Dear colleagues,

Happy summer! Another academic year has come to a close, and I hope that you are all able to enjoy much deserved rest and relaxation during the summer months.

This spring, the Maryland Poison Center, which is part of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS) at the School of Pharmacy, ably and visibly demonstrated its public health mission when it received reports of patients presenting to hospitals across Maryland with excessive bleeding after smoking synthetic cannabinoids. The Poison Center, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health, immediately notified all local emergency rooms and emergency medicine professionals of the situation and provided guidance on symptoms to watch for and how to treat what we now know is synthetic cannabinoid-associated coagulopathy. The number of cases in Maryland stands at 30, with one death. The Poison Center continues to field calls and to offer guidance and advice.

It's this commitment to public health and improving patient outcomes that is a hallmark of all of the faculty and staff in PPS. I hope the stories in this newsletter demonstrate that commitment.

Sincerely,

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Associate Professor and Chair

Rodriguez de Bittner Installed as APhA Trustee
Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, FAPhA, professor in PPS and associate dean for clinical services and practice transformation at the School of Pharmacy, was installed in March to serve a three-year term on the American Pharmacists Association's (APhA) Board of Trustees. She will collaborate with fellow board members on broad direction setting for the association, helping to ensure that APhA continues its mission to lead the pharmacy profession and equip members for their role as the medication expert in team-based, patient-centered care.

Mattingly Named Speaker-elect for APhA House of Delegates

Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, assistant professor in PPS, has been named speaker-elect for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). In this new role, Dr. Mattingly will preside over the APhA House of Delegates and serve as a member of the association’s Board of Trustees. After completing his first year of service as speaker-elect, Dr. Mattingly will be officially installed as Speaker of the House in 2019. He will conclude his service as past Speaker of the House in 2021. He hopes to use his new appointment to help educate other members about the policy process as well as build new relationships that connect practitioners with resources to help them address some of the most challenging issues facing the profession and become stronger advocates for their work.

Whittaker Receives National Consultant Pharmacy
Chanel Whittaker, PharmD, BCGP, BCPS, FASCP, associate professor in PPS and director of education and training for the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging at the School of Pharmacy, received the 2017 Armon Neel Senior Care Pharmacist Award from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). Presented annually, the Armon Neel Senior Care Pharmacist Award recognizes individuals who apply their knowledge of geriatric pharmacotherapy on a daily basis to significantly improve the quality of life of the senior population, while also contributing to the goals of ASCP. Read more here...

Kudos!

Our department's faculty and staff are regularly recognized at the local and national level for their expertise. Here is a short list of recent accomplishments.

- **Cynthia Boyle, PharmD**, professor, has received the Phi Lambda Sigma-Procter & Gamble National Leadership Award.
- **Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD**, associate dean of student affairs and associate professor, has received a Certificate of Recognition from the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management's Immunizing Pharmacists Special Interest Group.
- **Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD**, professor, has been selected to receive the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center's Debra Sivesind Career Award, which she will receive in September at the University's 22nd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Supportive Care, Hospice, and Palliative Medicine and received the Maryland Pharmacists Association's Cardinal Health Generation Rx Award.
- **Jill Morgan, PharmD**, associate professor and chair, received the Maryland Pharmacists Association's Excellence in Innovation Award.
- **Zachary Noel, PharmD**, assistant professor, was named the Faculty Preceptor of the Year by the graduating Class of 2018.
- **Katy Pincus, PharmD**, assistant professor, was named the School of Pharmacy's Kappa Psi/Student Government Association Advisor of the Year.
- **Deanna Tran, PharmD**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been named an Outstanding Reviewer by the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.
- **Megan Ehret, PharmD**, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been named president-elect of the
- **Jeffrey Gonzales, PharmD**, was awarded a Presidential Citation from the Society of Critical Care Medicine and has been appointed faculty panel chair of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's Self-Assessment Program for Critical Care.
- **Michael Joines, Kevin Simmons, and Jeanne Wunderer** of the Maryland Poison Center have been recertified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers as Certified Specialists in Poison Information.
- **Ashlee Mattingly, PharmD**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been elected to a two-year term on the Maryland Pharmacists Association's Board of Trustees.
- **Brent Reed, PharmD**, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been named section editor for cardiology for the journal PharmacotherapyFirst and has been appointed to the American Pharmacists Association's (APhA) House of Delegates Policy Review Committee and the Board of Governors of APhA's Political Action Committee.
- **Deanna Tran, PharmD**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been named coordinator-elect of the American Pharmacists Association's Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Immunizing Pharmacists Special Interest Group and received the Maryland Pharmacists Association's Mentor of the Year Award.
- **James Trovato, PharmD**, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been accepted to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Academic Leadership Fellows Program.

**Publications**

- Yu J, Pincus KJ, Mattingly II TJ. Service Description and Descriptive Analysis for an Interprofessional Discharge Clinic (IDC) with a Primary Care Practice. *Journal of Interprofessional Care*. Accepted June 23, 2017.
- Mattingly II TJ, Ulbrich TR. Evaluating the Changing Financial Burdens for Graduating Pharmacists. *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. Published online September 20,


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### Presentations/Posters

- Trinh TD, Zasowski EJ, **Claeys KC**, Lagnf AM, Rybak MJ. Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes of Patients with Skin and Soft Tissue Infections [Friday-237] ASM Microbe, New Orleans, LA.

Love, RC. Where in the World is Behavioral Health Pharmacy? at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Invitational Summit on Optimizing the Role of Pharmacists in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in Rockville, Maryland. July 31, 2017.

Claeys, KC. Using the p Value to Interpret Significant Results - Not the Be-all End-all. Maryland Health-Systems Pharmacists Pharmascript.


Antol S, Storr C, Pincus KJ. Engaging Interprofessional Team Member Participation to Improve Outcomes of Complex Nurse-managed Patients through a Mobile Health Clinic. The Nexus Summit, August 2017. [Poster Presentation]

Pincus KJ, Mickool D, Islam LZ. Making Interprofessional Education Intentional: Reframing Activities in Existing Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) (0.15 CEU), July 2017. [Podium Presentation]

Pincus KJ, Devabhakthuni S. Team-based, Case-based Adult Internal Medicine Elective Improves Confidence and Understanding. American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), July 2017. [Poster Presentation]


- **Vega A, Hynick L, Claey KC, Heil EL.** Effectiveness of 8 or 12 Week Treatment Duration of Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir for Hepatitis C: Evidence from a Large Academic Medical Center [64199] ID Week, San Diego, CA

- **Molnar EM, Heil EL, Claey KC, Hiles J, Gallagher JC.** Ceftolozane-tazobactam for the Treatment of Multi Drug Resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa (MDRPA) Infections [63942] ID Week, San Diego, CA

- **Zasowski EJ, Trinh TD, Claey KC, Lagnf AM, Delaportas D, Estrada SJ, Davis SL, Klinker KP, Huang V, Potoski BA, Levine DP, Kaye KS, Bonine NG, Gillard P, Rybak MJ.** Clinical and Economic Comparison of Ceftaroline Fosamil (CPT) and Daptomycin (DAP) for Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) Bloodstream Infections (BSI) [62690] ID Week, San Diego, CA


- **Tran D.** Guardians Against the Micro Galaxy. Mid-Atlantic Regional American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Annual Meeting. Columbia, MD. August 2017


- **Morgan JA.** Growing Up is Hard to Do: Transitioning Pediatric Disease State Management to Adult Care presented at ACCP.


- **Heavner MS.** First, Do No Harm: The Role of Clinical Pharmacists in Medication Error Prevention. District of Columbia College of Clinical Pharmacy Fall Continuing Education Event,