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Our school moved up two spots in U.S. News & World Report rankings of accredited pharmacy schools -- from #24 to #22. The last ranking was conducted in 2012. Schools were ranked based on peer assessment surveys distributed to deans, administrators, and faculty at accredited schools. Congratulations to our faculty, staff, students and alumni for making our school one of the best in the nation.

In the News
Faculty were included in several news stories this month including a piece on Channel 4 regarding implantable medications and one on Channel 7 about the CDC's new recommendations suggesting doctors avoid prescribing opioids for chronic pain. Dr. Rob Valuck was interviewed for both. Dr. Robert Page was interviewed by the Loveland Reporter Herald for an article on drug interactions and steps consumers can take to prevent them. KEZI/CBS13 interviewed Dr. Rob Valuck March 21 regarding palliative care and what to do with medications that a loved one no longer needs. During the interview, he highlighted the April 30 Drug Take Back event that the school will be hosting on campus from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Career Workshop
Join the SSPPS Alumni Association Tuesday, March 29 (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.), for a professional development seminar that will help you rethink and reshape your professional image. Facilitated by career services professional Ben Weihrauch, this dynamic presentation at the Daniels Fund in Cherry Creek is open to alumni, students, faculty and staff. Following the training, put your networking skills to practice at a Skaggs School of Pharmacy reception at Harman's in Cherry Creek (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.). Training and reception: $20; reception only: $10* (heavy appetizers and cash bar). Students receive a discount. Register now at http://www.event.com/d/8f2237

Congratulations
Faculty members Christine Aquilante, PharmD, and Joe Vande Griend, PharmD, were elected as Fellows of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Assistant Research Professor Neera Tewari-Singh, PhD, received the Young Investigator Award from the Society of Toxicology – Association of Scientists of Indian Origin.

Student Kudos
- **P-4s Receive the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Student Community Engaged Service Award.** Since 2009, AACP has recognized four student pharmacist teams each year whose work extends the reach of healthcare and pharmacists’ services to populations that are typically uninsured and very much in need of health services education. This year, pharmacy students from the University of Colorado, the University of Arkansas, the University of Florida, and The Ohio University were award recipients.
  Comprised of fourth-year pharmacy students Geremi Boom, David Choi, Claudia Corona and Catherine Derington, our team was recognized for their leadership and participation in the DAWN Clinic. “The community engagement programs we recognize this year demonstrate the breadth and depth connections between our members and vulnerable communities,” said AACP Executive Vice President and CEO Lucinda L. Maine, Ph.D., R.Ph. “This is consistent with our vision that we will jointly work to create a world of healthy people. The focus on serving vulnerable populations and creating a diverse pipeline of future leaders is remarkable.” Congratulations Geremi, David, Claudia and Katie.
- **Students Place Second in Medisca Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition.** The team comprised of two first-year pharmacy students Brandon Petticone and Cara Fossum, and third-year pharmacy student Adam McHenry (who has been on the team for the past three years) were under the tutelage of Peter Rice, PharmD. In 2015, CU Pharmacy students took home second place and claimed first in 2014, making CU the only team in the nation that has consecutively placed in the top two since the competition began. Way to go, CU! To read more, check out [our blog](#).