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Dear Friends,

Happy new year to all and welcome back to everyone returning to campus from what I hope was a fun, safe and relaxing winter break.

As we begin 2019, I am excited to share with you the creation of a new scholarship endowment by the **Pavlakos family**. What makes this endowment particularly special is that it involves a beloved pharmacy family, with the youngest generation giving back in honor of their mother while also supporting the dreams of generations to come. Please check out the heartwarming story of this gift to the college, which is our feature article.

Supporting our students has always been and continues to be the driving force in my work, planning and decision making. To that end, one of the first activities I undertook when I started my official tenure as dean was to expand and reorganize the student services office into the office of student affairs. Now that we are fully staffed, please take a moment to get know this great group of dedicated professionals who serve as the critical support resource for our students' successful journey from application to graduation and even beyond.

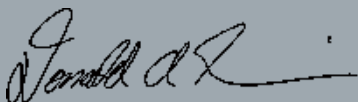
Recently, a truly exceptional UNM undergraduate student, **Esteban Abeyta**, whom we at the College were fortunate enough to get to know and welcome as part of our "pharmily," was made a Churchill Scholar. Before Esteban heads off to Cambridge to continue his work. I am taking this opportunity to wish him well and remind him that he always has a huge group of people cheering him on back home in New Mexico.

I was very pleased to see that Dr. **James Brown** (PharmD '02) is being highlighted this month in our Preceptor Spotlight section. James' commitment to our profession, school and students is difficult to match and I encourage you to learn about the inspiring work he is doing in training our next generation of pharmacists.

Finally, as most of you know, spring is event season in higher education and we are looking forward to another full agenda of celebrations, ceremonies and gatherings. Please be sure to review our upcoming events and mark the dates in your calendars.

Here's to a great start to what promises to be a fantastic year at The UNM College of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,



Donald A. Godwin, PhD  
Dean



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# The Evangeline (Manole) Pavlakos Family Scholarship Endowment



**A GIFT INSPIRED BY A  
MOTHER'S SELFLESS LOVE**

by Irene Gray and Rose Romero (PharmD '14)

This past holiday season, an alumna was given a very special gift that will benefit others for years to come.

**Evangeline “Vangie” (Manole) Pavlakos** (BSPH, ‘79) was surprised by her daughter, Dr. **Rose Romero** (PharmD, ‘14); son, Dr. **Nectarios Pavlakos**; son-in-law, **Dom Romero**; and daughter-in-law, **Markella Pavlakos** on Christmas morning with an endowment created in her name that is designed to honor her commitment to the pharmacy profession and the College’s student pharmacists.

As children, Rose and Nectarios witnessed first-hand Vangie’s devotion to her role as a pharmacist, mentor, and educator. If a student was struggling, she consistently went beyond the call of duty by having them join for family dinners, tutoring them, preparing them for interviews, and helping them land their dream career. Vangie’s mentorship and dedication managed to convince her own daughter to pursue a career in pharmacy.

Vangie has been a pharmacist for 40 years. She continues to practice at the top of her pharmacy license and also gives back as a student mentor, patient advocate, dedicated supporter of the College and pharmacy leader in our community.

Vangie’s career and service is indeed impressive. Although, what makes her story truly remarkable is how successful she and her husband, Dr. Bill Pavlakos, have been at instilling their shared values of service and hard work into their children.

Rose states, “Our mother has devoted her life and her career to helping others. She is truly selfless and would do anything for someone in need. Her positive attitude, strong work

ethic, and genuine spirit are contagious, and her passion and drive are remarkable. When we reflect on all the sacrifices our mom has made to give everything she has to her family and friends, it truly brings us joy and has encouraged us to become the people we are today.”

“Both of our parents have provided us with the tools to be successful in our careers. We are grateful for the path they paved for us – one that has challenged us not only to do our best but also to live our dreams. They’ve taught us to be kind and hardworking and to always help others in need. Creating this scholarship in our mother’s honor was an easy decision and one her kids are proud to provide in her name” Nectarios shares.

It is the intent of her children and their spouses that this gift in her name will keep this spirit alive for future generations to come while also making a difference at a university that the family holds dear to their hearts.

Vangie’s children offered the following joint statement about their decision to honor her with this generous gift: “As UNM alumni we are proud and grateful for the wonderful education, financial support and scholarships we were fortunate to receive through our state programs. We truly believe that one of the best ways to give back is to honor our loving mother and share her dedication to pharmacy and patient care with others who possess a similar passion and drive.”



### Join in Honoring Vangie Today

You can make a contribution to this special scholarship fund [by clicking here](#) or by contacting Markella Pavlakos at 505.272.2657 or [markella.pavlakos@unmfund.org](mailto:markella.pavlakos@unmfund.org)



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**Krystal L. Ward, MA, MBA**  
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

“I am originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado, but have been in Albuquerque since starting my undergraduate degree. I am a lobo through and through, earning a BS, MA, and now on the road to completing my PhD in Educational Psychology here at the University of New Mexico. I have been with the COP for 14 years and have worked with students that whole time. I am one of five kids, but the only girl and the oldest, which makes for an interesting sibling dynamic. I love movies and reading, so I am always seeking some great recommendations.”



**Megan Speck, MBA**  
Manager, Student Support Services

“I have lived most of my life in Albuquerque, NM - so I proudly call myself a New Mexican. I earned my BS in sociology and criminal justice from the University of Evansville and my MBA at Radford University. I have worked in higher education for about a decade now, with four of those years being here at the College. I love owls, the color purple, all things *Harry Potter*, and I’m a Hufflepuff (which I’m sure surprises zero people).”



**Diana Parker, MA**  
Learning Specialist

“I was born and raised in New Mexico and would not have it any other way! I love our climate, sunsets, and of course, the CHILÉ. I earned a BS in social work from Highlands University and an MA in organizational learning and instructional technology at UNM. I worked in social services briefly and have worked in higher education for most of my professional career - as an admissions officer, student services coordinator, career services manager and now as the College’s learning specialist. I love coffee. I’m currently exploring every. single. coffee shop in Albuquerque. By far, my favorite way to spend some free time is at the gym...I pick things up and put them down!”



**Kathryn Gentsch**  
Admissions Advisor

“As the newest addition to the COP Student Affairs team, I am really excited to be welcomed into the Lobo Community as staff. I also completed my schooling here at the University. I am originally from Waco, Texas, and proud to call Albuquerque my home away from home. Fun Fact: Did you know the most popular dog name of 2017 was Max? Coincidentally, I have a 5-pound Yorkshire terrier named Max.”



## UNM student to study at the University of Cambridge as a Churchill Scholar

by Mari Ann Farrell and Pavan Muttli

As a higher education institution, we are empowered and encouraged by watching our students grow and thrive as they move into the world. **Esteban Abeyta**, a UNM senior in the biochemistry program, was recently selected to study overseas as a Churchill Scholar.

The prestigious one-year scholarship is highly competitive and Abeyta will join an elite cohort of other students from across the U.S. to pursue his master's degree at Churchill College at the University of Cambridge. His success is the result of hard work, diligence and perseverance, but also should be seen as a reflection of the UNM faculty and staff who have mentored and encouraged him along the way.

Abeyta worked in the laboratory of UNM College of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Sciences associate professor, Dr. Pavan Muttli in 2016 and 2017 on a project entitled "Effect of sugar content on the long-term stability of live bacterial dry powder vaccine". Abeyta also presented his research accomplishments at the College of Pharmacy Research day in 2017.

Further, Esteban Abeyta was the recipient of the Broad Summer Research Program (BSRP) last year, where he spent the summer of 2018 at the Broad Institute to further his research interests.

According to Dr. Muttli "Esteban was one of the most diligent undergraduate students to ever work in my laboratory. He was always punctual and contributed immensely to my research endeavors."

Congratulations Esteban, you make your Lobo family proud.



# Preceptor spotlight: James Brown, PharmD (class of 2002 )

by Jessica Gama

Dr. James Brown (PharmD '02) is a master at what he does – just ask the UNM student pharmacists he mentors. Always generous with his time, Dr. Brown offers the Advanced Hospital Practice Experience course (a graduation requirement of UNM's Doctor of Pharmacy program) to as many students in a year as we have rotation blocks.

An exemplary role model, Dr. Brown displays the utmost level of professionalism in his daily interactions, and encourages students to compliment what they've learned in the classroom through hands-on training in a genuine hospital setting. As a preceptor, Dr. Brown displays a commitment to “providing a comprehensive learning environment” and often discusses “managerial concepts like Accountability Ladder, Be Here Now, and Shadow of a Leader.” When addressing management, Dr. Brown has a wellspring of extensive leadership experience both within and outside of the profession from which to draw.

In addition to being Director of Pharmacy at Kindred Hospital, Dr. Brown also serves on two Kindred Healthcare corporate committees, as treasurer of the UNM College of Pharmacy's alumni society, as a member of the New Mexico Coalition for Asthma, as a board member on the New Mexico Alzheimer golf fundraiser and as an expert witness in pharmacy law for lawyers in and around New Mexico.

Outside of his pharmacy life, Dr. Brown is the owner of the local brewery, Quarter Celtic Brewpub and Wholesale, was the district manager who brought CVS to New Mexico, and is a United States Navy veteran who served in Gulf War Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. The College of Pharmacy values deeply the commitment to student learning and professional expertise Dr. Brown brings to pharmacy management education. Thank you, Dr. Brown.

“[Dr. Brown] gave me the opportunity to demonstrate my knowledge and helped me with any gaps in knowledge that I had. His guidance allowed me to see the difference between what we learn in school versus how it applies to real-world situations” – UNM student pharmacist



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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
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SPRING 2019 Events

**February 28**

Financial Planning Seminar for Young Alumni  
6-7:30 PM . *Presbyterian Cooper Center at Balloon Fiesta Park Auditorium*  
9521 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Albuquerque 87113  
Reception at 6 PM . Program begins at 6:30 PM

**March 24**

APhA Annual Meeting & Expo: UNM Alumni Reception  
6PM . *Sheraton Grand Seattle*  
1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle WA 98101

**April 10**

14th Annual Research Day - Poster Exhibition & Competition  
1-4PM . *Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education West*

**April 18**

John A. Pieper Leadership Academy Seminar: COP Alumni Award Recipients  
Gold Circle Reception

**May 1**

Class of 2020 Pinning Ceremony  
6PM . *Isleta Resort Hotel*

**May 10**

UNM College of Pharmacy Class of 2019 Convocation  
Class of 1969 Golden Graduate Reunion  
*Popejoy Hall*

**June 21**

NMPHA Golf Tournament



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