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Collective strength is a shared sense of ownership — a shared sense of responsibility — in building upon the advantages and opportunities that already exist and making them accessible to as many as possible. Specific to the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and to the University as a whole, it is also taking what is learned through those experiences and sharing that knowledge to create positive change in the classroom, in the field and out in the world.

Collective strength of students, alumni, faculty and staff comes full circle through Pharmacy and Health Sciences Day — a day devoted to professional development — each spring. Sessions consist of presentations on current professional topics, career path options, licensure information and more. In addition, participating alumni share with current students how they have taken their Drake experience and applied it in varying ways to impact the future of the pharmacy profession.

This year's keynote speaker was Jill Nickols Haug, PH'99, GR'99. As director of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists New Practitioners Forum, Haug facilitates active participation and involvement of new practitioners within the group. She developed the ASHP Mentor Exchange and co-authored Survival Strategies for Your New Career. Haug also chairs the CPHS National Advisory Council and the college's DELTA Rx Institute Advisory Board. In addition, she is a member of the Drake University Washington, D.C. Regional Advisory Board.

CPHS ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Brian Benson, PH'96, was honored with the CPHS Alumni Achievement Award for his work as executive director of pharmacy at Iowa Health Systems. Benson previously worked as an adjunct assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. In that capacity, he brought his real world experience into the classroom. Lessons learned in the field, including his experiences as a member of the lowa Disaster Medical Assistance Team, are those that cannot be taught through a textbook.

James DeMuth, PH'70, was also recognized with the CPHS Alumni Achievement Award. DeMuth is vice-chair of extension services in pharmacy for the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he developed, executed and evaluated more than 300 programs for pharmacists practicing in Wisconsin as well as national audiences. Over the last decade, DeMuth has held various elected and volunteer leadership positions with the United States Pharmacopeia Convention, the non-governmental, official public standards-setting authority for prescription and over-the-counter medicines and other health care products manufactured or sold in the United States. His accomplishments as chair of the USP General Chapters Experts Committee were recognized in 2010 with the quinquennial USP Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Standards-Setting Process. DeMuth has served the college as a member of the National Advisory Council

Two other alumni were honored with the Young Alumni Achievement Award: Troy Trygstad, PH'02, GR'02. and Anthony Pudlo, PH'07, GR'07. Trygstad is director of the Network Pharmacist Program, Community Care of North Carolina and is a peer reviewer for several professional publications, including the American Journal of Managed Care, the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy and Value in Health. Trygstad has been instrumental in the development of a provider portal, which allows hospitals, practices, mental health providers and public health departments to all work on the same electronic medication management platform. The portal currently holds records for more than 1.7 million patients in addition to more than 60 million pharmacy records.



Four outstanding Pharmacy graduates were honored this spring. (From left) James DeMuth, PH'70; Brian Benson, PH'96; Troy Trygstad, PH'02, GR'02; and Anthony Pudlo, PH'07, GR'07.

> Pudlo is regional clinical manager with Asheville, North Carolinabased Kerr Health, LLC and currently serves as a member of the CPHS National Advisory Board. Pudlo is a preceptor for Drake P4 students and works with resident pharmacists. As such, he helps both students and residents realize their potential and guides them in attaining a rewarding career in pharmacy.

FACULTY AWARDS

The CPHS Alumni Achievement Awards also recognize faculty who have gone above and beyond to promote learning both inside and outside of the classroom; provide the opportunity for students to impact the profession and the patients they are entrusted to care for; and instill in students the belief that they truly can make a difference.

Those honored this year were: Lisa Gardner, associate professor of statistics, as Teacher of the Year outside of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Jennifer Tran, director of student programs, as Teacher of the Year; Renae Chesnut, associate dean for academic and student affairs and associate professor of pharmacy practice, as Mentor of the Year; Andrew Miesner, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, as Faculty Preceptor of the Year; Bethany Sather, community pharmacist with Target Pharmacy and adjunct assistant professor, as Pharmacy APPE Preceptor of the Year; Emily Beckett, patient educator pharmacist with Iowa Lutheran Hospital and adjunct instructor, as Pharmacy IPE Preceptor of the Year; and Kelly Eastin, inpatient therapy manager with ChildServe and health sciences preceptor, as Health Sciences Preceptor of the Year.

In addition, the Hartig Distinguished Professor Award recognizes a faculty member who has distinguished him/herself in teaching, scholarship, service or practice and acknowledges uniqueness, innovation and creativity. This year's recipient was Craige Wrenn, associate professor of pharmacology.

The Hartig Faculty Development Award was established to further the pursuit of faculty development activities that educate, encourage and enhance entrepreneurism in community pharmacy practice or ownership. This year two faculty members were honored for their project with the Drake student chapter of APhA-ASP to raise awareness about the dangers of prescription drug misuse and abuse to schools, community organizations and senior centers: Carrie Koenigsfeld, associate professor of pharmacy practice, and Nora Stelter, assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

The C. Boyd Granberg Professional Leadership Award is another coveted honor for CPHS faculty. This year the award was presented to Denise Soltis, assistant dean for clinical affairs and assistant professor of pharmacy practice, in recognition of her dedicated service to professional pharmacy organizations, demonstration of personal leadership traits and commitment to advancing the pharmacy profession.

HIGHEST HONOR

Later this month, another alumnus will be recognized for his outstanding service to the profession and the University. Jack Ellis, PH'57, retired director of Abbott Laboratories has been named the recipient of the 2011 Lawrence C. and Delores M. Weaver Medal of Honor. Presented annually, the Weaver Medal of Honor was established by Lawrence Weaver, a 1949 pharmacy graduate and dean emeritus of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, and his wife, Delores.

The award is the highest honor presented by Drake's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and recognizes Ellis's dedication to the pharmacy profession as an advocate for advancing research practices to benefit human health, as well as his philanthropic support of the University's pharmacy program.

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The Drake University All Pharmacy Reunion during Relays Weekend, April 29-May 1, will reflect on the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' proud history, look to the innovations in the field and celebrate "now" with Drake Pharmacy peers. To RSVP or for more information visit www.alumni.drake.edu/aphr or contact John Brown at john.brown@drake.edu or 515-271-3378.

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