The UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) is committed to educating and empowering the next generation of pharmacy professionals. With a focus on providing a top-notch quality education, our school continues to excel in our mission to educate and advance the field of pharmacy.

### Student Achievements

- **Steve Schneid, MHPE**
  - Recipient of two UC San Diego Health awards: Educational Scholarship Award and Award for Excellence in Student Leadership.
  - Graduated with her PhD degree from Oregon State University in June 2023.

- **Evon Du**, PharmD
  - Awarded the Student Organization of the Year Award and the Sustained Community Service Initiative of the Year Award. She is also a member of the APhA-ASP/CPhA chapter.

- **Kelly C. Lee, PharmD, MAS, BCPP**
  - Awarded the CPhA-ASP Chapter of Excellence Award.

- **Doug Humber, PharmD**
  - Awarded the UC San Diego 2023 Distinguished Teaching Award.

- **Mark Bounthavong, PharmD, PhD**
  - Named a Fellow of ASHP’s Pharmacy Leadership Program.

### Faculty Achievements

- **Victor Nizet, MD**
  - Received the UC San Diego 2023 Distinguished Teaching Award.

### Alumni Achievements

- **David Ross Ha, PharmD**
  - Selected as a Fellow of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA).

- **Laura Hart, PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCGP, FASCP**
  - Received the University of Washington School of Pharmacy’s 2022 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Discovery and Innovation.

- **Linda Awdishu, PharmD, MAS**
  - Received the UC San Diego 2023 Inclusive Excellence Award.

### Virtual and In-Person Events

- **End-of-the-Year Banquet**
  - Held in-person on May 9th for the first time since the pandemic started.

- **Spring 2023 Events**
  - SSPPS Preceptor Excellence Award for Acute Care APPE was awarded to a student.
  - SSPPS Special Recognition Award for Service-Learning IPPE was awarded to a student.
  - UC San Diego 2023 Distinguished Teaching Award was awarded to Dr. Renu Singh.

### Updates from Our Pharmacy School

As the academic year concludes, we are 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 advance the field of pharmacy, and we are incredibly proud of the Class of 2023’s accomplishments during their time here at SSPPS. We look forward to hearing about their future successes as they become leaders of the pharmacy profession.

### Information for Alumni and Preceptors

As the academic year comes to a close, we encourage alumni and preceptors to provide feedback on our educational program. We are committed to improving our program and strengthening our educational experience. To contribute to the ongoing improvement of our program, please join us in making your feedback count!

### 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. We are incredibly grateful for her leadership and dedication to delivering a top-notch quality Doctor of Pharmacy degree program year after year.

We are also pleased to announce that SSPPS staff who earned doctorate degrees this spring: Dr. Sahar Adibi Dominguez and Dr. Deanna Perez. Our end-of-year student celebrations were joyous and rejuvenating, and the notable achievements and awards received by our students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends are a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

As we look to the future, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. We are committed to educating and empowering the next generation of pharmacy professionals and advancing the field of pharmacy to improve human health. Thank you to all of our engaged alumni, preceptors, students, staff, faculty, communities, and the UC San Diego community but also our world. Each day, I am honored to work alongside every one of you, leaders who will improve human health, and your multi-dimensional expertise will advance not just SSPPS and its supporters continue to inspire. Each of you are part of the fabric of our effort to educate and train the next generation of pharmacy professionals. We will join the ranks of our esteemed alumni and positively impact the lives of their patients and communities.

### End-of-Year Student Celebrations

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