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Dean Phillip R. Oppenheimer: A Transformational Legacy
My life has been consumed with students, faculty, staff and administrators, as well as planning, supervising, negotiating and strategizing. When I’m not doing those things, I am thinking about them. First, you’re tired, then you’re retired.

I recently read an article in Forbes that indicated Type A personalities are not cut out for retirement. We are used to structured days and living by a strict calendar, run by full-time support staff. Our days are long, governed by deadlines, reports, meetings, budgets and spreadsheets. We have people to help us deal with issues that arise throughout the day and immediately resolve technical issues, such as putting apps on our smartphones. These issues include minor but important tasks like needing a ride to a meeting across campus because it’s pouring rain, refilling the coffee cup during a conference call without being asked or running out to get a new tie for the afternoon because the one you’re wearing landed in your soup. Apparently, this will all disappear upon my retirement. There will be no more early arrivals to the office to make calls to the East Coast. No more planning, executing, assessing, revising and documenting. No more Monday morning staff meetings with my team, no more report-outs, no more evaluations. I will no longer eat lunch at my desk in the Dean’s office. I have to admit, I am nervous, but I am determined to make a successful transition. Maybe I will “retire” at some point to pursue a passion yet to be determined.

By far, the part of the job I will miss the most are the people. I have been blessed with amazing staff, faculty, students and administrative partners in my career. I have had the honor to interact with some of the most revered professionals in health care. I have enjoyed working with our donors to transform the School through their generosity. It’s the people who have made my career a labor of love. My goal is to keep some structure, just enough to allow for those spontaneous moments. I also will have a solid purpose to each day and week, with goals to complete in the short and long term. I will continue to meet and network with my former colleagues and find new and interesting ways to stay social. I will continue to see all of you at association meetings, celebrations and special occasions.

Pacific is a very special place and I will continue to be involved in her evolution.

Sincerely,

Philip R. Oppenheimer, PharmD
Dean, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

“I have been blessed with amazing staff, faculty, students and administrative partners in my career.”
Together with his team at Pacific, Dean Oppenheimer has been involved in garnering more than $55 million in donations for programs, scholarships, facilities, research and new initiatives, which have transformed the School and the University beyond measure.

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2013
With generous support from ScriptPro, the ScriptPro SP2000 equipment was donated to the Barker Lab, enhancing technology and education for the doctor of pharmacy program.

The School launched the combined master of science in pharmaceutical and chemical sciences and fellowship in pharmacy practice. The School also instituted the bachelor of applied science degree.

2014
Dean Oppenheimer was selected as the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Most Outstanding Dean of the Year for his contributions to the Pacific APhA-ASP Chapter and active promotion of student wellness through various community service, leadership and professional activities.

Dean Oppenheimer’s leadership resulted in funds to refurbish Brookside Hall, which was renamed Chan Family Hall.

2015
Dean Oppenheimer was named a recipient of the University of California, San Francisco Alumni Excellence Award.

The Audiology Clinic on the San Francisco campus began treating patients, providing audiology and hearing aid services through patient visits and community outreach events. The inaugural White Coat Ceremony marked the launch of the doctor of audiology program.

Under Dean Oppenheimer’s leadership, the Chan Family Office of Academic Success and Instructional Support was launched. It provides students in the School with individualized strategies for academic, personal and professional success.

2016
Pacific’s doctor of pharmacy program received full eight-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

Dean Oppenheimer was named the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Central Valley Pharmacist of the Year.

2017
Dean Oppenheimer was inducted into the California Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame.

Due to the generosity of the Joseph and Vera Long Foundation and the Chan Family, the School was able to renovate the second floor of the Chan Family Health Sciences Learning Center and Clinics (following the relocation of the dental hygiene program to the San Francisco campus) to include three high-tech large classrooms, a quiet study area, several conference rooms, a telehealth center, 19 faculty offices and a pharmacy care clinic space.

2018
The School secured a significant gift from the Chan Family to support the renovation of the Rotunda building, including the construction of new exterior ADA-compliant and gender-inclusive restrooms.

2019
Regent Clark and Pamela Gustafson provided significant funding to support student scholarship, community outreach programs and sustainability for the School and the University.
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Partnersing to Build a Healthier Community

By Dua Her ’09

 PACIFIC’S MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM and the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) share a common goal in providing services and support to help people lead healthier lives in their communities. Rajul A. Patel ’01, ’06, PharmD, PhD, professor of pharmacy practice, saw a need for increased community outreach to the developmentally disabled population in the region. In 2016, he approached the VMRC with a proof-of-concept proposal to assist VMRC clients who had prescription drug coverage through Medicare with their out-of-pocket Part D costs, while also providing a comprehensive review of their medications. Services were provided by trained pharmacy students during the fall Medicare Part D outreach clinics to community attendees as well as clients identified by the VMRC. Each subsequent year, students have assisted an average of 80 VMRC clients during the Medicare open enrollment period and identified potential savings averaging $1,700 per VMRC client.

The success of this early effort opened the doors to expand this unique partnership to support roughly 1,300 VMRC clients, most of whom are dual-eligible (they have Medicare and Medi-Cal). Medicare beneficiaries who also have Medi-Cal are those with the lowest income and most limited resources. Medicare provides some safeguards for this vulnerable population, including their ability to change their Part D plan outside of the fall open enrollment period.

In January 2019, a pharmacy elective course titled “Part D Services for the Developmentally Disabled” was offered for the first time and was taught by Carly Ranson ’13, ’17, PharmD, MS, BCGP, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and Dr. Patel. The elective course’s core service was to evaluate the Part D plan and other offerings for each VMRC client in light of their medications, preferred pharmacy and receipt of additional governmental subsidies.

In just four months, this expanded partnership has saved clients and the VMRC an estimated $1.69 million on their out-of-pocket prescription drug expenditures. “The tangible benefit to the VMRC is that they can rest assured the costs are minimized to the greatest extent possible,” said Dr. Patel. “If these drugs work we don’t want to change them, but we certainly want to minimize the cost of these medications whenever possible.”

Last year, 45 doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) students enrolled and participated in the Medicare Part D Outreach program elective. Of those, 38 decided to add the elective course to their rigorous academic load, despite having already fulfilled the PharmD elective requirement with the past years’ outreach activities.

“Being part of the Medicare Part D outreach program has certainly enriched my learning and sparked my passion for patient care.” — Yi ‘Allan’ Yao ’20

VMRC student Yi ‘Allan’ Yao ’20. “It gave me the opportunity to put what I have learned into action and the positive feedback that the patients provided further encouraged me to try harder. Each patient interaction required different things and being able to help them gave me a sense of accomplishment as a health care provider.”

Dr. Ranson appreciates the opportunity to utilize Pacific’s strengths to support a community organization that provides resources and services to a vulnerable population. More importantly, Dr. Ranson finds it rewarding to see the excitement of pharmacy students working with real patients. She realizes that dealing with insurance is not for everyone, but the students’ care and dedication is very encouraging.

“It’s a humbling experience to see the students come back every single week. They are exhausted from their week, but are excited to assist and stay as late as the client situation requires.” Dr. Ranson said. “These are individuals who are doing this because they can and because it is the right thing to do. These are individuals I want to continue to work with.”

The partnership with the VMRC has been in the works for many years. Nearly 20 years ago, Bertt Gunderson ’84, PharmD, vice provost and former pharmacy practice faculty member at Pacific, established a partnership with the VMRC to provide clinical pharmacy consultation services. William A. Kehoe ’96, MA, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS, professor emeritus of pharmacy practice, continued service to the community,” said Rajul A. Patel ’01, ’06, PharmD, PhD, professor of pharmacy practice.

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From the ashes of World War II, Mariano Que built what would become the thriving Mercury Drug Corporation. He opened the first Mercury Drug store on March 1, 1945, in Manila, Philippines. Orphaned at age 10, he was only able to attend school up to the seventh grade. These formative experiences instilled in him the value of education and a deeply compassionate, generous spirit. “Helping people has been one of the most important values that my father wanted to pass on to his family,” said his daughter, Fortune Que Andrada. “Since he started from humble beginnings, he wanted to be able to help others as he knew what it was to need help.”

Since 1999, the Mercury Drug Foundation has provided medicines and medical services to individuals in underserved communities throughout the Philippines through the Operation Bigay Lunas medical outreach program. “My siblings and I would accompany my parents to visit several sites of Operation Bigay Lunas,” Fortune said. “We saw firsthand how it helped many people. The smiles and relief I saw on their faces made me realize the impact that Operation Bigay Lunas meant to them. This helped us realize the importance of giving back.”

Fortune, her husband, Perfecto A. Andrade, and their children Irene Frances Que Andrada ’15, PharmD, BCGP and Elena Anne Que Andrada ’22, established the Que-Andrada Foundation Endowment Fund at Pacific in honor of Mariano. The Que-Andrada Foundation is supporting the efforts of Pacific’s Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics. Through the power of the Powell Match, the endowment will support an annual health fair focused on reaching the Filipino community. Fortune noted how the efforts of the Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics mirror those of Operation Bigay Lunas. “It is nice to know pre-pharmacy and pharmacy students volunteer for this event just like how the pharmacy students from different schools throughout the Philippines volunteer at Operation Bigay Lunas,” she said.

In addition to his philanthropic spirit, Mariano passed on his firm belief in the value of education. “My father strongly believed that education is the best investment and I am glad that my husband and I listened to him because, without a doubt, Pacific is truly a worthwhile investment that no one can ever take away.” Mariano was proud his two granddaughters decided to pursue careers in pharmacy. "After being inspired by my father, she knew that she wanted to join the profession to help others," Fortune said. “She knew that pharmacy would be a great way to serve both patients and doctors.”

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Each year brave doctor of pharmacy and undergraduate pre-pharmacy students step onto the Rotunda stage and put their talents on display. Sponsored by Walgreens and hosted by Pacific’s chapter of The Rho Chi Society, the annual talent show is an opportunity for students to showcase their artistic creativity.

Rachel Stone ’20 has been dancing since she was 4 years old. She started out in ballet, but was drawn to hula dancing. “I wanted to learn more about my culture since I am a quarter native Hawaiian,” said Stone. “Dancing allows me to express myself. For the talent show, I decided to showcase hula, rather than other forms of dancing. I wanted to share that part of my culture with my classmates and the faculty.”

Ryan Rana ’20 also has a background in ballet, but he currently focuses on urban choreography. He is a member of Syndicate Dance, a San Jose-based dance team that competes in urban choreography dance competitions across California. “Dancing is my way of saying what’s on my mind in ways that I can’t express otherwise,” said Rana. “Dancing is something I can use to connect with other people.”

When considering career options, Rana knew he wanted to work in health care. An incident where one of his family members ended up in the hospital after taking the wrong medication put him on the path to a career in pharmacy. “It opened my eyes to the importance of pharmacists and the job they do,” he said.

At this year’s talent show, Sharon Cheung ’21 performed the song “Jealous” by Labrinth. “I have been singing ever since I could talk,” said Cheung. “I sing because it is my favorite form of artistic expression. I love the way that singing can tell a story.”

Cheung started at Pacific as a pre-pharmacy student. “I decided to pursue pharmacy because it is at the forefront of accessible health care,” she said. “You can find a pharmacist in so many different health care settings, making it a versatile career and, most importantly, an accessible means to health care for patients.”

Stone, Rana and Cheung emphasized the importance of having an outlet for self-expression. Having the opportunity to share their creative side helped them connect with their classmates. “A lot of people didn’t even know I could dance until the talent show,” Stone said. “I enjoyed showing people a different side of me than they see in class.”

“The Rho Chi talent show is an important tradition because it allows for friendly competition among students,” said Stephine A. Golik ’20, president of Rho Chi, Beta Omega chapter. “The talent show allows us to show the community that we are just as invested in maintaining our interests outside of school as we are dedicated to studying and the practice of pharmacy.”

The talent show is also a bonding experience for students who are pledging one of Pacific’s four professional pharmacy fraternities: Kappa Psi, Lambda Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Chi and Rho Pi Phi. Xin Guo, PhD, professor of pharmaceutics and medicinal chemistry, who serves as a faculty advisor for Rho Chi, said, “The Rho Chi talent show is also a platform for a number of student organizations to recruit new members. The students connect and collaborate with one another while preparing for the performance.” At this year’s event Dr. Guo and fellow Rho Chi faculty advisor Veronica T. Bandy ’00, ’08, MS, PharmD, FCPhA, FCSHP, clinical professor of pharmacy practice, were joined by guest judges Carly A. Ranson ’13, ’17, PharmD, MS, BCGP, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and Roshanak Rahmian, PharmD, MSc, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

The Beta Omega chapter of The Rho Chi Society was established at Pacific in 1964 to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement and to advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. Its members are known for supporting their classmates by offering tutoring for students by students. Dr. Guo said tutoring goes beyond explaining a specific subject. Tutors play a key role in helping students identify their weaknesses and leverage their strengths.

“Tutoring shows students different ways to approach problems or see things from a different perspective, which can be useful for future classes and on rotations,” Golik said. “Tutors also share the struggles they had, so students can see that the academic excellence we have achieved was not without its own struggles.”
W hen Patricia “Pat” Tirone ’02, PT, DPT, EdD moved from New York to California, her career path was at a crossroads. In order to continue to work in adult education in California, she would have to go back to school, even though she had a doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University, where she also had trained teachers. Her experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, West Africa, prior to graduate studies in New York, had sparked an interest in pursuing a career in health care. “Physical therapy married everything I was interested in because physical therapy requires teaching skills,” said Dr. Tirone.

Becoming a student in Pacific’s doctor of physical therapy program also led to a new hobby when one of her classmates introduced her to the world of competitive rowing. When she discovered individual sculling, she never looked back. In sculling, the rower has an oar in each hand as compared to sweep rowing.

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where each rower has a single oar. “The feeling of being on the water by yourself and propelling across the water is very addictive,” Dr. Tirone said.

Dr. Tirone is the director of Delta Sculling Center, where she is also the head coach. The center’s motto is “Where EveryBODY Sculls.” “I think a sport is not really a sport until it is inclusive,” she said. They adapt their boats boats to meet the needs of individuals with physical, cognitive or sensory limitations. Many of these individuals use wheelchairs, walkers or prosthetics. “When you are in the boat those things are gone,” Dr. Tirone said. “There is a meditative quality to the freedom one finds on the water.” The sport demands commitment and perseverance, but offers a sense of peace and community. Time and again, Dr. Tirone has witnessed the restorative power of rowing.

Established in 2010 in Seattle, the program uses indoor rowing machines, known as ergometers or ergs, to introduce students to the sport. In addition to rowing skills, the students learn about exercise, goal setting and teamwork. Delta Sculling Center facilitates moving the rowing machines from one school to another and assists the work of physical education teachers who implement the Erg Ed® curriculum in their schools.

Dr. Tirone is currently a consultant for Rehab Without Walls. She works with patients who are coming out of acute care, many of whom have severe orthopedic and neurologic injuries. She is part of an interdisciplinary team that consists of an occupational therapist, neuropsychologist, speech-language pathologist and social worker. “For me, that work is really exciting in terms of both getting that patient back on his or her feet and back to being a part of the community.” She finds great reward in “being a part of getting them back to their life.”

Looking back at her time at Pacific, Dr. Tirone remembers the “incredibly positive, supportive atmosphere.” “The way my classmates supported one another reminds me of a rowing team,” she said. “My life is so much richer than it would have been had I not become a physical therapist. I bring to my physical therapy the insights of an educator. Without my experiences as a physical therapist, I would not have had the courage to bring my own patients down to the water to help them reclaim sport.” Through the power of rowing, the center is helping individuals become athletes again.
12,620 alumni and counting. On May 18, the School conferred degrees on 21 audiology, 23 pharmaceutical and chemical sciences, 36 physical therapy, 54 speech-language pathology and 198 pharmacy graduates.

Snapshot of Campus Life

“Here’s to those APPEs that drove us to our wits’ end, but made us smarter and stronger; and to the patients whose lives were positively changed by our medication interventions. We have a promising, thrilling future ahead of us and we’re ready to take on this new responsibility of serving our communities.”
– Alexi Spoto ’19, PharmD

“As speech-language pathologists, we are able to convince those who struggle to not give up and that they are not alone. We help provide them the tools to use language as it was intended so that they too they too can enjoy language and all of the wonderful things that come with it.”
– Adriana Oseguera Joma ’17, ’18, MS

“Take one minute to look at your patient; see them as a whole person. Speak to them as a human being. Be 100 percent present in your allocated treatment time. Let us not take one minute for granted because one minute is all it could take to change and save a life.”
– Ashley McLaughlin ’19, PT, DPT

“Today is about celebrating us. Tomorrow is about our patients. As new doctors of audiology, our Oath of Professionalism reminds us that we have a duty and social responsibility to influence positively the health and wellness of society.’ My hope for us is that we will be standard bearers for audiology, dedicating ourselves to lifelong learning and advocating for our patients.”
– Cheryl Linton ’19, AuD
“His clarity of speech and writing has greatly improved.” For Zoller, receiving feedback from the client’s support team was a highlight of her time at the Scottish Rite. “It was an empowering emotion to not only see a client’s progress through my measurable data notes, but to hear about improvements in other settings, such as at home or at school,” said Zoller.

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center fosters an atmosphere of teamwork. “I’ve worked with a group of two boys during my time at Scottish Rite,” McHugh said. “Seeing them work together and help each other out when working on separate goals was so inspiring. These kids are so willing to help others; it’s really admirable.”

Cody shared that he helps other clients “so they will know they are not alone” and “it is OK to ask for help.” In addition to communication skills, his time at the center has taught him to advocate for himself.

During the summer in 2017 and 2018, Cody volunteered at the Augmentative-Alternative Communication (AAC) Academy; a collaboration between Pacific’s Department of Speech-Language Pathology and the California Department of Education’s Diagnostic Center, Central California, held in Stockton at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center. During the weeklong camp, clients practiced using their augmentative-alternative communication devices in an immersive, supportive setting. When activities were too difficult for younger participants, Cody often partnered with them and to help them complete their projects.

Nicholas Brock ’11, ’12, MS, CCC-SLP, assistant clinical professor of speech-language pathology and director of the Stockton Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center, said Cody is referred to as “junior clinic director” for his ability to help create a fun, safe learning environment.

The passion the students have to help their clients is evident to the families. “They are very well prepared,” Trudy Pate said. “You wouldn’t even think they were students. Nich [Brock] and his whole team have been really wonderful. They make sure it is fun, not just a school or tutoring setting. They make you feel like family.”

Having a conversation about sports with a teenage boy can be easily taken for granted. For Cody Pate, such conversations represent years of hard work and the support of a remarkable team. He was born deaf. Doctors tried hearing aids, but they proved to be ineffective. He received a cochlear implant when he was 2 years old.

Since June 2017, he has been a client of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center in Stockton, where he has worked with several Pacific speech-language pathology student clinicians: Timothy Carroll ’18, MS, Arianne Cubillo ’19, MS, Ashley MacWhirter ’19, Kailie McHugh ’19, Tierney O’Mara ’17, ’18, MS, Vanessa Vincent ’18, MS and Mackenzie Zoller ’19.

Cody has diligently worked on articulating his ending sounds, such as “at” or “is.” “When we first started, he would leave out certain features of words, which made it difficult to understand what he was saying,” said McHugh. The student clinicians work closely with the clients to set goals that they work toward achieving, one conversation at a time. “I’ve always enjoyed working with the clients at Scottish Rite and seeing how much they improve from the beginning of the semester to the end.” McHugh said. “They all work so hard, it’s amazing to see how much clients absorb in a short amount of time.”

Trudy Pate has witnessed the growth in her son’s communication skills. “He has come a long way since being here,” she said.

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- Kailie McHugh ’19

The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center fosters an atmosphere of teamwork. “I’ve worked with a group of two boys during my time at Scottish Rite,” McHugh said. “Seeing them work together and help each other out when working on separate goals was so inspiring. These kids are so willing to help others; it’s really admirable.” Cody shared that he helps other clients “so they will know they are not alone” and “it is OK to ask for help.” In addition to communication skills, his time at the center has taught him to advocate for himself.

During the summer in 2017 and 2018, Cody volunteered at the Augmentative-Alternative Communication (AAC) Academy; a collaboration between Pacific’s Department of Speech-Language Pathology and the California Department of Education’s Diagnostic Center, Central California, held in Stockton at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center. During the weeklong camp, clients practiced using their augmentative-alternative communication devices in an immersive, supportive setting. When activities were too difficult for younger participants, Cody often partnered with them and to help them complete their projects.

Nicholas Brock ’11, ’12, MS, CCC-SLP, assistant clinical professor of speech-language pathology and director of the Stockton Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center, said Cody is referred to as “junior clinic director” for his ability to help create a fun, safe learning environment.

The passion the students have to help their clients is evident to the families. “They are very well prepared,” Trudy Pate said. “You wouldn’t even think they were students. Nich [Brock] and his whole team have been really wonderful. They make sure it is fun, not just a school or tutoring setting. They make you feel like family.”

Cody Pate received the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association 2019 Child Distinguished Consumer Award

By Anne Marie H. Bergthold
For the past three years, Gabriella Musacchia, PhD, assistant professor of audiology, Jiong "Joe" Hu, PhD, assistant professor of audiology, and their research team have traveled to Nanjing, China, to assess at-risk infants for early signs of hearing impairments. Research shows that early detection and intervention can help children with hearing loss develop better language skills later in life. This international collaboration includes researchers from the Stanford University School of Medicine and Nanjing Maternal and Child Health Hospital, which is associated with Nanjing Medical University. Pacific doctor of audiology students had the opportunity to join the research team, where they played a critical role in recording data and examining patient cases. “It is always our priority to have students involved in projects that are on the forefront of auditory research,” said Dr. Hu. “Students will not only experience the process of research, but will also learn from experts in this field.”

During the two-week trip, the research team evaluated the auditory processing development in two groups: infants born with jaundice and healthy infants. Jaundice occurs when the baby’s blood contains excess bilirubin, a yellow pigment of red blood cells. This causes a yellow-tinted discoloration to the skin and eyes. If untreated, jaundice causes liver and brain damage. Research suggests that jaundice is also a risk factor for Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorders.

The research team measured stimulated responses using the speech-evoked frequency-following response (FFR) method, a test for speech functional processing. Team members also employed the Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR), one of two methods used as part of the universal hearing screening program. The FFR method uses the speech unit of a consonant-vowel combination, specifically the syllable “da,” which is widely used in English and in Mandarin Chinese words, such as 大 (big) and 打 (hit). Stimuli parameters for the ABR method followed standard clinical parameters such as a brief click or tone beep. Both sounds were presented at equal sound levels.

The FFR method proved to be a promising measure to better understand hearing loss and its effect in infants with newborn jaundice. Their research found that infants with jaundice have a less robust response to speech sounds. Further testing also revealed that after phototherapy treatment for jaundice, the infant’s response increased when given the same hearing screening using the FFR method. These results would have either been undetected or labeled as low-risk using the ABR method.

“While the ABR method has been widely used to assess auditory functions, there is reason to think the FFR method may be better suited to identify the precise neural transmission abilities of the auditory nervous system,” said Dr. Musacchia. This discovery further supports the use of FFR in clinical settings for audiologists and neonatologists.

Researchers are making breakthroughs by taking cues from Mother Nature. “We found it intriguing that we might be able to use the mother’s voice rather than clicking signals as a hearing screen test,” said Vinod K. Bhutani, MD, professor of pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine. “Our concurrent research that promotes skin-to-skin care, also known as kangaroo mother care, aligns nurturing processes to our research objectives.”

“Hearing is an international issue,” Dr. Musacchia said. “This collaboration is important because it gives our students a breadth of knowledge and context for what we do. It also supports the department’s mission to advance the profession and create audiologists who are global citizens.”

Qin Hong, associate professor at Nanjing Medical University and associate chief physician at Nanjing Maternal and Child Health Hospital, served as a visiting scholar in Pacific’s Department of Audiology from January to June 2019. “A close relationship and deep collaboration can certainly benefit both parties and will, in turn, form the forefront of international collaboration in providing hearing health care,” she said.
Athletic Training: A Lifestyle and a Career

By Dua Her ’09

Pacific’s athletic training alumni continue to thrive. One hundred percent of the bachelor of science in athletic training class of 2018 passed the national certification exam on their first attempt.

For many alumni, athletic training is a lifestyle as well as a career. Scott Nastase ’13, a passionate Green Bay Packers fan, found his vocation through his love of sports. “I knew a professional career as an athlete would be a long shot, therefore, I found the next best thing in keeping my involvement in athletics by becoming an athletic trainer,” said Nastase.

After earning his bachelor of science in athletic training from Pacific in 2015, Nastase completed a graduate assistantship and earned a master of arts in education from University of Redlands. During his time at Redlands, he served as one of three athletic trainers for their 21 NCAA Division III athletic teams. He is currently a teacher and an athletic trainer at Loara High School in Anaheim.

Nastase believes athletic trainers are important members of the sports medicine team. “Athletic trainers are the key component to ensure safety for athletes and play a vital role in prevention, emergency care, clinical differential diagnoses, treatment and rehabilitation for all student-athletes,” he said.

Garrison Chan ’17, a loyal Los Angeles Clippers fan, also launched his career at Pacific. Chan chose Pacific for its small class size and he appreciated how professors knew his name. “I decided to pursue a career in athletic training because of the great professors I had as an undergraduate student at Pacific,” said Chan. “Coming into college, I didn’t know what I wanted to do. After taking some foundational athletic training classes, I knew I wanted to make this my career.”

While completing his master of science in health and human movement with a specialization in sports medicine from Utah State University, Chan served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer.

Chan also has been fortunate to meet many professional athletes. While an undergraduate student at Pacific, he had the opportunity to be involved in training camps for the San Francisco 49ers. He accepted an internship with the 49ers for the 2019 season. “I look forward to being able to work with elite athletes and to learn what it takes to work at the professional level,” he said.

Recently, the national accrediting body recommended that all candidates sitting for the certification exam have a master’s degree. In 2017, Pacific launched the master of science in athletic training (MSAT) program and welcomed the first cohort of students in fall 2018. The full-time, two-year graduate program prepares students to become highly qualified health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and rehabilitation for athletes and active patients.

“Pacific’s formal education, in combination with experiential learning opportunities, prepared me to become the athletic trainer I am today,” Nastase said. “I have brought the many values that I learned from Pacific into my own practice.”

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– Garrison Chan ’17

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University of the Pacific is currently seeking accreditation for our new master of science in athletic training (MSAT) program and is not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. The institution will be submitting a self-study to begin the accreditation process by Oct. 1, 2019, with a projected accreditation date in spring 2020, and our first graduating class.
1960s
Regent Clark Gustafson ’66, RPh was re-elected to the University’s Board of Regents for another three-year term.

1970s
Gerald “Jerry” Dieter Griffin ’71, PharmD, MD, FACFE presented “Autologous white blood cell infusion for trauma, brain trauma, stroke and select immune dysfunction co-morbidities” at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, Feb. 14-17, 2019, in Washington, D.C. His presentation was based on the paper co-authored by Dominique Charron and Reem Al-Daccaki, which was published in Medical Hypothesis, August 2018. Dr. Griffin also presented “CPR for the Immune System by infusion of Autologous WBCs as a ‘vaccine’ for the Immune System” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Feb. 15, 2019, in Washington, D.C.
A. Lee Meyer, Jr. ’72, PharmD was inducted into the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) Hall of Fame at the Western Pharmacy Exchange, April 12-14, 2019, in Los Angeles.

1980s
Gina Curry Moore ’83, PharmD, MBA was named assistant dean of the University of Colorado, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Aurora, Colo.
Catherine Turkel ’83, PharmD, PhD is the fourth recipient, first female and first pharmacist to receive the Gavin St. Herbert Award for Excellence in Pharmaceutical Science. Awarded by Chapman University School of Pharmacy. This award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the highest standard of professionalism, entrepreneurial leadership and compassion. The honoree exhibits selfless commitment, generosity and dedication.

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Jerome “Jerry” A. Greene ’88, RPh, FACA received the Steven C. Feldman Endowment Award at the 2019 CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange.

Lauren C. Riddle ’99, MA, CCC-SLP received the 2019 CSHA District 3 Outstanding Achievement Award.

2019

Jamie Tobiit ’90, PharmD accepted a position as senior medical science liaison at bluebird bio as part of a West Coast expansion of their medical affairs team.

Terry Yu ’90, PharmD was a contestant on the Food Network television series “Worst Cooks in America.”

James Trevor Bryant III ’91, PT, MS was awarded the Puget Sound Human Factors Ergonomic Society 2018 Professional of the Year.

Zhaijie Wang ’92, PhD, FAAPS was named a Fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

Joanne Brady ’93, PharmD accepted a position as clinical coordinator with Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System at a large district hospital with a newly opened oncology infusion center.

Ross Nakaji ’93, ’97, PT, ATC, OCS, CCS, along with George Davies, PT, ATC, FAPTA, FAPTA, Kathryn Lucas, PT, DPT, OCS, CCS, Barb Sanders, PT, PhD, FAPTA and Richard Burton Westrick, PT, DSc, CCS, CCS, presented “Many Faces of Sports Physical Therapy” at the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting (CSM), Jan. 23-26, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

Samuel L. Lum, Jr. ’94, PharmD, MBA took a position as vice president of commercial sales and marketing at Tarvek Biopharma USA, Inc.

Judi Jett ’95, MA, CCC-SLP, Wendy Vastine, MA and May Teget presented “Individualizing Voice and Communication Training for Transgender and Non-Binary People” at the 2019 CSHA Convention.

Tony J. Park ’96, PharmD, JD presented “2019 California Pharmacy Law Updates” and “Hot Topics in Enforcement” at the 31st Annual New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy sponsored by the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, March 29-31, 2019, in San Francisco.

Brandie (Alfred) Brunni ’97, ’99, MA was selected to be assistant superintendent of special education for San Joaquin County Office of Education.

Jamie Lowy ’98, PT, MSPT, CCI received an Excellence in Home Health Leadership Award from the APTA Home Health Section.

Lowy, along with Kenneth Miller, PT, DPT, Myla “Myles” Quilen, PT, DPT, PhD, MS, GCS, NCS, Catherine Siengpakou, PT, PhD and Mariana Wingood, PT, DPT, GCS, CEEAA, presented the course “Applying a Comprehensive Approach to Successful Aging” at CSM 2019. Lowy, along with Marissa Cruz, PT, DPT, Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy, Tommy Dean, PT, DPT, Nikki Gilroy, PT, DPT, Steve Palmer, PT, MPA, GCS, and Ellen Strunk, PT, MS, GCS, presented “Cutting Through the Red Tape of Medical Necessity” at CSM 2019.

Clarissa Sheltier ’96, PharmD launched an award-winning skin care line called C2 California Clean. The skin care line is plant-based ingredients and is toxin- and carcinogen-free. The company has aligned with the Environmental Working Group. C2 has received numerous awards, has been in numerous magazines and was featured on several TV shows. One of C2’s goals is to educate consumers on the harmful effects of some ingredients in personal care.

Jody Stratton ’98, MA, CCC-SLP presented “What’s Our Place? Navigating Parents Through the Special Needs Puzzle” at the 2019 CSHA Convention. She also presented “I Didn’t Learn This in School” Part 1 and Part 2” at the 2019 CSHA Convention.

Lawrence “LB” Brown ’99, PharmD has accepted a position as vice provost of academic administration for Chapman University.

2000s

David G. Mitchell ’00, PharmD received the Excellence in Innovation award at the 2019 CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange.

Rajul A. Patel ’01, ’06, PharmD, PhD, professor of pharmacy practice, Carly A. Ranson ’13, ’17, PharmD, MS, BCACP, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and Caitlin Tippin ’19, PharmD were interviewed on Capital Public Radio about the Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics.

Pat Tirone ’02, PT, DPT, EdD was named the recipient of the USRowing 2018 Israel Bohn Award.

Jeremiah “Jay” Jason ’03, PharmD, APH, BCP, BCP, BC-ADM, along with David B. Lash, PharmD, MPH, Angela Mack ’09, PharmD, Jeffrey Jolliff ’04, PharmD and Joshua Plunkett, CPhT, published the article “Meds-to-Beds: The Impact of a bedside medicine delivery program on 30-day readmissions” in the Journal of the American College of Pharmaceutical.”

Nadia Aslam-Khan ’09, PharmD, BCPS accepted the position of regional medication safety coordinator, pharmacy quality and medication management, at Kaiser Permanente, Northern California Region.

Chau T. Phan ’09, PharmD received the Distinguished New Practitioner of the Year award at the 2019 CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange.

2010s

Jillian Hall ’13, MA, CCC-SLP and Kelly Dodge, MS presented “Serving the Social-Pragmatic Spectrum: Adolescent Case Studies” at the 2019 CSHA Convention. Hall also served on the 2019 CSHA Annual Convention and Exhibition Program Committee.

Abigail Kurtz ’13, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, along with R. Elías, R. MacPherson-Dias, C. Bosch and T. Sweeney, published the article “ICU Sepsis Response Team and Septic Shock Mortality: A Pre-Post Intervention Study” in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, 2019.

Kristen T. Tokunaga ’15, PharmD received a CSHS 2018 Bronze Level Award Star.

Tish An “April” Nguyen ’16, PharmD was promoted to regulatory affairs manager at Biogen Inc. in Boston.

Stacy Harmon ’17, PharmD, PGY2 pharmacy resident in Infectious Diseases at Aurora Health Care Medical, Inc., published “The clinical and financial impact of a pharmacist-driven penicillin skin testing program on antineoplastic stewardship practices” in Hospital Pharmacy.

In Memoriam

Donald Ernest Johansen ’59, RPh Vance Grainger ’59, ’69, BCPskinsDonald B. Goldenstein ’61, BCPskinsDouglas Scheid ’60, ’61, RPhRudolph Toller ’60, ’65, BCPskinsDonald Tonnenacher ’60, BCPskinsHerbert Low ’61, RPhLionel Sequeira ’64, BCPskinsRichard Babin ’66, BCPskinsSterlingGetty ’66, RPhWilliam Ostrom ’68, RPhRoger Panayotti ’71, PharmD Raymond Farmer ’73, BCPskinsMichael Toney ’74, ’75, PharmDKay (Dudley) Webster ’76, PharmD, PhDJohn Steven Hampford Sr. ’71, PharmDJohn Taylor ’76, ’78, PhDGilbert Castillo ’76, ’79, PharmD Robert Skolovszky ’77, PharmDDeborah Camacho ’86, PharmDTheresa Allen-Gutierrez ’88, PharmDJulie Harris ’91, PharmD Todd Berg ’98, PharmD

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Donald Ernest Johansen ’59, RPh

Donald Ernest Johansen ’59, RPh was one of the 16 graduates of the School’s inaugural class. He was a charter member of the Alpha Psi chapter of the Phi Delta Chi pharmacy fraternity and he stayed connected to his brothers throughout his career. Johansen also supported the School by sharing his time, talent and treasure.

He and his wife, Marie Marie Griffin, have three daughters. He discovered his love for travel when he made a trip to Tuscany in 2000. He returned to Italy eight more times and thoroughly enjoyed exploring Europe. Friends will remember his charm, sense of humor and love for animals.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Johansen served during the Korean War and earned the rank of lieutenant. His first exposure to the pharmacy profession was at the age of 14, when he started working at the Blackstone Pharmacy in Fresno. He would later own and operate the Ashlan Pharmacy in Fresno. He would later own and operate the Ashlan Pharmacy in Fresno. He would later own and operate the Ashlan Pharmacy in Fresno.

In 1994, he moved to Eureka and served as a relief pharmacist until his retirement.

In Memoriam

Kathy (Dudley) Webster ’78, PharmD, PhD

Kathy (Dudley) Webster ’78, PharmD, PhD was passionate about equipping future pharmacists with the skills to impact their communities, as students and throughout their careers.

She was a strong proponent of STEM education and an innovative leader in higher education. Over the course of her career, she helped establish four schools of pharmacy throughout the United States at Campbell University, University of the Incarnate Word, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Keck Graduate Institute. Dr. Webster was named the founding dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Keck in 2013. She successfully led them from candidacy to full accreditation, graduating the inaugural class last May.

Dr. Webster earned her doctor of philosophy in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry from University of Minnesota and completed post-doctoral research at University of Rochester. Dr. Webster was a steward and supporter of many professional and community organizations, including the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association. She published numerous educational articles and frequently presented at professional conferences nationwide.

She met her husband, David Webster ’78, PharmD, at Pacific when they were pharmacy students. Together they raised four children: Carl, Annicka, Erik and Noah. She is remembered by her children as the mom who could grow any plant, cook any meal, sew any Halloween costume or heal any hurt.

Among the many hats she wore in the community were those of church deacon, day-care advisor, Girl Scouts leader and Science Olympiad coach. To her many friends and colleagues, she is remembered as a mentor and role model. A practical feminist, she upheld, inspired and empowered many women to greater achievement in both their professional careers and personal lives. She is greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues across the nation.

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In Memoriam

John Steven Hambright Sr. ’71, PharmD

John Steven Hambright Sr. ’71, PharmD served his community with dedication and care. He owned Lincoln Family Pharmacy in Stockton from 1980 to 2004. Dr. Hambright was a founding member of the Central Valley chapter of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He was named the California Pharmacists Association Pharmacist of the Year in 2003 and was inducted into the San Joaquin Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

A proud Stocktonian, he was a strong supporter of the University and the Children’s Museum of Stockton. He served as a Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association board member and received the Pacific Alumni Association’s Professional Service Award in 2007. An avid outdoorsman, he was a jogger, sailor and cyclist. He will be remembered as a compassionate humanitarian, intrepid traveler and steadfast friend.

“He deeply believed that we, as pharmacists, need to push the profession forward, develop new ways of practice, develop relationships with other health care professionals and teach the next generation to not accept the status quo,” said Edward L. Rogan, PharmD, BCACP, FCPHA, assistant professor of pharmacy practice. “What he taught me has helped shape how I approach practice and set the bar for what a mentor should be.”

Dr. Hambright met Merrill (Werner) Hambright ’69, COP while attending University of California, Santa Barbara. They were married at Morris Chapel on Dec. 30, 1967. He is survived by his wife, sons, Steve and Patrick Hambright ’00 EDU, daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

The legacy will be the countless pharmacists and pharmacy students who looked up to him and were inspired to do better. John made the world a better place.”

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WHICH MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC FAMILY HAD THE GREATEST IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?

Catherine Grady Sterk ’77, ’78, PharmD, FCSHP
PRESIDENT, PPAA

“The late [Professor Emeritus] Colonel William Christopherson’s work behind the scenes had a profound influence on my career. When I was on site in Honolulu, he arranged for a UCSF residency interview over the phone through the lead colonel’s office; a residency interview that I thought was unavailable to me given my assignment in Honolulu. If he had not intervened, I would not have had the opportunity for the residency, nor the opportunity to work at UCLA that was enabled by that specific residency—the two most pivotal assignments in my early career.”

Catherine Grady Sterk ’77, ’78, PharmD, FCSHP
PRESIDENT, PPAA

Dr. Michael Susca had the greatest impact on my career and life. Although difficult – some might say impossible – his classes taught me to learn rather than memorize. As a supervisor, he often said you should be able to do therapy with a piece of paper and a pencil; I ascribe to that to this day. Dr. Susca assured me that I could trust my clinical skills and decision-making, but to not be afraid to seek advice. Fifteen years later, I still call or send him an email about clients I am seeing. I’m grateful for the entire Pacific faculty and the ongoing relationship after graduation.”

Alexia Mazzone ’04, MS, CCC-SLP
PRESIDENT, PSLPAA

“The Pacific faculty member who had the greatest impact on me was Todd Davenport. He was an excellent teacher and mentor to me and, I’m sure, to many of my classmates. However, I believe the biggest impact he had was reminding us that we had a life outside of physical therapy, and that it was especially important during PT school that we found time to enjoy ourselves outside of our studies. For me, this has carried over into my career. I often make it a priority to find time for my family and hobbies within the busy work week.”

Alexia Mazzone ’04, MS, CCC-SLP
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Sandra “Sandy” Reina-Guerra ’97, ’99, ’03, PT, DPT, PCS

By Becky Perry ’01, ’09

Sandra “Sandy” Reina-Guerra ’97, ’99, ’03, PT, DPT, PCS felt a connection to Pacific before she was even enrolled as a student. After she completed her military service in 1992, a Pacific counselor helped her choose courses she needed to take at a junior college 70 miles away. By the time she transferred to Pacific to complete her undergraduate education, she knew she would also stay to complete her graduate work. “Pacific led me to a career I’ve loved, in teaching and clinical practice, and provided a place where long-lasting friendships were made,” said Dr. Reina-Guerra.

Dr. Reina-Guerra began her career as a physical therapist at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton in 1999. She joined the Pacific physical therapy faculty in 2003 and eventually became chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. In 2017, she made the decision to leave higher education and take a position as the physical therapy clinical coordinator at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Northern California. At Shriners, Dr. Reina-Guerra is involved in the BikeFit program, an annual community tricycling education program. She also volunteers for the NorCal Trykers, a nonprofit community tricycling program for special needs riders.

At Pacific, she was instrumental in the success of the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program as well as the Pacific Physical Therapy Alumni Association (PPTAA), helping to organize events and meetings. In 2017, she brought concussion expert Bennett Omalu, MD to address students, faculty and alumni at the semi-annual Sanderson Lecture. Today, she gives back to the profession as a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy of APTA and the California Physical Therapy Association.

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Dr. Reina-Guerra credits the teamwork and vision of the department’s professors and staff members with her success as a physical therapist. She is influenced daily by her patients, young and old, and their families and caregivers.

“Pacific has already given me a wealth of experiences and opportunities,” she said. “Being recognized by the PPTAA is an honor that deepens my gratitude for its people and programs and reminds me of its ongoing good work.”

Janet Nimtz ’85, MA, CCC-SLP

By Becky Perry ’01, ’09

Shortly after graduating from Pacific, Janet Nimtz ’85, MA,CCC-SLP became director of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center, a position she held for two decades. Nimtz loved her job because of the close interaction between faculty and students. “The many and varied opportunities for faculty and student interaction create an environment where all students can develop to the best of their abilities and, maybe, discover strengths they didn’t know they had,” said Nimtz.

She considers the people she worked with, both students and faculty alike, to be kindred spirits. Each person shared the common goal of improving their clients’ communication skills. Nimtz said she always felt supported and encouraged.

Simone Smith-Stubblefield ’83, MA, CCC-SLP, professor emerita of speech-language pathology, was one of those positive influences on Nimtz’s life and career. Nimtz recalls how Smith-Stubblefield “encouraged, nurtured and bolstered my confidence to become more than I had previously believed possible for myself.”

Nimtz has supported the speech-language pathology profession as an advisory board member of the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CSHA) District 3. She also served as program chair for CSHA’s state conference. When she retired from Pacific in 2008, Robert E. Hanyak ’79, AuD established the Janet Nimtz Endowed Scholarship in her honor. She and her husband have helped perpetuate the scholarship, which is awarded to a graduate speech-language pathology student in recognition of clinical excellence working with the adult population. Each year, Nimtz is thrilled to meet the scholarship recipient.

“The recognition as Alumni of the Year brings my career and passion for communication between all people to a deeply satisfying closure,” Nimtz said. “I consider myself blessed to have found such a gratifying career and to have been given the privilege of working with some of the best clinicians, professionals and students in the field.”

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Nimtz stays busy volunteering with several community organizations, including the Haggin Museum. She is also a San Joaquin County Master Gardener. She is proud of her two wonderful daughters and enjoys seeing their families, including her four beautiful grandchildren, thrive and become successful.

Alumni of the Year

Jim Morisoli ’75, RPh

By Anne Marie H. Bergthold

Throughout his career, Stanley James “Jim” Morisoli ’75, RPh has embodied the spirit of the pharmacist’s oath: to devote oneself “to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.” From 1986 to 2015, he owned American Surgical Pharmacy in San Bernardino, where he specialized in helping local mental health clinics. He pioneered a clinic for Clonazepam®, an antipsychotic medication used for high-risk patients with schizophrenia. He was actively involved in the Inland Empire Pharmacists Association and has served as secretary, president for two terms and a board member from 1978 to 2015.

In 2014, he and his son, Adam Morisoli ’10, PharmD, purchased Carlsbad Village Pharmacy, where they currently serve the community as pharmacists. Jim Morisoli is a member of the California Pharmacists Association and the Orange County Pharmacists Association. He was also a council member for the St. Catherine of Siena Parish and is currently a volunteer pharmacist for the California Dental Association (CDA) Foundation’s CDA Cares program, which provides dental care for individuals in underserved communities.

A strong supporter of Pacific, Jim Morisoli served as a Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association (PPAA) board member for 10 years. “I was very fortunate to receive a quality education from Pacific, own a successful business and, in return, be able to give back to the School through an endowed scholarship,” said Jim Morisoli. He and his wife, Deborah, established the Powell-matched Morisoli Family Endowed Scholarship to assist pharmacy students who intend to pursue private practice pharmacy.

“I was very fortunate to receive a quality education from Pacific, own a successful business and, in return, be able to give back to the School through an endowed scholarship.”

“The friendships and relationships that I have made from attending Pacific have been lifelong,” he said. “The reputation of Pacific students and pharmacists, as well as their involvement in state and national organizations, makes me so proud to be an alumnus. I have been very blessed in my life and my career as a pharmacist. I attribute that to Pacific.”

In addition to the honor of being recognized as the 2019 PPAA Alumnus of the Year, the highlight of his year has been the privilege of working with some of the best clinicians, professionals and students in the field.”

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President, Academy of Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management

California Pharmacists Association

Ralph L. Saroyan ’64, RPh
Member, Audit Committee
Member, Past Presidents Council

Charles Green ’68, RPh
Member, Audit Committee
Member, Past Presidents Council

Donald G. Floridio ’71, PhD
Treasurer, San Joaquin Pharmacists Association

Jeffrey Hakimian ’84, PharmD
Treasurer and Secretary, Napa Valley Pharmacy Association

Elizabeth Johnson ’87, PharmD
Delegate, APHA

Vernon A. Yee ’87, PharmD
Treasurer, San Joaquin Pharmacists Association

Robert Chan ’77, PharmD
Member, Educational Advisory Task Force

Katherine Hillblom ’77, ’82, PharmD
Member, Insurance Committee

Douglas Hillblom ’78, PharmD
Trustee
Delegate, American Pharmacists Association (APhA)
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Member, Educational Advisory Task Force
Member, Legislative Committee
Member, Past Presidents Council

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Katherine Hillblom ’77
Member, Insurance Committee

Robert Chan ’77
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Member, Insurance Committee

Gurpartap "Gary" Basrai ’77, PharmD
Delegate, APhA

Kamala Sivarajan ’77, PhD
Member, Insurance Committee

Steve Thompson ’77, PharmD
President
CSHP Liaison, South Bay Long Beach Chapter
Member, Blue Ribbon Committee
Board of Directors, Liaison, Government Affairs Advisory Council
Member, Organization Promotion Committee
Member, Sterling Compounding Task Force

William "Fox" Kang ’13, PharmD
Past President, San Joaquin Pharmacists Association

Scott Harada ’14, PharmD
Member, Policy Committee

Brian Pham ’14
PharmD
Secretary, Peninsula Pharmacists Association

Khoa Chau Luong ’15, PharmD
President, Central Valley Pharmacists Association

Alison Hung Yen ’15, PharmD
President, Napa Valley Pharmacy Association

Albert Tazmin ’15, PharmD
Board of Directors, San Joaquin Pharmacists Association

Camille Camargo ’13, PharmD
Board of Directors, San Joaquin Pharmacists Association

Keratine Tooyan Orzenda ’15, PharmD
Member, Insurance Committee

Edward De ‘16, PharmD
President, San Joaquin Pharmacists Association

Jian Feng ’14, PharmD
Delegate, Quatra County Chapter
Co-Chair, Organizational Affairs, Quatra County Chapter

Anh Dao La ’18, PharmD
Chair, Health Services Reform Committee

Helen Park ’18, PharmD, BGPS, FCPHA
Board of Directors, Liaison, Orange County Chapter

Natalie Fan ’10, PharmD
Delegate, Diablo Chapter

Kristen Tokunaga ’15
PharmD
Delegate, Central Valley Chapter

Michelle Ito ’17, PharmD
Community Outreach Co-Chair, Quatra County Chapter

Elizabeth Chang ’12, PharmD
President, Golden Gate Chapter
Member, Blue Ribbon Committee

Lydia Patel ’12, PharmD
Member, South Bay Long Beach Chapter

Alyssa Patel ’17, PharmD
Member, Membership Chair, Quatra County Chapter

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Faculty Spotlights
by Anne Marie H. Bergthold

We are recognizing four faculty members who retired this year. The countless hours they spent teaching students and collaborating with colleagues has left a lasting legacy.

Jill Duthie, PhD, CCC-SLP
13 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jill Duthie, PhD, CCC-SLP, associate professor of speech-language pathology, was a clinician for 30 years before coming to Pacific. Dr. Duthie and Jeannene M. Ward-Lonergan, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-C, department chair and professor of speech-language pathology, established the Language-Literacy Center, which provides reading intervention for elementary and high school students. One of Dr. Duthie’s proudest accomplishments was developing the “Clinicians’ Hierarchy for Advancing Treatment (CHAT),” a set of resources to train supervisors and beginning clinicians, which has been adopted nationwide. Leading by example, she has inspired countless students and alumni to become actively involved in the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association. 

“Irrespective of the discipline, she remains humble, always offering to help out where needed and his very agreeable personality kept our relationship upbeat. One of my most memorable experiences with Tim was hearing the soft tones of his guitar coming through the wall between our adjacent offices as he took his lunch break.”

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– James W. Blankenship, PhD, professor emeritus of chemistry and science.

William A. Kehoe, MA, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS
34 YEARS OF SERVICE

William A. Kehoe, PharmD, MA, FCCP, BCPS, professor of pharmacy practice, established the Office of Academic Success and Instructional Support (OASIS) with a gift from the Chan Family. Using his training in psychology, he created a framework to help students develop individualized learning strategies. Dr. Kehoe’s many roles at Pacific included chair of the College of Clinical Pharmacy. In 2019, Dr. Kehoe was awarded the Order of Pacific, the University’s highest honor.

“As a student, I never imagined that one day I would work alongside Dr. Kehoe at an independent pharmacy. I remember feeling extremely nervous and intimidated. I had great respect for him as a professor, and did not want to disappoint him. I remember him telling me that I did not have to keep referring to him as Dr. Kehoe, that I could call him Bill. From then on, I quickly discovered that he was not only a great professor, but a great pharmacist, colleague and friend. Several years later, I had the opportunity to work with him at Pacific. I will forever be grateful for his support, mentorship and friendship.”

– Marisella Guerrero ’96, PharmD, assistant clinical professor of pharmacy practice

Denis J. Meerdink, PhD
29 YEARS OF SERVICE

Denis J. Meerdink, PhD, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, served as dean of Graduate Studies and Research from 1996 to 2006. Under his leadership, he strengthened the process for thesis and dissertation research. He mentored student leaders through his role as associate dean for student affairs and organizations. For more than a decade, he was actively involved in the California Pharmacy Student Leadership program, known as CAPSLEAD, which hosts an annual leadership conference.

“Countless students have benefited from Dr. Meerdink’s willingness to share his knowledge and expertise. If he feels you can learn from something, he shares with you. I have personally benefited from his guidance and constructive feedback. He never hesitates when his help is needed. Dr. Meerdink is also very humble. At every event, he takes the time to acknowledge and thank all of those involved in making the event successful.”

– Carmen K. Swanson, assistant director, Office of Student Affairs and Organizations

Timothy J. Smith, RPh, PhD
26 YEARS OF SERVICE

Timothy J. Smith, RPh, PhD, professor of physiology and pharmacology, loves the enthusiasm of his students. Throughout his time at Pacific, he focused on helping students gain unique, marketable skills. A talented singer and songwriter, this year marked his 22nd performance at the annual Rho Chi Talent Show.

“I am truly grateful to have had Dr. Smith as a mentor. He was always ready to help out where needed and his very agreeable personality kept our relationship upbeat. One of my most memorable experiences with Tim was hearing the soft tones of his guitar coming through the wall between our adjacent offices as he took his lunch break.”

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Faculty and Staff

New Faces, Tenures & Promotions
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

Jessica Fuentes was hired as audiology program services assistant, Department of Audiology.
Antonia Hernandez was hired as administrative assistant II, Office of the Dean and transitioned to the Department of Pharmacy Practice.
Jenana Maker, PharmD, BCP’s was promoted to professor,* Department of Pharmacy Practice.
Eliott Mason was hired as academic records coordinator II, Office of Academic Affairs.
Sonya North was hired as program services assistant, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry.
Preeti Deshpande Oza, PT, PhD, NCS was promoted to associate professor, Department of Pharmacoeconomics, Eberhardt School of Business.
Laura Street was hired as an academic assistant, Department of Pharmacy Practice.
Matthew Pausa was hired as clinic services assistant, Department of Audiology.

Years of Service

35 Years
Bonnie O’Leary, administrative assistant II, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology

25 Years
Xiaoling Li, PhD, professor and associate dean of graduate education and research, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

20 Years
Yong S.K. Moon, PharmD, associate professor and regional coordinator for LA/Long Beach, Department of Pharmacy Practice

15 Years
Xin Guo, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

10 Years
Peter Hilsenrath, PhD, Joseph M. Long Chair of Healthcare Management and professor of economics, Eberhardt School of Business

*Effective September 1, 2019

Yvonne Mai ’13, ’15, PharmD, MS, CGP, BCACP, assistant professor and regional coordinator for Stockton, Department of Pharmacy Practice

Carl Franklin, RPh
JULY 10, 1952–DECEMBER 1, 2018

A friend of the School, Carl Franklin, RPh: was passionate about educating future pharmacists and was a strong supporter of engaging with one’s professional organizations.

He was active in the Central Valley Pharmacists Association for many years. His career in pharmacy started when he was 15-years-old and spanned four decades and multiple practice settings. Franklin sold his pharmacy in Inglewood and began working for Rx relief® in 1980. Through his leadership at Rx relief®, he served as an advocate for the School and provided invaluable contributions to student leadership programs and scholarship funds. His wife, Lydia Broussard-Franklin, shared that he considered Pacific as family.

Highly regarded by his colleagues and peers, he was inducted into the California Pharmacists Association (CPHA) Pharmacy Hall of Fame in 2018. He was awarded posthumously the 2019 CPHA Bowl of Hygeia.

He enjoyed family get-togethers and Sunday dinners. His friends will remember his love for playing golf, playing chess and traveling internationally.

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IN MEMORIAM
Donald L. Sorby
AUGUST 12, 1933–FEBRUARY 16, 2019

Educator, mentor and world traveler, Dean Emeritus Donald L. Sorby, PhD served as dean of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences from 1984 until his retirement in 1995.

Prior to coming to Pacific, he taught at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), School of Pharmacy from 1960 to 1972 and University of Washington from 1972 to 1974. Dean Sorby served as dean of University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Pharmacy from 1974 until 1984. He joined the Pacific family in 1984. Under his leadership the Department of Physical Therapy was established within the School. He established strong ties with community partners and served on the Longs Drugs board of directors from 1995 to 2006.

“I met Dean Sorby many years ago when he was a faculty member at UCSF and I was a student,” said Dean Phillip R. Oppenheimer, PharmD. “When I came to Pacific as dean, he was very supportive and helped significantly with my transition to becoming dean.”

“Dean Sorby was a very bright, kind, humble person,” said his former Pacific colleague Katherine Knapp, PhD. “He was delightful to work with and always unassuming about his achievements. He emphasized building the academic reputation of the school of pharmacy by encouraging and supporting faculty scholarly works, faculty research and postdoctoral fellowships. He was always accessible to students and interested in their achievements.”

During his tenure as dean, Pacific’s chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) earned the Chapter Achievement award three times and five students received the California Pharmacists Association Student of the Year award. Dean Sorby received the Linwood F. Tice Friend of APhA-ASP Award in 1995.

Throughout his career, he was also actively involved in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and served a term as president. In 2009, the School dedicated Sorby Square, an outdoor student study area funded by a class gift from the doctor of pharmacy class of 1996, in recognition of Dean Sorby’s continued support of student scholarships and the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association.

“Dean Sorby was a very bright, kind, humble person.”

He and his wife, Jacquelyn Jeanne Burchard, traveled extensively. They were also self-proclaimed “rock hounds” and emeriti faculty may remember the boxes of rocks stored in the School’s basement.

He is survived by his wife, children, Thomas Burchard and Sharon Lynn Sorby, and grandchildren.

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Dr. Alhamadsheh, along with Miki Susanto
Faculty Development Initiative through the Pacific Scholarly/Artistic Activities Grant for the proposal Dr. Musacchia was awarded a 2018-19 Pacific Assistant Professor Academy of Audiology Conference, Sept. 14, 2018, “Future: California AuD Training” at the California Dr. Georgeson presented “The Wave of the Director of Clinical Education and Training GRANTS TIGER STRIPES Our faculty and staff are constantly earning their stripes on campus, across the country and around the world. Review their recent grants, presentations, publications and recognitions.

GRANTS

Audiology

Gabriella Musacchia, PhD Assistant Professor Dr. Musacchia was awarded a 2018-19 Pacific Scholarly/Artistic Activities Grant for the proposal “A new and improved drug delivery system for targeting cancer.”

Zhu Zhou ’14, BPharm, PhD Assistant Professor Dr. Zhou received a travel grant from the American College of Clinical Pharmacology (ACCP) to present at the 2018 ACCP Annual Conference, Sept. 23-25, 2018, in Bethesda, MD.

Pharmacy Practice
Jenana Maker, PharmD, BCPSP Assistant Professor Dr. Maker was awarded a Pacific Technology in Education Committee grant for the proposal “Expanding Student Assessment Using Examsoft.”

Rajal A. Patel ’01, ’06, PharmD, PhD Professor Dr. Patel, on behalf of the Medicare Part D Mobile Outreach Clinics, was awarded a $35,059 Healthy Seniors Grant by San Joaquin County, Aging and Community Services; a $35,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente’s Northern California Community Benefit Programs; and a $25,000 grant from the Emmanuel Medical Center (EMC) Health Foundation.

Physical Therapy
David Gillette, PT, DPT, GCS Assistant Professor Dr. Gillette, along with Preeti Deshpande Oza, PT, PhD, NCS, associate professor of physical therapy, Cathy Peterson, PT, EdD, ATP, professor and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, Todd Davenport, PT, DPT, NPH, OCS, program director and professor of physical therapy, Tamara L. Phelan ’98, PT, EdD, NAOMPT, professor of physical therapy, and Thomas “TK” Koesterer, PhD, ATC, program director and associate clinical professor of athletic training, were awarded a $13,000 Pacific Technology in Education Committee grant for the proposal “The Use of Augmented Reality to Improve Comprehension, Reflection and Behavior.”

Dr. Gillette, along with Dr. Davenport, Mark VanRees, PhD, professor and co-chair of Health, Exercise & Sports Sciences, Edward L. Ragan, PharmD, BCACP, FCPHA, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, Suzanne Galat, PharmD, associate professor of pharmacy practice, Joannene M. Ward-Lonergan, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, professor and chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, Rupa Balachandran, PhD, associate professor and chair of the Department of Audiology, Tracey DelNero, MSPAS, PA-C, DRAAPA, academic director of the physician assistant program, Elisa Chavez, DDS, associate professor of diagnostic sciences; Paul Suber, DDS, associate professor of diagnostic sciences and Dr. Koesterer, were awarded a $2,500 Pacific Eberhardt University Priority Award grant for the proposal “Validity of the Kirrstar-Chen Empathy Scale.”

Presentations

Audiology
Gabriella Musacchia, PhD Assistant Professor Dr. Musacchia, along with Devin Inabinet ’20, Jan de la Cruz ’18, A.PT, F-AAA, Justin Oka ’21 and Kevin Ng ’21, presented the poster “Dissemination of Peripheric and Pict Effect in Musicians and Non-musicians” at the 42nd Association of Research in Otoaryngology Annual Meeting, Feb. 10, 2019, in Baltimore.

Pharmacoeconomics and Medicinal Chemistry
Zhu Zhou ’14, BPharm, PhD Assistant Professor Dr. Zhou co-chaired the session “Intestinal Inflam Transports: A Missing Piece in the Puzzle?” at the 2018 ACCP Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Zhou, along with Yu You ’19, MS, Miki Susanto Park, PhD, professor of pharmacology and medicinal chemistry, William K. Chan, PharmD, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacines and Medicinal Chemistry, and John C. Liewes, PhD, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, presented “Effect of Rabeprazole on the Benzo(a)pyrene-Induced DNA Damage In Vitro” at Experimental Biology, April 9, 2019, in Orlando, Fl.

Dr. Zhou presented “Intestinal OGRP mediated drug interactions: Where are we?” for the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics webinar, July 2019.

Pharmacy Practice
Veronica T. Banday ’00, ’08, MS, PharmD, FCSHP, BCACP Clinical Professor Dr. Banday presented “Diabetes - The Tools for Clinical Treatment” at the 31st annual New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy, March 29-31, 2019, in San Francisco.

Nancy L. DeGuire ’89, PharmD, FACA Clinical Professor, Associate Dean for External Relations Dr. DeGuire presented “Alternative Medicine: Moving into the Mainstream” at the 31st annual New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy.

S. Lena Kang-Birken, PharmD, FCP, AAHIVP, FCSHP Assistant Professor, Regional Coordinator - Santa Barbara/Ventura Dr. Kang-Birken and Kenny Lee ’19, PharmD, presented the poster “Treatment Outcomes of orfavitin in bacterial endocarditis” at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition.

Elaine Law, PharmD, BCPSP Assistant Clinical Professor, Regional Coordinator - San Jose Dr. Law presented “Teaching with Student Entitlement in Environmental Pharmacy Education” at the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists Pacific Coast Preceptor Conference, March 28-30, 2019.


Yvonne Mai ’13, ’15, PharmD, MS, BCACP, BCACP Assistant Professor, Regional Coordinator - Stockton Dr. Mai along with Y. W. Liu and J. M. Arquette presented the “Role of Pharmacists in Reducing Congestive Heart Failure Readmissions in the Community Setting” at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, December 2018 in Anaheim.

Dr. Mai, along with Joanie Wen and H. J. Chung, presented “Pharmacists Impact on Patient Outcomes in a County Chronic Pain and Addiction Clinic” at the CSHP Seminar, October 2018 in San Diego.

Nancy N. Nguyen, PharmD, BCPSP, AACP, FCSHP Clinical Professor, Regional Coordinator - Palo Alto Dr. Nguyen presented “Updates in HIV: A Practical Guide for Pharmacists in 2019” at the 31st annual New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy.

Dr. Nguyen and Sachin A. Shah, PharmD, FAHA, professor of pharmacy practice and regional coordinator for Travis AFB, presented “Facilitating Student and Resident Clinical Research: From Idea to Manuscript” at the 2018 CSHP West Coast Preceptor Conference.

Marcus C. Ravnan ’94, PharmD, FCSHP, FASHIP Professor, Professor, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Dr. Ravnan presented “Advances in Cancer Therapeutics: A Survey of ‘What’s New in Oncology’” at the 31st annual New Drugs and Modern Concepts in Pharmacotherapy.

Marie Scott, PharmD Associate Clinical Professor, Regional Coordinator - San Diego Dr. Scott presented “Teaching the Pharmacists’ Patient Care Process: A Guide for Preceptors” at the 2018 CSHP West Coast Preceptor Conference.

Sachin A. Shah, PharmD, FAHA Professor, Regional Coordinator - Travis AFB Dr. Shah, along with Donna Arz, Michael McClain ’18, PharmD, Kathy Guise ‘18, PharmD, Joseph Sey and David Steinborn, presented “Impact of Empathy Thucapy on Reducing Feelings of Stress, Anxiety, Pain and Depression” at the American Heart Association’s EPI | Lifestyes Spring 2018 Scientific Sessions, March 20-23, 2018, in New Orleans.

Mark P. Walberg ’00, ’06, PharmD, CTH Professor, Regional Coordinator - San Fernando Valley Dr. Walberg presented “From the Novel to the Practical Guide for Pharmacists in 2019” at the 2018 CSHP West Coast Preceptor Conference.
TIGER STRIPES CONTINUED

Physical Therapy

Todd Davenport, PT, DPT, MPH, OCS Professor, Program Director

Dr. Davenport and Vanneta Kennedy, PT, DPT, presented "Leaky Pipes and Revolving Doors: Why Diversity and Inclusion in Physical Therapy Seems Elusive" at CSM 2019.

Dr. Davenport, along with Jennifer Brach, PT, PhD, Margaret Danivich, PT, DPT, MSCS, Sarah Greenham, DOT, GCS, Dawn Magnuson, PT, PhD, and Jason Robinson, PT, DCS, presented the course "Community Health Promotion Grant-Writing Workshop" at CSM 2019.

Dr. Davenport, along with Joseph Gogertas, PT, DPT, MA, OCS, Craig Hendy, PT, DPT, DCS, FAAPMT, James Ken, PT, DPT, OCS, GCS, FAAPMT, Michael Wong, DPT and Emmanuel Yant, PT, DPT, OCS, MA, FAAPMT, presented "CPO to Recognize Health Conditions That May Necessitate Referral to a Physician" at CSM 2019.

Physiology and Pharmacology

Robert F. Halliwell, PhD Professor
Dr. Halliwell presented "Everything You Wanted to Know About Stem Cells" at the Stockton Institute for Continued Learning, San Joaquin Delta College, Sept. 28, 2018, in Stockton.

Dr. Halliwell was an invited speaker at the SelectBio STEM Cells in Drug Discovery & Toxicity Screening Conference, Oct. 5, 2018, in Coralado.

Dr. Halliwell, along with Stephanie Nguyen ‘10 and Sharon Cheung ’21, who represented the Mental Health Awareness Committee, presented "Memory Improvement" on Oct. 30, 2018, and "Dealing with Insomnia" on Nov. 13, 2018, at The Wellness Center at San Joaquin.

Dr. Halliwell was an invited speaker at the SelectBio 3D Culture, Organoids & Tissue Screening Europe, June 13-14, 2019, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Dr. Halliwell was invited to give two lectures at the IBRO School of Neuroscience on "Brain Injuries and Related Disorders," Sultan Moumen Slimane University, June 15-19, 2019, in Khorbatia, Morocco.

Lecture
Barry PhD

Dr. Rodgers and Arina Joma ‘17, ’18, MS presented "Narrative Discourse with Aphasia Couples Therapy: Two Cases of Conduction Aphasia" at the 2018 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention, Nov. 15-17, 2018, in Boston.


Jill Duthie, PhD, CCC-SLP Associate Professor
Dr. Duthie, along with Lisa Chatter and Nicholas Brom ’11, ’12, MS, CCC-SLP, generalized educational professional of speech-language pathology and director of the Stockton Scottich Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center, presented "Monitoring Treatment Progress: An Alternative to 90% Accurate" at the 2018 ASHA Convention.

Dr. Duthie, along with Lisa Chatter and Nicholas Brom, presented "When You Pick up a Pen, You Stop the Interaction" at the 2019 CSHA Convention.

Michael Susca, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-FL Associate Professor
Dr. Susca presented the poster "Time Pressure Effects on People Who Slut" at the 2018 ASHA Convention.

Dr. Susca presented "Time Pressure Effects in People Who Do and Not Do Slut" at the 2019 CSHA Convention.

Jeanneene M. Ward-Lonergan, PhD, CCC- SLP, BCS-CL Professor, Department Chair
Dr. Ward-Lonergan along with Darcie Williams presented "Helping Adolescents with ASD Make Informations About What Others Think in Conversation, Reading and Writing" at the 2018 ASHA Convention.

PUBLICATIONS

Audiology


Pharmacouords and Medicinal Chemistry

Xin Guo, PhD Professor Dr. Guo, along with Yanzhou Fang ‘14, MS, Matilka Vudzimai ’19, PhD and Yinghuo Huang ’19, MS, published the article "Lipid-Coated, pH-Sensitive Maghemite Particles for Intracellular Protein Delivery" in Pharmaceutical Research, June 2019.

Mameun M. Almahdabesh, PharmD, PhD Associate Professor Dr. Almahdabesh, along with co-authors Mark Miller ‘18, PhD, Arindom Pal ’19, Wibel Albusiar ‘17, PhD, Jian Hu, PhD, presented the article "Reading Between the Lines: Connect the Language-Literacy Dyslexia Dots" at the 2018 ASHA Convention.


Dr. Ward-Lonergan and Dr. Dapo presented "State of Dyslexia" at the 2019 CSHA Convention.

Dr. Ward-Lonergan and with Benj Fogel, MA, Path Solomon-Rice, PhD, Shitelle Bader, MA, Kathleen Fitzmaurice-Gottshall ’78, ’16, MS, CCC-SLP, Jean Howard, MA, Holy Kaiser, MA, Audrey Ostromski-Gallagher, MA, Margaret "Dee" Parker, PhD and Diatra Stearn, MA, presented the course "Let’s Collaborate -- CSHA’s Inter Professional Relationships with National and State Related Organizations" at the 2019 CSHA Convention.


Bhashkara R. Jasti ’95, MPH, PharmD Professor
Dr. Jasti, along with Md Zahir Uddin ‘21, Xiaoliang Li, PhD, presented pharmacists and medicinal chemistry and associate dean of graduate education and research, Dr. Jao, Jerry Tsai, PhD, professor and co-chair of the Department of Chemistry, and Lisa Wrischnik, PhD, associate professor and co-chair of Biological Sciences, published the article "National Database of Peptide Ligands Based on In vitro -Based Protein-Peptide Binding Model Using CD101 as a Proteomic Receptor" in ACS Omega, March 11, 2019.

Xiaoliang Li, PhD Professor, Associate Dean of Graduate Education and Research Dr. Li, along with Dr. Jasti, Dr. Su, Sameer Schiedlo ‘18, PhD and Dr. Jao, published the article "A Randomized Approach for Creating Peptides Mimicking Amyloid β-Binding" in Nature Scientific, Jan. 30, 2019.


Pharmacy Practice

Eric S. Boyce, PharmD Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Dr. Boyce, along with Greg L. Alston ’77, PharmD, Wallace Marsh, Ashley N. Castellino and Katherine A. Kelley, published the article "Pharmacists' opinions of the value of specific applicant attributes in hiring decisions for entry-level pharmacists" in Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy.


Edward L. Rogan, PharmD, BCACP, FCPHA Assistant Professor Dr. Rogan, along with Carl A. Ransom ’13, ’17, PharmD, MS, BCACP, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, Traci K. Mori ’18, PharmD, Bill Haley, AK, PharmD, professor and co-chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Lisa Wrischnik, PhD, associate professor and co-chair of Biological Sciences, published the article "National Database of Peptide Ligands Based on In vitro -Based Protein-Peptide Binding Model Using CD101 as a Proteomic Receptor" in ACS Omega, March 11, 2019.

Yvonne Mai ’13, ’15, PharmD, MS, BCACP, Assistant Professor, Regional Coordinator - Stockton Dr. Mai and Dr. Law published "Implementing a Layered Learning Model into Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience to Minimize Impact on Preceptor Workload" in Northern California College of Clinical Pharmacy Newsletter, April 30, 2019.

Physical Therapy

Preeti Deshpande Oza, PT, PhD, NCS Associate Professor Dr. Oza and Cassy Neblett, PT, DPT, DCS, IPC presented the article "14 Prior Inter Professional


Physiology and Pharmacology
Robert F. Halliwell, PhD
Professor
Dr. Halliwell and Parto S. Khansari ’07, PhD published the article “Mechanisms Underlying Neuroprotection by the NSAID, Mefenamic Acid in an Experimental Model of Stroke” in Frontiers in Neuroscience, Feb. 2019.

Speech-Language Pathology
Jeanenne M. Ward-Lonergan, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL
Professor; Department Chair
Dr. Ward-Lonergan was invited by CSHA to serve on the “Improving Literacy” Transition Team organized by the California Department of Education’s State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

Pharmacy Practice
Jason Bandy ‘00, PharmD, FCSHP
Associate Clinical Professor, Regional Coordinator - Sacramento
Dr. J. Bandy received a CSHP 2018 Silver Level Star Award.

Edward L. Rogan, PharmD, BCACP, FCPHa
Assistant Professor
Dr. Rogan was named a Fellow of the California Pharmacists Association (CPHA). He was recognized at the CPHA Western Pharmacy Exchange, April 12-14, 2019 in Los Angeles.

Sachin A. Shah, PharmD, FAHA
Professor; Regional Coordinator - Travis AFB
Dr. Shah was named a Fellow of the American Heart Association conferred by the Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health (LiFeSTiLe).

Physical Therapy
Todd Davenport, PT, DPT, MPH, OCS
Professor; Program Director
Dr. Davenport was named one of the recipients of the 2018 Pacific Faculty Mentor Award.

Dr. Davenport was named University of Southern California’s Distinguished Doctor of Physical Therapy Alumnus of the Year.

Alicia Rabena-Amen, PT, DPT
Assistant Professor; Director of Clinical Education
Dr. Rabena-Amen received the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy’s 2018 Outstanding Service Award.

RECOGNITIONS
Pharmacy Practice
Michael Susca, PhD, CCC-SLP, BRs-FD
Associate Professor
Dr. Susca received the ASHA Continuing Education Board’s Award for Continuing Education for the 10th consecutive year.

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Associate Professor
Dr. Duthie served as the director of CSHA District 3.

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Jeanenne M. Ward-Lonergan, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL
Professor; Department Chair
Dr. Ward-Lonergan served on the Literacy Assessment and Intervention 2018 ASHA Convention Program Committee.

Dr. Ward-Lonergan was invited by CSHA to participate in public service announcement videos about interprofessional practice related to literacy and dyslexia.

Dr. Ward-Lonergan was invited to serve on the “Improving Literacy” Transition Team organized by the California Department of Education’s State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

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After 22 years as dean of University of the Pacific’s Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and 46 years in academia, Phillip R. Oppenheimer has announced his plans for retirement. Please join the Pacific family as we celebrate Dean Oppenheimer’s lasting legacy at one of the events that will be held in locations throughout California.

SPRING 2020
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