Get Connected Health Fair

The Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) Alpha Pi Chapter, hosted their first annual Get Connected Health Fest Event on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. As a pharmacy leadership society on the Texas Southern University campus (TSU), PLS strives for the betterment of the community, and the pharmacy profession. The goal of this event is to provide a hub of access to all of the resources at TSU including other pharmacy groups, the Health Center, Recreational Center, Counseling Center, and many other different organizations! At this event, PLS provided free health screenings such as blood pressure, blood glucose, blood cholesterol, BMI, STD and depression. In addition to this, educational materials were displayed to bring awareness to use of antibiotics, medication safety, breast cancer awareness, and many other fun activities. The health fair showcases the various programs within the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Texas Southern University students participating in the Zumba dance clinic during the Phi Lambda Sigma Health Fair.

Pharmacy students testing other students blood glucose levels.
Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital Health Administration Professional Development Excursion

On March 28, 2019, Harris Health System welcomed the Health Administration students for a tour of their facility at LBJ Hospital. There were 17 students, 2 professors and 1 staff person in attendance. The group was hosted by Health Administration Senior and employee, Derius Davis, and the Volunteer Services Coordinators, Bianca DeLeon and Kimberly Brown. The day was filled with presentations from Mr. Chris Matthews, Administrative Director of Hospital Operations and Ancillary Services and Mrs. Juanita Al-Abbadi, Director of Patient Customer Relations. The students enjoyed learning about sharpening their leadership skills and ways that they can transition into healthcare through volunteerism. They were treated to a tour throughout the hospital and along the way learned about the many areas of the hospital and where as future administrators they could work. During one of the stops, the students were able to meet Kia Ward, who is a two time graduate of TSU and now works in operations. She gave them some perspective of what it is like to work in an administrative role for a clinical program. Overall, the tour was a huge success and each participant was excited about the learning opportunity to interface with administrative professionals in Health Administration.

Texas Southern University Alumna, Kia Ward spoke to our Health Administration students about her role in Nursing Operations during the LBJ tour. Kia is a two time graduate of TSU.

Health Administration student Derius Davis who serves as an employee for LBJ.
Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) recognizes its graduating seniors of which four (4) obtained residencies Justin Babino (PGY1/2/MS Health System Administration and Leadership at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center/University of Houston - Houston, TX), Michelle Dano (PBY1/2/MS Health System Administration and Leadership at University of Wisconsin Health - Madison, WS, Ryan Hughes (PGY1/2/MS Health System Administration and leadership at Novant Health - Charlotte, NC, Mary Young (PGY1 at University of Texas Southwestern medical Center - Dallas, TX.

Student Leadership and Development

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Point of Care Testing

Mrs. Dorothy Cumming, Clinical Adjunct Instructor in the Clinical Laboratory Science Program lectured to first year pharmacy students in the Pharmacy Practice II Lab course on Point-of-Care (POC) Testing, along with two students in the CLS program.

Mrs. Cumming provided hands-on training with cholesterol and blood glucose monitoring, testing for mononucleosis “the kissing disease”, and urine dipstick. She also shared information regarding syphilis, HIV testing and more.

She shared the importance of using controlled measures in diagnosing in any practice setting, CLIA; the regulatory agency on federal standards on testing of human specimens, and accreditation through the College of American Pathology (CAP).

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Professionalism and Harmonious Relations Committee

The Professional and Harmonious Relationships (PHR) Committee was developed to foster great relationships between faculty, staff, and students in the COPHS. As a result of several meetings, the committee has developed a pledge to uphold the standards and values of the organization and university as a whole. The core values are DEVELOP, FOSTER, SUPPORT, DEDICATE, and MAINTAIN. On April 4, 2019, the committee held it’s first forum to give students a platform to voice their concerns about and ideas to enhance the College’s practices.

Kenley Miller, Keilon Robinson, Todd TJ Strayhorn, and Andre’ Phillips.

Dr. Ohia Chair of the PHR with two of the student committee members.
TSU Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Round Table Event

2019 TSU AMCP/IPHO held its first annual managed care/industry roundtable event on campus Pharmacist came from several companies including Bristol-Myers, Pfizer, Takeda Shire, Novo Nordisk, UTMB, Harris Health, Aetna and Cigna. Students were able to engage and ask questions about residencies, fellowships, internships and careers. Faculty who had previous positions/experience in these fields were also there to speak with our students on their experiences. This event allowed students to get information on advancing in the areas of managed care and industry pharmacy.
Congratulations Andre’ Phillips and Ka Wong for getting accepted into the Methodist Internship Longitudinal Experience (MILE) Program through Houston Methodist. The purpose of the MILE program is to provide practical experience in health system pharmacy to optimally prepare student pharmacists for post-graduate training and other professional opportunities. Up to four students are accepted each year between UH and TSU, and for the first time in over three years, the MILE program selected two TSU pharmacy students. Through this awesome opportunity, Phillips and Wong will spend 75% of their experience in operations and direct patient care, and 25% of their experience completing projects, research, assignments, and attending seminars & mentor-mentee activities. Phillips and Wong will be joining Ryan Hughes (P4), Darlington Francis

Kudos to Kenley Miller-Sangodeyi for his first published article. Miller-Sangodeyi is a P1 student that worked with a team to investigate how Interleukin-1 alpha increases anti-tumor efficacy of cetuximab in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.
Programming

Peer Mentoring

This Spring, we offered three peer mentoring days, February 4th, March 18th, and March 25th. The first two sessions were led by the P3s, where roughly 21 P1 students were in attendance. The P3s provided the P1s with valuable information on how to maneuver and be successful in the program. On March 18th, the P3s discussed professionalism, internships, and time management. On March 25th, the P4s led the session with mostly P3s in attendance on how to go about finding the right residency program. The students look for to the professional development and self-reflective oriented peer mentoring days in the Fall.
All students in the COPHS were invited to the Multicultural Day Event held on May 2, 2019 in the Nabrit Science building. With the sponsorship of Walgreens, COPHS was able to expose students to different cultural cuisines. Students were also encouraged to dress in their native attire and bring traditional dishes as well. Thirty students across the college attended the event, in addition to the 19 students that brought a traditional dish. Next year, the college looks forward to seeing more students participate and present about their culture.
World Health Day and the March of Dimes was an exciting day focused on personal and community health. A preconception health discussion and panel featuring Interim Dean, Shirlette Milton College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Gina Gaston ABC 13 News, Heidi Smith TSU Chief of Staff, Shawntell McWilliams March of Dimes Birth Equity Co-Chair, Winell Herron, VP Public Affairs H-E-B and Dr. Erica Giwa, Texas Medical Director of OBGYN Children’s Health Plan.
Faculty, Staff, and Alumni Sightings

Texas Society of Health Systems Pharmacist (TSHP) Events and Faculty Appreciation

Interim Dean Milton, Pharmacy students, alumni, and friends attending TSHP Friends and Alumni Reception.

Interim Dean Milton along with the Deans from other Texas Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy address the topic of “Sustainable Career and Leadership Planning” at the 2019 TSHP Annual Meeting in Frisco, TX.

Interim Dean Milton and Pharmacy students attending TSHP Friends and Alumni Reception.

Dr. Estes socializing with friends at the TSHP Reception.

Dr. Flora Estes (TSU COPHS) and Dr. Jacquelyn Navarrete (UT El Paso) co-presented on “Incorporating EPA Assessment within Workflow” TCEP approved Preceptor Training at the TSHP Annual Meeting.

Spring 2019 Annual Faculty Appreciation Luncheon provided by the incoming P4 Class 2020.
"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." - H. Ford

Faculty, Staff, and Alumni Sightings

Staff Luncheon April 24, 2019

Congratulations Dr. Linda Solis, Coordinator of Recruitment and Retention, for being selected to be a part of LEAD TSU. The goal of the LEAD TSU, Leadership Education And Development, program is to develop high potential individuals to fill future leadership roles and shape the future of our great university. President Lane and leadership mentors will work closely with program participants to advance their capabilities through a variety of experience-based learning opportunities. Cohort participants will be better prepared to take on leadership roles and responsibilities upon completion of the program.

Honors Convocation Awards Ceremony
Ms. Jennifer Dennis and Ms. Wykita Adams with the COPHS Office of Student Services along with Ms. T. Johnson (not pictured) in the Dean’s office Awarded the Students of COPHS their Honor Awards for April 9, 2019 in the HP& E Arena where six COPHS students received a 4.0 GPA in both semesters:
Hau Tran, CLS
Benjamin Mbah Acha, RT
Ghufran Alahdari, RT
Maryam Alramadhan, RT
Zahra Alramadhan, RT
Naif Sulaiman, RT

TSU Research Week
Mr. Mathew K. Joseph, a Research Associate for the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at TSU, was awarded 2nd place for his poster titled “ROS-mediated NRF2 Activity in Rats Exposed to Acrolein”. The study investigated the contribution of Keap1/Nrf2/HO1 pathway to the attenuation of oxidative stress in acrolein-induced insult in rats. Congratulations Mr. Joseph!
Texas Southern University (TSU) hosted its third annual *Maroon & Gray Affair* on Saturday, April 27 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Houston. The gala raised a record **$1.2 million** for student scholarships.

“The Texas Southern University community has delivered a strong helping hand through this event to students who are on their way to graduation,” said TSU President **Austin A. Lane**. “This unparalleled generosity means that young people can concentrate and stay on a strong academic path to become leaders in today’s ever-changing society.” Texas Southern alumni and students were honored during Saturday’s sold-out event. “We are proud to celebrate our students and alumni in such a dynamic way,” said **Loren Lane**, first lady of Texas Southern University. COPHS faculty, Interim Dean Milton, a current pharmacy student (former Miss TSU), alumni, and friends gathered to support the college at this purposeful event. (top right picture).

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**Alumni Matthew and Angela Rogers**
Owners of Power Center Pharmacy

**Ms. Kishma Morancie, Interim Dean Milton, Ms. Sonya Gary, P3 Student Tramauni Brock, and TSU Alumni.**

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**President Lane, Interim Dean Milton, and Deborah Dancer Hickman**
(Daughter of the late Dr. Eugene Hickman, Sr.)
Message from the Interim Dean

As we close the 2018-2019 academic year with activities presented in this newsletter, I want to update you on significant College events that lie ahead.

- The Dean’s search has progressed aggressively with interviews for four candidates scheduled from March 6th to March 13th.
- The College is actively engaged in preparation for program accreditation reviews in Pharmacy, Environmental Health, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Respiratory Care and Health Care Administration.
- Dr. Felicia McAdams launched the co-curricular requirements program for the Pharmacy students. The program is still evolving with the hopes of incorporating faculty and alumni in the review and planning process. The students have already committed to the experiential activities designed to enhance students’ learning through the application of knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom setting to activities, projects, and experiences in the community.
- The College’s first interprofessional global experience is scheduled for May 31st–June 15th in St. Kitts/Nevis.
- The College Culmination Ceremony, honoring COPHS graduates in all programs is scheduled for May 17th in Granville Sawyer Auditorium. A reception for graduates and their guests follows on the Campus Plaza. Commencement is May 18th. The Class of 2019 has 107 PharmD candidates for graduates and 90 Health Sciences candidates for graduation.
- The College Culmination Ceremony, honoring COPHS graduates in all programs is scheduled for May 17, 2019 at 4:00-6:00 pm in Granville Sawyer Auditorium. A reception for graduates and their guests follows on the Campus Plaza.
- This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the College producing quality health care professionals for the city, state, nation and the world. We are excited about the celebration scheduled for fall, 2019. The retirement of Dr. Eugere, a former dean of the College will also be celebrated at this event.
- Please contact the Office of the Dean for further information regarding these events as well as College donations to ensure their success. Thank you for your continued support of our programs and our students as we continue our legacy of producing “Legends and Leaders” in their respective areas of practice.

Best Regards,

Dr. Shirlette Milton