

## **Milestone for the 2012 Commencement at SSPPS** **By Binh Tran, Pharm.D.**

The Commencement for the Class of 2012 marked a milestone in UC San Diego's history as the 7<sup>th</sup> Chancellor, Professor Marye Anne Fox retires this year. The Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is grateful for her support during the early stages of the school's establishment.

Dean Palmer Taylor welcomed the 59 pharmacist graduates, a class that participated in a flow of innovation and development, seen in courses such as drug discovery, in enrollment in additional free clinics, and in global rotation sites in Nigeria and Hong Kong. In San Diego, student pharmacists at all levels continue to be involved with diverse communities in disease screening and prevention.

Candidate David Ha spoke vividly to his graduating class, remembering every member, whereas Ohannes Kandilian shared reflections from daily encounters.

Dean Mary-Anne Koda-Kimble from the UCSF School of Pharmacy delivered an insightful commencement address utilizing many figurative approaches. One needs to be ready, know the basics to benefit from the opportunity, and practice humbleness when caring for the patients.

Dean Koda-Kimble and Associate Dean David Adler were among the faculty from UCSF who came to UCSD in 1984-85 to lecture on Clinical Pharmacy to the Vietnamese pharmacists in the retraining program funded by San Diego County. To this



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date, we are grateful for the vision of the distinguished professors who have served as mentors to many former graduates of the Saigon School of Pharmacy.

This year was also the first time Associate Dean Candis Morello served as Marshall, presenting the candidates for hooding by Associate Deans David Adler, James Colbert and Charles Daniels.

Shaddy Javadinejad from the class of 2011 extended a warm alumnus welcome, and Dean Taylor closed the ceremony by inviting family and guests to join in the reception in the Health Sciences Education Center of the Pharmaceutical Sciences building.













**The 4th Annual Pharmacy Day**  
**Hosted by**  
**Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Sciencebridge**  
**By Rebecca Wittenberg, P-2**

Nearly 130 students from seven different high schools throughout the San Diego County dedicated their Saturday to fun, hands-on learning presented by our group of extremely committed pharmacy students and preceptors at Skaggs. The high school students joined in on an interactive and encouraging introductory speech by Dr. James Colbert that excited and motivated them for a day of pharmacy education. This was followed by participation in several lectures and activities prepared by workshop committees and interaction with their mentors who guided them through the day. Students made sugar capsules during their compounding workshop and learned about medication safety through various activities. Students then had the opportunity to become “specialists” in one of four specialty topics: asthma, hypertension, diabetes, and immunization. They demonstrated proper use of inhalers, measured blood pressure, participated in diabetes preventative exercises, and administered “vaccines” on pillows, respectively.

All 23 teams created posters, with each team making one that summarized everything they learned through the specialty workshops. It was encouraging to see the enthusiasm of our student pharmacists as they shared the knowledge they learned educating the youth of our communities and instilling interest in the pharmacy field. Moreover, it was especially inspiring to overhear the high school students using scientific terms such as “polyuria” and “subcutaneous” with confidence while creating their posters - terms that were foreign to them only hours before! Many of the high school students will go back to their schools and present their posters to their peers in school classes and organizations. One group of students has even made it an annual tradition to take the activities learned through Pharmacy Day and use them as inspiration to teach middle school students what they learned!



This school-wide event was made possible through the collaboration and efforts of the Sciencebridge staff, our SSPPS student body, student organizations (AS, APhA, CSHP, ASCP, and Kappa Psi), faculty, and staff. Many of the students participated by putting in many hours preparing the curriculum for workshops, leading activities, and mentoring students. Seeing the entire school taking ownership of this huge event was inspiring to the high school teachers and their students.

I would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who took part in Pharmacy Day. Thank you to Dean Palmer Taylor for supporting the event every year. Thank you to Dr. Colbert for making sure the event ran smoothly, giving the fun and inspirational talk, and for supporting Pharmacy Day since its inception. Thank you to Dr. Marie Scott, Dr. Sarah Lorentz, Dr. Sarah McBane, Dr. Chris Woo, Dr. David Bao, and Dr. Binh Tran for being warm and enthusiastic preceptors. Thank you Heather, Alegra, Carol, Milda, and the rest of the Sciencebridge team for organizing the logistics, designing the T-shirts, putting a lot of time and effort into the event, and being wonderful to work with. Thank you to the workshop chairs, Lindsey Mann, Patrick Recinto, Jennie Ma, Jenn Cao, Patrick Phuong, Mary Ensey, Aakash Patel, Katie Meunier, and Sophia Lai for the months of hard work in preparing and leading the workshops. Thank you to all the workshop team members (Jon Benner, Mackenzie Bear, Jennifer Lee, Meghan Aslanian, Marwa Rifai, EiThandar Win, Andrew Willeford, Mark Aparicio, Christina Han, Michelle Lew, Gabe Gonzaga, Greg Estep, Jonathan Hu, Stephanie Shu, Karen Wu, Kha Nguyen, Rebecca Kandillian, Sandy Chong, Naveen Barakat, Kiran Kaur, Janet Liu, Atsuhiko Takizawa,

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Albert Wang, Victor Tran, Suraya Jabaiah, Khadija Amin, Natasha Gorely, Jeff Yin, Alex Tam, Carol Yoon, Thuy Nguyen, Karen Hoang, Alan Chin, Alyssa Miyake, Tiffany Hsu, Ann Hana, Kristie Luu, Rawiya Ab, Phyo Sandi Aung, Ozioma Uche, Garland Lee, Khanh Nguyen, Jin Piao, Sun Choi, Christina Yoon, Sadaf Rowshanrad, Susan Bui, Caroline Wesemuller, Kelley Ramey, Cassandra Vo, Kara Kubli, Natasha Novikova, Lillian Nguyen, Mitch Vitale, and Conor Bowman) in helping to put together the curriculum and running the workshops. Thank you to our mentors (Jeri Angelo, Cindy Ngo, Justine Abella, Carolyn Jin, Crystal Zhou, Christine Manalo, Tiffany Lew, Tiffany Tom, Kevin Gan, Mary Anwar, Kathy Le, Gloria Kim, Danny Huynh, Christopher Mapes, Jessica Lau, Jack Yeung, Colleen Tu, Jennifer Tseng, Clara Yuan, Richard Muus, Bitu Naderi, Tiffany Lee, Whitney Dickson, and Diana Mirzoian) for spending time with your mentees, making them feel welcome, and giving them helpful advice about college and pharmacy school. Thank you program facilitators/logistic team (Joy Jiang, Angela Bougetz, Natalie Elder, Irina Gutman, Andrea Bechtold, Thu Truong, Kellie Kocher, and Samantha Chang) for set-up/clean-up and making sure the event ran smoothly. Thank you to the previous chairs of Pharmacy Day, Christine Luu, Trina Huynh, and Jiah Kim for your help and guidance. Thank you to our photographer, Sam Mendoza. Thank you to Dr. Williams Ettouati, Andrina Marshall, Kim Ciero, Gail Gipson, Beryl Nasworthy, Kesha Miller, and Ron Hager for all your assistance during the preparation process for the event. I apologize in advance for the names that I may have missed who participated in making this event happen!

As you can see, we received a tremendous amount of support for Pharmacy Day this year. You were all so instrumental for this event coming to fruition. It has been both overwhelming and inspiring to see the enthusiasm and dedication the SSPPS family has for community pharmacy outreach! Thank you, all!

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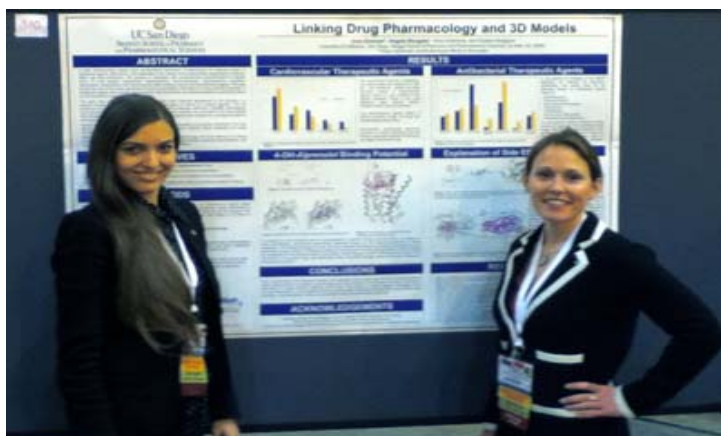
### **Angela Bougetz and Irina Gutman Presented Research Poster at APhA Annual, March 9-12, 2012 in New Orleans, LA**

Angela Bougetz and Irina Gutman participated in the Summer Research Program last summer working with faculty advisors Ruben Abagyan and Irina Kufareva. Their poster entitled "Linking Drug Pharmacology and 3D Models" was the topic of many questions and discussions during the "Meet the Researchers" session on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the APhA Exposition. The abstract was published in the March/April edition of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.

About their research:

*In silico* pharmacology studies have demonstrated the importance of determining 3D molecular shape of therapeutic agents, active forms, and metabolites in the context of drug repurposing, explanations of adverse effects, and drug interactions. The purpose is delineation and comprehensive characterization of specific forms of most popular antibacterial (*cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones, broad-spectrum penicillins, tetracyclines, oxazolidinones*) and cardiovascular (*lipid modifying agents and beta-blockers*) agents. This data formed the core of the newly developing Structural Quantitative Informatics for Drugs (SQUID) database of therapeutic agents with accurate and consistent pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic parameters linked to 3D structures of active forms and metabolites.

The SQUID database will minimize critical barriers in molecular pharmacology and drug discovery by linking knowledge about structural mechanisms of drug reactions with experimentally measured characteristics, and by providing explanations for drug interactions, toxicity, and side effects.



## UCSD SSPPS First Year Student Pharmacists Conduct Senior Health Education Event

By Beverley A. Freedman, Dip. Pharm., Nathan A. Painter, Pharm.D. and Jennifer M. Namba, Pharm.D.

After a great deal of preparation throughout the Spring quarter, the Class of 2015 student pharmacists and Pharmacy Practice faculty hosted the much anticipated Senior Health Education Event (SHEE). This year, the event was held at the College Avenue Older Adult Center, in the College area of San Diego. It was a hot sunny day in May, and the weather allowed for the posters and tables to be set up outside on the large patio. The College Avenue Older Adult Center provides a place for seniors to obtain a subsidized lunch and participate in weekly activities such as exercise classes and arts and crafts sessions as well as educational events.

Student pharmacists and faculty focused on public education and service as a primary goal of the educational process. This community outreach event allowed the students to combine skills developed during their 3-quarter Pharmacy Practice experience including patient counseling, public speaking, self-care with OTC medications, literature evaluation, and special issues related to an older population. The Class of 2015 assisted seniors in understanding ways to better manage and improve health issues predominant with aging.



With assistance from volunteer faculty liaisons, students worked in groups of four to create educational posters, self-made brochures, and hand-outs as part of the requirement for the Pharmacy Practice course. Students presented posters on topics including tips on safe use of medications, shingles and

pneumococcal vaccine, how to best use inhalers and pulmonary devices, muscle aches and pain, oral health, preventing eye disease,



constipation and gas, vitamin D and calcium, blood pressure, dietary guidelines, reflux and heartburn, and diabetes. Student pharmacists also performed on-site blood glucose testing and blood pressure monitoring; and subsequently assisted the seniors with referrals and advice on their specific measurement results.

The College Avenue Older Adult Center was the ideal location for the students to set up their posters, provide educational information, and assist the over 40 seniors who attended with related questions. From 10:15 a.m.

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until 12:15 p.m., seniors crowded the booths and lined up for the on-site screening and were provided with educational information. Those who attended, as well as the management team at the center, were extremely appreciative and positive of their interactions with the students. Mrs. Elissa Landsman, the center's director, commended the students and faculty for putting on such a fantastic event. She asked if we could make this a semi-annual event as it was such a positive contribution for the seniors at the center. The event also proved to be entertaining as well. Raffle tickets were handed out to each participant at every booth they visited. The raffle drawings were announced with eager anticipation from the attendees in the hope of winning one of the fruit baskets or other exciting prizes prepared by Beverley Freedman. Our students represented UCSD SSPPS well. A few of the P1 students had long and interesting conversations with the senior attendees, forging some deep connections and allowing the students the necessary experience of what it means to really communicate with the older adult population. Everyone had tremendous fun as well as gaining a great deal from this event.



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**Class of 2012**  
**Student Annual Research Symposium**  
**Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Educational Center**  
**May 15, 2012**

Forty-nine posters were displayed, showing great work from all the students, with the guidance of their preceptors.





We recently received exciting news that our student chapter has been recognized as a CSHP Chapter of Distinction! We applied for this recognition at the beginning of the school year and received the title based on our chapter's excellence in finance, business processes, membership, and membership satisfaction. We are one of three schools who have received this title and our name is listed on their website here!! —> <http://www.cshp.org/index.php/student-chapter-of-distinction-award>.

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## A Group of CSHP-UCSD Members Go to SCAMP Camp!

By Alan Chin, P-1

An enthusiastic and dedicated group of California Society of Health System student Pharmacists of UCSD (CSHP-UCSD) recently journeyed through the mountains to spend the last week of June at Camp Marston. There, I, along with seven of my colleagues, served as a medical volunteer at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Southern California Asthma Medical Program (SCAMP) Camp hosted by the American Lung Association.

After settling into our cabin the first day, the group quickly integrated itself with the medical staff under the guidance of camp pharmacist Dr. Debbie Pham. Over the span of the next few days, we reviewed the different asthma medications, perfected proper inhalation technique (learned in Winter Quarter of Pharmacy Practice course) and developed a special connection with the campers. All in an effort to improve our campers' understanding of their own disease state as well as improving their health by ensuring medication adherence.

Every morning at breakfast and every night before the campers went to bed, our team administered the campers' medications, ensured that proper inhalation technique was being used, and periodically quizzed them with the name of their medications to reinforce their learning. Additional educational asthma activities were conducted to help campers differentiate between the various types of inhalers, and to understand the effect of asthma on their lungs. One such activity consisted of inflating and deflating pig lungs to demonstrate its physiological function in gas exchange. During this activity, we also pointed out the airways where asthma causes inflammation, mucus build up, and constriction further emphasizing the target of their inhalers and the importance of taking them. Our time at SCAMP camp culminated in a skit that our UCSD student-pharmacists put together with Dr. Mike Welch that acted out proper and improper ways to use an inhaler to further educate campers in a more comedic light.

As part of the medical volunteer team, our group had a wonderful learning experience and helped approximately 180 children with their asthma. Our departure was met with tears and hugs from campers and followed by sentimental words by a few who were truly affected by our presence. I will never forget one of my campers whispering to me, "I'm going to miss you, will you be back next year?" I smiled and told him I would be and his entire demeanor became happy again.

This experience could not have been made possible without the hard work of our CSHP-UCSD Chapter past president, Stephanie Chauv, CSHP-UCSD Chapter president, Rebecca Kandilian; ALA camp coordinator, Luis Lechuga; on-site pharmacist, Dr. Debbie Pham and of course our student-pharmacist volunteers: Jennie Ma, Karen Wu, Denise Harano, Thu Truong, Tiffany Hsu, Jennifer Tseng, and Alan Chin.



**Highlights from the Winter 2012  
Applied Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Forum  
By Jan Hirsch, Ph.D.**

The eighth Applied Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Forum was held February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the University of California San Diego, Faculty Club hosted by the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and supported by a grant from Allergan.

The topic for the Forum was “*What is the Business Case for Quality Improvement Initiatives?*”

***Speakers:***

**How are Quality Improvement Guidelines, such as HEDIS, measures really developed?**

***Ted Ganiats, MD***

Professor, Department Family and Preventive Medicine  
University of California San Diego

**Health Plan perspective of complying with quality improvement guidelines; benefits, costs, and value.**

***Catherine MacLean, MD, PhD***

Staff Vice President, Quality Improvement Center for Quality Measures & Improvement,  
WellPoint

**Do HEDIS measures reflect good value from a societal and health plan perspective?**

***Michael S. Broder, MD, MSHS***

President  
Partnership for Health Analytic Research

Speaker slides are available via the link below.

[http://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/faculty/pharmacoeconomics\\_forum.shtml](http://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/faculty/pharmacoeconomics_forum.shtml)

Forum participants included representatives from managed care, government, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, medical centers and academia. Each was invited because of mutual interest in expanding the practical application of pharmacoeconomic and outcomes research to enhance decision-making.

**MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR**



Panel: Ted Ganiats, Catherine MacLean & Michael Broder



Speaker: Michael Broder

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### ***Purpose of Applied Pharmacoeconomic and Outcomes Research Forums***

The number of individuals in the Southern California region with interest in pharmacoeconomics (PE) is growing rapidly across the healthcare system - from those involved with creation of PE data within pharmaceutical and biotech companies to those incorporating results into decision making within a plethora of managed care organizations. The region provides an excellent opportunity to gather individuals to debate issues, and propose solutions that are vetted from multiple perspectives – not just individual silos defined by employer.

The Applied Pharmacoeconomic and Outcomes Research Forum was created to facilitate this cross perspective communication. The goals of the forum are to:

1. Discuss commonly encountered obstacles to conducting or utilizing results of applied pharmacoeconomic studies and explore solutions from various perspectives of the health care system.
2. Create an environment and foundation to foster the creation of a Southern California Pharmacoeconomic and Outcomes Research Interest Group

### **PAST FORUM TOPICS**

1. AMCP Dossiers: Useful for Decision Making or Not? A Debate
2. Biologics: Drawing (or Crossing) the line of Cost vs. Benefit: A Case in Oncology
3. Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALY's) for Decision Making: Views from Canada & the US
4. Using Large Databases to Inform Decision Making: Experience in Three Health Care Systems
5. Real World Data for Decision Making: Moving Beyond Clinical Trials
6. Pharmacoeconomics of Pharmacogenomics
7. Pharmacoeconomics & Pricing: Now & After Health Care Reform

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## **2012 Spring Community Health Fair in San Diego**

**By Binh Tran, Pharm.D.**

The 2012 Spring Community Health Fair was conducted at Wesley First Methodist Church on a bright Saturday morning on April 14, 2012. The weather turned out great after the previous day's storm, bringing a sizable number of attendees from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The event was one of the yearly joint activities of the Asian Pacific Health Foundation, the UCSD medical and pharmacy students, SDSU and area college students, and volunteers in San Diego. The site was convenient as it is the place where the Vietnamese Elderly Association holds their regular meeting of the month. UCSD Asian Pacific American Medical Association (APAMSA) students in the Student Vision Savers program participated in the popular glaucoma screening of patients under the supervision of Drs. Stadwiser, Maria Theresa Alfonso and Mai Dinh. Student pharmacists from APhA – SC performed hypertension screening, diabetes and cholesterol screenings, and provided heartburn assessment and immunization education with their preceptors: Drs. Steven Tan and Y Hoang. Sandy Chong, Cindy Nguyen and classmates in the Hepatitis Free San Diego course elective conducted the survey on *Barriers to hepatitis B and C screenings* for the attendees.



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At noon, Dr. Robert Gish, Medical Director of the Center for Hepatobiliary Disease and Abdominal Transplantation at the UCSD Medical Center presented on Hepatitis C and liver cancer, followed by Dr. Ton Tran, long-time family practitioner in San Diego and speaker on Hepatitis B for the Vietnamese community. Binh Tran relayed the recommendation to vote **Yes on Proposition 29** – the California Cancer Research Act to save lives, prevent kids from smoking and fund research.



We thank Kristiana Nguyen, Nhan Pham, and Nam Pham and the registration team for excellent coordination of the logistics, and all the participants for their enthusiasm and dedication to help the community.

### Participants at the Health Fair:

**Pharmaceutical Sponsors:** Gilead Sciences, Bristol Myers Squibb,

**Vietnamese Elderly Association:** Dung Anh Trang, Giai Do, Hung Nguyen, John Thin, Nam Le, Anh Huynh, Tri Nguyen.

#### **UCSD School of Medicine:**

Dr. Stadwiser, Dr. Robert Gish, Alex Doo, Suraj Kedavisetty, Keith Wong, Hui Yeung, Lucy Cheng and Angela Lu

**Optometrists:** Maria Theresa Alfonso, OD, Mai Dinh, OD

#### **Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical**

**Sciences:** Steven Tan, PharmD, Y Hoang, PharmD, Jeff Yin, Aakash Patel, Karen Hoang, Tiffany Hsu, Albert Want, Mary Ensey, Kellie Kocher, Patrick Phuong, Alan Chin, Samantha Chang, Stephanie Tse, Katie Munier, Conor Bowman, Katie Medders, Caroline Wesemuller, Jennifer Gin, Alex Tam, Thu Truong, Natalie Nguyen, Khanh Nguyen, Sandy Chong, Cindy Nguyen and Hepatitis Free San Diego class members

#### **Asian Pacific Health Foundation:**

Dr. Ton Tran, Binh Tran, PharmD, Mary Tran, MT, MyVan Nguyen, RPh, Kristiana Nguyen, Nhan Pham, Nam Pham and Mark Yu

#### **Hepatitis Free San Diego:**

John Swin, Natali Navarro Cazarez, Chantal Gish

#### **SDSU Students**

Volunteers



According to the latest rankings from U.S. News & World Report, UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is currently ranked #23 among all U.S. Pharmacy Schools in 2012. This is truly an impressive feat considering that the school is only ten years old, and is the youngest school listed among the top 25 institutions. Clearly, this important recognition is a reflection of the talented students, faculty, staff, and volunteers that contribute to the success of the Skaggs program on a daily basis.





The Manchester laboratory used a mass spectrometry-based metabolomics profiling strategy to study chronic neuropathic pain and inflammation. Their study identified small-molecule metabolites in the spinal cord during chronic pain. Multiple metabolites associated with the metabolism of sphingolipids were identified in the spinal cord. They showed that dosing animals with one of the metabolites, dimethylsphingosine, could provoke the neuropathic pain response in the absence of injury. These results highlight this novel metabolic pathway as important for the development of chronic pain and may provide new avenues for the development of therapeutics to treat this disabling condition.

This work was featured on the cover of Nature Chemical Biology. Patti GJ, Yanes O, Shriver LP, Courade JP, Tautenhahn R, Manchester M, Siuzdak G. ["Metabolomics implicates altered sphingolipids in chronic pain of neuropathic origin."](#) Nature Chem Biol. 2012 Jan 22;8(3):232-4.



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Dr. Leah Shriver (postdoctoral fellow, Manchester Laboratory) has accepted a tenure-track faculty position as Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Akron (Ohio). She will start her new position in August 2012.

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## Pharmacy and the DEA

By Shelly Fromholtz

DEA Special Agents Thomas Lenox and Rocky Herron delivered what proved to be an informative and engaging presentation on "Prescription Drug Abuse and Pharmacy Practice in San Diego" at the Office of Experiential Education's annual Preceptors Conference, Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Special Agent Rocky Herron said, "The tip email address, [deatips-sandiego@usdoj.gov](mailto:deatips-sandiego@usdoj.gov), was established by our office for distribution to the medical community in San Diego (doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, etc.) for the reporting of any information or activities regarding prescription fraud or diversion of controlled substances. As a rule, we need the patient's name and date of birth as a minimum to conduct an initial review to determine if there are any violations, but any additional information should be included, such as nature of the fraud, contact information of the subject, a driver's license number if available, and the name and contact information of the reporting party. Any information received by us is forwarded to DEA analysts for the initial review and then forwarded for a final review to the supervisor or an agent. If no suspicious activity can be confirmed, an investigation is *not initiated* and no reports are written regarding the tip."

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the conference.

## A Wonderful Tripartite Celebration

By Binh Tran, Pharm.D.

As in past years, the Tripartite Celebration at Dean Palmer Taylor's place of residence on May 12, 2012 was a complete success. The much eagerly awaited event was attended by alumni, the graduating Class of 2012, and the incoming P4s from the Class of 2013. Faculty and students, some attending with their significant others and children (budding pharmacists), enjoyed a family-like atmosphere and collegiality with their peers.

Mackenzie Bear spoke for the Class of 2013, appreciating the advice bestowed upon them by the Class of 2012. Class of 2012 President David Ha shared witty translations of pharmacokinetics concepts and formulas. Angel Lam, representing the Alumni, shared profound thoughts with the graduating pharmacists, urging them to stand for their beliefs as they pursue their career aspirations while also serving their patients and their profession.

"The SSPPS has the tradition of not having an Awards Night for the graduating class," said Dean Taylor, "for all the members have excelled in various areas of competency." Every student received a gift as a memento for their years studying at the school.

Curriculum Coordinator, Gail Gipson, and her singing group, Brown Sugar Blues, performed at the Tripartite Celebration for the very first time and entertained the audience with a wonderful outdoor program.







### SSPPS Class of 2007 Alumni Reunion

By Kim Ciero

In June, the Class of 2007, the second class to graduate from SSPPS, was gathered together once again for their 5-Year, Class Reunion. The festivities began with a reception at the UCSD Faculty Club where alumni, faculty, and staff attended. They enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and a slide show of memories from their in-school years. The next morning, a brunch was held in their honor in the Health Sciences Education Center. In attendance were alumni and families as well as current students, staff, and faculty. During the brunch program Dr. David Adler spoke to the audience about the school's advancements and accomplishments that were a direct result of the contributions from the Class of 2007. Following Dr. Adler's talk, each member of the Class of 2007 who were in attendance spoke to the audience about their education at the SSPPS and how it directly related to their career paths. It was very nice for the current students to get a glimpse of the successful careers that lay ahead for them. The weekend culminated with an intimate dinner at The Shores Restaurant in La Jolla which included Alumni (w/significant others), staff, and our SSPPS deans.

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### Alumnus Publications

#### **Danielle Carbajal, Pharm.D. - Class of 2007**

Jennifere L. Strohecker, Pharm.D., **Danielle M. Carbajal, Pharm.D.**, Brian Crandall, M.D., John Day, M.D., Donald Lappe, M.D., Srijoy Mahapatra, M.D., Krystal Moorman, Pharm.D., Jeffrey Osborn, M.D., Megan Smith, R.D., J. Peter Weiss, M.D. and T. Jared Bunch, M.D. Herbal and Non-Herbal Supplement Use is Common in Warfarin-Treated Patients and the Majority of These Agents Impact Warfarin Safety and Efficacy. *The Journal of Innovations in Cardiac Rhythm Management*. 2012;3:611-619.

#### **Sara Carruth Erickson, Pharm.D. – Class of 2007**

**Erickson SC**, Zakharyan A, Stockl KM, Solow BK, Harada ASM, Ramsey SD. Clinical and Pharmacy Utilization Outcomes with Brand to Generic Antiepileptic Utilization in Patients with Epilepsy. *Epilepsia*. 2011;52:1365-71.

**Erickson SC**, Le L, Zakharyan A, Stockl KM, Harada ASM, Borson S, Ramsey SD, Curtis B. New Onset Treatment-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus Associated with Off-Label Atypical Antipsychotic Use in the Elderly. *J Am Geriatr Soc*. 2012;60:474-9.

**Clinical Faculty Accomplishments**  
**By Grace Kuo, Pharm.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., FCCP**

**HONORS and AWARDS****Dr. Rabia Atayee**

- Completed an End of Life Nursing Education Consortium in January 2012 and received certification to be a trainer for other healthcare professionals.

**Dr. Kelly Lee**

- Was invited to serve on Business Development Committee and Task Force on Behavioral Health Integration into the PCMH. College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists.

**Dr. Joe Ma**

- Completed an End of Life Nursing Education Consortium in January 2012 and received certification to be a trainer for other healthcare professionals.

**Dr. Renu Singh**

- Passed the exam to become a Certified Diabetes Educator.

**GRANT AWARDS:**

- Millenium Research Institute has confirmed an \$85,000 unrestricted educational grant to support seven new full-time and three returning part-time Summer Research Students for 2012 (MPIs: Brookie Best and Joe Ma; Co-investigators: Rabia Atayee and Candis Morello).
- “Inflammation and Function of P-gp in HIV Infection of Brain, NIH Bench-to-Bedside Intramural/ Extramural Program” collaborative grant starts 9/1/12 from the NIH Clinical Center, Office of AIDS Research (co-investigator: Brookie Best).

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Drs. Farivar Jahansouza, Ken Schell, Brookie Best, and Neil Patel (SSPPS alum) were invited pharmacist panelists for the UCSD Pre-Pharmacy Society’s General Body Meeting on 2/21/12.
- Dr. Kelly Lee served on the Ambulatory Care Residency Selection Committee at UCSD Medical Center. She served as the faculty representative from Admissions Office for UCLA Outreach Day. March 1, 2012. She was invited to serve on the San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council and the Health Literacy San Diego Mental Health Literacy Work Group.
- Drs. Rabia Atayee, Brookie Best; Faculty preceptors at the SSPPS Booth at UC San Diego Triton Day. April 7, 2012.
- Dr. Nathan Painter was interviewed by ASHP regarding changes in Medicare Part D benefits (available at: <http://www.ashp.org/menu/News/PharmacyNews/NewsArticle.aspx?id=3721>)
- Dr. Brookie Best was invited to serve as a Pediatric Pharmacokinetics Expert on a Data and Safety Monitoring Board for a U.S.-based Phase II Clinical Trial in Hepatitis.



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## **Drs. David Adler and Eduardo Fricovsky Receive Awards**

Dr. David Adler received the Founders Award in recognition of his contributions and service to the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic. Dr. Adler founded the clinic with Dr. Ellen Beck and others back in 1998 and has continued his work at the clinic. Dr. Eduardo Fricovsky received the, "UCSD Student Run Free Clinic Angel Award for Community Service." Eduardo became involved with the clinic when he was still a student and has been a devoted volunteer ever since. The awards were presented in appreciation for the work they have done and continue to do for the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic.

Thank you!