Dear colleagues,

With the breadth of expertise that exists at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy - within our faculty and our staff - it's fitting that the School has recently expanded its menu of Masters degree programs. With faculty working across the spectrum of drug discovery, patient care, and health services research, there is much knowledge that we can share across a variety of areas.

Most recently, the School of Pharmacy has launched two new MS programs - one in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics and one in Pharmaceutical Sciences. This brings our MS offerings to six. Within the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, we offer the extremely popular and interprofessional MS in Palliative Care and the MS in Pharmacometrics, both of which are fully online, making them convenient for working professionals.

If one of your students, residents, or postdocs has ever thought about furthering their education or expanding their expertise, I encourage you to have them consider one of our MS programs.

Sincerely,

Jill A. Morgan, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS
Professor and Chair
Robert Michocki, PharmD '75, BCPS, alumnus and professor emeritus of pharmacy practice and science (PPS), passed away on Oct. 15. Dr. Michocki first graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 1971, and immediately joined the faculty. While on faculty, he once again became a student, pursuing his Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) in the School's post-baccalaureate PharmD program - a program he helped launch. Dr. Michocki served the School of Pharmacy as chair of PPS from April 2003 to August 2006, as well as interim chair from July 1991 to September 1992, and January 1996 to July 1997. He maintained practice sites in internal medicine, geriatrics, and emergency medicine, as well as a long-running family medicine practice site at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He also had a 35-year career as a consultant in the primary care and geriatrics clinics at the Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Read more here...

SOP Collaborates with emocha to Offer Comprehensive Clinical Adherence Solution

The Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions at the School of Pharmacy is collaborating with emocha Mobile Health to expand the company's clinician-led adherence solution offering. Through this collaboration, pharmacists in the School's e-Health Center will provide patients with comprehensive medication review and reconciliation services through a mobile application that protects their privacy. emocha will offer this service to hospitals, health systems, and health insurers, with the goal to increase medication adherence, address medication related problems, and manage the rising cost of care and readmission rates. Read more here...
Faculty and staff from the School of Pharmacy joined family and friends on Aug. 16, to celebrate the first graduating class of the online Master of Science (MS) and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program. More than half of the program's 47 graduates traveled to Pharmacy Hall from across the state of Maryland and beyond to receive their master's hoods and graduate certificates during the convocation ceremony. Read more here...

MPC Showcases Expertise at National Toxicology Conference

The North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology (NACCT) is the premier conference that brings together pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and scientists from across the United States to share knowledge and gain new insights on a wide range of issues and topics in clinical toxicology. Each year, staff from the Maryland Poison Center (MPC) attend the conference not only to showcase the center's original research, but also to learn from the research presented by other experts in the field. This year, the MPC had a tremendous showing at the conference that included five posters and three presentations delivered by members of our team. 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.
Nicole Brandt, PharmD, professor and executive director of the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging; Joshua Chou, PharmD, geriatric pharmacotherapy fellow in the Lamy Center, and Barbara Zarowitz, PharmD, geriatric pharmacotherapy and clinical research consultant at the Lamy Center, received the Top Poster Award at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists in Texas in November.

Kimberly Claeys, PharmD, assistant professor, has been named a 2019 Outstanding Reviewer by the journal Pharmacotherapy.

Bethany DiPaula, PharmD, associate professor, has been appointed to the American Society of Health System Pharmacist’s Opioid Taskforce.

Alison Duffy, PharmD, associate professor, received the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy’s Excellence Award.

Agnes Ann Feemster, PharmD, was promoted from assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science to associate professor and received the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy’s 2019 Medication Safety Award.

Joga Gobburu, PhD, professor and director of the Center for Translational Medicine, has been named a Fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

Mojdeh Heavner, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been appointed to a three-year term as associate editor of the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. She’s also been named a fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine.

Emily Heil, PharmD, was promoted from assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science to associate professor and was appointed as the pharmacist representative to the Infectious Diseases Society of America’s Sepsis Task Force.

James Leonard, PharmD, a poison specialist at the Maryland Poison Center, has been named a Diplomate of the American Board of Applied Toxicology.

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, professor and executive director of advanced post-graduate education in palliative care, has been named co-chair of the 2020 International Conference on Opioids.

Ashlee Mattingly, PharmD, assistant professor, and Kristin Watson, PharmD, associate professor, have been named Outstanding Reviewers by the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.

Katy Pincus, PharmD, associate professor, received the Maryland Pharmacists Association’s Excellence in Innovation Award.

Brent Reed, PharmD, associate professor, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Kristin Watson, PharmD, associate professor, has been appointed to the Maryland State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness

Publications


Sera L, McPherson ML. Effect of a Study Skills Course on Student Self-Assessment of Learning Skills and Strategies. Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning. Accepted for publication.


Tong Z, Cooke CE, Brandt NJ. Online Provision of Part D Medication
Presentations/Posters

- Brandt NJ. Medication Therapy Management (MTM) and CMS Standardized Format: Importance of co-design with Medicare Beneficiaries and their Caregivers. April 25, 2019. Scottsdale Institute Teleconference (webinar).
- Cooke C. Cardiovascular Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) and C. Daniel Mullins presented From Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) to Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR). PCOR Workshop for Association of Black Cardiologists presented at the American College of Cardiology 2019 Annual Scientific Session, New Orleans, LA, March 17, 2019.
- Duffy AP. Current and Emerging Treatment Standards for Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL). Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association 15th Annual Conference. Fort Worth TX April 2019 (poster).
- Love RC and Ehret M. PsychopharmaCatastrophies! Maryland Pharmacists Association Annual meeting in Ocean City, Maryland on June 24, 2019.
- Roetall J, McPherson ML, Kamar M, Dahlin C. Critical Conversations: Alternatives to Opioids for Managing Pain in Hospice and Palliative Care. Town Hall meeting at AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly; March 2019; Orlando, FL.
- Tran D. Fantastic Vaccines and Where to Find Them. Sept 2019. Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program, Baltimore, MD.
- Tran D. The Vaxxers Immunity Wars. March 2019. Seminar By The Sea 2019 at the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, Newport, RI.
- Mansour D, Miller J, Ahn S, Tendoh E, Lee A, Semma B, Brandt N. Scaling Up and Sustaining a Geriatric Interprofessional Educational Program: Recap


