Welcome Class of 2022!

Orientation week for the incoming students wrapped up with a marshmallow challenge, White Coat ceremony and the annual barbecue. 143 students received their white coats and recited the Oath of the Professional Pharmacy Student in front of their family and friends. Check out the photos from orientation week on our blog.

Overdose Awareness Day: Visit from U.S. Representative Mike Coffman

For International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st, the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention hosted a panel discussion - Prevention, Harm Reduction and Treatment: How Colorado is Confronting the Opioid Crisis. Congressman Mike Coffman delivered remarks saying the

Opioid Awareness with CU Pharmacy at CU Denver’s Block Party

The University of Colorado Denver Block Party on the Auraria Campus was all about fun and awareness. CU Pharmacy focused on awareness with a “scary” scenario in our booth, unfortunately something becoming too common... “What would you do” if you encounter someone who’s overdosed on opioids?
interdisciplinary approach of the Consortium "is a model for the rest of the country."

CU Pharmacy faculty member and Director of the Consortium, Rob Valuck, PhD, also led a naloxone training, showing the group and Congressman Coffman how to use the lifesaving drug when someone suffers from an overdose. Click to watch the video.

In conjunction with the Colorado Consortium on Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, we also offered opportunities to sign up for naloxone training. The CU Anschutz Block Party will be held Wednesday, September 12th.

Campus News: $120 Million Gift from The Anschutz Foundation

“We are proud partners in the development of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and share an ambitious vision for further elevating it among the country’s top medical destinations,” said Philip Anschutz about the largest gift in the history of the campus. According to CU Anschutz Today, The gift will support strategic faculty recruitment and retention, innovative research efforts, industry partnerships and technology transfer, and the new Anschutz Health Sciences Building.

What's Up, DOPS?

ALSAM Grants Symposium and Poster Session

A symposium and poster session was held on August 14th in the CU Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences building for the next round of Therapeutic Innovation Grants, thanks to the ALSAM Foundation. Lab members had two minutes and one slide to describe their work. Presentations were followed by a
poster session. The event was to introduce work being done by our faculty to the BioFrontiers faculty. Review of proposals will be performed by an internal senior faculty committee and administrative leadership, CU Anschutz and the BioFrontiers Institute - who will recommend the grants eligible for funding.

**Postdoctoral Fellow Wins Award**

Dominique Reed, PhD, who works in Dr. Rajesh Agarwal's lab, has been chosen as a recipient of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award for Pancreatic Cancer. Her award includes complimentary registration to AACR's specialty conference next month: *Pancreatic Cancer: Advances in Science and Clinical Care* and $1500. Congratulations Dr. Reed!

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**Get discounted tickets to CU's Homecoming game!**

Purchase tickets to the game, between the Buffs and the Oregon State Beavers, and join us for our annual CU Pharmacy tailgate with complimentary food and beverage. It's Saturday, October 27 at CU Boulder. The tailgate will start 3 hours before kickoff, game time TBD. Discounted tickets are $35 (not including fees) and you'll be automatically registered for the tailgate event before the game. Go Buffs!

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**International Potluck**

We celebrated and said goodbye to our Pharmabridge guests, International Trained PharmD (ITPD) students, and exchange students from the American Pharmacists Association International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation program, with an international potluck. The students and faculty brought dishes to share from around the world. Best of luck to all of the students in their future endeavors!

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**In the News**

CU Pharmacy and its experts are consistently sought out by reporters covering a variety of topics. The school was featured in the media several times in August:
• John Campbell, PhD and Melanie Whittington, PhD recently published study on cardiovascular drug prices not being aligned with value. It was featured by several media outlets including CU Anschutz Today, Science Daily, Pharmacy Times, and Medscape. Read the full study in Health Affairs.

• Tom Anchordoquy, PhD and his lab have received $2 million to research edible chemotherapy that involves loading drugs into particles found in cow’s milk. Dr. Anchordoquy was interviewed live on 9NEWS Denver, the story was also covered by ABC Denver 7, KDVR, The Denver Post, Aurora TV 8, and CU Anschutz Today.

• Rob Valuck, PhD was interviewed by KHOW Radio about Overdose Awareness Week/Day, he was also interviewed on 9NEWS Denver about a death linked to Kratom and he was featured in a Westword article about Kratom. The on the Air Podcast also interviewed Dr. Valuck about the opioid epidemic.

• Peter Rice, PharmD, PhD, wrote an article for My Prime Time News about the flu vaccine and upcoming flu season.

• Students and faculty answered general medication questions and questions about lice treatments during another Pharmacist Line9 on August 16th on 9NEWS. Peter Rice, PharmD, PhD, was also interviewed on-the-air about different lice treatments. The next call in will be on September 20th.