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School Receives $1 Million Gift from The ALSAM Foundation
By funding advanced mass spectrometer equipment and a new faculty position in clinical implementation of pharmacogenomics, the gift of $1 million from The ALSAM Foundation will help the school convert innovative research into real-world applications that improve patient outcomes and care. For more than 20 years, The ALSAM Foundation has supported the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences through substantial financial contributions to help build the pharmacy school buildings on two campuses, as well as a variety of research initiatives including funding faculty positions and the Skaggs Scholars Program, a collaborative research program between the seven Skaggs institutions. This gift would not have been possible without the generosity and vision of The ALSAM Foundation and its Grants Committee, or the collaboration of CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Ralph J. Altire, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Chair David Ross, PhD, and the CU Anschutz Office of Advancement.

Study Shows Medical Marijuana Decreases Migraines
A new study, conducted by faculty members from our school and published online ahead of print in the January edition of Pharmacotherapy, reveals that patients diagnosed with migraine headaches saw a significant drop (10.4 to 4.6 headaches per month) in migraine occurrences when treated with medical marijuana. Originating from a research project that Assistant Professor Danielle Rhyne (pictured left) undertook during her PGY-2 residency last year at the school, the retrospective study examined the charts of patients diagnosed with migraines and treated with medical marijuana between Jan. 2010 and Sept. 2014. The team included Danielle Rhyne, PharmD, senior author and Professor Laura Borgelt, PharmD, co-authors and Assistant Professor Sarah Anderson, PharmD, and Margaret Gedde, MD, of Gedde Whole Health, a private medical practice in Colorado that specializes in recommencing medical marijuana for a variety of conditions. "We really want to stress that if patients are considering medical marijuana, they should talk to their health care provider and then follow up so we can track the impact of their overall treatment," said Rhyne.

6th Annual Graduate Student Winter Symposium
Join the PhD students as they present posters and talk science during this year’s 6th Annual Graduate Student Winter Symposium. Mark your calendar for Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

 Buffs Basketball
Join the CU men’s basketball team Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m. in Boulder as they take on Arizona State. Enjoy discounted tickets, a free Buffs T-shirt and great basketball. Tickets start at $20. Visit CU Buffs and enter code 2016HEALTH.