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**An Exciting Year Ahead: Dean's State of the School Presentation**

On Nov. 12, Dean Altiere gave his annual State of the School address where he discussed the school's growth and future plans. During the past 15 years, revenue has increased 10-fold. There has also been a steady increase in grants and contracts, with the school recently being ranked #5 in the nation for NIH and total funding and #1 for NIH funded-basic research on the Anschutz Medical Campus. In a look to the year ahead, Dean Altiere mentioned it will be a busy one with an accreditation visit by ACPE scheduled for September. In 2015, we will also complete the roll out of our new P4 curriculum, expand experiential offerings at existing and new sites, recruit additional faculty in key areas such as pharmaceutical biotechnology and toxicology, seek provider status and reimbursement for pharmacy services and launch a student-run clinic.

**Bugs & Drugs 2014**

The school, in conjunction with CU’s College of Nursing and School of Medicine, hosted Bugs & Drugs, an educational conference focusing on the latest diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases. With more than 200 medical professionals attending, the conference was extremely successful. Kudos to Dr. Kathy McCartney and Ben Westergaard for a program well run.

**SSPPS Annual Holiday Food Drive**

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy just wrapped up its 20th Annual Holiday Food Drive. Over 560 items were collected by faculty and staff. DOCP beat out DOPS for the most items collected, with an impressive 294. Congratulations to DOCP and thank you to everyone who donated!

**ASHP Clinical Meeting & Exhibition**

The [ASHP Clinical Meeting & Exhibition](http://www.ashp.org) will be held from Dec. 7-11 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Orange County, California. To mark the event, our school is hosting a reception. For those of you attending the meeting, it will be a great opportunity to mingle with some of our most distinguished faculty members, like Dr. Joseph Saseen, ACCP’s 2014 Educator of the Year. The reception will be Mon., Dec. 8 at the Hilton Anaheim (Pacific Ballroom A) from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.

**P-3 Poster Presentations**

On Tues., Oct. 28, P-3s presented posters on potential research topics as part of four-person teams. There were a variety of topics touched upon in the student posters, including the relationship between cancer drugs and kidney injuries. This exercise gives pharmacy students an opportunity to see what life is like for researchers working in labs.

**In the News**

[Modern Medicine Network](http://www.modernmedicine.com) highlighted our non-traditional PharmD (NTPD) program earlier this month as one of six schools in the U.S. that offers licensed pharmacists a nontraditional path.

Faculty member Dr. Samuel Johnson discusses the role pharmacogenetics play in adverse events in the latest edition of [Pharmacy Practice News](http://www.pharmacypractice.com).