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CU Wins National Compounding Competition
Under the tutelage of faculty member Dr. Peter Rice, P-1 Adam McHenry and P-3s Megan Lipp and Nicole Dimaano took home first place honors at the Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition in Gainesville, FL. Sponsored by Medisca and hosted by the University of Florida, our team competed against 19 teams from across the country. Prepared to learn from the experience for the following year, the team did not anticipate coming home with a win. Special recognition to Megan Lipp for making the competition happen.

In the News
Laura Borgelt, PharmD, was interviewed by Nature for an article on marijuana research. Assistant professor Joe Vande Griend, PharmD, was interviewed by KEZW radio recently about adverse drug effects and the important role pharmacists play in managing medications. Kari Franson, PharmD/PhD, was interviewed by NJ Spotlight about the differences between marijuana products that are inhaled versus consumed orally. Dr. Dmitri Simberg's collaborative work loading red blood cells with chemotherapy drugs that then target specific tumors was highlighted in the Journal of Controlled Release. Alumna Allyson Robbins (PharmD ’05) was highlighted on the UC Denver website for her work with fellow UC Denver business school classmate Michelle Boyd for their capstone project turned business venture. The project developed a system to test expanded hospital ERs, and helped launch their own business venture.

Graduation around the Corner
May 23 marks commencement ceremonies for the class of 2014. The hooding ceremony and convocation will be held at 10 a.m. on the lawn south of the Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Building. Information on the PhD hooding ceremony will be announced in an upcoming eScripts. Look for the special graduation edition of Pharmacy Perspectives, which will profile the backgrounds, hobbies and accomplishments of the new graduates.

Residency Matches
Congratulations to those P-4 students who recently matched into a first-year residency program. And for those in the post-match scramble, there's still time. So far, 28 students have matched including Natalie Berner, Jacob Beyer, Jeremy Brothers, Clay Cuny, Brian Dang, Michelle Ding, Norm Fenn, Rebecca Forbes, Elaine Fosmire, Justin Heizer, Kalee Honeyfield, John Kapisarow, Frank Keller, Adrienne Kerscsak, Christine Macbrayne, Carrie McGarraugh, Sarah Norskog, Andrew Nunes, Vidya Pugazhenthhi, Stefanie Reid, Jenny Scherbak, Holly Smith, Danielle Stutzman, Luke VanderWeide, Eddie Van Matre, Anh Vu, Sam Zakkour, and Sissi Zhang. In addition, Colleen Tholen received a Global Pharmaceutical Sciences fellowship with the University of Southern California and Allergan. To see where these students will be headed post-graduation, visit our facebook page.

Kudos
Faculty member, Joseph Vande Griend, PharmD, and the interprofessional collaborative project titled “Development, Evaluation, and Refinement of an Offsite Clinical Pharmacist Service within a University Family Medicine System” won an AAMC Clinical Innovation Challenge Award from the American Association of Medical Colleges. The award will be presented at the 2014 AAMC Integrating Quality Meeting in Rosemont, Illinois on June 12 and comes with a $5,000 contribution to our School. Faculty member Cindy O’Bryant has been asked to serve as the representative for the University of Colorado Cancer Center on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Cancer and Chemotherapy-Induced Anemia Guidelines.

Students Present Posters at HOPA
The 9th Annual Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) meeting was held March 26 - 29 in New Orleans. Five students (P-3 Christina Davis, P-4 Sarah Norskog and P-4 Holly Smith) and PGY2 residents Stephanie Chase and Ronni Miller presented research posters. Both Christina Davis and Sarah Norskog's posters were selected as top 10 posters (out of 100 submitted) and will be considered for the 2014 HOPA Trainee Poster Award.