Preventing students to become competent, caring, ethical health professionals and citizens.
Sudro Society to play big role in pharmacy education

As a student ambassador, second-year pharmacy student Emily Olson has helped new students find their way around college and shared stories with 50-year alumni reunion attendees. She enjoys the opportunity to take a break from studying, to meet students from across the college, and to be a part of the growth of the school. “I think it’s a support system,” she said. “If I don’t know something, I know somebody who knows."

In the Throfty White Concept Lab, pharmacy students learn how to counsel patients on over-the-counter drugs, how to check blood pressure and cholesterol, give flu shots, make nursing home gel packs, make loc-tions and how to use the latest automated dispensing technology to fill prescriptions.

Sara Kay Hermans, a fourth-year pharmacy student, has attended the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists National Meeting for three years. While at the convention this year in San Diego, she was able to meet with students from across the country and interact with representatives from drug companies, community and chain drug stores and wholesalers. “It is a great networking and learning opportunity,” she said.

Although seemingly unrelated, the student ambassadors program, concept lab and trip to the national pharmacy conference all have one important thing in common. They rely heavily on alumni giving.

In fact, only 30 percent of the college budget comes from the state. The rest must be generated by the college itself. For the past 10 years, the Dakota 100 Club has raised a sizable portion of that funding. However, the Dakota 100 Club is ending to make way for a new fundraising campaign – the Sudro Society.

The goal of the society is to reach out to the college’s 3,500 alumni to tell them the good news about what is happening on campus.

“It’s a privilege to give back to an institution and pharmacy program that gave me so much,” said Brad Trom, chair of the advancement subcommittee for the Pharmacy National Advisory Board. “Giving through the Sudro Society directly supports pharmacy students at NDSU. I know the investment continues a worthwhile effort.”

The Sudro Society is the brainchild of the National Advisory Board, an 18-member group of alumni from all aspects of the pharmacy world.

“I can’t tell you how much we utilize those gifts and rely on annual funding to support students, faculty, staff and advancement efforts,” said Charles Peterson, dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. “It’s a tremendous benefit and asset to the college.”

Funding from alumni giving supports many aspects of the college, including:
- 50 Year Reunion
- College Ambassador’s Program
- Travel expenses for students to attend regional and national pharmacy conventions
- Support and upgrades for the Concept Pharmacy
- Classroom innovations and renovations
- Faculty and staff training
- Computer and software technology
- Visiting Scientist Research Lecture Series
- Career fair program
- Alumni publications

Perhaps most importantly, funding from the Sudro Society will give the college the flexibility it needs to jump on new opportunities for students as they arise. For instance, last year saw the start of the College Ambassador’s Program. These students help with socials, reunions, orientation, alumni events, and prospective student recruitment. Significant start-up funds were needed for this new organization.

“It means a lot to each student,” said Sara Tanke, director of advancement for the college. “There are many times they stop by and say, ‘Thank you for creating this. This is so much fun. They take a lot of pride in the work they are doing for the benefit of the college.’

There are now 29 ambassadors in the group. Alumni funds provide for such things as meeting costs, uniforms for ambassadors and educational retreats in the fall and spring.

Other opportunities also arise from time to time. Currently, Peterson is considering a partnership with local firms in pharmaceuticals and health care to create a center for research in vaccines. It’s a great opportunity for student learning and advancements in medicine, but what will prevent it from developing is lack of funding.

“These new ideas and new opportunities will not go anywhere without sufficient financial support,” Peterson said. “Annual gifts provide us with the funding needed to get new initiatives started. Regardless of whether it’s a dollar or one thousand dollars, it’s a huge importance to us and makes a significant impact.”

Membership to the Sudro Society starts at $1,000 per year, which is a step up from the Dakota 100. But as the budget has grown, so has the need for funds. About 10 to 15 percent of the $6.5 million budget for the college relies on external gifts. Fred Paavola, chair of the National Pharmacy Advisory Board of Alumni for the College of Pharmacy, said he’s at the point in his life where he wants to give back.

“The College of Pharmacy provided the foundation for my career,” he said. “They provided the education that enabled me to be a successful pharmacist. I was fortunate to have that dream career. This is an exciting time for both the university and college with so many positive changes going on. It is a great opportunity to be involved and to support it financially and with my time.”

Bill Gross, founder of the Dakota 100 Club, agrees.

“It’s not giving money – we’re helping these young people get into society via a pharmacy education,” he said. “The genuineness of the heart will spur people to help.”

Those who decide not to give the full membership amount will still be recognized as friends of the Sudro Society.

Alumni should be on the lookout for more information on the Sudro Society soon. Art Hagen.
We have missed a couple of issues of our newsletter, so it is good to be back on track. The college continues to march forward on a number of exciting fronts. Hopefully, this issue will fill you in on what’s been happening lately. Sara Tanke joined our college as our new director of advancement in January 2008. Sara was previously employed as program director at the NDSU Alumni Association. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise in working with alumni. Sara already is actively engaged in developing new approaches toward advancement for our college which I am sure will be of great interest to our alumni. Go, Sara!

In summer 2007, an outside consultant (Bernard Consulting Group, Inc., Kansas City, Mo.) was hired to assist the college in developing a new strategic plan. This document will be of importance to our college in laying out critical issues, strategic directives, goals and priorities, and specific action steps to help pave the way for our future. The document will address critical needs during the next 3-5 years including faculty, staff, space, program growth, accreditation standards, curriculum development, assessment, research, and many other areas. It also will explore opportunities for interdisciplinary education with pharmacy, nursing, and allied sciences students and faculty. We hope to finalize our plans soon.

The college invites you to send us your comments, ideas and suggestions as to what areas we should be focusing on and developing for our future plans and priorities that will best serve our students, the profession and our alumni. Contact me at Charles.Peterson@ndsu.edu with any comments or suggestions.

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Distinguished alumni credits ‘success connections’

Human beings encounter and respond to influences every day. A sale price might influence a purchase. The weather influences our dress. Teachers influence students. Parents influence their children. The way an older sibling behaves might influence a younger sibling. Mentors help us know how to excel. Gary Boehler, this year’s Distinguished Alumnus for the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences, says influences are what helped him achieve personal and professional success. He calls them his “success connections.”

Boehler grew up in Pick City, N.D. His father was a heavy construction worker, helping build the Garrison Dam on the Missouri River. While attending grade school, Boehler came across one of his first success connections.

“One of the greatest influences in my life was the teacher I had for grades one through four. Her name was Mayblume Jacobs,” Boehler said. “Any paper that I turned in was done sloppily, she would tear it up and say ‘I know you can do better.’ ”

Once the dam was finished, Boehler’s family moved to Hazen, N.D. As a high school junior, he worked at the local grocery store when Jerry Chaise, the local pharmacist, approached him and sparked his interest in pharmacy. Boehler began spending time at Chaise’s pharmacy and soon decided that he would go to pharmacy school at NDSU.

Bill Gross, another success connection who is known to NDSU as the “father of pharmacy in North Dakota,” helped Boehler get a good start. Gross helped him get scholarships through the Rexall Scholarship program. “Bill was very instrumental in helping me through school,” he said.

Boehler earned a bachelor’s degree from NDSU in 1970. Following graduation, he took his first job at May’s Drug in Dubuque, Iowa. Boehler worked as a pharmacist for 13 years before becoming a district manager of White Drug/Thrifty White Drug in North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota and western Minnesota. Today, Boehler is working in Maple Grove, Minnesota, as the executive vice president of pharmacy operations and health care services for Thrifty Drug Stores Inc. He serves on several boards, including the board of directors for Thrifty Drug Stores Inc. and the NDSU College of Pharmacy National Advisory Board.

Boehler says that he is deeply proud to be a graduate of NDSU. Of all the pharmacy schools he visits to recruit people for Thrifty Drug Stores Inc., NDSU is the best. “Ninety percent of the pharmacists who work for us are from NDSU,” says Boehler. “I think the students, their work ethic and the quality of their education are just that much better.”

Boehler and his wife, Claryce, live in Plymouth, Minn. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Saeed Ansari

Distinguished alumni build thriving drug company

Gary Boehler was named the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus.

It started with the cocoa butter bars.

Heinz’s had discontinued making the bars, which can be used for treating scars and sunburns. Yet customers still were asking for them at Snyder’s Drug in Minneapolis, where Michael Jones was a pharmacist. Michael, BS ’69, and his wife Barbara (Crahan), BS ’70, also a pharmacist, started talking about it. Couldn’t they make the bars and sell them?

They set up a lab in their basement and secured all the necessary inspections and approvals. Their first product was the cocoa butter bars. Their second: suppository molds that could make a greater number of suppositories. “It was kind of a small cottage industry,” Michael says. “We started with one product, one customer, and the business grew by just filling the requests of our customers.”

Twenty-eight years later, that mom-and-pop business is still a mom-and-pop business. Except now it is Gallipot, a St. Paul-based company that sells 6,000 different products, employs 40 people and recently opened a second facility in Scottsdale, Ariz.

At the helm are Barbara, chief operating officer, and Michael, president.

The couple returned to NDSU on April 19, 2007, to receive the year’s Distinguished Alumni Award. They gave presentations to students, met with administrators and sat down to talk about their successful business.

“I think it is important that students are exposed to different career opportunities during their schooling,” said assistant professor Amy Werremeyer. “One never knows when an idea will click – something small that you never thought of before – and your whole life course can change from that single exposure.”

Gallipot manufactures a complete line of specialized topical creams, ointments, gels, lotions and syrups. One of their specialties is a patented oral suspending agent, which makes it easier to swallow certain medicines.

The company’s products can be found in a large percentage of the estimated 30 million compounded prescriptions filled annually.

The need for compounding has grown in the last few years. Compounded drugs are the solution for individuals – especially children and the elderly – who cannot swallow pills or tolerate certain products.

“All those old things that were old are now new,” Michael says. “They just came around again.”

“A lot of times a student thinks, ‘Why am I taking calculations when a product is already made?’” Barbara said. “Why learn to make a suppository?”

“We felt the same way,” Michael added. “But we used everything. All those instructors were right when they said, ‘You need to know this.’”

Giving back

Besides their success as businesspeople, Barbara and Michael Jones have served their community, profession and alma mater.

• Their contributions helped build the compounding lab in NDSU’s Thrifty White Concept Pharmacy.
• Both have served on NDSU Pharmacy National Advisory Board and various university committees.
• Barbara is on the Development Foundation’s board of trustees.
• Barbara has served as secretary-treasurer and president of the Minnesota Pharmacist Association as well as on several MPA and American Pharmacists Association committees.
• Michael is active in the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists and has served in many professional leadership positions.

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NDSU helps launch certification program for disease state management of diabetes

Because patients generally see their pharmacist more than their health care provider, it is only logical that pharmacists be able to help patients with questions they have about managing a particular disease in addition to the preparation and dispensing of medications. Recently, North Dakota pharmacists have been empowered to assist patients with disease state management of diabetes.

In 2007, North Dakota legislators passed House Bill 1433, which allows pharmacists and other qualified health care providers to provide disease state management to North Dakota state employees who have diabetes. Tara Schmitz, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and director of pharmacy continuing education, says this bill enables pharmacists to make a difference in the condition of diabetes patients.

Disease state management is helping a patient control their disease. When someone has a disease such as diabetes, high cholesterol or asthma, disease state management involves looking at the patient’s nutrition, diet, exercise, medications, lifestyle changes and risk factors. Each of these items is monitored and tested to determine how the disease is progressing or regressing.

Pharmacists from across the state have completed the Diabetes Care Certification Program, sponsored by the NDSU College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. Certified pharmacists will help patients manage their diabetes when they come in to get a prescription. “We’ll talk to them about fears they may have about diabetes and why they aren’t under the control they want to be. We’ll talk to them about their medications; how to safely take them and what their goals should be regarding their treatments,” Schmitz said. “Hopefully, within a six to 12-month timeframe, we can prove that pharmacists can make a difference in helping patients manage their diseases.”

With funding provided from Novo Nordisk, the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy and the North Dakota Pharmacists Association, any pharmacist could participate in the certification program for free. So far, 174 pharmacists have been certified. Participants were required to undergo six weeks of home study, which entailed reading and testing on four different modules. Last spring, participants also were required to attend a live training session.

To be eligible to be a patient in the program, participants must be part of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System and be diagnosed with type one or type two diabetes.

“Providing we get the results we want, we hope that all of Blue Cross will offer the service and pay pharmacists for doing this type of service with all of their patients,” Schmitz said. “Then, maybe other insurance payers will look at the results and see that it is worth paying pharmacists to sit down and help patients manage their diabetes.”

In addition to Schmitz, Michael Schwab, executive vice president of the North Dakota Pharmacists Association; Howard Anderson, executive director of the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy; Charles Peterson, dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences; Dave City, president of the North Dakota Pharmacy Service Corporation; and Jayme Steig, founder of Frontier Health Mart Pharmacy were all instrumental in getting this program instituted and carried out.

“We are active with the state association and the Board of Pharmacy to meet the needs of the people of North Dakota. This Diabetes Disease State Management Program is just the tip of the iceberg,” Schmitz said. Snow Anderson

N.G. Rao recounts a 30-year career on campus

From his home in New Mexico, N.G. Rao chuckles over the phone as he describes leaving his native India to come to NDSU in 1962 to pursue his doctorate.

“When I came to this country, I thought I would live here for one-and-a-half to two years, and then go back,” he says. “Well, I never left this country. I did not plan it, but it turned out so good.”

Rao earned his doctorate and joined NDSU’s faculty in 1966. He received tenure in 1972, and then was the state toxicologist and chair of the Department of Toxicology from 1973 to 1993.

He left the NDSU campus in 1993 to relocate the toxicology laboratory to Bismarck. During that process, all the trained staff left the lab except for one chemist and himself. Rao said he recruited a couple of chemists, trained them in routine operations and left Bismarck in January 1994 to become the chief of New Mexico’s Toxicology Bureau, a position he held until retirement in 2000. After serving as a consultant for two years, Rao now enjoys “a life of leisure” in Albuquerque.

“I do travel quite a bit,” he says of his current activities in retirement. “I spend about three to four months each year in India. I have children in Minneapolis and Orlando, so in summer I go to Minnesota and in winter I go to Florida.

“I never picked up any hobbies. For me, it was not an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. job. My work was my hobby.”

Remembering back to his years in North Dakota, Rao compliments the many states attorneys, police officers, sheriff’s department officials and highway patrol troopers he met through his duties as the state toxicologist and as he trained them as breath alcohol test operators.

“Each one was exceptionally nice to me. The College of Pharmacy treated me exceptionally well,” Rao says. “I enjoyed my stay in Fargo, and being a smaller state, you get to know the people. I liked traveling around North Dakota.”

When asked about the highlights of his more than 30 years on campus as a student, faculty member and state toxicologist, Rao pauses.

After some thought, Rao relates the story of when the legislature decided to move the toxicology lab in 1993 from NDSU to Bismarck. “I told my staff that they were free to apply for other jobs, if they wanted,” he says. “One person did not apply.”

That person was Janet Stringer, who is still employed at NDSU as the business manager for Information Technology Services. Today, 15 years later, Rao remembers her strong loyalty to the lab and himself.

Stringer informed Rao that she would work until the move was completed, take a month vacation and then find another job. “She told me, ‘If I leave, you will not have any help and nobody will be interested in a temporary job,’” he says. “That speaks well of her.”

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A few other memories also surface. Rao laughs as he remembers attending his first American football game as a new student at NDSU. Accustomed to soccer, he found the sport difficult to comprehend. “I saw about 20 people falling on one fellow with the ball. I found it all somewhat odd. In 1962, the Bison lost every game that is possible,” he says. “Over time, they became an excellent team.”

Rao also says he knew when he should depart from NDSU. He explains how he used to teach a class for pharmacy students, and how he assisted in a lab early in his career.

“Some years later, I noticed that some of the children (of past NDSU students) started coming back. I could recognize them by their features,” Rao says. “I thought it was time to leave.”

Rao and his wife, Devi, live in Albuquerque, N.M. Their son, Sinu, lives in Orlando, Fla., while daughter, Swati, and son, Ranga, live in Minneapolis. Steve Bergeson
Mallik lands $1.46 million grant for cancer research

Sanku Mallik, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, received a five-year, $1.46 million standard RO1 grant from the National Institutes of Health. The grant allows Mallik and co-investigator D.K. Srivastava, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, to research ways to detect low concentrations of certain enzymes that indicate the early stages of cancer.

An RO1 grant is the National Institutes of Health’s most competitive grant with about a 10 percent success rate for applicants.

“Dr. Mallik’s research program has impacted the mission of NDSU in many positive ways,” said Jagdish Singh, chair of pharmaceutical sciences. “Dr. Mallik has maintained a sustained record of publication and continuous extramural funding that have contributed significantly to increasing the strength of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences’ research mission.”

The new grant continues Mallik’s work in cancer research. He has two other running projects with Srivastava. The first is researching ways to inhibit matrix metalloproteinases, which are enzymes that help to metastasize, or spread, cancer cells.

“If the cancer is localized, it’s likely treatable,” he said. “It’s only when it spreads all over that it causes havoc.”

They are trying to inhibit these enzymes with newly created molecules that are less toxic than current methods. So far the molecules they have created have been potent — particularly on pancreatic cancer cells.

Serendipitously, some of the molecules they have created are useful in inhibiting enzymes that cause hypertension. One day Mallik was asked by Chengwen Sun, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, if he had any molecules that could be tested for anti-hypertensive properties.

“We have a whole stack of molecules that are good for nothing. Let’s start with those,” Mallik said. “They turned out to be so potent that we are pretty excited now.”

In a third project with Srivastava, Mallik is developing a delivery system for the enzyme inhibiting molecules — one that doesn’t harm non-cancerous cells. To do this, they are packaging the molecules into small, lipid-based nanoparticles designed to release the molecules at the cancer site.

“It’s like you have open a champagne bottle,” Mallik said. “You take the cork off and everything oozes out. We are trying to blow off the cork in the vicinity of the cancer cells.”

This project began last year under a three-year, $400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Mallik isn’t sure exactly what drives him toward cancer research, but he is passionate.

“I have seen a lot of cancer survivors,” he said. “That inspires me to do something about it.”

Earl Beckman, 62, BS ’87, died June 24, 2007, in Jamestown, N.D. He was a pharmacist at White Drug Enterprises in Dickinson, N.D., and Jamestown and later at Walgreens Pharmacy.

He was a charter member of the Buffalo City Lions Club. He served as president of the North Dakota Pharmacists Association, 7th District. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Johnne (Pfeiffer) Hohom, 77, BS ’54, died Aug. 7, 2007, in Pierre River, Minn. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority while at NDSU. She worked for many years in her father’s store, Pfeiffer Drug, in Pierre River. She is survived by her two children.

Olaf Iverson, 94, BS ’42, died Sept. 11, 2007, in Bemidji, Minn. He served as a pharmacist in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He purchased half interest in the Gardner Drug Store of Cass Lake in 1946 and later became sole owner of Ivrae’s Rexall Drug, which he operated for 30 years. He lived in the Cass Lake area until moving to assisted living in Bemidji in 2004. He was a charter member of the Cass Lake Lions Club, a member of the Cass Lake Elks Lodge and a 50-plus-year member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Arthur Kautzmann, 73, BS ’56, died April 15, 2007, in Billings, Mont. He was the owner of the Boyanana Health Foods Store in Billings for 31 years. Prior to purchasing the health foods store, he worked as a pharmacist for 20 years. He loved watching his children and grandchildren participate in sports and school activities. He was an ardent sports fan and could often be found in the stands for Billings Mustangs games. He retired in 1991.

George Rihme, BS ’95, died April 9, 2007, in Seattle.

Forrest Loefler, BS ’89, died Sept. 7, 2007, in Aurora, Minn. He was a phar- macist in Husser and Kurez and Horse pharmacy. After five years, he was fore- going his own store in Kalispell, Mont. He became involved in volunteer work with the Parent Teacher Association and the Roy Science Bowl, which he operated and served as a pharmacist. He was a member of the Aurora Chamber, Aurora Lions Club and the Minnesota Pharmacists Association. He was an avid NASCAR fan. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Ken Nieman, 66, BS ’67, died June 20, 2007, in Winnipeg, Canada. He joined his family in founding Nieman’s Pharmacy in Winnipeg. He was an avid sports enthusiast and played football at NDSU. He served as president of the Corydon Avenue Business Association, on the board of St. John Franklin Community Centre and as president of the Sunset Beach Cottage Association. He coached youth football and hockey as well as high school basketball. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Lauret Stoxin, 71, BS ’57, was a pharma- cist for 47 years. He owned Corner Drug in Rugby, N.D., from 1969 to 1985, and was president of the Rugby Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce and the Rugby Country Club. He lived in Stafford, Ariz., at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and six sons.

Theo Tiegens, BS ’48, died April 5, 2007. He lived in Depoe Bay, Ore.

Paul Tuchesser, 61, BS ’68, died May 22, 2007, in Glendale, Ariz. He was a pharmacist at Service Drug in Williamsburg, N.D. for 37 years before purchasing Forman Drug, Forman, N.D. In 1998, he moved to Glendale and continued his career at Walgreens. He is survived by his wife, three children and two step-children.

Dale E. Wurster, BS ’68, was dean of the NDSU College of Pharmacy from 1971 to 1972. He was born in Sparta, Wis. He earned his bachelor’s degree and doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. A U.S. Navy veteran, he began as an instructor at the University of Wisconsin in 1947 and left as a professor in 1971 to assume his duties at NDSU. Wurster resigned in December 1972 to become dean of phar- macy at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. Wurster gained international recognition for his work in the areas of dissolution kinetics, absorption and air suspension technology. He is most recognized for his development of the Wurster Air-Suspen- sion Coating Technique, a process of tablet coating that is used around the world in the manufacture of medications. Wurster retired in 1986, and lived in Iowa City.
Sylvester presents research at national conferences

Robert Sylvester, associate professor of pharmacy practice, has presented research regarding hospice patients and methadone administration at three national conferences in 2007. His areas of expertise are pharmacotherapy of cancer patients and palliative care.

On April 23, Sylvester presented a peer-reviewed abstract at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Spring Practice and Research Forum in Memphis, Tenn. He was the lead author of the abstract, titled "An Evaluation of the Bioavailability of Methadone Administered Transdermally in Hospice Patients."

Dr. Preston Steen from the Roger Maris Cancer Center, Dr. John Thomas and Caroline Schauer, registered nurse, both from the Hospice of the Red River Valley and Alan Weisenberger, an NDSU doctoral student, worked together to conduct research and create the abstract. The results supported their conclusion that at the doses administered, methadone, applied topically, does not result in plasma levels associated with pain relief.

Sylvester also gave a presentation at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy annual meeting July 15-18. Titled "Student Assessment of a Hospice Advanced Practice Experience," the presentation described rotation assessments and reflective journal comments NDSU students provided after completion of the elective advanced practice experience at the Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Frenzel named Young Pharmacist of the Year

Jeanne Frenzel, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was honored at the North Dakota Pharmacists Association annual convention held April 26. She received the Pharmacist Mutual Young Pharmacist of the Year award. The award is given to recognize and promote the active involvement in the profession by pharmacists who have graduated in the past 10 years.

Frenzel earned a bachelor’s degree in microbiology with an emphasis in biotechnology and her doctor of pharmacy degree from NDSU. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fargo and joined the pharmacy faculty at NDSU in 2004.

She is the coordinator and instructor of a three-year sequence of pharmaceutical care laboratories in the Thrifty White Concept Hospital's South University Pharmacy.

Participating students discovered a growing need for pharmacists to provide care to hospice patients. Sylvester said hospices have the potential to provide rich, interdisciplinary learning environments for pharmacy students interested in developing knowledge and skills to optimize the pharmacotherapy of patients receiving end-of-life care.

At the Scientific Symposium of National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s eighth Clinical Team Conference on Nov. 30, Sylvester gave a presentation titled "Placebo or Extra-Strength Placebo: An Evaluation of Methadone Applied Topically to Hospice Patients." Covering the administration of methadone and other medications used in palliative care, Sylvester reported findings from a clinical trial, which evaluated the absorption of a methadone administered topically as a PLO gel. The study data will be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, the data supported the development of dose-ranging study to evaluate the feasibility of achieving effective methadone plasma levels after transdermal administration.

Associate dean publishes pharmacy book

Kimberly Vesel Halbur, associate dean for student affairs in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences, is the author of "Essentials of Cultural Competence in Pharmacy Practice."

The American Pharmacists Association published the book that Halbur co-wrote with her husband, Duane Halbur, associate professor of counseling and student affairs at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

According to the American Pharmacists Association, this is the first textbook of its kind for pharmacists. The text is designed to help pharmacists and student pharmacists improve their cultural competence and excel in today's multicultural world.

The association says the book lays the foundation for cultural competence by illuminating communication styles, familial structure, spiritual beliefs and genetic, biochemical, and physiological traits of particular ethnic or sociological groups.

Medical News Today identified the most striking features of the book as legal, ethical and professional rationale for becoming culturally competent. The editors wrote that the book provides tools to assess one's own level of cultural competence, an impact of generalizations and stereotypes, cultural practices of many ethnic groups in the United States, unique challenges and family dynamics of bicultural and multicultural patients, pharmaceutical care for patients with low health literacy, effects of religion and spirituality on health, health issues for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and models for overcoming barriers to cross-cultural communication.

Several faculty members from the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences contributed chapters to the text, including Amy Drummond, Wendy Brown, Cynthia Naughton, David Scott, Norma Kiser-Larson, Jeanne Frenzel and Amy Werremeyer. Faculty members from the Counselor Education program in the College of Human Development and Education who contributed chapters to the text include Brenda Hall, Jill Nelson and Kristina Peterson.

Naughton named associate dean

Cynthia Naughton has been named associate dean for academic affairs and assessment in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. Naughton has been a full-time clinical faculty member in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at NDSU since 2000, and began her new duties on June 16.

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Naughton earned a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree and doctorate from NDSU. She is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist with extensive clinical practice experience in a variety of health care settings including academia, large hospital, small hospital, clinic and retail.

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Naughton also has served on the college’s academic affairs committee, assessment committee, strategic planning committee, admissions committee and department chair evaluation committee. Her honors and awards include the 2004 and 2006 College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences’ Preceptor of the Year award (pharmacy program), the 2001 American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ Best Practice in Health System Pharmacy Management Award and the 1998 North Dakota Health System Pharmacist of the Year Award.

Jeanne Frenzel, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was honored at the North Dakota Pharmacists Association annual convention held April 26. She received the Pharmacist Mutual Young Pharmacist of the Year award. The award is given to recognize and promote the active involvement in the profession by pharmacists who have graduated in the past 10 years.

Frenzel earned a bachelor’s degree in microbiology with an emphasis in biotechnology and her doctor of pharmacy degree from NDSU. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fargo and joined the pharmacy faculty at NDSU in 2004.

Frenzel is faculty advisor to the Rho Chi Society and author of two book chapters in "Essentials of Cultural Competence in Pharmacy Practice," which was published by the American Pharmacists Association. At this year’s American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy annual meeting in Chicago, she will present a poster titled "Assessment of First-Year Pharmacy Student Compounded Sterile Product Preparations." Frenzel's current practice includes pharmacist responsibilities at MeritCare Hospital's South University Pharmacy.

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Pharmacy welcomes four new faculty members

Christian Albano, Rebecca Focken, Benedict (Shek Hang) Law and Chengwen Sun have joined the pharmacy faculty at NDSU.

Albano is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice and his duties include teaching in health economics, pharmacy management, pharmaceutical care, public health and pathophysiology. He will participate as a researcher in the state telepharmacy project and conduct research for the North Dakota Institute for Pharmaceutical Care. His research interests include the economic and public health impact of healthcare products and services.

Albano earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago. From NDSU, he earned a master’s of business administration, master’s of education and doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences. He previously worked as a medical writer.

Focken is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice and the coordinator of Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience. She previously was an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Focken earned a bachelor’s degree in biology at Benedict State University, Benidjí, Minn. She earned a bachelor’s degree and a doctor of pharmacy from NDSU. She completed an American Society of Health-System Professionals accredited pharmaceutical care residency with an emphasis in rural health through the University of Minnesota.

Sun is an assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences. He has studied hypertension in cardiovascular, renal and neural systems at the vivo, in vitro, cellular and molecular levels. His current research is focused on central blood pressure regulation and pathogenesis of hypertension to identify targets for the treatment of hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases. Based on the molecular structures of the target proteins, he will develop pharmaceutical tools for the clinical use in these diseases. Sun earned a medical degree and doctorate from Norman Bethune University, China. He did postdoctoral training at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He previously worked as a research assistant professor at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

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Pharmacy faculty receive awards

The College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences recently presented awards honoring faculty for outstanding performance during the 2007-08 academic year. This year’s recipients received recognition at the pharmacy graduation hooding ceremony on May 9, at Reineke Festival Concert Hall.

Tara Schmitz, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and clinical pharmacist practicing in Oakes, N.D., received the 2008 Faculty Preceptor of the Year Award. Students in the fourth professional year of the program choose the winner, who provides outstanding performance and commitment in instruction of pharmacy students on clinical rotations by a full-time faculty member.

Sanku Mallik, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, received the 2008 Pharmacy Program Teacher of the Year Award. The award is chosen by students and goes to a faculty member for their outstanding performance and commitment to teaching.

Nathan Schlecht, a community pharmacist and owner of Forman Drug in Forman, N.D., received the 2008 Adjunct Preceptor of the Year Award. Graduating seniors choose an Adjunct Preceptor of the Year, who represents outstanding performance and commitment in instruction of pharmacy students on clinical rotations by a practicing pharmacist who volunteers their time to provide clinical instruction of pharmacy students.

Mallik and Srivastava receive grant from the National Science Foundation

Sanku Mallik, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, and D. K. Srivastava, professor of chemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology, received a $380,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Mallik and Srivastava will use the three-year award from the Division of Materials Research for developing new methods of detection for the enzymes matrix metalloproteinases. The enzymes are generally detected by using biological antibodies. Mallik and Srivastava also will study the potential of lipid-based nanoparticles with a selective recognition property as alternatives to the antibodies. When developed, the strategy can be used for the detection of other proteins and viruses at very low levels.

a message from the advancement office

Since this is my first newsletter message, I would like to take a few paragraphs to tell you about myself. As Dean Peterson wrote, I joined the college in January 2008 after being with the Alumni Association for six years. I graduated from the NDSU College of Business with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in December 2001. Originally from South Dakota, I quickly found a home at NDSU and Fargo.

Outside of work, I volunteer with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as chair of the annual Walk MS-Fargo, and I also assist with Fargo Moorhead Youth Leadership and Adult Leadership programs. As an avid Bison football fan, there are very few home games I miss.

Since my move to the college, we have hosted the 50 Year Reunion participants at a dinner along with all of the reunion activities. Wonderful stories and times were shared. We enjoy hearing these stories and would like to publish them in our newsletters. If you have stories to share, please send them to me.

I hope you enjoy the new look of the newsletter and the articles included. Since our newsletter hasn’t been published for a while, we have several news pieces from the past year to report plus Sudro Society, our new annual giving program. We are very excited to launch the society as we continue to grow the college and enhance pharmacy students’ experiences. Your financial support gives us the opportunity to continue educating competent, caring, ethical pharmacists. We hope you consider joining the society to help us make a difference to so many students.

If you have an opportunity to return to campus, please stop by my office in Sudro Hall, room 120. I would love to hear from you anytime.

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Achievement Award recipient: Plan for tomorrow today

Larry Ellingson has been an executive at a major drug company, a proponent of worldwide diabetes education and one of NDSU’s most successful pharmacy alumni. On Oct. 5, Ellingson added one more job title to his resume: life coach.

While at his alma mater last fall to accept a prestigious Alumni Achievement Award, the 1969 NDSU graduate spoke to pharmacy students. He not only told them how to succeed in their careers, but how to succeed in life.

Ellingson knows a thing or two about success. After joining Eli Lilly as a sales representative, he quickly was promoted to an executive position. In 1990, the Cooperstown, N.D., native began what he described as his most rewarding work: fighting for diabetes awareness, prevention and cure. He has served as chair of the American Diabetes Association and currently is working on a global project to develop a peer-to-peer project with poor people affected by diabetes.

Ellingson urged NDSU students to take up the torch for the rapidly spreading chronic disease. “There’s not enough of you to service all of these people,” he said. “There are about 32 million in the U.S. with diabetes, there are another 54 million with pre-diabetes, so that’s a pretty big number. And, unfortunately as Scandinavians we have an incidence that’s pretty high – about one in five or one in six. We’ve got work to do.”

He also advised students to “soul search” on which direction they wanted their careers to take. “I would encourage you as you go forward to figure out: What really matters to you? What are you passionate about? What are you good at?”

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Among his other advice:

- **Attitude is altitude.** “If you aren’t positive about where you’re going and how you’re going to get there, nothing’s going to happen. We spend all of our time working on our weaknesses. Work on your strengths.” Ellingson recommended the bestseller “The Secret,” as one guide for learning how to think positively.

- **Plan for tomorrow today.** “Write a mission statement. Where are you going to be in 2010? You need to figure out where you want to go, and that’s always the big question.” Ellingson says he didn’t begin to receive awards and recognition until after 1992 – the year when he wrote his first mission statement.

- **Put people first.** Employees always wanted to work for Ellingson. Why? “Because I put people first. Anything you do, the person should come first to mind. Not the results of the job, not the output that they’re looking for. It’s about what impacts you have on people. Take care of the people and they’ll take care of you.”

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**Larry Ellingson**

**career highlights**

**Chairman of the board, Protemix**

**Former chairman of the board, American Diabetes Association**

**Retired Eli Lilly executive**

- **Awards:**
  - First and only non-scientist to receive both the President’s Award and Eli Lilly Research Award for contributions to diabetes research.
  - In 2001, Eli Lilly created the Ellingson Legacy Award to honor those who provide outstanding customer service. Ellingson was the first recipient.
  - Chair of the board of American Diabetes Association, and recipient of ADA’s highest honor, the Charles H. Best Award for outstanding service to diabetes research in 2005.

- **NDSU involvement:**
  - Received NDSU Alumni Achievement Award in 2007.
  - Serves on NDSU Development Foundation board of trustees.
  - Serves on advisory board for the college.
  - Sudro Hall’s Room 20 is named for Ellingson and his wife Mary (Paulsen), BS ’70, medical technology, in recognition of their contributions.

**alumni news**

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**Tammy Swift**
Pat (Moore) Churchill, BS ’58, received the 2008 Bowl of Hygeia award from the North Dakota Pharmacists Association and Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories. She lives in Bismarck, N.D. Jim Irvisfled, BS ’62, headed over the management of Irvisfled Pharmacy, Dickinson, N.D., to his son, Steve, BS ’88. The younger Irvisfled joined the company in 1996. The pharmacy is located in the Great Plains Clinic.

Wayne Peterson, BS ’62, lives in Moose Lake, Minn. His son, Steven, is a student in the NDSU pre-pharmacy program.

Rusty Kruger, BS ’68, and his wife, Debbe, operate Mandan Drug, Mandan, N.D. Known for its chocolates and loyal group of coffee drinking customers, the store was featured in AAALiving magazine.

Larry Ellingson, BS ’69, received the Alumni Achievement Award from the NDSU Alumni Association. He is chair of the board of Protek Corp. Limited.

Fred Posauka, BS ’70, honorary doctorate ’02, was appointed to the 21-member National Disaster Medical System Senior Medical Work Group. The group influences the system and decision makers at the strategic, operational and tactical levels pertaining to medical response operations. A retired rear admiral with the U.S. Public Health Service, he is commander of the Arizona One Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

Lois (Jacobsen) Moe, BS ’75, has returned to her hometown, Fraze, Minn., and joined the pharmacy team of Seip Drug. She recently purchased a home on Acorn Lake.

David Olig, BS ’75, received the 2007 Bowl of Hygeia award from the North Dakota Pharmacists Association and Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories. He was also named to the board of trustees of the NDSU Development Foundation. He is the owner of Southpointe Pharmacy and lives in Fargo.

Terrence C. Dahl, BS ’77, was named to the board of trustees of the NDSU Development Foundation. He is the senior director of formulation and process development at Gilio Science Inc., Foster City, Calif. He lives in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Nancy (Pederson) Smith, BS ’77, joined Ye-Old Medicine Center in Cavalier, N.D. She and her husband, Roy, live in Greta, Minnesota.

Cyd (Stoelting) Runsvold, BS ’77, was named chair of the board for the NDSU Alumni Association. She is a pharmacist and co-owner of Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo.

Jim Bjorklund, BS ’78, has owned Moorhead Drug in the Moorhead, Minn., Center Mall since 1982. He was featured in a Forum of Fargo-Moorhead news article titled “Filling the years.”

Darryl Schuepp, BS ’78, was named senior vice president and franchise head at Neuroscience, Merck Research Laboratories, Upper Gwynedd, Pa. He previously spent 20 years in research at Eli Lilly and Co., where he was vice president and overall global head of neuroscience research and early clinical investigation.

Gary Erdmann, BS ’79, MS ’82, PhD ’85, was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mike Riepl, BS ’79, received the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award at the North Dakota Pharmacists Association convention. He lives in Bismarck, N.D.

Brenda (Nagel) Sterner, BS ’80, received the 2007 Outstanding Pharmacist Award from the Minnesota Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. She has worked as a pharmacist at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, for more than 25 years.

Paul Iverson, BS ’82, earned a Harold R. Popp Memorial Award from the Minnesota Pharmacists Association. He is the owner of Iverson Corner Drug, Bemidji, Minn.

Nate Seip, BS ’82, opened his seventh Seip Drug store. He now has operations in the Minnesota communities of Perham, New York Mills, Frazee, Henning, Batle Lake, Moorhead and Detroit Lakes. Combined, the locations employ about 50 people.

Harvey Hamel, BS ’83, PharmD ’88, received the AI Diver Award from the North Dakota Pharmacists Association. He is the pharmacy director for North Dakota’s Workforce Safety and Insurance, Bismarck. He oversees the agency’s pharmacy budget.

Rose (Dillier) Greb, BS ’87, joined the pharmacy staff of Ye Ole Drug Medicine Center, Cavalier, N.D. She had previously been working in Valley City, N.D.

Keith Horner, PharmD ’94, is the director of pharmacy services at St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck, N.D. He lives in Bismarck.

Melanie Cairns, PharmD ’95, received the Health-Systems Pharmacists of the Year Award at the North Dakota Pharmacists Association convention. She lives in Grand Forks, N.D.

Kara (Brokke) Johnson, BS ’96, PharmD ’98, earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She will go for residency training in internal medicine at the Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis.

Megan (Thorn) Krueger, BS ’97, PharmD ’99, was named the 2007 Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year by the North Dakota Pharmacists Association. She is the pharmacist and co-owner of Velva Drug, Velva, N.D.

Michael Gulseth, PharmD ’99, is the lead author and editor of a new text, “Managing Anticoagulation Patients in the Hospital,” from the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. He also is president of the Minnesota Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. He is a clinical pharmacy specialist and assistant professor at St. Mary’s Health Center, St. Louis.

Bill Fugate, BS ’84, PharmD ’06, received certification from the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy. He is a staff member with RiverView Pharmacy, Crookston, Minn.

Pam Blagen, BS ’85, PharmD ’07, joined the staff at Landen, N.D., Community Drug.

Jennifer Bodmer, BS ’05, PharmD ’07, works at CVS Pharmacy after serving as an intern pharmacist in her hometown of Kenmare, N.D. She lives in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Brian Carlson, BS ’05, PharmD ’07, joined the staff of Carlson Drug and Gifts in his hometown of Ortonville, Minn.

Young-Ab Knudsen, BS ’05, PharmD ’07, joined Polican Drug, Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Jennica (Kallamoff) Vatetskis, PharmD ’06, and her husband, Paul, BS ’05, established the Make A Difference Scholarship, which is available to graduating seniors from Steele-Dawson High School. She is a pharmacist in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from Steele-Dawson High School in 2000.

Suzanne Dietrich, BS ’03, PharmD ’05, joined Hospice of the Red River Valley in a pharmacist role. She previously was the pharmacist in charge at Prairie Pharmacy, Fargo.

Lindy (Schafer) Flatou, PharmD ’03, had her article, “Transitioning in the life of a practicing pharmacist,” published in the New Practitioners Forum of the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. At the time, she was a clinical pharmacy specialist at St. Mary’s Health Center, St. Louis.

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50 Year Reunion – May 21-22
The NDSU chapter American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists began in 2005 and has been growing in size and activity.

As the NDSU’s student chapter of American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) makes the transition into its fourth year, we have seen a major changeover within the chapter’s officers. Due to early graduation of our former chair and two other officers entering into final stages of their graduate studies, the chapter unanimously decided to hold an early set of elections.

The newly elected officers are: Michael Scott, chair; Rhishilesh Mandke, chair-elect; Jayant Banerjee, vice-chair; Kacie Hughes, secretary; Rajesh Subramaniam, treasurer. Faculty adviser to the chapter, professor Jagdish Singh, described the importance of the organization and explained his vision for the future of the organization to the officers. He also elaborated upon the immediate and long-term goals for the chapter, especially pertaining to:

- Increasing in the diversified activity of the chapter,
- Inviting researchers to present their work and share their views and experiences with members of the department,
- Presenting a bona fide and positive image of the college at the national level, and
- Learning about and educating other members about the values that represent AAPS as an organization.

Many members of our chapter volunteered for Dr. John Baird’s medical mission trip for summer 2008. Members also will be presenting their research at the 46th annual Pharmacists Graduate Student Research Meeting (PGSRM) in Ann Arbor, Mich., as well as at the National AAPS meeting in Atlanta. In the first week of July, our officers scheduled and finalized arrangements to invite a visiting scientist speaker for a presentation. As is the norm, this presentation will be open for all interested individuals at the university.

Since its formation in the spring of 2005, the chapter has found itself growing in terms of size and function within the college and at the national level. Some of the activities our AAPS chapter has been involved in are listed below:

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During 2006, the chapter was represented at PGSRM 2006 hosted by the University of Minnesota and at AAPS Annual Meeting in San Antonio. “Peters Endowed Chair” from the University of Minnesota, professor Raj Suryanarayanan was invited by the chapter and he presented a lecture titled, “Physical Form: Importance in Solid Formulations,” at NDSU. In 2007, the chapter was represented at PGSRM 2007 hosted by University of Missouri-Kansas City and at AAPS Annual Meeting in San Diego. In September 2007, the chapter invited Dr. Sourav Bhunia from Medtronic Inc. to give a presentation on “An Artificial Heart” and to share his thoughts with the members of the college. In January 2008, our chapter was featured in AAPS magazine.

The continued active participation in the activities and increasing their number and variety is not only a goal of this chapter, but it also is seen as a responsibility to improve the quality and reputation of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences as well as the Graduate School at NDSU.

Students help medical team headed for Guatemala

It was a service project from the heart, an effort that will help hundreds of people the students and faculty of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences have never met.

This spring, college students and personnel volunteered their services to assist the Guatemala Medical/Dental Mission sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota. The annual summer mission provides needed medical and dental care for indigent people in the mountains of northwestern Guatemala, the most populous nation in Central America.

“The mission team carries 400 to 500 pounds of medication. Brought in bulk, the supplies have to be counted into thousands of packets for individual patients to have one month’s supply. It’s a labor intensive effort,” said Dr. John Baird, health officer of Fargo Cass Public Health and the diocesan treasurer.

Usually, volunteers from Episcopal churches in Fargo, Bismarck and Jamestown do the work, but this year Baird asked for the college’s help. He approached student Maari Loy with the idea.

Loy, who earned her bachelor’s degree in May in pharmaceutical science and is now working toward her PharmD, thought it was a wonderful project and became the primary coordinator. She met with fellow students, departments, organizations in the college, Dean Charles Peterson and the executive director of the State Board of Pharmacy to make sure everything was done correctly.

On April 24, students and faculty members gathered to count and package thousands of packets of medication for the medical team during its June 29 to July 9 mission.

Maari Loy

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"Students and faculty were very interested – they were eager to help," Loy explained, noting that a total of 155 people took part “We feel like we made a difference. The hardships they have in Guatemala are something that we can’t completely grasp.”

“Many of the students involved in the project are studying to become pharmacists. They were able to use their knowledge and skills to efficiently and accurately prepare the medications for global outreach.”

For Baird, the effort was an incredible thing to watch.

“People and faculty really helped us. ‘They got the job done in a more organized and efficient method than we would have normally,’ he said. ‘And they finished so quickly. They were done in a couple of hours, where it normally takes us weeks to do it.”

Baird also gave a PowerPoint presentation about the mission’s work, so the volunteers could have some insight into how their labors would impact the lives of the Guatemalan people. In 2007, for example, the mission helped 850 adults and children and the group’s dentist pulled more than 200 teeth in five days of clinics.

“We feel like we made a difference. The hardships they have in Guatemala are something that we can’t completely grasp,” Loy said. “By volunteering our time to get these medications ready, we’re helping them improve their lives.”

Mission organizers were delighted with the outcome. “I would like to thank them all, and I really appreciate the assistance we get from NDSU,” Baird said. “I hope the students will be able to help us again in future years.”
The College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences has named the first class of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences Ambassadors. The 29 members of the new student organization represent each department within the college, as well as different stages of the programs ranging from pre-professional to graduate students. Students were nominated for ambassador positions by faculty members from their area of study and completed an interview process. Nearly 100 students were nominated.

Members will serve an essential role in the college. The elite group of students will work to promote the college through involvement in a variety of events, including campus tours for prospective students interested in the majors within the college, homecoming tours for alumni, the Nurse Pinning ceremony and a host of other events for prospective students, current students and alumni.

Members from pharmacy include Roland Achenjang, Jill Anstad, Kara Aveng, Al Berg, Steve Cilliander, Michaela Goodin, Cole Helbling, Kacie Hughes, Emily Olson, Mary Raven, Tyler Rogers, David Sperl and Andy Thorsen.

Members from radiologic sciences include Abbe Malone and Shoa Pearson.

Ambassadors from pharmacy include Roland Achenjang, Jill Anstad, Kara Aveng, Al Berg, Steve Cilliander, Michaela Goodin, Cole Helbling, Kacie Hughes, David Leedahl, Nate Leedahl, Anstadt, Kara Axvig, Al Berg, Steve Collison, Michaela Goodin, Ramona Danks, ASP member, and alumni.

The College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences recognizes the valuable role of alumni and students in the recruitment, application and enrollment process by sharing their positive experiences and advice with prospective students. The ambassadors are co-chaired by Dana Davis, director of recruitment, and Sara Tankie, director of advancement for the college.

Ambassadors promote the college to prospective students and host alumni homecoming tours.

Student pharmacists assess last year’s successes

The NDSU American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists has once again seen completion of a very fast moving and eventful school year. Following finals, we have a chance to reflect upon our chapter’s collective work and vision surrounding the APhA-ASP National direction of improving health literacy.

Through our various projects in three patient care initiatives – Hearthburn Awareness, Operation Immunization, and Operation Diabetes – student pharmacists had multiple opportunities to enhance their pharmacy education as well as interact with patients in clinical type settings.

Our goal, to increase involvement in the organization, resulted in increased involvement at every level including:

- 12 student pharmacists attended the national meeting in San Diego, and
- 11 student pharmacists participated in the Patient Counseling Competition.

Another goal was accomplished at the North Dakota Pharmacists Association State Convention where student pharmacists recruited North Dakota community pharmacists’ help by taking an active role in future chapter patient care projects.

The NDSU APhA-ASP chapter looks forward to another productive school year and the opportunity to interact with many alumni during homecoming.

Student pharmacists recognize last year’s successes

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- 11 student pharmacists participated in the Patient Counseling Competition.

Another goal was accomplished at the North Dakota Pharmacists Association State Convention where student pharmacists recruited North Dakota community pharmacists’ help by taking an active role in future chapter patient care projects.

The NDSU APhA-ASP chapter looks forward to another productive school year and the opportunity to interact with many alumni during homecoming.

2007-2008 scholarships

ASP Student Leadership Award
Sara Hermann, MBPharm, S.D.
Earl Beckman (1967) Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by Jamestown area pharmacy group
Stephanie Olson, Crusoe, N.D.
Mary J. Berg (1974) Scholarship
Kara Aveng, Rugby, N.D.
Rebecca Kroner, Velva, N.D.
Bi-Mart Corporation Scholarship
Lola Kettler, Minneota, Minn. John Naegeli, Sakakawea, Minn.

Coborn’s Pharmacy Scholarship
Erin Miller, Long Prairie, Minn.

CPFP Scholarship by Gerald A. (1970) and Bonnie L. Heit Maari Loy, Casselton, N.D.

Cub Pharmacy/Osco Drug Scholarship
Daniel Beiswenger, Moorhead, Minn.
Tasha Birknerus, St. Louis Park, Minn.
Nicole Frese, Willmar, Minn.
Emily Lents, Moorhead, Minn.
Rebecca Moore, Mandan, N.D.
Nicole Peters, Dickinson, N.D.
Breid Vesta, Moorhead, Minn.

CVS Pharmacy Scholarship
Molly Gunzelman, Fargo, N.D.
Breid Hacken, Hamhock, Minn.
Brenna Kabe, Fargo, N.D.
Tamyln Martin, Fargo, N.D.
Lindsay Nolheberg, Leonard, N.D.

Dakota Drug Scholarship
Terri Andersen, Hewitt, Minn.
Trudy Chapin, Hazen, N.D.
Rachel Schaum, Surrey, N.D.

Dean’s Pharmacy Scholarship
Jonathan Kiel, Las Vegas, N.D.
Nicole Martiiberg, Dawson, Minn.
Jessina Mow, Bemidji, Minn.
Margaret Wallace, Plattsburg, Minn.

Al Doery (1928; 1977 Honorary Doctor of Science) and Mary Kay Doery Memorial Scholarship
Aftin Boling, Burlington, N.D.

Dr. Calvin Fercro and Doris Fercro Scholarship
Michelle Martin, Dawson, Minn.

Lynn Peter Fergusson (1966) Pharmacy Scholarship
Aftin Boling, Burlington, N.D.
Amanda Eastman, Inoko, N.D.
Ruth Forder, Footean, Minn.
Heidi Fritz, Fargo, N.D.
Cody Leff, Wahkon, Minn.
Corilyn Lensberg, Askley, Minn.
Alaina Stadheim, Reader, N.D.

William J. (1951; 1990 Honorary Doctor of Science) and Linda Paavola Memorial Scholarship
Mary Anne Grosz Scholarship
William J. (1951; 2002 Honorary Doctor of Science) and Linda Paavola Memorial Scholarship

Make a Difference Scholarship
Supported by RADM (Ret) Fred (1970; 2002 Honorary Doctor of Science) and Linda Paavola.

Mattson Pharmacy Scholarship by Dean (1982) and Judy (1981) Mattson of Rosau, Minn.

Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minn., Scholarship
Samantha Pula, Bemidji, Minn.
Katie Seiber, Fargo, N.D.

Drs. Duane and Kimberly Halbur First Generation Scholarship
Sarah Erickson, Fargo, N.D.

Kappa Psi Scholarship by Joe (1967) and Bob (1965) Kollegy
Alicia Lauf, LaMoure, N.D.
Ryan Petrich, Fargo, N.D.

Kermit Kaspari (1932) Memorial Scholarship
Jennifer Schlauderflair, Hermanson, N.D.

Robert Krensila (1949) Endowment Fund Scholarship
Kristen Bykens, Mahomes, Minn.

Jorry Lastoe, (1956) Foundation Scholarship
Amy Vogt, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Lary Lismon (1978) Memorial Scholarship
Marissa Erlandson, Oakes, N.D.
Emily Kuchera, Hastings, Minn.
Lucas Glarum, Moorhead, N.D.

Sara Vopat, Kulm, N.D.

North Dakota Pharmacists Memorial Scholarship
Laraika Gebauer, Mandan, N.D.
Chalosa Greenstein, Fargo, N.D.
Kristin Guisaas, Carrington, N.D.
Carmen Lefte, Drklu Lake, N.D.
Lynne Munden, Fargo, N.D.
Nicholas Rogers, Grand Forks, N.D.
Sara Vogt, Kulm, N.D.

In memory of Burt Finney
Tonya Mayfield, Surrey, N.D.

Nash Finch Company Foundation Scholarship
Monica Kowalke, Buffalo, Minn.
Danielle Nelson, Campbell, Minn.
Jenna Poppis, Pelican Rapids, Minn.
Leslie Poppis, Fargo, N.D.

NACDS (National Association of Chain Drug Stores) Education Foundation Scholarship
Lance Leclair, Fargo, N.D.

North Dakota Pharmacists Memorial Scholarship
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Chalosa Greenstein, Fargo, N.D.
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Ellen Mayoue (1920) Scholarship
Sara Ecklund, Glyndon, Minn.

McKesson Corporation Scholarship
Tyler Walle, Bigfork, Minn.

Medicine Shoppe of Mandan Scholarship by Bob (1985) and Lynn (1987) Gustafson
Katie Deutsch, Bismarck, N.D.

Miller Memorial Scholarship
Kathryn Pedersen, Harwood, N.D.
North Dakota Rexall Club Scholarship
Jill Anstadt, Fargo, N.D.
Megan Averg, Bismarck, N.D.
Hannah Dyr, Bois N.D.
Elliot Klapperich, Oakes, N.D.
Michelle Larson, Watford City, N.D.
Miai Loy, Casselton, N.D.
Brooke Melcher, Fargo, N.D.
Dana Onepka, Fargo, N.D.
Reagan Reiser, Dickinson, N.D.
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Perham East Ostrander Pharmacy Scholarship
Lynn Herbranson, Perham, N.D.

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Jayqo Bang, India
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Super/Valu Pharmacy, Inc., Scholarship
Stacy Wapnula, Littlefield, Minn.
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Thrift White Pharmacy Scholarship
Amber Rae, Ortonville, Minn.
Scott Frank, Dickinson, N.D.
Annie Gordon, Garber, N.D.
Nate Holmgren, Maple Grove, Minn.
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Kimberly Kraus, Hatton, N.D.
Fally Rakotohamelina, Antananarivo, Madagascar
Tara Robbenthal, Mahomet, Ill.

C. R. Walgreen Excellence Scholarship
John Deutsch, Fargo, N.D.
Amanda Meyer, Paris, Minn.

Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarship
Sharon Bjornard, Granite Falls, Minn.
Amara Bao, China City, Minn.
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- **6**  White Coat Ceremony, *Festival Concert Hall*, 1 p.m.
- **18** College Career Fair, *Fargodome*, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- **18** College Scholarship Recognition Program, *Fargodome*, 3–5 p.m.
- **Sept. 29 – Oct. 4** Homecoming Week

### October
- **3** Pharmacy National Advisory Board Annual Meeting

### December
- **7-11** Dakota Reception – American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting, *Orlando, Fla.*

### April
- **3-6** Alumni Social – American Pharmaceutical Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, *San Antonio, Texas*