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Alumni News
2010 alumna Emily (Calovich) Hansen and her husband, Chris, welcomed their daughter Olivia Rose on Oct. 16. The happy family live in Weston, MO where Emily is a clinical pharmacist at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Research Published in Biophysical Journal
Recent research conducted by Drs. Surinder Singh (pictured here) and Krishna Mallela may shed light on the possibility of designing smaller stable proteins to treat muscular dystrophy. Their research, published in the November edition of _Biophysical Journal_, was also highlighted in the New and Notable section of the publication and focused on resolving the controversy surrounding the solution structure of dystrophin. Deficiency of this vital muscle protein triggers Duchenne/Becker muscular dystrophy. Drs. Singh and Mallela used a very simple and elegant technique of pyrene excimer fluorescence to determine the solution structure of dystrophin N-ABD. Read their research now.

Dean's State of School Address on Website
Dean Altiere's State of the School address, which was presented on Nov. 14, is available in pdf format on the website. The address touched on accomplishments for the past school year and future plans. Learn more about the school now.

Another Successful Holiday Drive!
From Spam to diapers, this year’s Holiday Drive collected nearly 2000 items for the Colfax Community Network, a local not for profit that advocates and assists low income families residing in transient housing along Colfax. Competition between classes was encouraged, with the P-1’s coming out on top with a grand total of 1069 items.

Valdez Selected as AACP Alternate Delegate
Dr. Connie Valdez has been selected by faculty vote to represent the School at the AACP annual meeting as the faculty alternate delegate in 2013 and the faculty delegate in 2014. AAPS Innovations in Nanotechnology Award, sponsored by Hospira, Inc.

Kudos
Staff member Cecilia Romero was recently highlighted for her volunteer work with local not-for-profit Brent's Place in its November edition of Brent's Buddies Buzz. She was recognized as, "...someone we could honor every month as our all-star volunteer because of how much she gives back to Brent's Place on a regular basis." Kudos to you, Cecilia, for all that you do!