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ASHP Highlights CSSHP

The Colorado Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSSHP) was spotlighted for its residency information session on the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ (ASHP) website. With 110 members, this student organization is one of the largest student-led groups in the SOP.

In the News
Dr. Numsen Hail published investigation results on supporting a role for teriflunomide (leflunomide) in prostate cancer chemoprevention. The study appeared in the July 16 edition of Obesity, Fitness & Wellness Week. Dr. Joseph Saseen was interviewed by Dr. Laurie Barclay of Medscape Medical News for his expertise on hypertension and cholesterol guidelines. Research conducted by Dr. Sunny Linnebur on a dietary supplement for sore joints marketed under the name Move Free Advanced was published in Pharmacotherapy and Drug Week. The research and review of the literature concludes that the herbal extract Chinese skullcap, one of the ingredients in the medication, is the most likely cause of hepatotoxicity. The researchers concluded, “Patients seeking dietary supplements for osteoarthritis may want to avoid glucosaminechondroitin products such as Move Free Advanced that also contain Chinese skullcap.” To read more about these articles, click here.

Important Dates
The following are dates to remember – orientation week for the PharmD program begins Aug. 16, and includes student orientation day and picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 18, and White Coat Ceremony on Friday, Aug. 20 followed by a barbecue sponsored by Walgreens. Orientation for PhD candidates is set for Tuesday, Aug. 24 and includes a welcome lunch, and presentations by the program directors and rotation opportunities.

Congratulations
Drs. Dorie Hoody and Joe Vande Griend recently became Certified Geriatric Pharmacists and Drs. Sunny Linnebur and Robert Page were both recertified as Geriatric Pharmacists.
P-3’s Place in Top 10 for NCPA Business Plan Competition
Third-year PharmD students -- Michaela Hasan, Kristin Lambert, James Demarest and Rachel Berman -- placed in the top 10 in the Good Neighbor Pharmacy National Community Pharmacists Association’s (NCPA) Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition. According to Dr. Gina Moore, "This is the highest placement by CU to date and the toughest field of competitors as reported by the NCPA." The competition drew entries from 35 schools and colleges of pharmacy -- a record number of submissions in its seven-year history. The announcement was made at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy annual meeting in Seattle.

Alumni News
Jennifer Christensen (formerly Kaufman), PharmD ’09, and her husband, Joezhah, welcomed their daughter, Kira Lynn, to the world this past March.

‘08 PhD graduate and president-elect of the SOP Alumni Association Board, Elizabeth Redente, and her work titled "Differential polarization of alveolar macrophages and bone marrow-derived monocytes following chemically and pathogen-induced chronic lung inflammation," originally published in the Journal of Leukocyte Biology, has recently become the subject of a report published in Life Science Weekly.

Website Update
If you haven't looked at our newly designed website yet, please do so. It's a huge departure from our previous site. Check out the new stories we've posted to the home page. We'll be updating every 4-6 weeks. So, if you have a story for inclusion on the site, contact Dana Brandorff.