presented with their pharmacy coats at the White Coat Ceremony on May 18 at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. Thank you to our sponsor, Rite Aid, Peter Tenerelli opened with kind remarks to the students. The featured keynote speaker was Mr. Jon Roth, Chief Executive Officer of the California Pharmacists Association. Ms. Cyndi Porter-Fraser, Drs. Heather Schumann, and Greg Matzen announced the names of the students receiving their white coats. Drs. David Pearson, Parto Khansari, James Palmieri, Nilesh Bhutada, Leanne Coyne, and Velliyur Viswesh coated the students. Dr. Dave Carroll led the students in recitation of the “Pledge of Professionalism.”

School News

The College of Pharmacy has moved to Elk Grove!

After months of planning, collaborating, directing, and packing...The College of Pharmacy officially moved from Rancho Cordova to its new location in Elk Grove on June 9. Everyone is welcome to visit and take a tour of our new location.

California Northstate University
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Elk Grove, 95757
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School Event Calendar

Class of 2018 New Student Orientation
August 19-22

First Day of School
August 25

Welcome Back BBQ – all welcome to attend
September 5

Heart Walk
September 20

Sacramento Walk to End Alzheimer’s
September 27

CNU Annual Health Fair at the Giant Pumpkin Festival
October 4-5

Pharmacist Appreciation Dinner
October TBD

Alumni Relations

It is a busy time of year for us. If you are not currently receiving the monthly e-newsletter, please contact the Alumni department at (916) 686-8731 to update your information. This is a great way to keep up to date with upcoming events, alumni announcements, and volunteer opportunities.

Get involved right now – Comments? Suggestions? Send us your feedback and ideas for future Alumni e-news to alumni@cnsu.edu.