

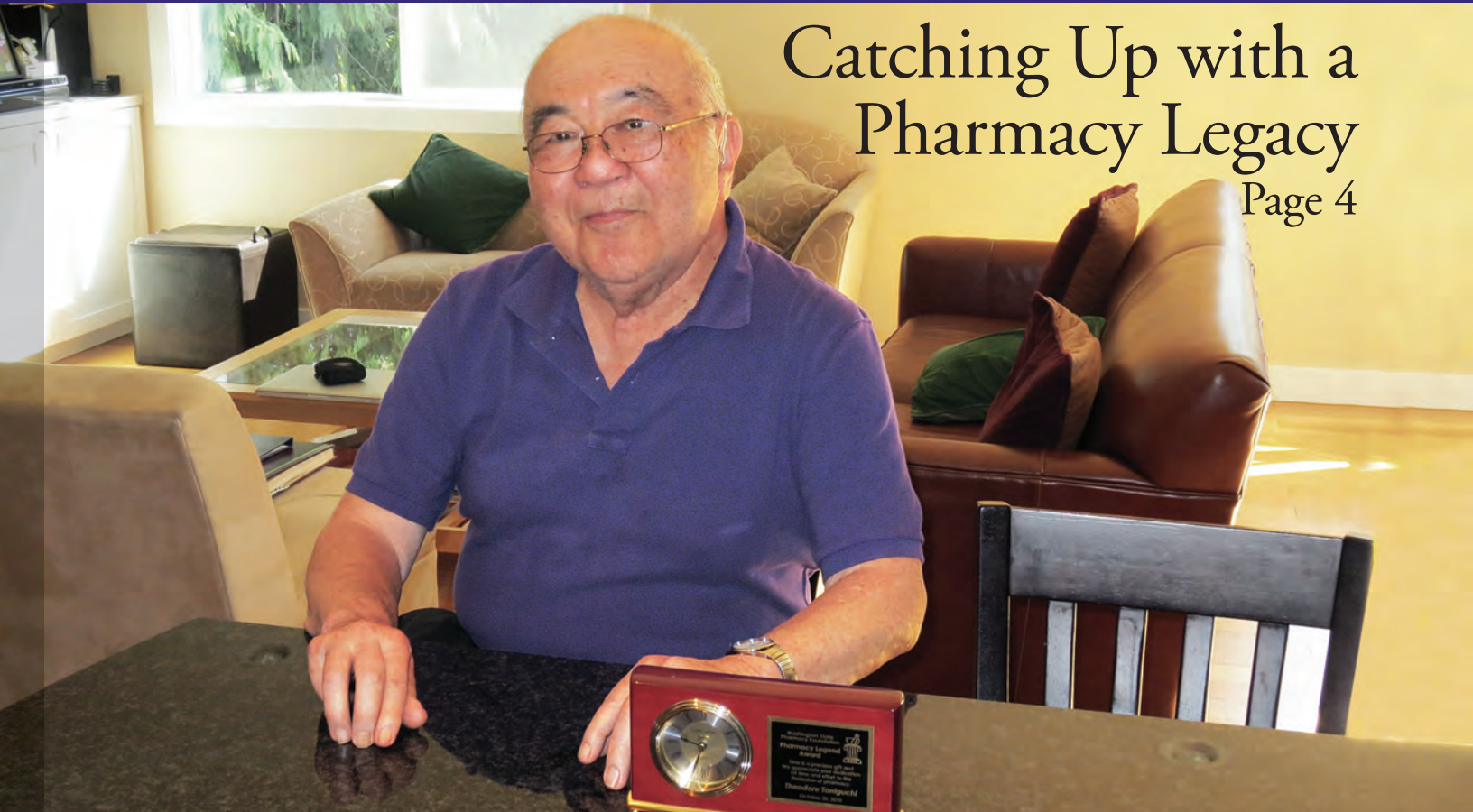
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ON THE COVER:

Ted Taniguchi, '49, displays the Legacy Award he won from the Washington State Pharmacy Foundation in 2010. Read about Taniguchi's legacy on Page 4.

The Impact of Our PAA



It has been five years since the Pharmacy Alumni Association first started raising money for student scholarships. I'm proud to report that in those five years, we've awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships to deserving PharmD students. This got me thinking about how else our alumni association benefits the School of Pharmacy community. To that end, we've gathered some fun facts to share with you. The below figures provide a snapshot of the many things the PAA — with the help of staff and faculty from the School — does to engage, recognize, educate and support our students, our alumni and the UW. I hope this makes you as proud as it makes me. And it goes without saying that the PAA couldn't be more grateful for the support you provide that makes this all possible. ~Jennifer Glasco, '09, PAA President

Amount of **PAA PharmD** scholarships awarded since 2008

\$7,000

216
Number of people who attended our last five Homecoming events

Percentage of **PAA members** who also donated to the UW in fiscal year 2013 **67%**

28 Number of **PAA Professional Excellence Award** recipients since the award's inception in 1988

500
Number of people who attended our last five Katterman Lectures

5.8%
Average year-over-year increase in **PAA memberships** in the last five years*

A Distinguished Legacy

Find out who all the past Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are at sop.washington.edu/daa.

45
Number of **Distinguished Alumni Award** recipients since the award's inception in 1973

*This calculation includes an estimated percentage growth for 2013 based on current PAA membership growth trends.

A Tradition of Opportunities



The cover story of this “Dawg Scripts” profiles an alumnus who made significant contributions to the pharmacy profession in this state. Ted Taniguchi laid the foundation for his successful career while he was a student at our School in the 1940s. He made sure to get the most out of his time here — from focusing on his studies to being involved in the student chapter of the American Pharmacists Association

to taking a job working for Professor Elmer Plein with the UW Drug Service.

That same devotion to personal and professional development remains a hallmark of our student body today. In fact, it is part of what attracts many students to our School and leads them to go on to successful careers of their own. Our students are known for taking advantage of the vast opportunities we make available to them.

In terms of academic opportunities in particular, we are currently cataloging our offerings to present to the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education when they visit our campus this fall. Compiling this information serves as an impressive reminder of what makes our School so great and our students so well-rounded. Consider a few highlights:

- Our PharmD curriculum is ever-evolving to ensure our students are prepared to thrive amid changes in healthcare and pharmacy. In the past few years, we’ve made significant enhancements to the curriculum — growing and building on classes and class series and adding valuable electives to the core curriculum. We are creating a model that is better focused on ensuring our students have the practice and scientific skills required to be successful in their pharmacy practice experience placements.
- Our advanced pharmacy practice experience rotation sites are located in 15 countries throughout the world, including the United States. We work with an enviable network of independent pharmacies, hospitals and other healthcare and research facilities. Students can take part in rotations in small clinics in resource-limited countries where they

can learn to use innovative approaches to providing care. They can work in large pharmaceutical research companies, interacting with world-renowned scientists. And they can create their own specialized rotations.

- Our School is part of an interprofessional education initiative among the six UW health sciences schools (dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and social work). This initiative is giving students, including our PharmD students, greater exposure to the collaborative team-based skills they will need in their careers. This academic year, health sciences students can take part in up to seven training programs, where they’ll learn from preceptors across the health professions and focus on topics such as team building and error disclosure.
- Thanks to the ties our graduate program faculty in medicinal chemistry, pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical outcomes have built with external partners nationally and globally, our graduate students routinely take part in collaborative research and internship opportunities with these companies and institutions. Grad students also have the chance to network with leaders in the pharmaceutical research and outcomes research fields each year at our School’s annual Corporate Advisory Board meeting.

I could go on, but this snapshot demonstrates our devotion to ensuring our PharmD and graduate students get a world-class education. When you consider the many extracurricular, professional development and outreach opportunities that our students also engage in (and the many awards they’ve received for those efforts), it paints a picture of an extraordinary student population indeed. It’s all part of a longstanding tradition of excellence at our School — a tradition that will, no doubt, continue for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Baillie, PhD, DSc
Dean, UW School of Pharmacy

Upcoming Events

PAA STUDENT & PRACTITIONER MEET & GREET

October 16

UW Foege Building Vista Cafe
Seattle

5 p.m.

For more info, contact PAA

Student Relations Representative

Michael Ayres at rxevents@uw.edu

PAA & SCHOOL OF PHARMACY HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

October 25

UW Washington Commons
Seattle

5:30 p.m.

RSVP at sop.washington.edu/homecoming13

CAREER FAIR

October 29

UW Husky Union Building (HUB)
Seattle

2 p.m.

Find out more at sop.washington.edu/careerfair2013

RESIDENCY DAY

October 30

UW South Campus Center
Seattle

3:30 p.m.

Find out more at sop.washington.edu/residencyday2013

This exciting new event is an informal happy hour that will give alumni a chance to share their expertise with PharmD students, and students a chance to explore career options!



At left, Ted Taniguchi is pictured in his office at Harborview Medical Center in the 1950s. At right, he is pictured at his home in July 2013.

Profile of a Pharmacy Trailblazer

Ted Taniguchi's role in the history of our School and the statewide pharmacy community is significant. It serves as a testament to the kind of mark one alumnus can make in a lifetime.

It has been 64 years since Ted Taniguchi graduated from the UW School of Pharmacy, and 22 years since his retirement from the pharmacy profession. At age 85, he still keeps up with the pharmacy issues of the day, and he remains active in our alumni community. He also happens to be one of the most influential alumni our School has ever seen.

Taniguchi, '49, was born in Tacoma in 1928 to a Japanese immigrant father and a Japanese-American mother from Portland, Ore. His father ran a delivery service of small quantities of wholesale-purchased produce to mom-and-pop grocery stores, including a store that his mother had acquired.

In 1942, at age 13, Taniguchi became part of the generation of Japanese-Americans sent to internment camps by the U.S. government after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor led the U.S. to enter World War II. His parents had to give up their jobs and their business and take their children — Ted and his younger brother — with them. The family lived

in two camps in California before being granted a request to transfer to Minidoka camp in Southern Idaho to be with family members from Portland.

At the internment centers, schools were established in makeshift barracks with a limited number of certified teachers. Classroom demonstrations substituted for lab experiments. Despite the hardships he and his family faced in the camps, Taniguchi remained determined to focus on his education while there.

In November of 1945, when Taniguchi and his family returned to Tacoma (after a short time in Salt Lake City), he enrolled in Stadium High School as a senior. His mother got her business back and his father started a landscaping business.

Taniguchi soon discovered he was eligible to graduate high school a semester early. He applied to the University of Washington, and he met with School of Pharmacy Dean Forest Goodrich to discuss admission to the four-year Bachelor of Science in pharmacy program.

"The admissions process was quite

different back then," said Taniguchi, with a laugh. "Basically, I just showed Dean Goodrich the transcripts I had, told him my story, explained my interest in pharmacy school, and I was in."

Taniguchi wanted to study pharmacy because he liked science and was drawn to the career options available in the health sciences.

"I had seen family friends get degrees that didn't allow them to get an actual job, and they ended up working in their parents' shops," he said. "I didn't want to do that. I wanted to create my own career."

And did he ever.

He began classes at the School in the spring semester of 1946 and soon thereafter became highly involved in the student chapter of the American Pharmacists Association and the UW Student Senate. He was invited to join the Rho Chi Honor Society and eventually became president of the group. Taniguchi also made many lifelong friends.

During his senior year, he worked in

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the UW Drug Service, a department that had recently been created by Professor Elmer Plein. The Drug Service supplied pharmaceuticals and related items for campus units. Taniguchi helped Plein prepare medications for research purposes and for activities at the medical and dental schools.

Taniguchi enjoyed Plein's mentorship. He was also inspired by the hospital pharmacy class he took with Professor Plein. So after graduation, he completed a hospital pharmacy residency and a master's degree in hospital pharmacy at the University of Michigan.

Upon returning to Washington in 1951, Taniguchi worked at a retail chain pharmacy in Tacoma for a year and then as a hospital pharmacist at Pierce County Hospital and Harborview Medical Center. He then became the first director of pharmacy when the UW Medical Center opened its doors in May of 1959.

"It must have been really complicated to take on a job in a new hospital like that, especially a teaching hospital with all its unique challenges," said

Virginia Leland, '69, a UW Medical Center pharmacist whose tenure overlapped Ted's for almost 20 years. "But Ted managed it well, and he was among the pioneers in hospital pharmacy in our state. He helped lay the foundation for clinical pharmacy practice as we know it today."

"I loved being a hospital pharmacist all those years. It was great being able to provide so many unique services in a clinical setting where I worked closely with physicians, nurses and researchers."

Taniguchi went on to have many other impressive firsts in his career. In the 1960s, he became the School of Pharmacy's first clinical professor. In 1973, he was the first hospital pharmacist and non-pharmacy store owner elected president of the Washington State Pharmacy Association. In 1976, he was asked by School of Pharmacy Dean Jack Orr to co-found the School of Pharmacy's Alumni Association.

"He asked me to be a part of this because our class of 1949 had already organized 10- and 25-year reunions on our

own," said Taniguchi. "Our class was proud of this distinction."

When the Pharmacy Alumni Association officially formed, Taniguchi was the first secretary-treasurer. (Many years later, he would also become a charter member of the School of Pharmacy Dean's Club.)

Taniguchi spent six years on the Washington State Board of Pharmacy in the 1970s. Noteworthy developments during his tenure were the establishment of continuing education requirements for pharmacists and the provision that patient medication records be maintained and used in pharmacies.

"It was exciting to be a part of the board as the profession was growing by leaps and bounds," said Taniguchi.

Thanks to his role on the board, he was asked to teach the pharmacy law course at the School of Pharmacy. He did so throughout the 1980s.

In 1988, almost 40 years after working there as a student, Taniguchi became the UW Drug Service supervisor. In 1991, he was named the School of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus.

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SCHOOL & FACULTY *news*

The first two cohorts of the UW Certificate Program in Health Economics and Outcomes Research have completed their nine-month course of study. One of the cohorts was a group of Novartis International AG employees who traveled to the UW to participate in an on-site meeting to supplement their certificate studies.

In June, the Department of Medicinal Chemistry welcomed 250 scientists for the 18th International Conference on Cytochrome P450s. View photos of the event at depts.washington.edu/p450/photos.html.

Associate Professor of Pharmacy **Beth Devine** has become a member of the Society for Research Synthesis Methodology.

I2P2 Endowed Clinical Professor of Pharmacy **Don Downing** was invited to speak about pharmacist-provided medication management at the Western Regional Conference of Women in Government.



Novartis employees pursuing a Certificate in Health Economics and Outcomes Research traveled to campus from around the world in June.

Lou Garrison, professor of pharmacy, contributed to an Academy of Medical Sciences report that found that regulation and pricing systems are impacting the adoption of personalized medicine.

Associate Professor of Pharmacy **Tom Hazlet** was chosen to attend the UW Technology Teaching Fellows Institute.

Professor of Pharmaceutics **Rodney Ho's** new startup, Nova TheraNostics, is among a record 17 companies that the UW launched this past fiscal year.

At the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting, Associate Dean **Nanci Murphy** was installed as chair of the Leadership Development Special Interest Group, a group that supports the development of leaders in the pharmacy profession and the academy.

Andy Stergachis, affiliate professor of pharmacy, was named the editor-in-chief of the "Journal of the American Pharmacists Association."

Stergachis Family Endowed Professor and Director of the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy Program **Sean Sullivan** was named associate dean for research and graduate education at the School of Pharmacy.

Joanne Wang has been promoted from associate professor to professor of pharmaceutics.

STUDENT *news*

At the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Conference, graduate student in the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy Program (PORPP) **Rafael Alfonso Cristancho** received a Distinguished Service Award. PORPP grad student **Maria Agapova** received a finalist's ribbon for best poster presentation for her work on research conducted with faculty members **Brian Bresnahan**, **Beth Devine** and **Lou Garrison**. PORPP grad students **Sara Forrester** and **Zsolt Hepp** received a poster presentation award in the new investigator category for their work on a project with faculty member **Beth Devine**.

Fourth-year pharmacy students **Tricia Cheung**, **Laura Hart** and **Blaze Paracuelles** were invited to speak about leadership development at an American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Annual Meeting special session. Faculty member **Nanci Murphy** was their mentor on the presentation. Cheung, Hart



L to R: PharmD students Blaze Paracuelles, Laura Hart, Tricia Cheung and Michael Cusumano in Chicago for the AACP meeting

and Paracuelles also presented a poster on educational innovations that was co-authored by faculty members **Tom Hazlet**, **Nanci Murphy** and **Terri O'Sullivan**.

Michael Cusumano, '14, presented a poster, "A Virtual Curricular Map for Interprofessional Education Competencies," at the AACP Annual Meeting. Faculty members **Colleen**

Catalano, **Jennifer Danielson** and **Stan Weber** were co-authors.

Fourth-year PharmD student **Steve Erickson** received a PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center Foundation Health Career Scholarship.

A poster presented by pharmacy students **Denise Ngo**, '14, and **Eva Linh**, '15, and another UW grad student about their work with Project CHANCE won first place at the Northwest Pharmacy Convention. The poster was also accepted for the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in November. Associate Dean **Nanci Murphy** and Clinical Instructor **Sara Burda Alvarez** were faculty advisers.

Tope Osiyemi, '14, was selected as Region V Facilitator at the Student National Pharmaceutical Association Conference.

Blaze Paracuelles, '14, received a national Kappa Psi scholarship at the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Conference.

Needle-Free Insulin Delivery Idea Awarded for Innovation

In May, PharmD/PhD student Nick Au teamed up with bioengineering PhD students Karen Eaton and Renuka Ramanathan as well as MBA students Caleb Gerig, Craig McNary and Mohammed Minhaj to enter the UW Foster School Business Plan Competition. Their plan? To create a product called InsuLenz, a "smart" polymer contact lens that releases insulin through the eye in response to severe hyperglycemia in people with diabetes.

Their idea for InsuLenz had already won the \$1,000 grand prize at the UW Science and Technology Showcase. Upon making the "sweet sixteen" in the Foster School competition, they presented their concept to venture capitalists, entrepreneurs and investors. Ultimately, InsuLenz took the \$2,500 Best Innovation Prize in the competition.

The idea of InsuLenz evolved from a group project in an entrepreneurship class in the Foster School. For the project, the students wanted to create a product to safeguard against diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) — a complication of hyperglycemia that sends more than 130,000 people to the hospital each year.

Looking at previously published



L to R: Karen Eaton, Nick Au and Renuka Ramanathan hope to turn their business idea into a reality.

research on insulin delivery via eye drops, the students decided to take this idea a step further. InsuLenz would use a responsive polymer localized on a contact lens. Essentially, when blood glucose spikes to dangerous levels in a person with diabetes, the glucose would safely interact with the polymer inside the lens. This would trigger the release of rapid-acting insulin that gets absorbed through the eye. The lens would also change color to inform the person that a potential episode of DKA has been avoided.

Now that the students' idea has won two prizes, three team members — Au,

Eaton and Ramanathan — are working to make InsuLenz a reality.

"We have filed a utility provisional patent and will pursue filing the final patent by next year," said Au, who completed his PharmD degree in 2009. "Our next step is to find funding to develop a functional prototype."

Since InsuLenz will require vigorous and expensive clinical testing prior to U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval, the team plans to license InsuLenz technology to a pharmaceutical company that can complete human clinical trials.

"It is our hope that we can ultimately get this product to market and give people with diabetes a non-invasive method of supplying insulin," said Au.

He and his teammates credit their advisory board for guiding them through the business plan process. The board members were Chair of Pharmacy Peggy Odegard, John Hoekman, '10 (founder of Impel NeuroPharma, a company that won the UW Business Plan Competition in 2008), Chair of Health Services Larry Kessler and Chair in Technology Commercialization Buddy Ratner. 🧐

Two Departments Welcome New Faculty Members

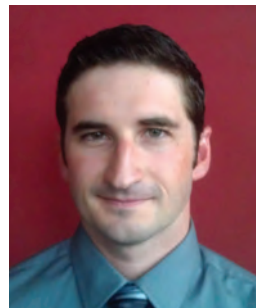
Three new faculty members will begin at the School this fall. Aasthaa Bansal will be a research assistant professor of pharmacy, Abhi Nath will be assistant professor of medicinal chemistry, and Brian Werth will be assistant professor of pharmacy.



Aasthaa Bansal



Abhi Nath



Brian Werth

Aasthaa Bansal

received her PhD in biostatistics from the UW and completed her postdoctoral fellowship at the UW. Prior to arriving in Seattle, she received a BMath in computer science from the University of Waterloo, Canada.

Her research interests include the statistical evaluation of biomarkers and medical tests for disease prognosis and treatment selection. In addition to her background developing statistical methodology, she was involved in collaborative research at the Center for Biomedical Statistics from 2009 to 2013. While there, she worked with academic investigators on the statistical analysis of studies in colon cancer screening,

esophageal cancer treatment, institutional profiling, chronic illness management and juvenile arthritis.

Abhi Nath earned his bachelor's in biology and chemistry from the University of Virginia, and his PhD in medicinal chemistry from the UW in 2008, where he worked with faculty member Bill Atkins. He did postdoctoral research in molecular biophysics and biochemistry at Yale University as an American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellow.

The Nath Lab will focus on understanding the roles of protein dynamics in neurodegenerative disease, drug metabolism, and the body's response to

oxidative stress. A goal of his research is to develop new drug design strategies based on exciting recent advances in biophysics and pharmacology.

Brian Werth just completed a two-year Infectious Disease Pharmacotherapy Fellowship at Wayne State University in Michigan. His PGY1 resi-

dency was at Queen's Medical Center in Hawaii. He received his PharmD degree from the University of New Mexico.

Werth's research interest is in antimicrobial resistance and the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of antimicrobials. He is an experienced prescriptive authority provider in emergency contraception, immunizations and tobacco cessation. His training spans general internal medicine and therapeutics.

He will be establishing a research lab in the Department of Pharmacy and teaching in the PharmD curriculum. Werth will also be expanding on his clinical interests and participating in various departmental collaborations. 🍷

Ted Taniguchi, Pharmacy Trailblazer (Continued from page 5)

"We've had many outstanding alumni over the years," said Dean Emeritus Jack Orr. "Ted Taniguchi is certainly one of the top examples of the dedication of our alumni."

In November 1993, Taniguchi retired from the UW Medical Center, after 35 years of service.

"I loved being a hospital pharmacist all those years," he said. "It was great being able to provide so many unique services in a clinical setting where I worked closely with physicians, nurses and researchers."

Not content to have a leisurely retirement, Taniguchi today remains active with the University Kiwanis Club. He has been in the club for 25 years, and he has contributed to many regional and international service projects.

He and his wife of 44 years, Akico, have two children and two grandchildren



Taniguchi, top center, at the 2011 School of Pharmacy 50+ Year Reunion event. In the top row at the far left is his wife, Akico. Seated at left is Dean Emeritus Jack Orr.

and reside in Seattle in a shared home with private residences for Ted and Akico and their daughter's family. Taniguchi enjoys this opportunity to be close to his grandchildren, who are 13 and 11.

A member of the UW Retirement As-

sociation, he still makes an appearance at School of Pharmacy alumni events, and he keeps up with many of his classmates and former UW Medical Center pharmacy colleagues. He also enjoys watching how the practice of pharmacy continues to change.

"It's nice knowing the role that the School of Pharmacy and its alumni are playing in changing the profession," said Taniguchi.

He has played no small part himself in helping the practice of pharmacy, especially hospital pharmacy, become what it is today in our state. The Legend Award

he received from the Washington State Pharmacy Foundation in 2010 said it all. Ted Taniguchi is a legend — in Washington, at this university and at the School of Pharmacy. 🍷

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More Students Go to PCCA Camp



Pharmacy student Arya Mehr, '16, in the lab at this summer's PCCA boot camp

Each summer, several UW PharmD students attend the Professional Compounding Centers of America Compounding Lab Boot Camp in Houston, Texas. This summer, even more students were able to take part in the popular program, thanks to the support of Key Compounding Pharmacy.

The Craig & Sally Kvam Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Compounding and our Dean's Fund for Excellence have helped students pay to travel to the camp for many years. The new Key Pharmacy gift enabled 38 students to get financial support to participate this year. That is more than double the number of students who have ever been able to attend during one summer. At the boot camp, students learn to formulate the novel dosage forms used by today's compounding pharmacists.

The Key Pharmacy gift also gave a group of students the chance to visit Key Pharmacy (which has three UW alumni on staff — Bill Corrison, '72, Marc Kosaka, '04, and Jim Seymour, '66). Key will also host a compounding master class this fall for pharmacy students who attended the boot camp.

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Bequests Leave a Legacy that Lasts for Generations

When Gertrude Rubenstein set up a bequest to honor her late husband, Louis — a Seattle pharmacist who passed away in 1924 — she couldn't have known how much of an impact



Louis Rubenstein, 1873-1924

she'd be making on our School for generations to come. For Gertrude, her bequest was a tribute to the profession and the life's work of her husband. For the School of Pharmacy, the Rubenstein bequest — and the Endowed Memorial Scholarship fund it created — has become our largest scholarship fund of its kind. The bequest

also helped fund the creation of the Hall Health Center Rubenstein Memorial Pharmacy, which has served the UW community since its dedication in 1978.

The list of Rubenstein scholarship recipients since the creation of the fund in 1966 (12 years after Gertrude passed away) is too numerous to count. In recent years, the scholarship fund has supported an average of 50 to 75 pharmacy students annually. That's nearly 20 percent of our total PharmD student enrollment. In the past five years alone, 321 students have received \$1,000 Rubenstein scholarships, for a total of \$321,000. All from an original bequest of \$600,000.

Our School is humbled by Rubenstein and the many other alumni who have created bequest funds at the School — including the Vincent Endowed Fund [Read more about Muriel Vincent, who recently passed away, on P. 13], the Gilbert Cleasby Endowment and the Robert Lohr Fund for Excellence, to name a few. More recently, the late Dean Emeritus Sid Nelson left a bequest to the Department of Medicinal Chemistry to support his passion for graduate student training.

While the story behind each bequest is unique, these gifts, along with the support of our alumni, embody the spirit of "paying it forward."

A bequest is a charitable gift of money or property made at the time of someone's passing through a will or trust. It's the kind of gift that may not immediately come to mind when people are thinking about supporting an organization, but it's one that can have an incalculable impact. Learn more at sop.washington.edu/support.



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New Fellowship Will Support Geriatric Pharmacy Program

The School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the creation of the David and Anita Bailey Faculty Term Fellowship in Geriatrics. Thanks to the generosity of David Bailey, '70, and his wife, this fellowship will help fund a new geriatric-focused faculty member in the Department of Pharmacy. It will also strengthen our geriatric program by enhancing its graduate training as well as strengthening research and partnerships with other UW health science schools.

Bailey spent much of his career creating innovative pharmacy care models at the Massachusetts General Hospital and later at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Medical Department — collaborating with wife, Anita, who was the head nurse there. David Bailey, who received his master's in pharmacy under the guidance of Professor Emeritus Joy Plein and her late husband Elmer Plein, is passionate about the role pharmacists play in serving geriatric patients. Now retired, he credits our School and the Pleins for providing the necessary skills that allowed him to have a rewarding career in the profession.

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IN *memoriam*



Robin Bidgood

Robin Cheryl Bidgood, '77, passed away unexpectedly in May 2012 in her home in Kenmore, Wash. She was born in Seattle in 1954 and raised in the Wedgwood neighborhood.

Robin graduated from Nathan Hale High School with honors in 1972 and continued on to the University of Washington where she studied pharmacy.

She first met her husband of nearly 32 years, Bernie Bidgood, at their five-year high school reunion. They were married in 1980.

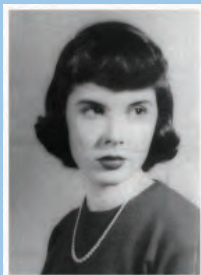
After graduation, Robin went to work as a pharmacist. She was a dedicated, loyal and giving woman who loved helping her patients. She was the longtime pharmacy manager at Payless/Rite Aid drug store on 130th and Aurora Ave. in Seattle, and recently transferred to the Kenmore Rite Aid where she continued in her role as pharmacy manager.

She often gave money out of her own pocket to those who couldn't afford their prescriptions. When asked why she did this, she simply replied that people needed their medicine and that she wouldn't let them go without when she could help. Robin was an active member of Northlake Lutheran Church and had a passion for singing. She was a longstanding member of the church choir.

Robin had a love for travel, and was fortunate to have taken many special family trips. She most recently fulfilled a life-long dream to travel to Spain and France with her husband. Robin is survived by her devoted and loving husband, Bernie Bidgood, and their son, Stephen Bidgood.

Carey Lee, '80, of Hawaii died in St. Francis Hospice West in May 2013 at age 55. Carey was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on February 17, 1958 and graduated from the UW School of Pharmacy in 1980. He was a resident of Honolulu, Hawaii. His obituary reported no known survivors. (If you have more information about Carey's life, please send it to rxalumni@uw.edu

or Pharmacy Alumni Association; 1959 NE Pacific Street, Box 357631; Seattle, WA 98195. We will publish it in the next issue of "Dawg Scripts.")



Jane Wilson Ramsey

Jane Wilson Ramsey, a longtime friend of the UW School of Pharmacy, passed away June 29, 2013 surrounded by family in Kenmore, Wash.

She was born in 1935 in Colon, Panama. Although

Jane lived in Panama, Maine, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona and California as a child, she did not like being called an Army brat; she preferred "daughter of a soldier who saved Western Civilization."

After World War II, her family relocated permanently to Seattle where she attended Lincoln High School and the University of Washington; as a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she met her husband-to-be, Richard "Dick" Ramsey, '55.

Jane was renowned for her direct manner and dry wit. She loved fine art and liked travel, especially in France. Some of her fondest memories were two years living in France as a newlywed while Dick served in the U.S. Army.

Upon return, Jane created a loving home for her husband and children — a home with much laughter. She also helped Dick grow his business, Ostroms Drug & Gift in Kenmore, for more than 20 years.

Jane is survived by Dick Ramsey, her husband of 56 years; son Todd (Kerry) and their children, Richard Ramsey and Liberty Ramsey; daughter Laura Beaton (Mitch) and their children Keiran Beaton and Aidan Beaton; son Colin (Lori); and sisters Linda Welshons (Ron) and Peg Thornton.

Jane's family has requested that gifts in her honor go the UW School of Pharmacy Lillian Ramsey Scholarship Fund. [Editor's Note: This scholarship is part of the School of Pharmacy Scholarship Support Fund. Dick and Jane created this scholarship in honor of Dick's mother, Lillian, many years ago.]



Muriel Vincent

Muriel Vincent, '51, '55, of Fargo, North Dakota, died in 2013 in Touchmark at Harwood Groves Retirement Community in Fargo.

Muriel was born in Spokane,

Wash. and attended school in Portland, Ore. She received her pharmacy degree from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore., and her Master of Science and PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Washington.

She taught for two years in the School of Pharmacy at Oregon State University in Corvallis and for 31 years in the North Dakota State University College of Pharmacy, retiring in 1987 as professor emeritus. She held pharmacy licenses for 50 years in Oregon, Washington and North Dakota. Throughout her career, she received numerous honors and awards.

She was a charter member of Altrusa International of Fargo and served as their District Seven Governor. She was also active in the Swedish Cultural Heritage Society of the Red River Valley.

Preceding her in death were her parents and sister. Prior to her passing, Muriel requested that memorials be made to the Muriel C. Vincent Pharmacy Scholarship at the UW School of Pharmacy. [Editor's Note: Muriel created this endowed scholarship at the School of Pharmacy to support students who demonstrate strength of character and engage in pursuits and interests outside of academia; and to help them achieve their goals through education.]

*We have also received notice that **John Malcolm Marshall**, '70, recently passed away. We were unable to find an obituary for John. If you have more information about his life, please send it to rxalumni@uw.edu or Pharmacy Alumni Association; 1959 NE Pacific Street, Box 357631; Seattle, WA 98195. We will publish it in the next issue of "Dawg Scripts."*



Dean's Recognition Reception & Katterman Lecture

Museum of Flight, May 8, 2013

ABOVE: L to R: Roland Lopez, '09, Ryan Hansen (last year's School of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award winner), '03, '12, Scott Herzog, '03, Jennifer Beach (Grimm), '01, Elyse Tung, '08, Brian Beach, '00, Josh Akers (winner of this year's School of Pharmacy IPPE Preceptor of the Year Award), Megan Akers, Ryan Oftebro, '95, '03, Jessica Oftebro and Stephanie Decker, '03, '07.

BELOW: Carol Harris, Gary Harris, '72, and Collin Conway, '05.



Dean's Recognition Reception photos by Kim Doyel from Team Photogenic



Dean's Club Night at the Mariners

Safeco Field, July 10, 2013

LEFT: L to R: Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Susan Lakey, '02, with Elizabeth Fuchs, '90, who won tickets to the event through a School of Pharmacy Facebook contest! **RIGHT:** Dan Davidson, '78, and son Bo Davidson.



Seeking Volunteer Preceptors!

This year, the UW health sciences schools will hold a series of interprofessional training programs for health sciences students. If you're a preceptor at our School, you're invited to be a volunteer faculty facilitator. Visit sop.washington.edu/ipe-pilot for more information and to sign up!

ALUMNI & FRIENDS: Out & About

Washington Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Presentation

State Department of Health Building, Tumwater, April 20, 2013

Pharmacy students from the Pharmacy Laws & Ethics course presented their "fix the law" projects to the commission

LEFT: L to R: Associate Professor of Pharmacy Tom Hazlet (the course instructor), Tom Gorlin, '15, Elise Knutzen, '15, Mikalla Cheney, '15, Bridgette Lorenzen, '15, and teaching assistant Tanya Karwaki, a UW PhD student in health law. **RIGHT:** Elise Knutzen, center, speaks to the Pharmacy Commission (formerly the Board of Pharmacy) while teammates Tom Gorlin and Mikalla Cheney look on. Their project recommended an amplification of Washington's collaborative drug therapy practice policy to permit certification for pharmacist prescription of birth control. The presentations were followed by a spirited discussion between commission members and students.



CLASS notes

1950-1959

Herb Tsuchiya, '55, was a member of the cast of "Breaking the Silence," a play about the Japanese-American experience in the United States. The cast traveled to Hiroshima to perform the play this summer, thanks to an invitation from the World Friendship Center.

1990-1999

Jeff Rochon, '99, has been named the vice president of the University of Washington Alumni Association.



Jesse Higashi

2000-2009

Mitch Higashi, PhD, '01, and his wife, Mandy, recently welcomed son Jesse.

Catherine Taketa, '07, had a baby girl, Hayley Mika Mark, in 2012. She also earned her Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist credential.

2010-present

Jessica Chao, '10, recently co-founded a consumer health information startup, Healtho, after completing her health-system pharmacy administration/MBA from Johns Hopkins Hospital in 2012.

Jonathan Phung, '12, received a "Making a Difference" Scholarship from Diabetes Education Services. Jonathan just completed a UW School of Pharmacy community pharmacy residency with the Tulalip Tribe. He received this scholarship for his wide-reaching actions to improve diabetes care for the tribe — including writing grants, creating patient educational materials and precepting students.

Heidi Wirtz, '12, received a postdoctoral fellowship in health outcomes from the PhRMA Foundation. Wirtz's research is focused on comparative effectiveness research in colorectal cancer.

*Have you seen our "Career Conversations" series online yet? These Q&As with alumni and faculty are conducted by the Office of Academic and Student Programs. Recently profiled alums are **J. Garrett Sims**, '09, of the Indian Health Service and **Beth Chester**, '94, of Kaiser Permanente. Check out the Q&As at sop.washington.edu/career-conversations.*

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Spotlight: Global Efforts of Pharmaceutical Outcomes Program

This has been a busy year for Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy Program (PORPP) faculty and students involved in global health endeavors.

In the spring, the dean of our School and leaders from the UW School of Public Health and the University of Namibia (UNAM) School of Pharmacy signed a memorandum of understanding in support of collaborative pharmacy education and training, faculty exchange, and research between UNAM and the UW. This memorandum builds on a collaboration that the UW Global Medicines Program (GMP), led by PORPP professors Andy Stergachis and Lou Garrison, has built with UNAM. The UW Global Medicines Program helped UNAM create its pharmacy degree program in 2011.

A current research collaboration in the works with UNAM is being led by PORPP graduate student Marita Mann. She has received a UW Thomas Francis, Jr. Global Health Fellowship to support her work with the UNAM School of Pharmacy and the Namibian Ministry of Health and Social Services. They are seeking to develop a small scale pharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Namibia.

PORPP grad student Solomon Lubinga has also received a Francis Fellowship, as well as a Stergachis Fellowship for International Exchange for his research. Lubinga is looking at the economic burden of mental illness and the cost effectiveness



At center, PORPP faculty Denise Boudreau and Josh Carlson accept the award for PORPP from Sheikh Hamdan.

of schizophrenia therapies in his home country of Uganda. He is working with PORPP faculty member and fellow Ugandan Joseph Babigumira on the project.

Babigumira has also co-authored a GMP report with PORPP faculty member Lou Garrison that showed that the use of health technology assessment in several

countries throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East and South America is limited. It noted that a lack of local, trained professionals is a challenge for health technology assessment implementation. The report, which Garrison and his UW Global Medicines Program colleagues have presented to officials in Chile, England and Switzerland, emphasized that health technology performance information should be shared for the global public good.

In the meantime, PORPP faculty have been conducting work for the public good in the Middle East. Denise Boudreau and Josh Carlson were recently featured in multiple newspaper articles in Dubai highlighting a training program they led there with several healthcare professionals. This PORPP training program is working to increase awareness and methodology skills related to health economics and outcomes research in Middle East countries. PORPP received an award of recognition from the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences in recognition of these efforts. Sheikh Hamdan, the United Arab Emirates minister of finance, presented Boudreau and Carlson with the award. 