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When I look back on the past year, this famous line comes to mind: "What a long, strange trip it has been."

Though most of us are still grappling with the reverberations of living and working during the era of a pandemic, it's hard not to feel optimistic when I look out my window and see those welcome signs of spring: cherry blossoms in bloom, cafes beginning to open up, parks brimming with socially-distanced activity. I feel hope on the horizon.

This same feeling applies to what I've witnessed over the last several months, as our incredible alumni family, along with our devoted colleagues and students in the School of Pharmacy, rolled up their sleeves and collaborated to provide COVID vaccinations to communities and organizations statewide. It has truly been inspiring to see this kind of devotion and dedication in our field, and it's a warm reminder of why we do what we do. I encourage you to read our story about some of these efforts in this issue.

Even though we have had to pivot to the virtual space over the last year to conduct our annual events and programs, you have stepped up to the challenge. We re-launched our Mentor Program, PAA's commitment to student professional development through precepting, mentoring and support. Additionally, alumni have been actively involved in everything from providing direct support virtually in recruitment

and admissions interviews to championing the Pharmacy Student Emergency Fund on Husky Giving Day.

These are just a few examples of how you've extended support in what has been a challenging period for all of us. Because of your efforts, our students continue to benefit from one of the top 10 pharmacy schools in the nation, and together we will endeavor to strengthen our commitment to future Husky pharmacy leaders.

On a final note, in case you missed it, I would encourage you watch the video of this year's Katterman event. It was a terrific, informative program, and you can watch it on the School of Pharmacy's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/UWPharmacySchool

Scott Herzog, '03, President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

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In February we lost our friend, mentor and colleague, Dr. Joy Plein. It is hard to overstate her impact on pharmacy practice. In addition to being an educator and practice innovator, Joy was a dear friend, and her nearly 50-year legacy will forever guide and impact our School and the University of Washington.

My connection to Joy and her husband Elmer dates back to 1992, when the couple was among the first to welcome me to Seattle and the University. In addition to so many small, special

memories that surface when I think about Joy – her infectious smile, her Purple Coat, the beautiful roses from her garden that she used to bring to the School each spring – what I will miss most is her warmth and genuine love of colleagues, students and friends.

She was simply an inspiration, and every day – whether I'm working with colleagues or meeting with students – I'm reminded of Joy's passion, her humanity, and the seeds of innovation she planted in our pharmacy community. Moving forward, I know we will honor the spirit of inclusiveness and excellence that Joy worked her entire career instilling in our practice and culture, both professionally and personally.

This issue of *Dawg Scripts* celebrates how alumni, faculty and students continue to follow and broaden the trail Joy blazed for all of us. From our collaborative efforts conducting COVID vaccination clinics in communities statewide, to an interview with School alumna

and Washington state Representative My-Lin Thai – the first refugee elected to serve in the Washington State House of Representatives – I can think of no better way to honor Joy's memory and legacy than to share stories of how those she inspired are carrying her light forward.

Joy, this one's for you.

Sean D. Sullivan

Sean D. Sullivan, BScPharm, PhD
Professor and Dean
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Honoring Joy Plein

In memory of Joy, we have provided a link for those interested in supporting her passions and impact at the School of Pharmacy: <http://sop.uw.edu/JoyPlein>



Mobile Health And Outreach Van Debuts

→ As part of a new interdisciplinary project at UW, the Mobile Health & Outreach Van will enable students and their faculty advisors to provide health care for the medically underserved while also affording real-world experience to students hoping to practice in a health care field. The students involved come from the UW Health Sciences fields of pharmacy, medicine, nursing, dentistry, social work and public health. The vehicle is equipped with a clinical space and sink, an exam table, counter space, shelving, a roof solar panel and an awning.

Strength In Numbers

Pharmacy alumni, faculty and students join forces to help provide COVID-19 vaccinations to local communities.

For more than a year now, the COVID-19 pandemic has shaken the foundations of our businesses, our classrooms and our lives at home. Though the arrival of vaccine shipments to pharmacies has ushered in a new era of hope and relief, the task of administering to populations statewide has presented a daunting challenge, running the gamut of logistical and economic complications.

Thankfully, the collaborative efforts of alumni, faculty and students from the UW School of Pharmacy have helped curb these challenges, resulting in effective, efficient vaccination clinics and programs.

A primary reason for this success, according to **Don Downing**, '75, UWSOP clinical professor, is that we've been equipped to meet this moment thanks to careful preparation and the seed of an idea that was planted more than two decades ago.

"Years ago, we noticed there were so many under-immunized communities in Washington state," he said. "So, in 1996 we created a model and a training program that has not only impacted Washington, but has resonated all over the world."

One program from that initiative that Don helped pioneer, Operation Immunization, has for the past 20 years provided influenza, hepatitis and other vaccines to homeless communities in King County and other nearby counties. Now, Operation Immunization feels not only timely, but tailor-made for the era of COVID. The program's success

during the pandemic has resulted in an increased interest from community pharmacies to invite SOP students to help with COVID vaccinations.

"Word has spread and demand has been growing – Don and I get at least 1-2 requests per week," said **Peggy Odegard**, '85, '90, UWSOP's associate

“

Knowing that I can actually help out in the community – and the people around me – is great.”

- DYEP NGO

TULALIP CLINICAL PHARMACY
VOLUNTEER DYEP NGO.





INVARA PHARMACY OWNER SIMEON ROTH VACCINATES A CUSTOMER.



The UW School of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the WSPA, initiated the first pharmacist-as-immunizers training program in the United States in 1996.”

- DON DOWNING, '75

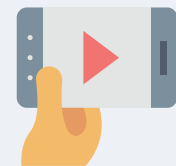
ALUMNI LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Over the last several months, in an effort to lighten an increasingly heavy workload, many statewide pharmacies operated and staffed by SOP alumni have reached out to the School for student assistance.

For **Vy Cao**, PY3 PharmD student who volunteered at vaccination clinics hosted by Kelley-Ross Clinical Pharmacy in Seattle, the experience not only helped bring clarity to her role as a pharmacist, but also connected her to a new network of experienced professionals and mentors.

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION



Visit our Spring 2021 issue of **Digital Dawg Scripts** to view a video on UWSOP’s volunteer vaccination efforts at the Tulalip Clinic.

dean, professional pharmacy education. “From the beginning, the SOP has always nurtured a culture of innovation, and Operation Immunization is one piece of many pieces that shows we’re at the forefront of pharmacy programs.”

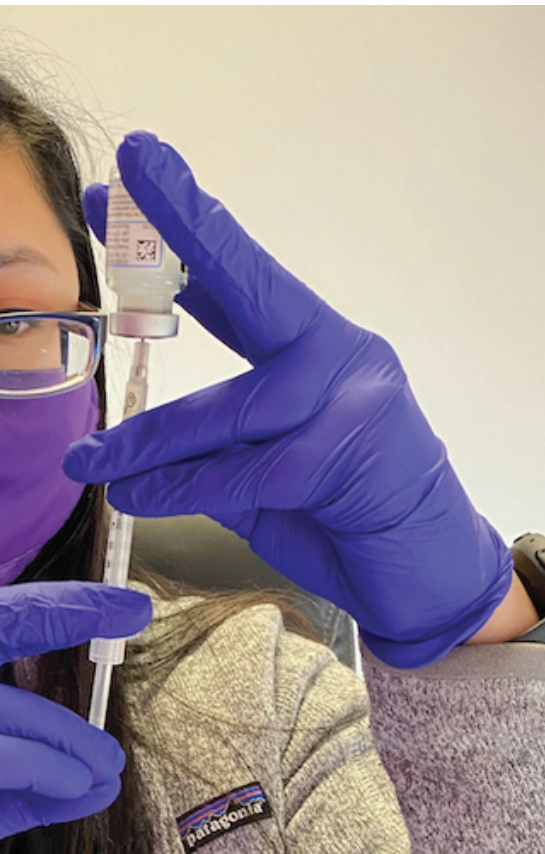
Peggy says the success of recent COVID

immunizations not only helps pharmacists understand advocacy, but also deepens and enhances their perspectives on medical care.

“There is an intimacy, sitting there with someone,” she said. “They’re next to you, and you can answer their questions, or encourage them to seek out other providers. It’s an example of what we like to emphasize at the School: proactive care, as opposed to reactive care.”

Kendra Nguyen, a PY3 SOP student and current Director of Operation Immunization, has played a pivotal role in the success of the program during the pandemic.

“This outreach experience has resulted in the School taking a leading role at the UW in coordinating student volunteers from our medical, nursing, pharmacy, social work, public health and dentistry schools,” she said. “We’ve responded to many requests for COVID-19 vaccination support that are coming in from hospitals, pharmacies, public health departments, and congregate care communities. It’s a great opportunity for students to actively contribute to our local communities while maximizing their pharmacy licenses.”





"My experience volunteering made it even clearer to me how, as a pharmacist, I can really contribute to making a positive change and contribute to improving the public health," she said. "Pharmacists are able to support the team effort, advocate for their patients and profession, lead impactful projects, and therefore have an irreplaceable role in the health care team."

Kelley-Ross CEO **Ryan Oftebro**, '03, praised students for their willingness to roll up their sleeves and get to work, wherever needed.

"These clinics have been one of the highlights of my career," he said. "I am particularly proud of our UW pharmacy students, without whom these clinics would not have been possible. They jumped in wherever they were needed

and displayed the caring, competence and professionalism that will ensure the successful future of pharmacy."

Kelley-Ross volunteer **Uyen Nguyen**, another PY3 PharmD student, believes her hands-on, immersive experience helped instill a newfound confidence in her growth as a young professional.

"The experience not only helped me build confidence in what I've learned at UW, but also enhanced my abilities in applying my skills in a real-world setting," she said. "It was so rewarding. I feel that I made an impact in my community with the skills and knowledge I've worked so hard to acquire. The challenges that I've overcome during this time will most certainly be a positive achievement that I can look back on."

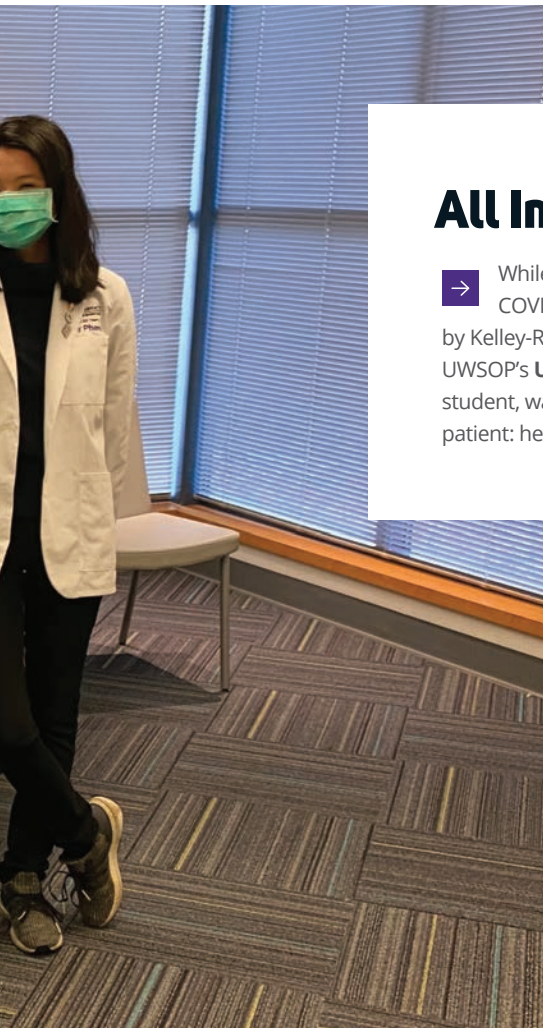
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

For many students, volunteering in smaller Washington communities, like Tulalip, affords a unique opportunity to get closer to local culture and its customs, and serves as a reminder that the role of a pharmacist expands far beyond technical know-how.

"As a future pharmacist, this experience has reaffirmed my desire to help people and ensure their well-being," said **Camille Nguyen**, a PY3 PharmD student. "It also has shown the full span of what pharmacists do – not only providing drug recommendations and monitoring for drug interactions, but also providing preventative care. It was great to be a part of that environment and see the excitement from patients as they received their vaccines,

All In The Family

→ While recently volunteering at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic hosted by Kelley-Ross Pharmacy in Seattle, UWSOP's **Uyen Nguyen**, a PY3 PharmD student, was assigned a very special patient: her husband, Albert Chan.



knowing they are protecting themselves and others.”

For Camille's fellow UWSOP student and Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy volunteer, **Diep Ngo**, the impetus for volunteering hit close to home.

“Personally, I have people in my life that are a little more prone to COVID,” she revealed, “so knowing that I can actually help out in the community – and the people around me – is great.”

Jane Jacobson, '02, a Tulalip pharmacist and clinical instructor at UWSOP, had nothing but praise for the student volunteers.

“Because we use the Operation Immunization team for our flu clinics, we already had a joint effort,” she said. “As soon as we got some vaccine in and knew we were going to do some clinics, we reached out to SOP students for help. We love having pharmacy students, and they've been great.”

In addition to providing technical expertise, Jane noted that the student volunteers were also equipped with excellent communication skills – a sometimes unsung gift in the pharmacy field.

“All the students that have been sent to us are very personable,” she said. “They get along well and do a great job of explaining information to the patients.”

“It's definitely a win-win. Anyone who can use students in their clinics, should. It's a bonus.”

Invara Pharmacy: An Education In Partnership

Earlier this year, a team at Invara Pharmacy in Sultan, WA., led by owner and pharmacist **Simeon Roth**, '17, was confronted with a herculean challenge: vaccinating the staff of an entire school system. Thankfully, Simeon had great partners on hand to accomplish the goal, including Dan Chaplik, superintendent of the Sultan School District. According to Dan, Simeon and his team went above and beyond to accommodate his staff in March, hosting two separate clinics for employees. “The Sultan School District is thankful for the opportunity to have partnered with Invara Pharmacy to hold these clinics for our employees,” he said. “School district staff raved about the ease and professionalism demonstrated by their volunteers.”

Simeon and his team worked very close with Superintendent Chaplik to coordinate special clinics tailored specifically for the school district. “We have administered almost 1,500 vaccines since March 3,” said Simeon, “and we were able to provide the COVID vaccine to roughly 115 Sultan school district staff members with both vaccine doses by Early April. It has been a huge success.”



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- JENNY ARNOLD

Jenny Arnold Named WSPA CEO

When **Jenny Arnold**, '06, the recently appointed CEO of the Washington State Pharmacy Association, first joined the WSPA years ago, another pandemic – H1N1 – was making its presence felt. Jenny says that experience has helped equip the WSPA to deal with the rigors of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A big difference with this pandemic is WSPA and the pharmacy community had in place strong relationships with our state and local public health leaders," she said. "COVID-19 made us re-think how we connect with members, and the pharmacy community."

This commitment to connection began with good old-fashioned communication.

"We implemented WSPA Town Hall calls, which have been great forums to hear breaking news, COVID-19 developments, and DOH updates," she noted. "I am excited for these calls to continue every other Wed, and they are available as a podcast afterwards so that all pharmacy professionals can access them."

Since the announcement of her new role, Jenny has been celebrated for being the first woman CEO in the association's history, but she has a more

eloquent and contemporary assessment of the accomplishment.

"I've been congratulated on breaking the glass ceiling, but honestly I don't see it that way," she said. "For me, it just makes sense that women lead in our profession. "In addition to me, we have Lauren Lyles at the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission too, and countless women in pharmacy leadership in health systems, chains, within our schools and as owners of pharmacies who have been friends and mentors.

"It just makes sense a woman can lead the WSPA too!"

2021 UW School of Pharmacy Endowments



THE KELLEY-ROSS ENDOWED STUDENT SUPPORT FUND:

Donor: **Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group**

Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group values community-centered pharmacy innovations and a drive to improve patient care. This gift was created to provide broad-based support for students enrolled in the SOP's PharmD Program.



THE STERGACHIS PHARM D/MBA STUDENT FUND:

Donors: **JoAnn and Andy Stergachis, PhD, BPHARM**

This gift will be used to create an endowed student support fund to provide broad-based support to students enrolled in the SOP's PharmD/MBA program.



Jonathan Watanabe, '08 & '12, joined the UCI School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences' Department of Clinical Pharmacy Practice as the Associate Director and Founding Associate Dean of Pharmacy Assessment and Quality. Jonathan also serves as a Professor of Clinical Pharmacy for the department.



Hawkins DeFrance, '06, was appointed to WABOP's Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission by Governor Jay Inslee. He is one of the few nuclear pharmacists to have served on the Commission in its 130-year history.



Gary Harris, '72, was elected mayor of Woodinville, WA, in January. Now retired, Gary had been a pharmacist for 50 years and formerly served as chair of the Washington State Pharmacy Commission and president of the UW Pharmacy Alumni Association.



Beth Devine, '01, was elected to the Professional Society for Health Economics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Board of Directors. She was also recently appointed as an Associate Editor of *Value in Health*, an international, indexed journal.



Maj. Margaret Felix (Sopalski), '07, is serving as the US-CENTCOM Pharmacist deployed with the 3d MC(DS) FWD in the Army Reserve.

In her current role as Theater Pharmacy Consultant, Maggie assists in the coordination of COVID-19 vaccination administration and assessment through Operation Med Spear. Maggie provides guidance and oversight to pharmacists and Command Surgeons across CENTCOM, drawing on her expertise in medication management and clinical care gained as a civilian Clinical Pharmacist.

A Very Special Welcome To Some Brand New Faces!



← Atlas Serbin

Michael Serbin, '16, '17 and **Sarah Baradaran**, '15, '16 welcomed baby boy, Atlas, in March 2021. Welcome to the pharmacy family Atlas!

Niko Shapouri →

Sheila Shapouri, '16, '17, and husband, Kirk Nelson, welcomed their first child, Niko Shapouri, Nelson on November 12, 2020.



In grateful recognition of our pharmacy community's generosity, we are pleased to share with you four new endowments for 2021:



THE DEVINE FAMILY ENDOWED FUND FOR CHOICE INSTITUTE GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Donor: **Beth Devine**, '01

This fund was created to provide support to graduate students enrolled in the SOP's CHOICE Institute. It is intended to create a more diverse academic community and support aspiring women researchers and scientists within CHOICE.



THE SORENSON ENDOWMENT FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE:

Donor: **Estate of Art Sorenson**

This gift support emerging areas of innovation, excellence and impact in the School of Pharmacy.



My grandma told me that if we have a cup of rice, we can always give away half a cup to someone in need – the more of us surviving, the more of us rebuilding.”

- MY-LINH THAI

My-Linh Thai

Building a Culture of Compassion

For Washington State House Representative My-Linh Thai, '92, the roots of community commitment run deep.

One semblance of a silver lining in the wake of the pandemic has been a renewed commitment to collaborative community service. Washington State House Representative **My-Linh Thai**, '92, an SOP alumna and passionate education advocate, knows firsthand the power and necessity for this kind of community investment, and why it's so important now, more than ever.

The first refugee elected to serve in the Washington State House of Representatives, Rep. Thai immigrated from Vietnam to the Pacific Northwest with her family when she was 15, and her passion for strengthening communities is in her DNA, having been inspired by her experiences growing up with her grandparents.

“My grandfather was an avid gardener, growing fruit trees and varieties of vegetables, and it was common practice for neighbors to visit and take what they needed,” she remembers. “I was his helper, and spent my day shadowing him and listening to his conversations with people. I learned how a small community came together when a member in that community needed help. My grandfather's stories, whether completely made up or historically based, were always about commitment to compassion and generosity.”

From her childhood in Vietnam to her experience as a student at the SOP – to her current role as a prominent and influential leader in our state – Rep. Thai still navigates both her professional and personal life with her

grandparents' community-first philosophies in mind. This cultural compassion is particularly integral to her work with the underprivileged and underseen, whose voices are not heard nearly enough.

“Success is achieved by many hands and hearts,” she said. “Some are seen and known, most are unseen and unknown. “I share my story to highlight the fact that as a refugee who had nothing, with the investment and support from the community, that refugees are not a burden, but are active and important contributors to our community.”

Get Connected. Stay Connected.

Your UW School of Pharmacy connection continues beyond graduation!

We invite you to **join PAA today**. If you believe in preeminent pharmacy practice and research education and understand the value of community, the **PAA connects to you what matters**.



Receive Dawg Scripts Magazine

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Support Students

PAA Members are among our most active mentors, preceptors and volunteers for student support activities.



Connect with Classmates

PAA Membership gives you access to the extended alumni community, job postings and sponsored class reunions.



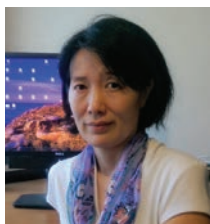
Honor Alumni

PAA Membership supports the annual Distinguished Alumni Award and Alumni Professional Excellence Award.

2021 Faculty Innovation Award Winners Gaurav Bhardwaj and Joanne Wang



Gaurav Bhardwaj, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry, and **Joanne Wang**, Professor of Pharmaceutics, have been named winners of the 2021 Faculty Innovation Award.



With chronic pain affecting the health and quality of life of millions of patients, commonly-used opioid analgesics for managing chronic pain have significant addiction liabilities and are a primary cause of the opioid crisis in the United States. In light of this, there is an urgent

need for more effective non-addictive drugs against chronic pain. Enter Gaurav and Joanne's work. Their team proposes to use a structure-guided rational design approach to develop a new class of non-addictive synthetic peptide-based analgesics.

"The support from the School of Pharmacy Innovation Fund will help us to design and experimentally test our first round of computationally-designed peptides," Gaurav noted. "We hope that the preliminary data generated from these early rounds of design and testing will help raise more funding support from the other governmental agencies, such as the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke."

Jennifer Bacci Selected as 2021 Albert B. Prescott Recipient

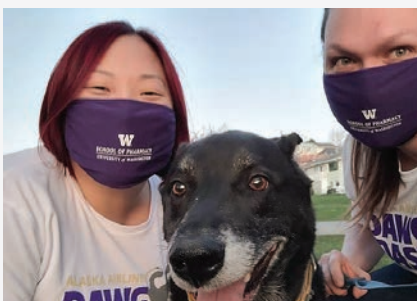


The Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute has named UWSOP Assistant Professor **Jennifer Bacci** the 2021 recipient of the Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award. Dr. Bacci is recognized for her outstanding leadership example in the Academia-CPEPN Transformation (ACT) Pharmacy Collaborative Task Force by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP), as a Flip the Pharmacy coach, and as a network facilitator for Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network (CPEPN) Washington.

A nationally recognized researcher in implementation science and community pharmacy practice advancement, Dr. Bacci

trains the next generation of pharmacists through a high level of involvement in community residency training, mentoring students in research and teaching, and leadership contributions to UW School of Pharmacy's curricular innovation.

"Jenny has demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities as a young pharmacist passionate about advancing community pharmacy practice and training the next generation of pharmacists," said UWSOP Professor and Dean Sean D. Sullivan. "She envisions and is actively working toward a future where community pharmacists are positioned to take responsibility for the medication-related needs of the communities in which they practice and serve as an integral member of each person's health care team."



DAWGS DASH TO RAISE CASH

→ **Alaska Airlines Dawg Dash**
Virtual, April 17 - 18, 2021

Team #HuskyPharmacist joined together for the fourth year to represent the UW School of Pharmacy at the annual UW Alumni Association's 5k/10k race. Held virtually, team members posted their race day photos online in partnership with AT&T, who contributed over \$1,200 to the UW Food Bank on their behalf.



I hope to be an active advocate for academia and industry partnership, acting as a future mentor and tutor for students in pharmaceutical sciences.”

- LETÍCIA SALVADOR VIEIRA

A Leader In The Making

UWSOP's **Letícia Salvador Vieira** named one of six 2021-22 Magnuson Scholar Award recipients.

Congratulations to the Department of Pharmaceutics' **Letícia Salvador Vieira** for being named the UW School of Pharmacy's 2021-22 Magnuson Scholar Award recipient. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to six outstanding students nominated by each of the Health Sciences Schools.

"I am extremely grateful to have been selected as a Magnuson Scholar," she said. "This award provides me with a unique funding opportunity and boosts my self-confidence in completing my PhD research."

Also a Levy Endowed Fellow – a graduate fund created by Pharmaceutics Emeritus Department Chair, **René Levy** – Leticia was nominated on the basis

of outstanding academic performance and potential contributions to research in the health sciences.

"Letícia has a natural talent in leadership," said **Joanne Wang**, Professor of Pharmaceutics. "She is extremely talented, self-driven and passionate about research. She takes pride and ownership on her thesis research and always stays on top of her academic work and research projects."

A native of Rio Claro, Brazil, Letícia studied Pharmacy and Biochemistry at the University of São Paulo. During her undergraduate study, she was awarded a scholarship at UC Davis where she worked on drug delivery research. In 2018, she was recruited to the University of Washington's PhD program, where

she began studying drug transporters, a rapidly emerging and promising field that has gained more attention from researchers and regulatory agencies.

After obtaining her PhD, Letícia aspires to become both a leader in pharmaceutical research and a mentor for other students.

"My goal is to contribute to the discovery and development of safer and more effective drugs to treat human diseases," she said. "This is an incredible opportunity for my professional development, and I hope to be an active advocate for academia and industry partnership, acting as a future mentor and tutor for students in pharmaceutical sciences."

REMEMBERING Joy Plein



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or 48 years, **Joy Plein** was the heart of the UW School of Pharmacy. Here are some memories from a few friends and colleagues Joy touched throughout her journey.

Laura Hart, '14, '17:

Dr. Joy Plein had a profound and immeasurable impact on my life, both professionally and personally, as a dear mentor and friend. In addition to being an inspiration to me in all she had done to advance the field of geriatric pharmacy, Joy was continuously one of my greatest supporters and advocates. I would not be where I am today in my career if it weren't for the incredible influence that Joy had on me. I will continuously strive to honor Joy's legacy as a pioneer in geriatric pharmacy, as well as her kindness, passion, tenacity, and humility.

Beth Devine, '01:

Beyond being a quintessential professional with an unparalleled commitment to clinical practice, and to our students, Joy was a fine human being. She was a pioneer, role model, and

leader. She was kind and compassionate; generous of spirit in every sense of the word. Joy was thoughtful and caring; a loyal and true friend. Joy was a loyal Husky football fan, fun-loving and adventurous, and a great conversationalist. She was brave, cheerful and persevering in the face of adversity. She loved her family and friends dearly and touched so many of our lives with her unwaveringly cheerful spirit. We now have the privilege of carrying out her legacy. Joy lives on in each of our hearts.

David Bailey, '70:

During my early training with the Pleins, Joy asked me to be her teaching assistant in the pharmacotherapeutics course for nursing and dental hygienists. As I remember, I gave a couple of the lectures which stimulated an interest in teaching which was to carry

through my entire career. When it came time to write my thesis Joy and her red pencil completed my sentence fragments, joined them in succinct paragraphs and pages of somewhat literate understanding of my research work. In short she taught me how to write.

Karan Dawson, '70, '78:

Joy was a teacher, mentor, colleague and friend for me for 43 years. One of the highlights of my career was her invitation to assist with the development and implementation of the geriatric certificate program, which she went on to further extend through the creation of the Plein Center and various endowments. Joy was a powerhouse of vision paired with gentle and persistent determination. Her influence, service, thoughtfulness, and love can't be adequately captured by words. She had to be experienced.

A Lifetime Commitment To Education

1956 »

EARNED A PHD
IN PHARMACY

1973 »

DEVELOPED FIRST COURSE IN
NURSING HOME PHARMACY

1974 »

PROMOTED TO FULL-TIME
PROFESSOR AT UWSOP

1986 »

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN
GERIATRIC PHARMACY EST.

In Memoriam

Dr. George B. Youngstrom, '42, passed peacefully August 18, 2020, just shy of his 101st birthday. He is survived by his daughter, Ann and her husband Ed Gassman; son, Eric and his wife Paula; sons, Donn and Greg; as well as grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew and Gina Gassman; Tyler, his wife Binh, and Brett Youngstrom; nephews, Doug Hannam, Denny Youngstrom, and their families; as well as members of the Anderson families; and his cousins, the Shores.

Robert Tanac, '47, passed March 24, 2020. Bob was a friend to everyone and always could be counted on to help out. His compassion and willingness to do whatever needed to be done is a great example for all of us. Bob is survived by his extended family, Joyce, '74, and George Schroeder, Wesley and Dianne Tanac, his grandchildren, Julie (Gillespie) and her husband Drew, Nathan and his wife Emily, Molly (Druliner) and her husband Eric and Mallory (Hill) and her husband Doug, and 4 great grandchildren, Braden Gillespie, Caden Druliner, Gavin Druliner and Isla Hill and his Goddaughter, Kris (Radke) Ilgenfritz.

Acle F. "John" Johnson, Jr., '50, of Manchester husband of the late Ann (Cody) Johnson, died Monday, March 9, 2020 at St. Francis Hospital at age 94. John loved spending time with his family throughout his life and is survived by his children, Michael Johnson and his wife Irene, Kathleen Paine and her husband Al, Stephen Johnson and his wife LouAnn, Keith Johnson and his wife Chris, Laura Pastula and her husband Chuck, and Shelly Traumuller and her husband Eric; his grandchildren

Shannon, Kevin, Seth, Travis, Jason, Jennifer, Elyse, Evan and Leah; eight great-grandchildren; his longtime companion Cecile Mulherin and numerous nieces and nephews.

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020 **George L. Jordan**, '53, peacefully passed away and will forever be missed by those he leaves behind. He is survived by his wife Nettie Jordan, daughter Glenda Jordan-Buchanan and son Arlyn Jordan. Grandchildren Andre Jordan (Tanessa), Aaron Jordan and Donny Buchanan. Great Grandchildren Andre Jordan Jr. and Piper Jordan and a host of relatives and friends.

Lee Curtiss Gingrich, '54, passed away peacefully in Tacoma on February 28th. Lee was a devoted loving Husband, Father and Friend who loved small children, all animals and big band music. His great sense of humor, easy smile and laughter will be missed beyond measure. He is survived by his daughters Jane Gingrich (Neil Biermann) and Carrie Gingrich, and grand-daughter Laura Caroline Gingrich.

Elinor J. Barnes, '56, of Puyallup, Washington, passed away peacefully on the evening of April 18, 2020. Elinor was an outstanding wife, mother and grandmother. She derived great joy from raising her children and was active in the lives of her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Robert, son Steve (wife Teresa and grandson Alex) and son Doug (wife Melanie and grandchildren Jordan and Megan).

Amir Houshang "Harry" Hemmat, '57, passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at age 87 in Bellevue after

a 37-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Harry was a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. Harry's intelligence and optimism was a constant throughout his life. Harry is survived by his wife, Selma, son Steven (Rachely), son Bruce (Denise), son Jeffrey, and grandchildren Amir (Ruthie), Lior, Zohar, Lucy, Isaac, Gracie, Jackson and Lola.

Ann Quam Rivenes, '57, passed away on July 9, 2020, at home in Livermore at the age of 84. Ann was a very creative, talented, strong and caring person, who treasured family and friends. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Arnie; her two children, Andy (Cathy) and Beth (David); her grandchildren, Kyle, Logan (Kristen), Spencer, and Drake (Tara); and her brother, Dick.

Stephen Oberlatz, '59, a longtime residence of Ukiah passed away on Monday, August 31, 2020 in Healdsburg, Ca at age 83. Steve is survived by his wife Connie Oberlatz of Ukiah.

William Ludwig, '59, passed away March 27, 2020. Bill lived life to the fullest while cultivating old and new friendships always ready to lend a helping hand to others. Bill is survived by Janice, Kirsten Sanford (Larry), Lisa Thompson (Tom), grandsons Addison and Redden Thompson, sister Marjorie Carlson, nephews Jeff and Greg Carlson and their families.

John Scott Edgar, a research scientist who worked in SOP's Department of Medicinal Chemistry, passed away in Redmond, Washington on April 1, 2021 at the age of 42.

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JUNE 4

CLASS OF '70 & '71 REUNION

4:00 PM, PST

Graduates from the classes of 1970 and 1971 are invited to join us for an online celebration of your 50-year reunion!

<https://events.uw.edu/UWSOP50reunion>

JUNE 10

PHARMACEUTICS GRADUATION

2:30 PM, PST

Join the Department of Pharmaceutics for a virtual celebration of our class of 2021 graduates.

<https://sop.washington.edu/PCEUTGrad21>

JUNE 11

UWSOP GRADUATE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

3:00 PM, PST

All UWSOP alumni and friends are invited to celebrate the graduating class of 2021 in a live-streamed ceremony.

<http://sop.uw.edu/graduation-2021>

JUNE 11

UW SOCIAL AT NW PHARMACY CONVENTION

5:00 PM, PST

Join current students, alumni and friends attending WSPA's annual Northwest Pharmacy Convention for a virtual happy hour

<https://events.uw.edu/NWPC21>



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