





A Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

Last year we sent you a report of the school's progress toward meeting the strategic goals. The School of Pharmacy first embarked on a new long-term strategic plan in 2001, and aligned ourselves with the University's five strategic focus areas. We created goals and established measurable outcomes by which we could quantify our successes. Last year's report showed that in each successive year, we exceeded the previous year's performance. We would be

proud to show you the outstanding accomplishments of the past year. Instead, though, we are sharing the human side of achievement.

Thank you for supporting us with your time, talents, and resources. Your involvement with the school and its people makes us better and creates a future that is bright with promise.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Kroboth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Kroboth
Dean, School of Pharmacy
University of Pittsburgh

Our Commitment

- Educating the Next Generation of Practitioners and Scientists
- Advancing Human Health through Research
- Enhancing the Health of the Community through Partnerships
- Securing an Adequate Resource Base



Our students have a thirst for knowledge, a commitment to service, and the creativity to meet future challenges. They are the future of pharmacy. You are helping them to enrich their educational experience and enhance their professionalism by giving them your time and resources. The students to the right are two of many who exemplify the excellence of our student body.

Students attended professional meetings where they experienced professional and personal networking, learned about advocacy and issues affecting pharmacy, and shared their experiences with others.

Pictured left is Professor Regis R. Vollmer and PharmD student Christina Cline at the Peter M. Winter Institute for Simulation, Education, and Research.

Helping Students Achieve Excellence



Robert Reynolds

Community service, student leadership, and research endeavors highlight the achievements

of P3 PharmD student Robert B. Reynolds. Research experience and an internship in the Drug Use and Disease State Management Program culminated in poster presentations, coauthorship of journal articles, and pharmacy educational material. As a Schweitzer fellow he initiated a program to deliver pharmaceutical care to the underserved population and also participated in the Rite Care® project development. Reynolds has served his fellow students as class president and representative on several pharmacy school committees. Recognition for his accomplishments include a Rite Aid scholarship and the dean's list.



Dr. Gordon J. Vanscoy Fourth Annual White Coat Ceremony



Margie Snyder

Cultural and geographic diversity epitomize the experiences of P4 PharmD student Margie E. Snyder.

As a Schweitzer fellow, she implemented a diabetes education program in two Pittsburgh community healthcare centers. Pharmacy intern experiences in Alaska, Wyoming, the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti, and participation in research for the Pittsburgh Poison Center and the National Institutes of Health Summer Research Program exemplify her accomplishments. Recognition awards include the United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award, the Louis and Mary V. Bischoff Scholarship, and the dean's list.



We value our students, recognize their accomplishments, and celebrate their diversity. During the past year, we provided \$268,800 in scholarships to 125 students. Your generous support for endowed scholarships makes it possible for us to:

- Support students who had financial need.
- Provide assistance to students with special personal or family circumstances.
- Recognize outstanding accomplishments and leadership.
- Increase the diversity of our student population.

Pictured left are PharmD students who, through your generosity, received scholarships.

Supporting Education through Scholarships



“Thanks to receiving a pharmacy scholarship I am able to concentrate more on my academics and participation in professional organizations and opportunities rather than the financing of my college education.”

—Nicole Cerussi, expected graduation 2007
Joseph Koslow Scholarship

“It is a joyous and relieving feeling when I can worry less about how to pay for school, and instead pay more time concentrating my efforts towards my advancement in the profession educationally, organizationally, and socially.”

—Jovonne Jones, expected graduation 2009
John P. and Constance A. Curran Pharmacy Scholarship



“Pharmacy school is stressful enough, but when financial burdens are added to the equation, managing school becomes almost impossible. The scholarship I received alleviated unnecessary stress and allowed me to become a more compassionate and caring student pharmacist.”

—Brandy Pingatore, expected graduation 2008
The Gatti Family Scholarship in the School of Pharmacy

“I was excited to receive a scholarship because I feel they provide students with the ability to explore opportunities, activities, and scholastic pursuits they might not otherwise experience if they were trying to make extra money for necessities.”

—Matt Sapko, expected graduation 2009
School of Pharmacy Alumni Society Board Scholarship





Faculty members make lasting differences in students' lives. We all can remember that special faculty member who challenged, helped, and inspired us, and who gave us rich food for thought. With your help, we are attracting the best and brightest new faculty. Your resources provide new faculty with a great beginning and give seasoned faculty the opportunity to pursue new ideas and directions.

Pictured left is Dr. Wen Xie, interim director of the Center for Pharmacogenetics.

Recruiting and Developing Top-notch Faculty



"I moved to the University of Pittsburgh for the opportunity to work with the leadership in the School of Pharmacy to expand the already strong Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Also, it affords a research environment that will enhance my own research program."

—Barry Gold, PhD

Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

"I returned to the school to take part in the provision of superior pharmacy education and to participate in the many exceptional research opportunities at the University of Pittsburgh."

—Christine Ruby, PharmD

Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics



"By joining the School of Pharmacy I have been provided a wonderful opportunity to be involved in an outstanding academic program with cutting-edge research."

—Jim Tsikouris, PharmD

Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics

"The opportunity to join the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy was an honor. I look forward to contributing to the Pitt legacy of developing future leaders within the profession."

—Scott Mark, PharmD, MS, Med, CHE, FASHP, FABC

Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics





The Distinguished Lecture Series brings outstanding scientists and practitioners to the School of Pharmacy. These individuals have made significant contributions to research, education, or patient care during their careers. Engaging our faculty and students in dialogue with these national and world experts makes our school a special place for inquiry and investigation. New ideas that improve education, practice, and drug therapy often result from these stimulating discussions. Our guests learn about the school's wonderfully rich educational and research environment. Your generous support has allowed us to begin and continue this special speaker series for the past four years.

Pictured on the left is Dean Patricia Kroboth with Tucci honoree Dr. Lenore T. Coleman, PharmD, CDE, FASHP.

Bringing the Best and Brightest to Pittsburgh



Robert Abraham
Vice President, Oncology Wyeth Research

*“A Pharmacologist’s Journey:
From Cancer Drugs to Cancer Biology and Back Again”*

Dennis K. Helling, PharmD, FCCP, FASHP
Executive Director of Pharmacy Operations and Therapeutics
Kaiser Permanente Colorado Region

“Are You Prepared to Make a Difference?”



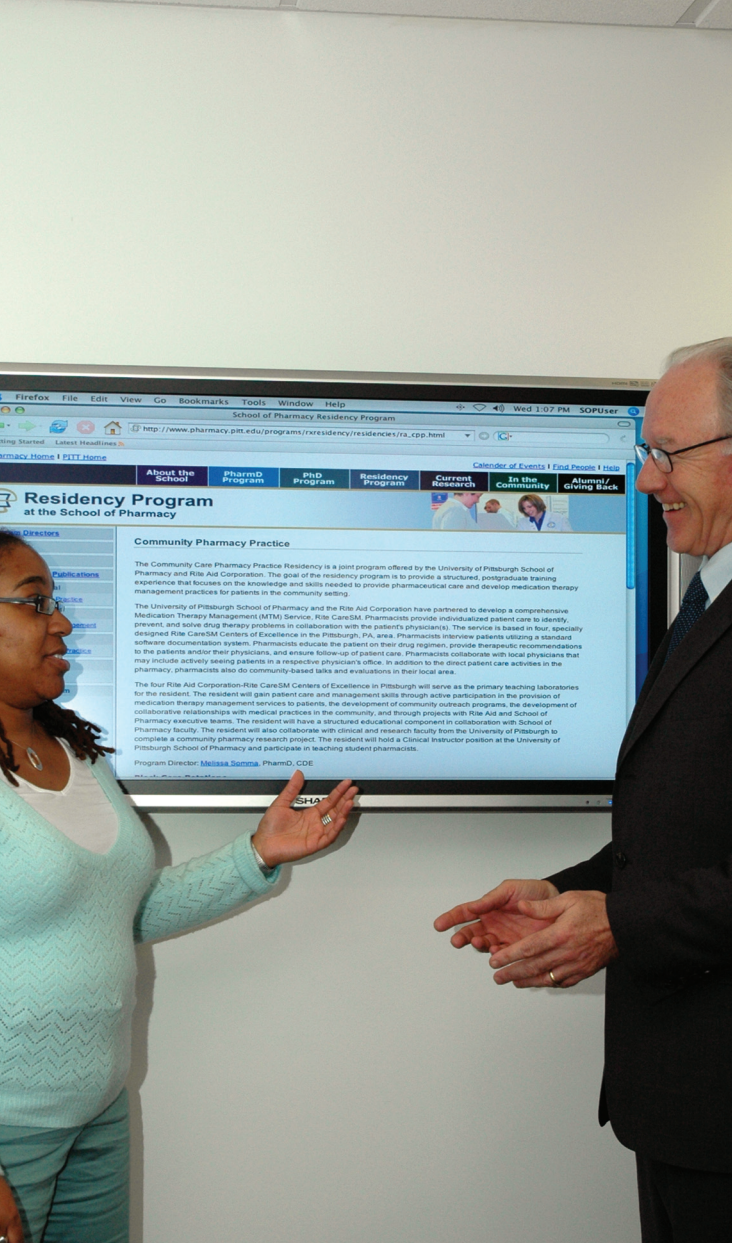
Kathleen M. Giacomini, PhD
Professor and Chair, Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences University of California at San Francisco School of Pharmacy

*“Pharmacogenomics of Membrane Transporters:
Implications to Drug Response”*

Ronald M. Evans, PhD
March of Dimes Chair in Developmental and Molecular Biology
Salk Institute for Biological Studies Investigator
Howard Hughes Medical Institute

“PPARs and the Complex Journey to Obesity”





We are committed to improving the health of the public. We partner with providers to test new healthcare service models. We care for patients in multiple settings. We establish best practices. We work to improve healthcare access. We help health professionals by providing education that brings new findings to practice. Your time and resources help us enhance our community.

The school has nine different programs that touch the community in various ways.

Pictured left is Dean Randall Smith with Tina Scipio, PharmD, discussing the community residency programs.



Silver Scripts



Rite Care



Program for the Underserved



Helping Hands for Healthy Hearts

Expanding Our Commitment to the Community



Thoughtful inquiry and stimulating discussion are enhanced by an engaging environment. We try to make it easy for students to focus on learning by facilitating the necessary administrative needs. We are, with your help, continually working to enrich our learning environment.

Pictured left is Professor Paul Schiff, a valuable faculty member since 1970, discussing the new PharmD student portal with PharmD candidates Brittany DeVoge and Vadim Gazarov. This technology allows students to easily post events as well as find information on student organizations, professional development, job opportunities, and much more.

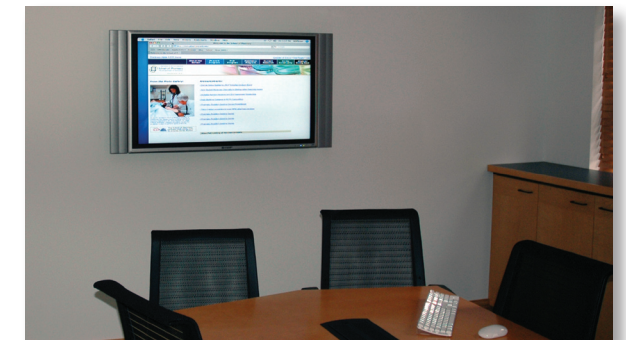
The new John P. and Constance A. Curran Student Services Center in Salk Hall was created to improve the experiences of applicants, students, and families through consolidation of student support functions. Staff used value-stream mapping to improve work flow and reduce duplicate files and redundant tasks. The user-friendly environment supports efficiency and provides technology-rich spaces for private meetings and other student needs.



Several School of Pharmacy faculty members now enjoy the technologically rich environment of the newest research building, Biomedical Tower 3 as members of the Drug Discovery Institute. The state-of-the-art facility, shown here just before faculty occupied the space, was designed to facilitate collaboration and innovation among the world-class Pitt faculty.



Advances in the technology to support communications, learning, and teaching are at the center of all renovations. The conference room in the Student Services Center provides multimedia and multiple-user digital support for small group meetings, seminars, and classes.



Building an Environment that Enriches Learning