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In the News
Dr. Rajesh Agarwal was interviewed by the Denver Post for a piece on the benefits of broccoli sprouts. Dr. Agarwal was quoted as an expert on the potential therapeutic and anti cancer benefits of the vegetable. Read the entire article here. Dr. Dave Ross, chair of DOPS, and his work on Hsp90 inhibitors and its potential as an anticancer target was highlighted in UCD's Research Tips publication produced by Dr. RJ Traystman, vice chancellor for research. Two graduate students - Hongfei Zhou and William Black -- published articles on research they are conducting in DOPS. Zhou's article on the role of NQO1 depletion on adhesion molecule expression and resulting functional deficit in adhesion was included in recent issues of the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and Obesity, Fitness & Wellness Week. Black and colleagues published their study in Pharmacogenetics and Genomics on Human aldehyde dehydrogenase (ALDH) genes alternatively spliced transcriptional variants and their suggested nomenclature. Mutations in ALDH genes are the molecular basis of several disease states including Alzheimer's and cancer.

AAPS Student Chapter Making Progress
Since its inception in 2009, CU-AAPS (American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences) student chapter has recruited 25 members from various programs across the Boulder and AMC campuses including representation from biochemistry, chemical engineering, toxicology, pharmaceutical sciences and PharmD. During its first year, the chapter's activities have included outreach and professional development. In February, members participated in the Denver Regional Science Fair as judges and interacted with grade school students who were showcasing their exemplary science projects. The chapter also organized a free short course on intellectual property titled "Patent Law Basics - How to get a patent?" The course was taught by Dr. Srikumaran Melethil, professor and chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Findlay.

Accreditation News
The ACPE Board of Directors awarded the SOP’s PharmD program a full, six-year accreditation until June 30, 2016. The graduate and residency programs completed program reviews, received positive verbal reports on their quality, and are awaiting final written reports. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this happen.

Congratulations
Dr. Jennifer Trujillo recently became a Certified Diabetes Educator. Please join faculty and staff in recognizing Dr. Trujillo's accomplishment. For more information on how you too can become a Certified Diabetes Educator, visit www.ncbde.org

Alumni News
It is with great sadness that the SOP announces the death of James Robert Hertel -- alumnus, friend, entrepreneur and philanthropist -- on July 1 at the age of 60. Born in Van Nuys, Ca., Hertel earned a B.S. and MBA from the University of Colorado Schools of Pharmacy and Business respectively. He founded HealthCare Computer Corporation in 1983. As a leading source for information in the health care financing industry, Hertel wrote and published the Managed Care newsletter in Colorado and Arizona. He served as chairman of the Platte Valley Medical Center and was affiliated with numerous health care and business organizations in the Denver area. In 2005, Hertel was honored as a Distinguished Coloradan by the SOP. He is survived by his wife, Alexis, sons Matthew and Cameron, sister DeeDee, and nephew Vincente.

New Shuttle Bus Service Links AMC & Downtown
A new bus service available to faculty and staff will run between the Anschutz Medical Campus (AMC) and the Lawrence Street Center downtown. The continuous bus service replaces the current "Van on Demand" service and will pick up in front of Building 500 on AMC and the main entrance to the Lawrence Street Center Building downtown. The service is free to University of Colorado Denver employees if ID shown.

Visiting Professor
Dr. David Bourne, professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Oklahoma, is on sabbatical in Dr. Kompella's lab for the next six months. Bourne's expertise is in pharmacokinetics with an avid interest in nanomedicine.

Student Submission Finalist for AACP Award
A group of students led by third-year PharmD candidate Monica Evans submitted a proposal for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Student Community Engaged Service Awards and was selected as one of eight finalists during this year's AACP Annual Meeting in Seattle. The awards, sponsored by TEVA Pharmaceuticals, recognize student-led community engagement projects conducted either as a component of the curriculum or as an extra curricular program. Four national awards will be presented mid-November.

Welcome Home Joshua
The Vondraceks -- faculty member Sheryl, her husband Tom, and daughter Alena -- recently welcomed a new addition to their family.