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### FUTURE WHITE COAT PROGRAM SPONSORS NEEDED

We are again asking our alumni to sponsor white coats for students who will enter the professional program in the fall of 2008. The program offers a wonderful opportunity for alumni to welcome the profession's newest members and make an impact on someone else. The cost of a sponsorship is \$50. If you would like to participate, please contact Laura Sauser at 1-800-44-DRAKE, x4049, or [laura.sauser@drake.edu](mailto:laura.sauser@drake.edu).

## Drake UNIVERSITY

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## College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Update

### WHITE COAT PROGRAM STARTS NEW TRADITION BETWEEN ALUMNI, STUDENTS

As I talk with alumni across the country, it seems everyone has a story about someone in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences — a student, a professor, a staff member — who impacted their professional career. Collectively, I believe these experiences have led to a strong sense of loyalty and connection

between the college and our graduates. Our alumni truly have their own community within the pharmacy profession, and there is a desire to support each other. This was evidenced by the wonderful response to our white coat program.

Earlier this year, the college introduced a new tradition between pharmacy alumni and P1 students, those students entering their first year of the professional program. Throughout the spring and summer, alumni were invited to help welcome the newest members of the Drake pharmacy community by sponsoring a white coat for an incoming P1 student. The coats were then presented to 119 students at the college's annual white coat ceremony in late August, an event marking their entrance into the professional program of study.

The cost of a coat sponsorship was minimal — \$50 per person — but had the potential to make a big impact. The sponsor's name was slipped inside each student's coat pocket, opening the door to ongoing communication and informal mentoring as the student progresses through the program.

### PAYING IT FORWARD

We hope this program will instill a spirit of philanthropy among our students who experience this sort of generosity every day — they have access to state-of-the-art facilities, benefit from scholarship dollars, and are offered internship and rotation experiences — all because our alumni are willing to give of their time and resources. This program is a way of encouraging students to remember the support they received in hopes they will continue the tradition.



Raylene M. Rospond, dean

### MORROW TO RECEIVE 2008 WEAVER MEDAL OF HONOR

I am pleased to announce that the 2008 Weaver Medal of Honor will be awarded to Richard Morrow, GR'83, the Ellis and Nelle Levitt distinguished professor of pharmacology. He earned a BS in pharmacy from the University of Cincinnati in 1968 and his PhD in pharmacology from Indiana University Medical Center in 1972.

Morrow received his MBA from Drake University in 1983. Since joining the CPHS faculty in 1972, his career has been marked by leadership, commitment to his students and service to the profession.

As a key member of the CPHS faculty, Morrow has chaired a variety of committees and task forces. He has been a faculty adviser to a number of student groups, including SAPHa (now referred to as APHA-ASP), Rho Chi and



Richard Morrow, GR'83

Phi Lambda Sigma honor societies, and Kappa Psi fraternity. Having taught more than 20 different courses, he was twice recognized by the student body as College Teacher of the Year. In addition, he was recognized in 1998 when he was named the Ellis and Nelle Levitt distinguished professor of pharmacology.

During his tenure, Morrow has also worked in a variety of administrative roles within the college, including chair of the division of pharmacy sciences and both as assistant and associate dean of the college. He has served as interim dean of the college three times. As an administrator, Morrow developed and implemented the combined pharmacy/law program, and served as liaison with the Iowa Methodist School of Nursing.



(Left) Shari, ED'90, and Keith, PH'91, Clough



(From left) Sherry Morrow, BN'82, Marie Willkie and Linda Steinke, PH'78.

On September 20, Roger Wilkie, PH'63, and his wife, Marie, hosted a reception in their Leawood, KS, home for fellow Drake pharmacy alumni. Approximately 25 guests attended the event, including Raylene Rospond, dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Richard Morrow, GR'83, Ellis and Nelle Levitt distinguished professor of pharmacology; Laura Sauser, JO'90, senior advancement officer for the college; and Emily Weaver, assistant director of Alumni and Parent Programs.

Alumni events are a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and reminisce with fellow Pharmacy graduates. If you are interested in helping to plan or host a pharmacy alumni event in your area, please contact Emily Weaver at [emily.weaver@drake.edu](mailto:emily.weaver@drake.edu) or 515-271-3155.

Morrow's leadership extends beyond the college. He has been involved in a number of key University committees, among them the President's Cabinet, University Senate, Faculty Senate (two terms as president), Strategic Planning Commission, President's Advisory Board and the University Budget Committee.

His professional involvement includes membership in the American Heart Association, American Physiological Society, the Mercy Medical Center Institutional Review Board and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He is a longtime member of the Iowa Pharmacy Association, currently holding the position of honorary president.

Morrow has also served as a consultant for the Veterans' Administration, Druggists Mutual Insurance and the Illinois Office of Education.

The college invites former students, professional colleagues and friends of the University to this event honoring Morrow's dedication and service to Drake and to the pharmacy profession. The award ceremony and lecture will take place on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in Sheslow Auditorium, Old Main, on the Drake campus at 1 p.m. A reception will follow from 4 to 6 p.m. at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines.

### SHARE YOUR STORIES

Morrow has impacted many individuals during his career at Drake. As we prepare to recognize his legacy with the Weaver Medal of Honor, we are looking for stories from his former students and professional colleagues. If you have a

memory of him you'd like to share, please contact Laura Sauser at 1-800-44-DRAKE, x4049 or [laura.sauser@drake.edu](mailto:laura.sauser@drake.edu).

### ABOUT THE WEAVER MEDAL OF HONOR

The Weaver Medal of Honor is awarded by the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences annually to a recipient who has fulfilled one of the following criteria: the individual's efforts have advanced the education, research or outreach mission of the college for the benefit of human health; the individual has made a substantial impact on the profession of pharmacy; or the individual has provided to the college significant financial support that has funded strategic change and progress. The award is made possible through a generous gift of Lawrence C., PH'49, and Delores M. Weaver.

You are Invited

THE LAWRENCE C. AND DELORES M. WEAVER MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD CEREMONY AND LECTURE

HONORING  
DR. RICHARD J. MORROW, GR'83

Wednesday, April 23, 2008  
Award Ceremony and  
Lecture 1 p.m.  
Sheslow Auditorium, Old Main,  
Drake University

Reception 4 p.m.  
Hoyt Sherman Place  
1501 Woodland Ave.,  
Des Moines

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