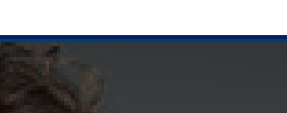


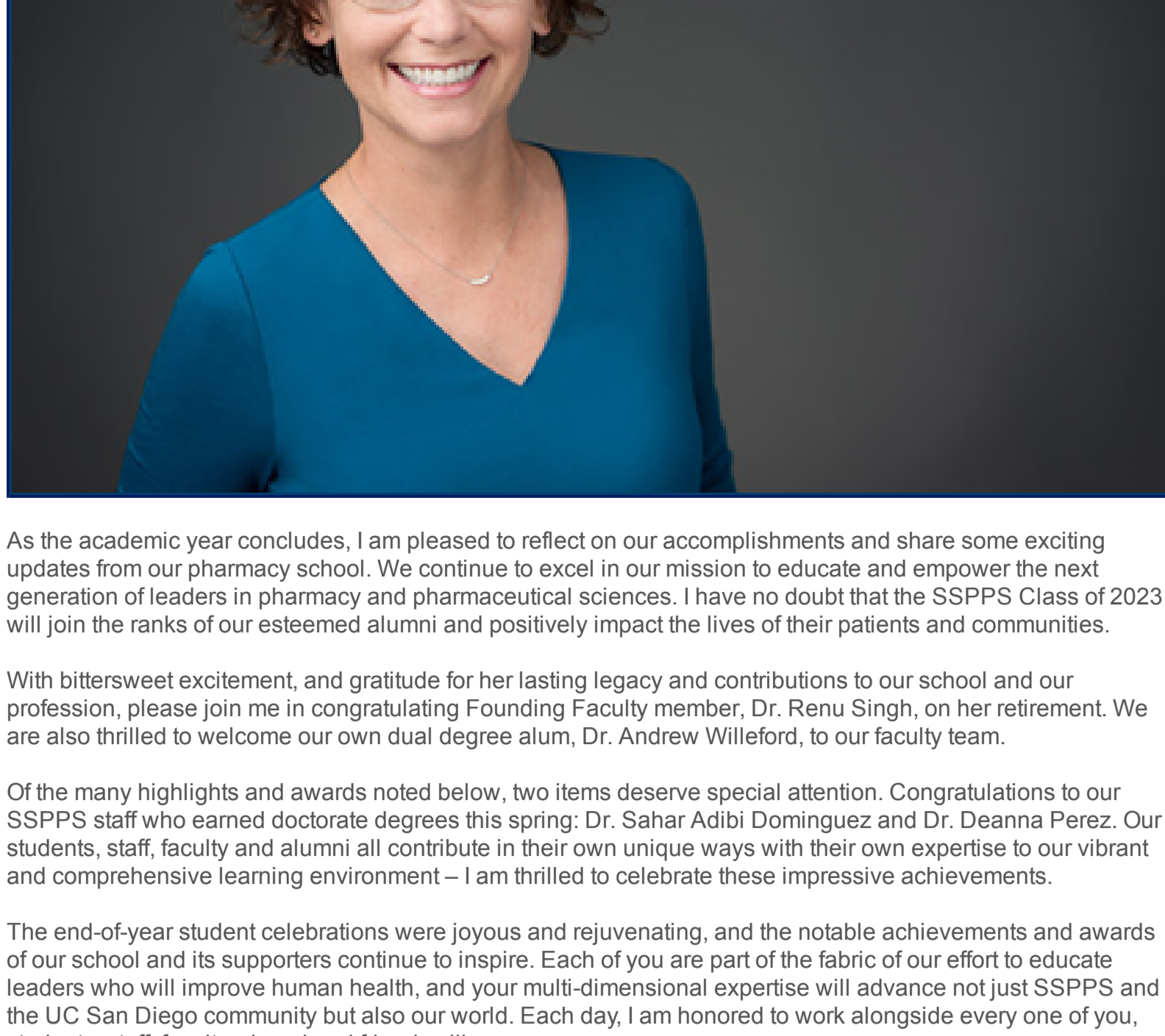


The Capsule

Spring 2023



A Message From the Dean



As the academic year concludes, I am pleased to reflect on our accomplishments and share some exciting updates from our pharmacy school. We continue to excel in our mission to educate and empower the next generation of leaders in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences. I have no doubt that the SSPPS Class of 2023 will join the ranks of our esteemed alumni and positively impact the lives of their patients and communities.

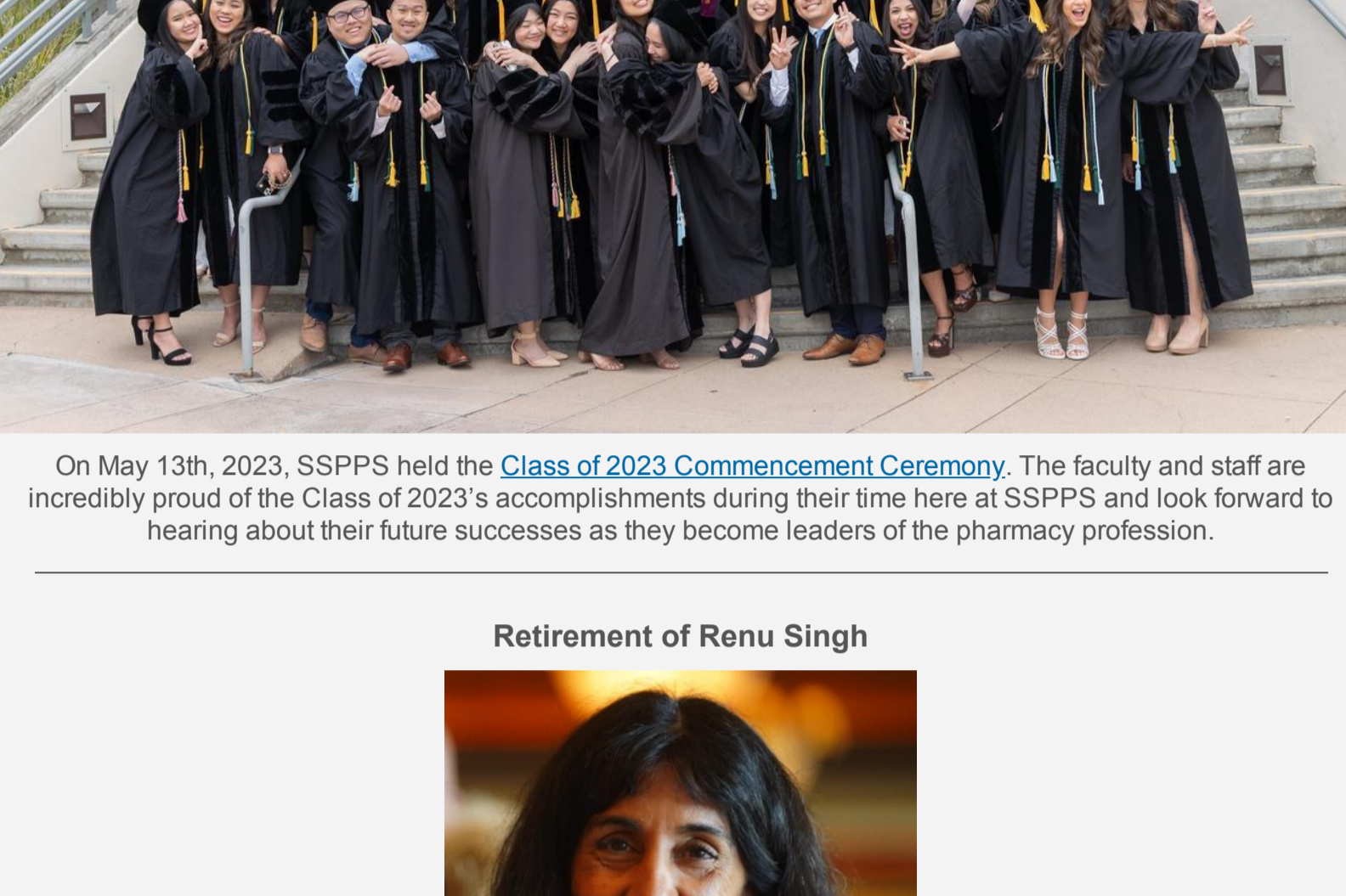
With bittersweet excitement, and gratitude for her lasting legacy and contributions to our school and our profession, please join me in congratulating Founding Faculty member, Dr. Renu Singh, on her retirement. We are also thrilled to welcome our own dual degree alum, Dr. Andrew Willeford, to our faculty team.

Of the many highlights and awards noted below, two items deserve special attention. Congratulations to our SSPPS staff who earned doctorate degrees this spring: Dr. Sahar Adibi Dominguez and Dr. Deanna Perez. Our students, staff, faculty and alumni all contribute in their own unique ways with their own expertise to our vibrant and comprehensive learning environment – I am thrilled to celebrate these impressive achievements.

The end-of-year student celebrations were joyous and rejuvenating, and the notable achievements and awards of our school and its supporters continue to inspire. Each of you are part of the fabric of our effort to educate leaders who will improve human health, and your multi-dimensional expertise will advance not just SSPPS and the UC San Diego community but also our world. Each day, I am honored to work alongside every one of you, students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends alike.

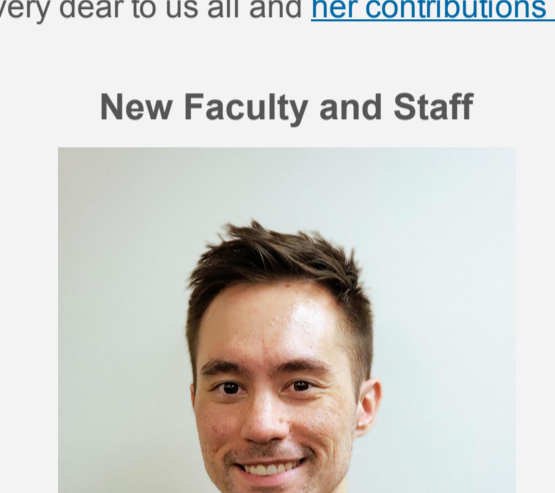
Spring Quarter Highlights

Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony



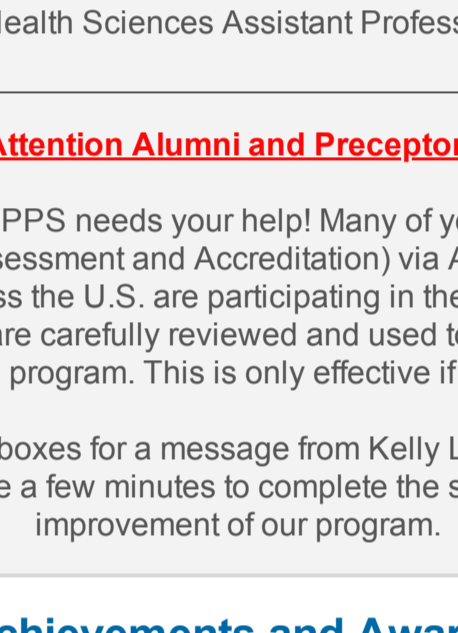
On May 13th, 2023, SSPPS held the [Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony](#). The faculty and staff are incredibly proud of the Class of 2023's accomplishments during their time here at SSPPS and look forward to hearing about their future successes as they become leaders of the pharmacy profession.

Retirement of Renu Singh



With mixed emotions of loss and celebration, we share the news that Dr. Renu Singh has decided to retire in June 2023. Renu is very dear to us all and [her contributions to our school are vast](#).

New Faculty and Staff



Andrew Willeford, PharmD, PhD, BCCP

Health Sciences Assistant Professor

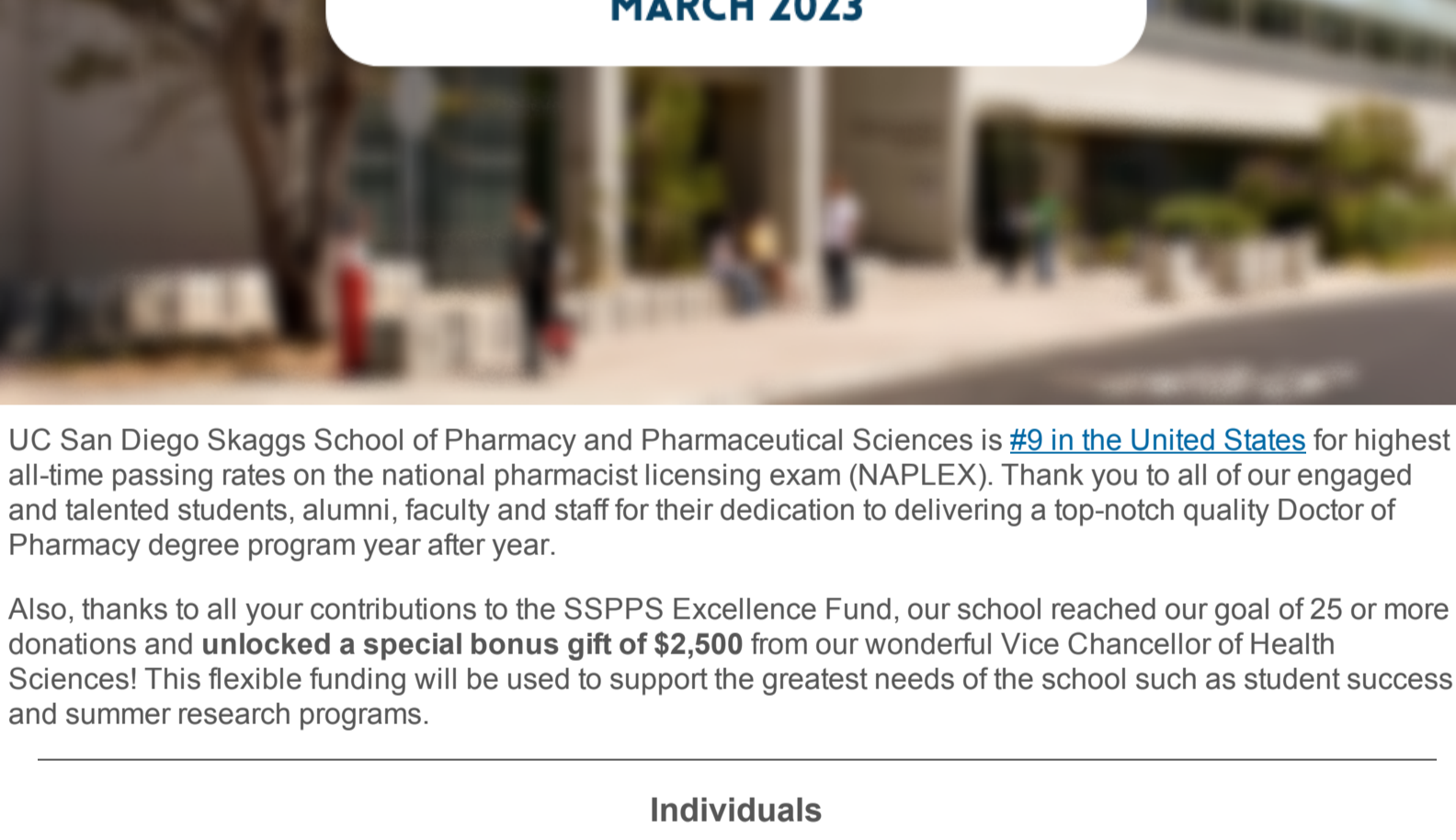
Attention Alumni and Preceptors!

It's AACP Survey time again and SSPPS needs your help! Many of you recently received an email from Dr. Kelly Lee (Associate Dean of Assessment and Accreditation) via AACP, inviting you to evaluate your experiences at SSPPS. Schools across the U.S. are participating in these surveys, and the data are used both by SSPPS and nationally. The results are carefully reviewed and used to inform quality improvement activities to strengthen our educational program. This is only effective if you provide your feedback!

Please check your email inboxes for a message from Kelly Lee with the email address of donotreplydata@aacp.org and take a few minutes to complete the survey and contribute to the ongoing improvement of our program.

Achievements and Awards

SSPPS



UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is [#9 in the United States](#) for highest all-time passing rates on the national pharmacist licensing exam (NAPLEX). Thank you to all of our engaged and talented students, alumni, faculty and staff for their dedication to delivering a top-notch quality Doctor of Pharmacy degree program year after year.

Also, thanks to all your contributions to the SSPPS Excellence Fund, our school reached our goal of 25 or more donations and **unlocked a special bonus gift of \$2,500** from our wonderful Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences! This flexible funding will be used to support the greatest needs of the school such as student success and summer research programs.

Individuals

- Faculty**
- Rabia Atayee, PharmD, BCPS, APH, FAAHPM**
 - Selected to join the UC San Diego Health Sanford Compassionate Communication Academy Fellowship.
 - Linda Awdishu, PharmD, MAS**
 - Advancing Faculty Diversity Steering Committee received a [UC San Diego 2022 Inclusive Excellence Award](#).
 - Received the SSPPS Preceptor Excellence Award for Ambulatory Care APPE.
 - Mark Bounthavong, PharmD, PhD**
 - Received the University of Washington School of Pharmacy's 2022 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Excellence in Early Career Achievement.
 - Received the SSPPS Special Recognition Award for Service-Learning IPPEs.
 - Charles E. Daniels, BS Pharm, PhD**
 - 2023 recipient of the [ASHP Board of Directors' Distinguished Leadership Award](#).
 - Doug Humber, PharmD**
 - Received SSPPS Preceptor Excellence Award for Acute Care APPE.
 - Kelly C. Lee, PharmD, MAS, BCPP**
 - Named [ASHP Fellow for 2023](#).
 - Received the [2023 UCSF Alumni Practitioner Award](#).
 - Received the [UC San Diego 2023 Distinguished Teaching Award](#).
 - Victor Nizet, MD**
 - Elected as a member of the [2023 AIMBE College of Fellows](#).
 - Ila M. Saunders, PharmD, BCOP**
 - Selected as a Fellow of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA).

- Alumni**
- David Ross Ha, PharmD (Class of 2012)**
 - Selected as the 2022 recipient of the [SSPPS Distinguished Alumnus of the Year](#).

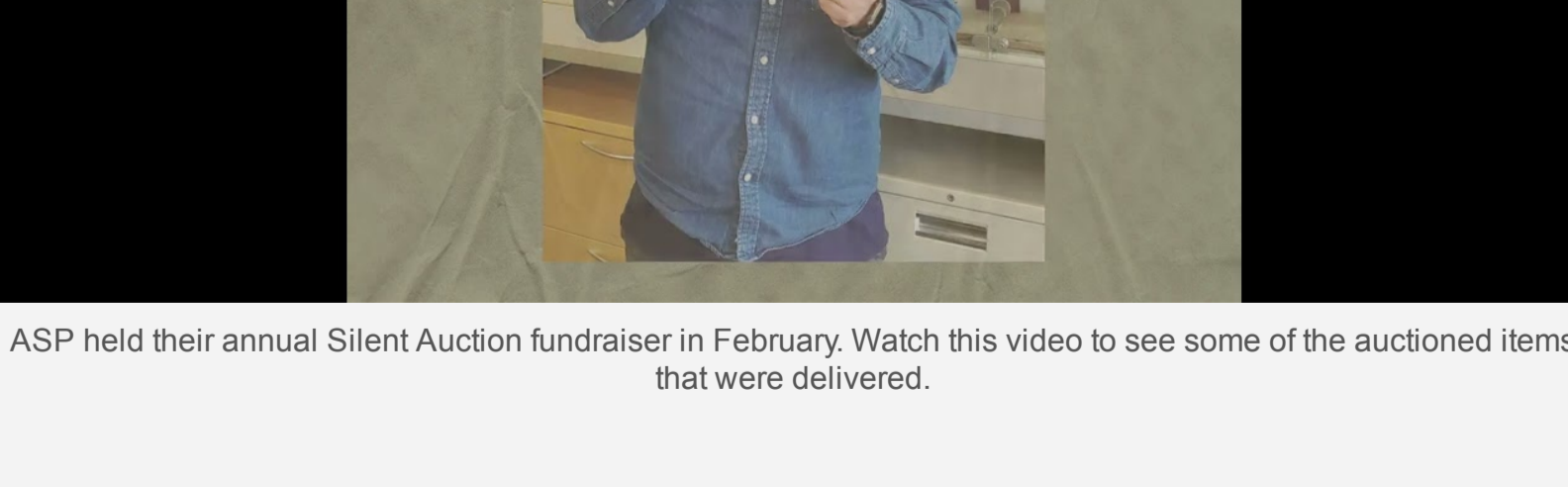
- Students**
- Evon Du (Class of 2024)**
 - Awarded a [USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award](#).

- APhA-ASP/CPhA (Student Organization)**
- Awarded the CPhA-ASP Chapter of Excellence Award at [WPE 2023](#).

- CSHP-UCSD (Student Organization)**
- Awarded the Student Organization of the Year Award and the Sustained Community of the Year Award by the [UC San Diego Center for Student Involvement](#).

- Staff**
- Sahar Adibi Dominguez, EdD, MBA (Staff)**
 - Graduated with her EdD degree from Arizona State University in May 2023.
 - Deanna Perez, PhD**
 - Graduated with her PhD degree from Oregon State University in June 2023.
 - Steve Schneid, MHPE**
 - Recipient of two UC San Diego Health awards: Educational Scholarship Award and Award for Excellence in Curriculum or Educational Innovation.

Spring Quarter Events



ASP held their annual Silent Auction fundraiser in February. Watch this video to see some of the auctioned items that were delivered.

- During spring quarter, CSHP-UCSD held a [variety of professional, educational, and fundraising events](#) for our members and community to enjoy.
- On April 6th, a few of our staff members had the opportunity to attend the [César E. Chávez Celebration Kickoff and Scholarship Awards](#).
- On April 11th, faculty and staff attended the [Pan-Asian Staff Association Luncheon](#).
- SSPPS held its first annual [Eid Al Fitr Celebration](#) on April 24th.
- The [California Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(CSHP\) Pacific Coast Preceptor Conference \(PCPC\)](#) was held at the Margaritaville Resort in sunny Palm Springs, California from April 27th-29th.
- The annual [Western Pharmacy Exchange \(WPE\)](#) was held at the Hotel de Paris in Las Vegas from April 28th-30th.
- ASP hosted its [End-of-the-Year Banquet](#) on May 5th.
- Serotonines hosted their annual charity concert, [Love Made Audible](#), in person on May 9th for the first time since the pandemic started.
- On May 11th, 2023, the Class of 2023 presented their [completed research projects](#) as part of their requirements for graduation.
- On May 23rd, 2023, therapy dogs from the San Diego Humane Society came to SSPPS to [socialize with students](#).

Features and Publications



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and the health of the oceans
are inextricably interconnected,
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Dr William Gerwick
Distinguished Professor of Oceanography
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