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UMSOP NEWS

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John Gregory, UMSOP Alumnus, Honored with UMB Catalyst for Excellence Award



University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Founding Pharmapreneur John Gregory, BSP '76, DPS (hon) '02, board chair and CEO of Gregory Pharmaceutical Holding, Inc., who also founded King Pharmaceuticals, was honored on Nov. 9 by the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) with a [Catalyst for Excellence Award](#). It recognizes the honoree's powerful advocacy for success, achievement, and philanthropy for their respective UMB school while serving as a visionary for future progress. An exemplar of excellence and inspiration, Gregory has accomplished meaningful progress in his life and career, in addition to devoting time, talent, and resources to numerous worthy causes. [Read more.](#)

FY22 Grants and Contracts



The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy received more than \$38.5 million in grants and contracts from government, industry, private, and foundation sources in FY22, a 13% increase from FY21. That's an amazing job by our faculty, staff, postdocs, and students to secure funding for their work. [Read more about our research.](#)

Rho Chi Chapter Supports Peers in Tutoring Sessions

Third-year student pharmacists at the School of Pharmacy have created a new initiative this fall to help their fellow



classmates. Students affiliated with Rho Chi, an honor society that seeks to advance pharmacy through sustained intellectual leadership, are offering their peers free study sessions, known as Rho Chi Peer Assisted Student Success (RxPASS). The 50-minute sessions are held weekly for first-year pharmacy students (P1) and biweekly for second-year students (P2). [Read more.](#)

Maryland Poison Center Celebrates 50 Years of Service



From using paper records and operating out of a basement of a building that is no longer on campus, to becoming a thriving solution-providing center, the [Maryland Poison Center's \(MPC\)](#) five decades of service were celebrated on Oct. 19 with a reception and reflections on its storied history and influence. [Read more.](#)

Annual Fall Immunization Clinic Expands Offerings

More than 200 members of the UMB community received their influenza vaccinations and coronavirus boosters at an on-campus clinic Oct. 20. The event was sponsored by the School of Pharmacy, the UMB Health Sciences and Human Services Library, and Walgreens. For the first time in the clinic's five-year history, offerings were expanded to include COVID-19 and pneumonia vaccines. COVID-19 vaccinations included first, second, and booster dosages. [Read more.](#)



EVENTS

PhD and MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences Online Information Sessions

Nov. 30, Noon
Online

Learn more about the PhD and MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences programs at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. This virtual info session will include a brief overview of the programs and application process. There will also be time for participants to ask questions and have them answered by program administration and faculty. [Register here.](#)

MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics Information Sessions

Nov. 30, 1 p.m.
Online

Meet with the Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics program director and faculty to discuss the master's program. Learn about the courses, how the program works, and how to apply. [Register now](#) to get your questions answered.

CRCG Webinar on Excipients and Formulation Assessments of Complex Generic Products

Dec. 6
Online

The Center for Research on Complex Generics and the FDA will host this free webinar to clarify FDA's regulatory expectations and practices for conducting formulation assessments with generic products under development across different routes of administration. It will also discuss best practices and lessons learned with the goal of minimizing the potential for formulation-related issues that can otherwise adversely impact a regulatory decision on the filing or approval of an abbreviated new drug application. The webinar is free, but [registration is required](#).

PhD, MS, and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care Virtual Information Sessions

Dec. 8, Noon and 8 p.m.
Online

These information sessions provide an overview of the PhD, Master of Science, and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care programs, and explore topics such as the admissions process, course schedule, and other frequently asked questions. [Register here](#) for the noon session, and [register here](#) for the 8 p.m. session.

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

LAURELS

[Heather Congdon, PharmD, BCPS, CDE](#), professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received a continuance of the University System of Maryland Wilson H. Elkins Professorship for 2022-2023.

Student pharmacists **Rebecca Faulkner** and **Emily Ly** were members of an interdisciplinary student team from the University of Maryland, Baltimore that won the Wildcard prize in the 2022 DC Public Health Case Challenge.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

[Nicole Brandt, PharmD, MBA, BCPP, CGP, FASCP](#), professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research and executive director of the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging, has received a two-year \$28,448 fellowship from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists for "Training Agreement for Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Fellowship."

[Stephen Hoag, PhD](#), professor of pharmaceutical sciences and director of the Applied Pharmaceutics Lab, has received a nine-month \$70,401 contract from Johns Hopkins University for "Development of a Chemical Dissolution Formulation to Facilitate the Breakdown and Drainage of Pancreatic Necrosis."

[Joga Gobburu, PhD](#), professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research and director of the Center for Translational Medicine, has received a one-year \$135,000 contract from Padagis US for "Leuoprolide Project – Scope of Work 1."

[Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, BCPS, CDE, FAPhA](#), Felix Gyi Endowed Memorial Professor in Pharmapreneurship, associate dean for clinical services and practice transformation, and executive director of the Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions, has received a 14-month \$298,856 contract from Maryland Primary Care Physicians Institute for "Memorandum of Understanding."

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Brian Hose, PharmD '06, has been named CEO of EPIC Pharmacies, a nationwide buying group dedicated to empowering independent pharmacies. Hose has owned and operated Sharpsburg Pharmacy in Maryland since 2008.

Alexander Stojadinovic, MS '22, has been named CMO of LumaBridge, an oncology research organization that provides innovative solutions to clinical trials.



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