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Dear Friends,

Another great fall semester is starting here at the UNM College of Pharmacy. We are filled with lobo pride as we introduce you to the Doctor of Pharmacy class of 2022.

Typically, the end of each school year is complimented by the many achievements of our students, faculty and staff but as you will see, the beginning of this academic year is particularly notable.

We've had some new leadership appointments and promotions recently. Dr. **Ludmila Bakhireva** has been promoted to full professor. Professor **Mary Walker** was appointed vice chair of education in the department of pharmaceutical sciences and **Krystal Ward** was promoted to a new leadership role as assistant dean for student affairs. I congratulate all of these fine individuals for their accomplishments and thank them for their service and dedication to the College and our students.

I am also taking this opportunity to personally congratulate and recognize UNM student pharmacist and student video contest winner, **Courtney Gavin**. Courtney's video submission is perhaps the best video the College possesses in terms of telling our story and showing exactly how and why it is so exceptional. Stellar job, Courtney, and thank you.

I hope you had a great summer and made some lasting memories with your friends and families. Although things are already getting busy for all of us, please make sure you take a look at our fall events calendar and set aside some time to reconnect and celebrate during one of our alumni events.

Another important event is also just around the corner. Our annual community outreach day will be here before we know it and I encourage you to get involved. **Irene Gray**, our sr. alumni relations officer, is available to help you join in on serving across the state. Irene's contact information can be found in our alumni notes section.

Here's to a great 2018-2019 school year. Thank you for your continued support of and interest in the UNM College of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,



Donald A. Godwin, PhD

Dean & Associate Professor



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“Welcome to the “Pharmily””

UNM’S DOCTOR OF PHARMACY CLASS OF 2022

by Krystal Ward

The last two days of July and first two of August - a.k.a. UNM College of Pharmacy’s 2018 new student orientation - marked a promising and exciting milestone in the lives of 70 people who are now known as UNM’s doctor of pharmacy class of 2022.

Orientation includes presentations and activities to introduce the new class to the faculty, staff and students of the College as well as familiarize them with the academic and professionalism expectations of the PharmD curriculum, the profession of pharmacy and the myriad of support services available.

It is an important opportunity for our newest students to acclimate to the PharmD program and gear up for their first semester.

Incoming students received their first taste of life as a pharmacy student and ways to get involved on orientation’s final day. Activities focused on the student experience, with presentations and panels from current students and introductions to our many dynamic student organizations.



Special Thanks To...

Drs. Matt Borrego, Linda Felton, Pam Hall, Pavan Muttli, Krista Salazar and Mary Vilay for coating students

Student pharmacists and Phi Lambda Sigma members Dawn Anderson, Molly Benning and Joseph Dinallo for shuttling coats to our faculty

Walgreens for their continued support as our White Coat sponsor

Alumni, staff and faculty for writing the welcome notes to the class of 2022, which were placed into the pocket of their white coats

Our White Coat ceremony has served as orientation's grand finale for the past 16 years.

As per tradition, this year's ceremony took place in UNM's Center for the Arts Popejoy Hall in front of an audience of more than seven hundred proud friends and family members.

Students received their customized UNM student pharmacist white coats, which were presented and placed on them by College faculty.

Missy Skelton Duke, PharmD ('08), the College's 2018 emerging leader award recipient, gave a heartfelt speech emphasizing the importance of the pharmacy profession and its potential to positively impact the lives of patients to the forefront - inspiring us all.

As students exited the stage wearing their white coats - the universal symbol of the health care professional - they proceeded to the green room to have their individual white coat portraits photographed before returning to their seats.

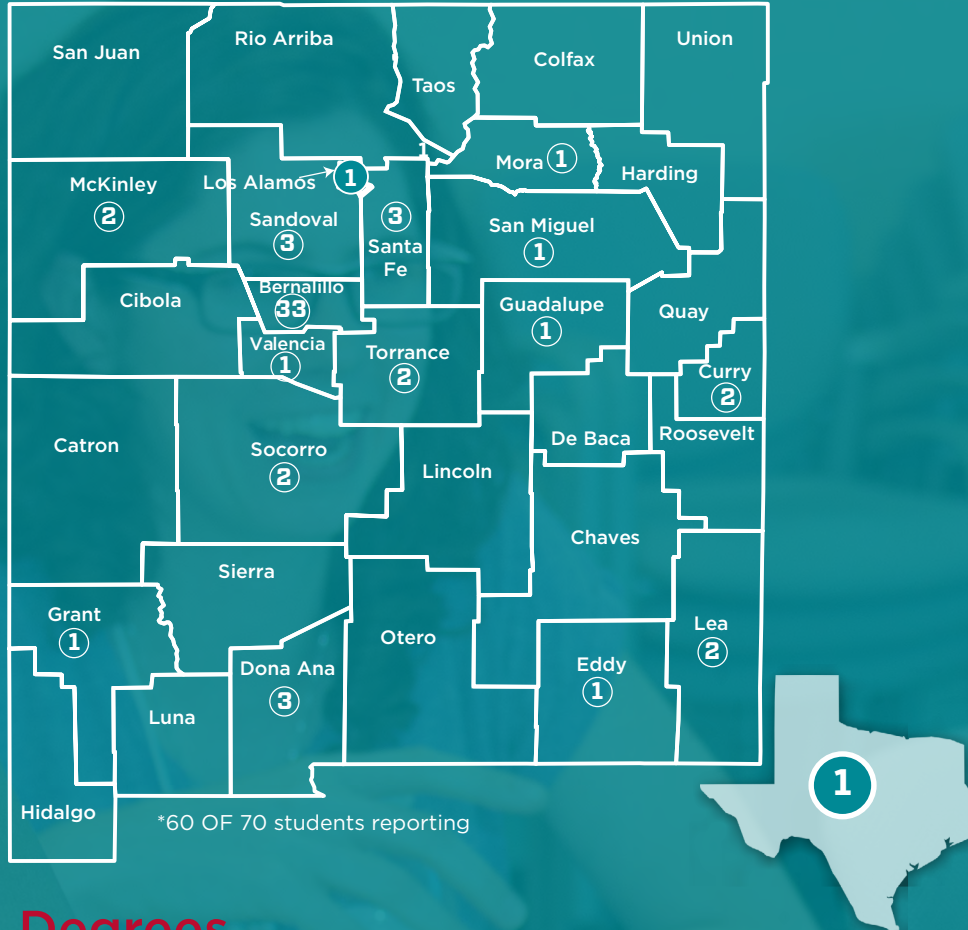
The class recitation of the student pharmacist's pledge of professionalism marked the end of the ceremony and the beginning of their pharmacy education.

The College congratulates the class of 2022 and welcomes each of them to the "Pharmily."



Class of 2022 by the Numbers

Geographical Distribution by High School



Previous Degrees



22

≥ Bachelor's Degrees

Biology, Business Technology, Business, Communications, Liberal Arts, Mathematics



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Master's Degrees

Schools Attended

46 **NM**

11 **NM STATE UNIVERSITY**

6 **CNM**
Central New Mexico Community College

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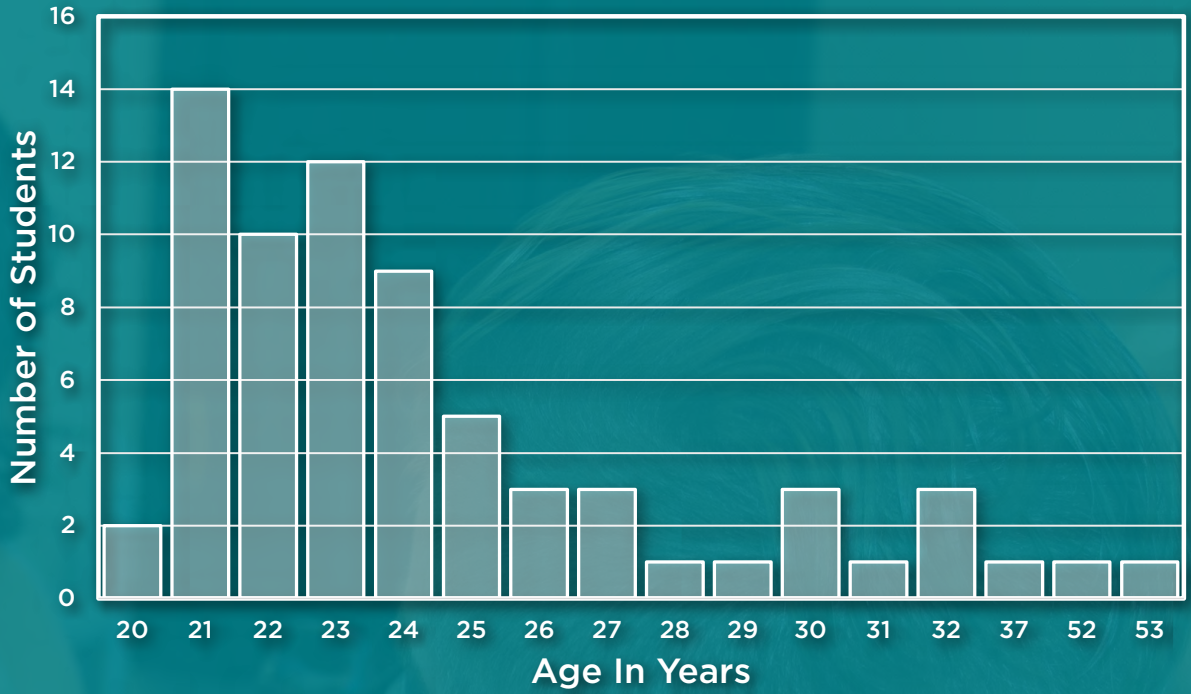
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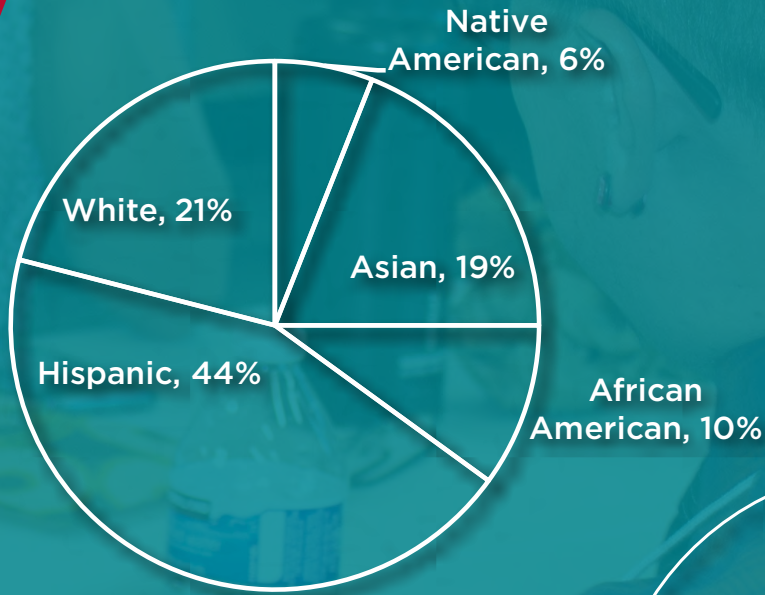
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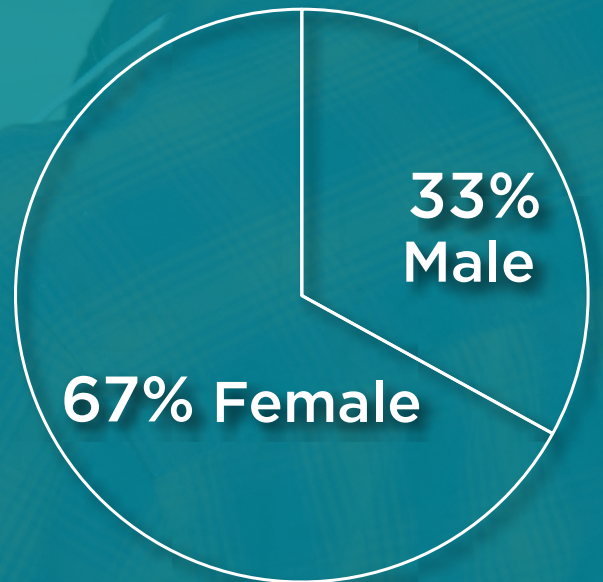
Age



Ethnicity



Gender





Members of the Class of 2022

Dominic Acosta
Albuquerque, NM

Joshua Alcon
Mora, NM

David Arp
Albuquerque, NM

Kevin Berry
Albuquerque, NM

Justin Borrego
Albuquerque, NM

Emily Bransford
Santa Fe, NM

Lance Carlton
Albuquerque, NM

Chad Castillo
Gallup, NM

Toby Chiu
Albuquerque, NM

Cameron Chock
Albuquerque, NM

Veronica Coblentz
Rio Rancho, NM

Rachel Crusius
Dallas, TX

Chenzi Dai
Taixing, China

Haedi DeAngelis
Albuquerque, NM

Shauntiana Enrico
Crownpoint, NM

Amanda Estrada
Albuquerque, NM

Elizabeth Estrada
Velarde, NM

Jaquelynn Flores
Las Cruces, NM

Gardenia Gomez
Albuquerque, NM

Jada Gooden
Clovis, NM

Danielle Griego
Albuquerque, NM

Alexandra Gutierrez
Albuquerque, NM

Maya Haynes
Hobbs, NM

Miguel Hernandez
Chaparral, NM

Stephanie Igharoro
Port-Harcourt, Nigeria

Maria Angelika Isidro
Malabon City, Philippines

Brooke Johnson
Artesia, NM

Sarah Jordan
Tyner, NC

Zoe Kasten
Hanover, NM

Nada Kherbik
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Brianna Kuskov
Albuquerque, NM

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Gallup, NM

Christopher Lange
Albuquerque, NM

Vincent Le
Chandler, AZ

Miguel Lopez
St. Petersburg, FL

Ryan Lopez
Santa Rosa, NM

Mariah Lucero
Albuquerque, NM

Kiana Lujan
Pojoaque, NM

Adamatta Mudada
Albuquerque, NM

Michael Neville
Kirtland, NM

Christine Nguyen
Albuquerque, NM

Dieu Hue Nguyen
Albuquerque, NM

Ngan Nguyen
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Phat Nguyen
Rio Rancho, NM

Cheyenne Ntiforo
Belen, NM

Derek Nunez
Clovis, NM

Amber Nuttall
Albuquerque, NM

Douni Onesiphore Roger
Albuquerque, NM

Destiny Ortiz
Albuquerque, NM

Sarah Park
Los Alamos, NM

Tatiana Pleil-Pino
Albuquerque, NM

Autumn Ray
Albuquerque, NM

Zacchary Rivera
Rio Rancho, NM

Joslynn Rowin
Anton Chico, NM

Elyas Samadi
Albuquerque, NM

Arianna Sanchez
Belen, NM

Vanessa Sena
Santa Fe, NM

Jessica Severin
Las Vegas, NV

Briana Slight
Albuquerque, NM

Morgan Stewart
Moore, OK

Megan Thienel
Albuquerque, NM

Truong Tram
Dong Nai, Vietnam

Ryan Valdez
Albuquerque, NM

Dreanna Valencia
Albuquerque, NM

Ashley Winters
Albuquerque, NM

Kimberly Wong
Albuquerque, NM

Mitchell Yan
Albuquerque, NM

Megan Zamora
Socorro, NM

Mikaela Zanelli
Las Cruces, NM

With Gratitude

TO OUR ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Megan Bass, PharmD ('18)
Barry Bleske, PharmD
Linda Felton, PhD
Eric Garcia, PharmD ('18)
Madeline King, PharmD ('02)
Pavan Muttill, PhD

Jennifer Ortega, PharmD ('01)
Krista Salazar, PharmD ('04)
Phil Saucedo, BS-Pharm ('88), MBA
Pete Sedillo, PharmD
Megan Speck, MBA

TO OUR GUEST INTERVIEWERS

A great number of individuals beyond our admissions committee devoted time to interviewing these students. We are deeply thankful to all the faculty, student and community members who served as guest interviewers in our new admissions process.



**COLLEGE OF
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STUDENT AFFAIRS

KRYSTAL L. WARD, MBA, MA
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Krystal Ward has been hired as a Lecturer II in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences and has been appointed as assistant dean for student affairs.

Ms. Ward has a long and distinguished history of service at the College in the Office of Student Services, now the newly named, Office of Student Affairs.

In addition, Krystal is a PhD candidate in Educational Psychology at UNM.



COLLEGE OF
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DEPARTMENT OF
PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

MARY K. WALKER, PHD
Vice Chair for Education

Professor **Mary K. Walker** has been appointed vice chair for education for the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Dr. Walker will assume the day-to-day responsibility and oversight for departmental educational programs, including teaching assignments.

In her new role, Dr. Walker will also develop and implement departmental policies to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the College's teaching enterprise.

Mary will be a key participant in the annual faculty review process by drafting the teaching evaluation section of annual reviews and engagement with faculty-chair annual review discussions.



Ludmila Bakhireva, MD, PhD, MPH was recruited to the UNM College of Pharmacy as a tenure-track assistant professor in 2007, promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2012 and recently promoted to the rank of tenured professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences.

Faculty Promotion

LUDMILA BAKHIREVA, MD, PHD, MPH

Promoted to Tenured Professor in the Dept of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences

Throughout her tenure at the UNM College of Pharmacy, Professor **Ludmila Bakhireva** has been a significant contributor to our teaching missions in both PharmD/professional education and graduate education.

At the UNM Health Sciences Center level, Dr. Bakhireva's teaching contributions include her work the Clinical and Translational Science Center's master's program in clinical research, the School of Medicine's psychiatry residency program, and UNM's master of public health program.

Dr. Bakhireva has made substantial service contributions to the College, the HSC and to the profession.

A highly productive and respected scholar, Dr. Bakhireva has thus far published 50 peer-reviewed papers, two review articles and four other creative works related to maternal and child health, clinical teratology and substance abuse. She has also presented 79 papers at local, regional, national, and international meetings.

Professor Bakhireva has extensive expertise in establishing and successfully following up cohorts of high-risk vulnerable populations - leading several multi-disciplinary clinical studies involving substance-using pregnant women and children affected by prenatal alcohol and substance abuse and an NIH-funded longitudinal study to identify early indices of functional brain damage resulting from prenatal alcohol exposure.

Dr. Bakhireva is extremely successful at securing external research funding particularly from the National Institutes of Health, receiving more than \$6.5 million as a principal investigator (PI) since joining our faculty, and an overall funding level as both PI and as co-investigator of more than \$12 million.

Her research has been recognized by several research awards, among which include the College's William M. Hadley distinguished scholar award, a research excellence award in population science and the Teratology Society F. Clarke Fraser new investigator award for her research and stewardship in the field of teratology.

Dr. Bakhireva earned her medical doctorate from the Omsk State Medical Academy in Russia in 1999, a master of public health degree from Boston University in 2001 and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of California, San Diego in 2007.

Please join us in congratulating Professor Bakhireva on her promotion and thanking her for exemplary service and commitment to not only the College but also the greater good.

Preceptor spotlight: John Togami, PharmD

by Jessica Gama



John Togami, PharmD - UNM College of Pharmacy Preceptor and UNM Hospitals Pharmacist Clinician

The College creates preceptor recognition ads for publication in RXInsider's quarterly e-book. Content from this article will be published this Fall.

Dr. **John Togami** ('12) has a significant connection to the University of New Mexico, having completed his PharmD at the UNM College of Pharmacy in 2012, both a PGY1 residency in 2013 and PGY2 residency in 2014 at UNM Hospitals and now precepting UNM student pharmacists while also serving on the UNM Hospitals PGY1 residency committee.

Not only that, but Dr. Togami also frequently guest lectures for the College of Pharmacy and serves as an evaluator for the College's physical assessment course for pharmacist clinicians.

As a UNM preceptor, he creates well-structured rotations that encourage students to apply what they've learned while also valuing "the mutual learning between student and preceptor", says Dr. Togami, and using student feedback to improve his rotation for future students.

It's easy to see that Dr. Togami is committed to promoting student learning and growth through his extensive involvement with PharmD students and residents, and student feedback only amplifies this statement.

Students have consistently called Dr. Togami 'knowledgeable,' 'enthusiastic,' and 'highly respected by his peers.'

For these reasons and more, the UNM College of Pharmacy recognizes Dr. Togami as an outstanding preceptor and thanks him for his dedication to student learning and success.

"Dr. Togami was a wonderful preceptor. He cares about his patients greatly, which was inspiring to see as a future pharmacist. He also spent a great deal of time ensuring that I was learning and engaging in the rotation".

- UNM student pharmacist

2018 Student Video Contest Winner

COURTNEY GAVIN, 2020 PHARMD CANDIDATE



When the College's student affairs team first came up with the idea of hosting a student video contest, they hoped that some of the submissions would help us get the message out about what a special and unique the College is.

But the results far surpassed their wildest expectations.

Congratulations and thank you to the multi talented **Courtney Gavin**, our contest winner.

We asked Courtney to describe her process and experience developing this outstanding video which, in three short minutes, perfectly captures just what makes the UNM College of Pharmacy so extraordinary.

Here is what Courtney had to say:

"I have always been passionate about film, so when I had the shot at adding my dream career with one of my favorite hobbies, I jumped on the opportunity..."

My idea originated around out-of-state students and why they were drawn to New Mexico because those are the individuals that have to leave [their home] states to go to pharmacy school. I had a pretty great variety of answers and the footage that we got matched perfectly with their reasonings.

Editing took a couple of weeks...running through lots of footage and selecting how to tell the story I wanted to portray: I really liked Lauren Hart's portrayal of UNM's College of Pharmacy being a 'pharmily.'"

Courtney also recognized and sent her deepest thanks to everyone who had a part in making this video possible:

videographer:
Gina Palombit

Dr. Joe Anderson ('91)
Adriana Carrillo
Rath Chaleunphonh
Crystal Choi
Rachel Cook
Isabelle Coons
Brenna Darling

Madison Denny
Linh Chi Do
Ryan Dow
Joscelyn Flores
Dr. Donald Godwin
Ashley Goehler
Cynthia Gonzalez
Lauren Hart
Cassidy Hitchcock

Alex Ho
John Huang
Evan Laub
Kimberly Madrid
Kerushen Morgan
Yoselin Ordonez Suarez
Nicole Paiva
Hong Pham
Jesse Robinson

Kyle Robinson
Dr. Alex Sible ('14)
Dr. Jay Simon ('84)
Will Strickler
Nam Vo
Kevin Wegener
Dr. Kristina Wittstrom ('79)



STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON Interprofessional Immersion

by Dr. Traci White

A four-day summer course is making lasting impressions that will benefit students across the healthcare spectrum throughout their respective careers. UNM's summer interprofessional immersion course (PHRM 798) is held in Las Cruces, NM and is designed to provide an interprofessional approach to learning from and with each other to enable effective teamwork and communication.

The primary goal of the course is to improve health outcomes through the education of a collaborative practice-ready workforce who is prepared to respond to local health needs.

Students from medicine (Southern NM Family Medicine Residency Program), pharmacy (UNM College of Pharmacy), psychology (NMSU Counseling and Educational Psychology Doctoral Program), nursing (NMSU Doctor of Nursing Practice Program) and social work (NMSU Social Work Program) work in small teams throughout the week. This year students participated in activities such as interprofessional pictionary, teamwork and communication building skills, mindfulness practice and patient simulations.

The curriculum is supported by faculty from each of the programs who design and incorporate activities and learning experiences based on the core competencies from the Interprofessional Education Collaborative.

We asked two of our student pharmacists reflect on their experiences. Here is what they had to share:

MEERA SHAH

2021 PharmD candidate

I have never been immersed in something this diverse and educational, and it was an extremely rewarding process.

Not only do you learn to appreciate other healthcare professionals, but you [also] see how your role fits perfectly into the puzzle of healthcare.

I have always been curious about working in a team of healthcare professionals, and after taking the elective, my goal is to work in a setting like this after I graduate.

I see how important a pharmacist's [perspective] is to the team, and I hope to have an impact on my patient's healthcare.

This was an eye-opening experience, and I highly recommend [it] to anyone who is interested in working with other healthcare professionals.

CYNTHIA GONZALEZ

2019 PharmD candidate

The summer inter-professional immersion course allowed me to work openly and cooperatively with my colleagues across the healthcare system while respecting their roles and expertise.

Throughout this course we learned about each other's roles and responsibilities, developed communication skills to make a cohesive team and through simulations put our teamwork skills into practice.

By breaking down the normal hierarchy, we were able to share knowledge, learn together and question without professional and defensive boundaries.

We made sure all team members were able to contribute and feel valued, sharing the burden of responsibility.

This was a great experience and I wholeheartedly recommend this immersion course.

Alumni notes

Thank You

The Executive Council of the COP's Alumni Society hosted a residency workshop for our students on Tuesday, August 14th. In all, 78 PharmD students got to receive tried and true advice from alumni and current residents at UNMH and the NM VA. Special thanks go out to:

Dr. Jessica Conklin ('11)
Dr. Amre Elmaoued ('18)
Dr. Shannon James
Dr. Sang Kim
Dr. Madeline King ('02)
Dr. Jason Koury ('14)
Dr. Jessica Lewis-Gonzalez ('18)
Dr. Kim Neff ('09)
Dr. Keenan Ryan ('14)
Dr. Pree Sarangarm ('10)
Dr. John Sellers

If you are an alumna/us of the COP, and would like to participate in activities like these by joining the Alumni Society, please contact Irene at igray@salud.unm.edu

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Kelsea Gallegos ('17)** who was married Saturday, August 18th.

Stay Connected

Irene Gray, our Senior Alumni Relations Officer, is your alumni liaison for all things UNM COP. Please feel free to contact her anytime.

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Tell Us Your Stories

Did you just begin a new position? Get married? Become a proud new parent? Know another classmate who has accomplished something incredible and you want to share? Tell us.

Send us an email at hsc-cop-alumni@salud.unm.edu and we will announce the news in our next Lobo Script Magazine.

Accolades, Awards and Honors



NORENBERG EARNS PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

Professor **Jeffrey P. Norenberg** ('90) was made a fellow of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI). "The SNMMI Fellowship was established in 2016 to recognize distinguished service to the society as well as exceptional achievement in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. It is one of the most prestigious formal recognitions available to long-time SNMMI members."

source: <http://www.snmmi.org/NewsPublications/NewsDetail.aspx?ItemNumber=29481>



WALKER CONTINUES NATIONAL AACP SERVICE

Beth Walker, director of Finance and Administration, just completed serving as the Chair of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Administrative and Finance Officers Special Interest Group (SIG). Beth was also selected to serve on the AACP Programming committee for the upcoming year. The programming committee is charged with selecting annual meeting programming, general session topics and themes. She will also be finishing the three-year leadership commitment to the special interest group, serving as the Immediate Past Chair.



WHITE MADE ASHP SAG VICE-CHAIR

Dr. **Traci White** ('06) was appointed the Vice-Chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists section advisory group on pain management and palliative care.



ROBERTS AWARDED NEW GRANT

"Benefit Design and Pricing Initiative Project" Claudia Diaz Fuentes (UNM Economics Dept) and **Melissa H. Roberts** ('13) (UNM College of Pharmacy) Co-PIs. Funder: New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance. Award Amount \$150,000. Award Dates: 04/01/2018-09/30/2018



HOWARD WINS OUTSTANDING POSTER AWARD

Caleb Howard, UNM Undergraduate Pipeline Network (UPN) student in Dr. Laurie Hudson's lab and second year student pharmacist received an outstanding poster award for his poster, "Cross cultural science communication to communities located on the Navajo Nation" at the UNM UPN Research Symposium this summer. Caleb is on the far right of the photo.

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Sept. 15: early bird registration discount

Sept. 30: abstract submissions, travel award & minority scholarship applications

PRESENTATION PUBLICATION

a special issue of *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology* will be dedicated to this conference

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SUNDAY . OCTOBER 28th

Welcome Reception (evening)

MONDAY . OCTOBER 29th

Human and Population Studies

Metal Carcinogenesis

Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms

TUESDAY . OCTOBER 30th

Early Exposure and Child Health

Development and Epigenetics

Career Development

Poster Session

Awards Banquet

WEDNESDAY . OCTOBER 31st

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Fall 2018 Events

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SEPTEMBER 8

4th Annual Alumni Tea
2PM . Domenici Center - North, room 3740

SEPTEMBER 29

UNM Homecoming Reception
1-3 pm . Domenici north rm 3720
Special guests: classes of '93 & '08

Cheer on the Lobos as they face Liberty University at 4pm at Dreamstyle Stadium.
Discounted tickets for \$15 available online at:
<https://www.unmalumni.com/homecoming.html>

OCTOBER 19

Community Outreach Day
If you are interested in precepting an event,
please contact [Irene Gray](#)

OCTOBER 27

15th Annual JDRF Halloween Carnival
4-7pm . UNM College of Pharmacy

NOVEMBER 14

Career Expo
6PM . UNM Student Union Ballroom

DECEMBER 2

Alumni Mixer at ASHP Midyear Meeting
More info to follow



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