PSC Faculty Members Receive $2.5 Million from NIAID to Study Multi-drug Resistant Bacteria

Angela Wilks, PhD, the Isaac E. Emerson Chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Mandy Oglesby, PhD, an associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, have received a grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to study how infections caused by the bacteria Pseudomonas aeruginosa develop multi-drug resistance. The award provides nearly $2.5 million over five years to support their interdisciplinary work in biochemistry and microbiology that will research iron homeostasis and virulence in the bacteria, which often leads to chronic and untreatable conditions. Click here to read more.

The Maryland Poison Center Celebrates 50 Years of Expert Care

Since 1972, it has been the mission of the Maryland Poison Center (MPC) to save lives and dollars by providing emergency triage, treatment, and prevention information to Maryland’s citizens and health professionals. Serving 4.1 million Marylanders in 21 counties and Baltimore City, the MPC is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by pharmacists and nurses who are certified specialists in poison information. The MPC has answered approximately 2.5 million calls over the last 50 years from Marylanders dealing with a
UMSOP’s Smith Named UMB’s February Employee of the Month

Victor Smith, the School of Pharmacy’s moving and storage specialist, was named the UMB February Employee of the Month. Victor was selected for this honor for his hard work during the early days of the pandemic as one of the few employees on site. During this time, Victor made sure important deliveries continued and that vital research equipment was set up, broken down, transferred, and set up again. Click here to read more.

School of Pharmacy Surpasses Philanthropy Campaign Goal

The School of Pharmacy has achieved its goal in the 2017-2022 Catalyst Campaign, more than 10 months before the end of the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s (UMB) institution-wide fundraising effort. As of Feb. 1, the School has raised more than $22.4 million, surpassing its goal of $22 million set as part of the five-year capital campaign ending this year. Click here to read more.

Three Pharmacists Win AACP Preceptor of the Year Awards

Three School of Pharmacy preceptors received 2021 Preceptor of the Year Awards from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. They were three of 166 individuals selected to receive the award, which recognizes preceptors from across the United States for their
commitment to teaching student pharmacists and dedication to the patient care team. Click here to read more.

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MacKerell Honored with American Chemical Society Award

Alexander MacKerell, PhD, the Grollman-Glick Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and director of the Computer-Aided Drug Design Center, has been honored by the American Chemical Society with its 2022 Award for Computers in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Research, which recognizes and encourages the use of computers in the advancement of the chemical and biological sciences. Click here to read more.

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Pharmacy Faculty Recognized with Governor’s Citations for Vaccine Efforts

On Feb. 22, Drs. Cherokee Layson-Wolf and Jill Morgan from our Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, were recognized with Governor’s Citations as part of the interdisciplinary UMB team that set up the SMC Campus Center COVID-19 joint vaccination site in 2021. This herculean effort resulted in vaccinating more than 40,000 people against COVID-19. Click here to read more.

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Welcoming the UMB PA Program to Pharmacy Hall

In the fall of 2021, the School of Pharmacy was pleased to welcome the University of Maryland, Baltimore/Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) Physician Assistant (PA) Program to Pharmacy Hall, where it is making use of classrooms, study and lounge space, lockers, and the OSCE Suite. As part of the PA Program’s transition from AACC to UMB, it needed space at UMB to house its rigorous two-year professional program that would
The PATIENTS Program Launches the PATIENTS Professors Academy

The PATIENTS Program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy provides a successfully proven approach to continuous engagement in patient-centered research. The Program's newly launched PATIENTS Professors Academy will teach the PATIENTS Program 10-Step Framework for continuous patient and stakeholder engagement. The program's goal is to increase patient-driven research across the nation.

The PATIENTS Professors Academy is a free, 5-week program that is completely online with interactive components from our patient advisors and content experts.

The application deadline is Sunday, April 10 at 11:59 p.m. Click here for more information and to apply.

EVENTS

National Poison Prevention Week
Mar. 20-26

Join the Maryland Poison Center to spread awareness about poison prevention and safety. Order a poison safety packet for your home at http://bit.ly/MPCPacket or materials for your organization at https://cf.umaryland.edu/mdpoison. Also, be sure to add the phone number for the Maryland Poison Center in your phone: 1-800-222-1222.

MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics Virtual Information Session
March 23 at noon

The School of Pharmacy's MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics program will host a virtual information session for participants to learn about the application process and the curriculum and to get answers to frequently asked questions. Register here.

Maryland Poison Center's 50th Anniversary Webinar Series
Here for the Ages
March 23 at 2 p.m.

The School of Pharmacy's Maryland Poison Center is marking its 50th anniversary this year with a special quarterly series of educational webinars, with the first one on March 23 for all audiences. "Here for the Ages" will be presented by Emily Paterson, CHES, the MPC’s public education and communication.

Online Graduate Studies in Palliative Care Virtual Information Session
April 5 at noon and 8 p.m.

These information sessions will provide an overview of the PhD, MS in Palliative Care degree, and Graduate Certificates program, and explore topics such as the admissions process, course schedule, and other frequently asked questions.
Giving Month
April 2022
This is no April Fool's joke! Starting April 1, the School of Pharmacy will be holding a month-long giving event focused on the expertise, influence, and impact of our community. Throughout the month, we will be asking for your philanthropic support for our departments, centers, and programs. Be sure to follow the School of Pharmacy on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

MS in Regulatory Science's Virtual Open House
April 7 | noon
This virtual open house includes a brief overview of the Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Regulatory Science programs, followed by a Q&A session.

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

LAURELS

Second-year student pharmacists Iulia Opran, Chenchu Vignesh Pernati, and Belinda Tamrakar won the Maryland Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation's 10th annual America's Got Regulatory Science Talent Competition for their proposal to develop a QR code for over-the-counter (OTC) acetaminophen and prescription medication.

Andrew Coop, PhD, associate dean of academic affairs and professor of pharmaceutical sciences, has been named to the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential Scholars (LEAPS) Council of Schools.

Sung Jin (Julie) Jeong, a third-year student pharmacist, has received the 2022 Boyle Family Scholarship from the American Pharmacists Association Foundation.

Ebere Onukwugha, PhD, associate professor of pharmaceutical health services research and executive director of Pharmaceutical Research Computing, has been named program committee co-chair for the 2022 annual meeting of ISPOR - The Professional Society for Health Economics and Outcomes Research.

Lori Russell, a student in the MS in Palliative Care Program and the Palliative Care Nurse Coordinator at UPMC Western Maryland, received the Maryland Rural Health Association's 2021 Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award.

Ester Villalonga Olives, PhD, an assistant professor of pharmaceutical health services research, has been named an Early Investigator Advancement Program Scholar by the National Institutes of Health.