**Preceptor Spotlight**

**Dr. Ashley Feist**
Dr. Feist received the “Preceptor of the Year” award from the Class of 2011 at the Associated Student Body’s 9th Annual Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 18th.
Congratulations!!

**Dr. Harminder Sikand**
In the Tuesday, March 29 issue of the San Diego Union-Tribune: “Store and Dispose of Drugs in a Safe Manner” by Dr. Sikand, APPE Preceptor at Scripps Mercy Hospital.
Very well done!!

Where were you trained? I received my Doctorate of Pharmacy from Purdue University in 2007. I then completed a PGY1 Residency with an emphasis in Ambulatory Care at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis in 2008. After completing my residency, I also obtained my BCPS (Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist) in 2008 and CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator) in 2009.

What is your specialty? I currently practice as an Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. My areas of interest are in the management of Anticoagulation, Diabetes, Hyperlipidemia, Hypertension and Congestive Heart Failure.

Precepting Tools & Tips: During my residency, I was given the opportunity to have hands-on experience and found that to be a very useful way of learning. Therefore, I try to ensure that the students/residents rotating with us have ample opportunity to interview patients, problem-solve and write progress notes. I develop positive relationships with all of the students/residents in order to remain enthusiastic and also to be more effective at teaching the clinical pearls that I myself have learned from my own preceptors. Learning about your own teaching skills as each student/resident rotates through is also important, and I try to learn and improve myself with each one of them.

**Question of the Quarter: Intern Hours**
As a preceptor, can I sign off on student internship hours required by the Board of Pharmacy if those hours were accumulated as part of their APPE rotation?

After consulting with representatives from the California State Board of Pharmacy in 2009, SSPPS decided to provide students with additional internship hours from their 4th-year clerkships. As you know, it has become increasingly difficult for students to obtain intern jobs or to even volunteer in many instances. Therefore, if the APPE rotation was completed at a licensed pharmacy under a licensed pharmacist, then those hours may be counted towards fulfilling the students’ internship hours as required by the Board of Pharmacy for licensure application. If you are approached by one of our students requesting your signature on an intern hours affidavit, and you meet the conditions set above, please know that you can and should sign off on it. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Dr. James Colbert at your convenience. Thank you for all that you do for our students and for our teaching program.

**Upcoming Events**

**Class of 2006 Alumni Reunion**! Join us as we welcome back the Charter Class, “Brunch & Greet”, Saturday, June 18, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM, HSEC Lobby (lower level of our building)

**Precepting Skills Workshop**, Saturday, August 27, 8:00 AM—TBD, Classroom 1120

**APPE Orientation**
The incoming P4s attended their APPE Orientation on Friday, May 13th where Drs. Farivar Jahansouz and Sarah Lorentz reviewed the APPE Acute Care Syllabus and the APPE Ambulatory Care Syllabus, respectively. Filling in the rest of the agenda: Dr. Brookie Best talked about their Research Projects, Dr. Rabia Atayee delivered a very engaging presentation on Professionalism in the clinical setting, and Dr. Felix Yam rounded it out with both a rundown on Residencies and Helpful Hints from a Preceptor. The Class of 2012 should arrive at your doorsteps prepared and aware of what’s expected of them!

**CEO: Continuing Education Opportunities**

- **Preceptor Training & Resource Network**: Pharmacist’s Letter
  - Free online CE for SSPPS Preceptors, Live and Self-Paced, such as “Precepting IPPEs”, “Precepting in the Community Pharmacy”, and “Precepting an Acute Care Experience”.
  - Resources such as PL Journal Club, Preceptor Toolbox, and Preceptors Interact
- **UCSD Pharmacogenomics CE programs**, for pharmacists & physicians

**Links**
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We welcome feedback! Have a suggestion for the next newsletter? Let us know.

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