



UCSD SSPPS Dedicates Building and Hosts Open House

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The Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences – the second public School of Pharmacy in the state and the only one in Southern California – officially dedicated its new home on the La Jolla campus on Tuesday, May 2 at 3 p.m. with a ceremony that marked a monumental event in the short history of the School. Almost 300 UCSD faculty, students and community members representing the pharmacy and biotech industry in San Diego were on hand for the event. Guests later toured the new building during an open house following the ceremony, which was held on the lawn just north of the Pharmaceutical Sciences building on Osler Drive.

With the four-story glass and concrete Pharmaceutical Sciences building in the background, Ed Holmes, Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences and Dean of the UCSD School of Medicine, welcomed the audience.

“Our program emphasizes the critical role of pharmacists as part of the patient care team,” said Edward Holmes, M.D., Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean of UCSD’s School of Medicine. “The medical community now looks to the pharmacist as a key partner. With UCSD’s long history of scientific excellence and patient-care opportunities with the School of Medicine and Medical Center, the Skaggs School is uniquely positioned to train pharmacists as therapeutic consultants to the patient and to other health professionals.”



From Left: President Emeritus Richard Atkinson, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, Dean Palmer Taylor, Development Officer Bart McDermott, Claudia Skaggs Luttrell, President of The Skaggs Institute for Research, ASB President Danielle Mahfood '07, and Vice Chancellor Ed Holmes.

This academic year has marked many firsts for the faculty, staff and students of the Skaggs School – the first year in which all four classes, freshman through seniors, are enrolled; the year the School’s inaugural class of 24 students will graduate, and the year in which their new 110,000-square-foot home was completed, enabling the school to accept 60 Doctor of Pharmacy students in each class and develop top-tier research programs in the pharmaceutical sciences.

The School was named in recognition of a \$30 million gift from The Skaggs Institute for Research. The largest gift ever given to UCSD Health Sciences, the funding will be instrumental in building and equipping the new school’s auditorium and education center, recruiting top-tier faculty and supporting scholarships for pharmacy students. Claudia Skaggs Luttrell, daughter of L.S. “Sam” Skaggs – nationally recognized as a pioneer in the retail drugstore and grocery business – and President of The Skaggs Institute for Research – spoke of why the Skaggs Foundation chose to support UCSD’s School of Pharmacy and its innovative, integrative approach to expanding the boundaries of the profession.

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Health Sciences Educational Center

The new building you see being built next to the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences building will be called the **Health Sciences Educational Center**. The **Health Sciences Educational Center** will house a 250-seat auditorium, three break-out rooms, (which will hold fifty people each), an indoor/outdoor reception area, and a small kitchen. The classrooms in the center will be used for



second year pharmacy and first year medical students to take classes together. The unique aspect of this incredible building is that it will be totally underground. UCSD has over 200,000 eucalyptus trees on its campus so it is apropos that the building's architect use eucalyptus wood accents in the interior of the building.



SSPPS Announcements

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Awards Program

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean's Office staff were recognized at the annual **Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Awards Program** held on February 14, 2006. The Dean's Office staff were honored for their outstanding contributions in the areas of diversity and the UCSD Principles of Community during 2005.

Specifically, the staff were recognized for hosting periodic "Get Togethers" that included faculty and staff who supported the School. At the Get Together the Dean provided updates of what was going on in the School, and everyone attending introduced themselves to one another. Faculty from Chemistry, and various School of Medicine departments who taught SSPPS courses were also invited. It was an informal way of educating the faculty and staff about pharmacy and the diversity of our discipline. The Get Togethers **celebrated cultural differences, made UCSD a better place to work, built relationships between faculty and staff, and promoted inter-campus activities.**



Annual Service Awards Ceremony

Three SSPPS staff were recognized at the 2004/2005 service awards ceremony held on October 31, 2005. The annual event recognizes staff with 10 or more years of service at the University of California.

Kim Ciero, Student Affairs Office – 15 years

Gail Gipson, Curriculum Coordinator – 20 years

Debby Sagall, Fund Manager – 25 years

A Pharmacy Funny

A man goes into a drugstore and asks the pharmacist if he can give him something for the hiccups. The pharmacist promptly reaches out and slaps the man's face.

"What did you do that for?" the man asks.

"Well, you don't have the hiccups anymore, do you?"

The man says, "No, but my wife out in the car still does!"



STUDENT NEWS

Annual Luau Party by Danielle Mahfood

Grass skirts and coconuts took over a Hawaiian-themed decorated Jack Ferris Med Lounge as the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences held its 4th Annual Luau Party on February 10, 2006. The med lounge was transformed to an island oasis as lanterns and parrots hung from the ceiling and hula girls surfed the waves on the walls of blue.



Pharmacy students, as well as medical students danced the night away to the sounds of DJ Javi. Pineapples were abundant and the drinks were flowing as students enjoyed the chance to relax, put the books away and share some laughs with their fellow colleagues. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Until next year, ALOHA!



UCSD Student Pharmacists Hold Poster Session at the Downtown Free Clinic

APhA- ASP promotes diabetes education to the underserved by Jennifer Lai

The UCSD SSPPS APhA-ASP held an Operation Diabetes poster session at the UCSD downtown free clinic on February 6, 2006. Diabetes mellitus is an increasing epidemic in the United States since approximately one-third of the population goes undiagnosed. Pharmacists are in an excellent position to educate patients about diabetes care because they are in the frontlines of healthcare. With the supervision and aid of Dr. Candis Morello, first and second year pharmacy students educated the underserved population about proper diabetes care and displayed student-made posters that were specific to diabetic patients at the monthly diabetes night.

Topics covered at the poster session included: common diabetes medications; foot care, eye care and oral care; nutritional education about the “hand-jive” method of controlling diet; insulin medications and administration techniques; and the ABC’s of diabetes and what to do when you get sick. Students offered Spanish and English handouts donated by the National Diabetes Education Program and from Roche Pharmaceuticals for each of these topics. Students approached patients and gave them advice on diabetes and other health-related issues.

As the school continues to grow, the goals of the APhA-ASP Operation Diabetes committee are: to continue providing education and screenings at the free clinics, volunteer at diabetes prevention-related events, and offer more public education in order to increase awareness of the severe effects of untreated diabetes.

STUDENT NEWS

Robert C. Johnson Scholarship Award Announced

Three winners were announced for the Robert C. Johnson Scholarship at the Pharmacy Foundation Awards Breakfast, in Palm Springs during the CPhA Outlook Meeting on February 17, 2006. The **Robert C. Johnson Scholarship** was established in 1998 in honor of the former Executive Vice President of the California Pharmacists Association. The scholarship is currently funded by grants, private donations, and special events. The Robert C. Johnson Scholarship is offered by the Pharmacy Foundation to recognize California students who have demonstrated leadership and interest in advancing the pharmacy profession. While scholarly achievement is necessary, student interest in the profession, the community and professional societies is emphasized for reward recipients.

This year the awards went to Ni-Chi Wu (UCSD SSPPS), Ann Vu (Western University) and Daniel Zlott (UCSF).



Ni-Chi Wu, UCSD Winner with Dr. Chris Woo, President, Pharmacy Foundation of California



Pictured Left to Right: Ann Vu (Western University Winner), Ni-Chi Wu (UCSD Winner), Stephanie Iniguez (USC), Taryn Jollif (UOP), Daniel Zlott (UCSF Winner)



Ni-Chi Wu

UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Robert C. Johnson Scholarship Winner

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STUDENT NEWS: Poison Prevention Program

San Diego Health System Pharmacist UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Associated Students

We all look forward to Friday in anticipation of the weekend, but on Friday, April 7th the student pharmacist members of SDSHP at University of California San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences had their minds set on something else. The morning sun was shining high and bright as the group of students made way to the Rancho Santa Fe Nativity School. A couple of miles later and a makeshift U-turn, the caravan of cars found the school hidden away behind some tall palm trees. The student pharmacists had been preparing a special project for the second, third and fourth graders of The Nativity School for some time and were anxious to present the newly founded Poison Prevention Program.

The children were all out to recess while the student pharmacist set-up, except for a little boy who said, "I have to finish my math before I go out to recess."

The Nativity School is a small school where each classroom of 20 or so contains all the students of that grade.

The presentation was put together with the help of project advisor Dr. Kerry Schwartz, PharmD Toxicology Management Specialist of the San Diego Poison Control Center. The presentation consisted of educating the students on what a poison was and how they could keep themselves safe along with telling them how they could keep their younger siblings, pets and grandparents safe as well. During the presentation, when asked if the students could name some types of poison the student pharmacist were impressed when a student shouted out, "Mold!" But were blown away when another child quickly added, "Not all molds are bad, some are good."

The highlight of the presentation was the "Guessing Game". The students were shown two Look-A-Like products were asked to guess which one of the two products was safe and which product was poisonous. Some of the Look-A-Like products were: Parmesan Cheese and Comet Cleaning Scrub, Exlax and Chocolate, Gummy Vitamins and Gummy Bears, Sports Drink and Fabulosa Cleaning Solution. The students were educated to never touch, smell or taste anything without asking permission from an adult. They were also told that vitamins and medicine could make them healthy, but only when taken properly. Educating the children to take vitamins, despite the fact that they taste like candy, only when their parents give them permission was emphasized.

The presentation concluded with giving the students a small assignment. Each student was asked to design a poster depicting what he or she learned along with creating a catchy slogan to go along with the picture. When asked what a slogan was, a creative third grader blurted out, "Bugs are like drugs...So don't eat them." The students were informed that three winners from each classroom would be chosen based on Best Slogan, Most Artistic and Most Creative. Each winner was to receive a gift certificate to Border's Books and Music along with their winning poster being displayed in the San Diego Poison Control Center and at UCSD SSPPS's Building



**UCSD SSPPS SDSHP
Poison Prevention Program**

STUDENT NEWS: Continued

Dedication. One overall winner was selected and submitted to the national contest with the chance to be published into a poster and displayed in all the Poison Control Centers across the nation.

As poster judging began it was soon realized that entertaining and educating the children was the easy part. With the help of the UCSD SSPPS Faculty the winners were chosen. All of the student pharmacists enjoyed interacting with school age children, and commented that this community project was fulfilling and looked forward to participating again in the future. With the success of the project the student pharmacist of SDSHP hope to expand their presentation and visit more schools in the upcoming school year.



"Can someone tell me what poison is?"



WINNERS:

Best Slogan

2nd Grade - Emma P. - *"Keep Poisons Out of Reach. Accidents are Hard to Swallow"*

3rd Grade - Patrick D. - *"Before Your Life Ends, Look at Labels They Are Your Friends"*

4th Grade - Danielle W. - *"Take a Good Start, Be Smart and Stay Away From Poison"*

Most Artistic

2nd Grade - Erin B.

3rd Grade - Sarah S.

4th Grade - Robbie

Most Creative

2nd Grade - Jackson K.

3rd Grade - Patrick C.

4th Grade - Emma

LIBRARY NEWS: By Sue McGuinness

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