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eScripts is a monthly newsletter highlighting faculty, staff, students and alumni of the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy.

ACCP faculty advisor Joel Marrs, PharmD, takes a photo with the award winners, Kyle Coronato, Armen Fstkhchian and Mary Reilly.

Students win ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge

After challenging pharmacy schools from across the nation, three CU Pharmacy students won the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's Clinical Pharmacy Challenge in New York.

The winners are Kyle Coronato, Armen Fstkhchian and Mary Reilly.
The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge is a team-based competition hosted at the ACCP’s annual meeting. The students, who are all in their fourth year at CU Pharmacy, competed in multiple preliminary rounds of virtual competition leading up to the live competition — a chance to show off their clinical pharmacy knowledge on a national stage.

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Faculty, students honored at ACCP Annual Meeting

For CU Pharmacy, the 2019 ACCP conference also included several other major highlights:

**Associate Professor Scott Mueller, PharmD, received the ACCP 2019 Critical Care Practice and Research Network Education Award.**

"I’ve learned from being around the best and am one of many in the long line of recognized educators at the school," he said. "We have a culture of teaching excellence to students, colleagues and faculty. Our students, residents, post-docs and interdisciplinary learners make it easy to be engaged, energized and agile in the educational arena."

**Outcomes Research Fellow Katie Derington, PharmD, (Class of 2016) was presented with the award for 2019 Cardiology PRN Best Paper.**

CU Pharmacy alumna **Lindsay Courtney (Class of 2019), fellow Katie Derington (Class of 2016), resident Kyle Molina, former resident Taylor Morrisette** and student **Brooke Curry** received travel awards, which encourage students and postgraduate trainees to attend ACCP meetings.

**Students Eric Tobin and Amina Mujkic** presented a poster. Tobin also received a travel award and was invited to present at the Health Outcomes PRN business meeting.

**Student Anushka Tandon** also
presented a poster as one of four finalist candidates for the Best Student Poster Award and gave a solo presentation.

Faculty, student honored on national level at Next-Generation Pharmacist Awards

Two University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty members and a student were honored with awards that recognize pharmacy innovators from across the U.S.

Associate Professor Sarah Anderson, PharmD (Class of 2007), Assistant Professor Rhianna Fink, PharmD, and student Nashel Patel were all honored in the Next-Generation Pharmacy Awards, sponsored by Pharmacy Times and Parata Systems. The awards honor 30 finalists from across the country in 10 categories.

All three honorees traveled to San Diego on Oct. 25 to attend the Next-Generation Pharmacy Awards reception. At the ceremony, Anderson was presented with the Health-System Pharmacist 2019 Award. Fink and Patel were both honored as finalists in their categories: Patient Care Provider and Future Pharmacist, respectively.
Research supports expanding insurance coverage of non-invasive prenatal testing

Research conducted by the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences provides evidence to support expansion of insurance plan coverage of noninvasive prenatal testing (NIPT), a simple maternal blood draw which screens for fetal chromosomal disorders including trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome), trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), and trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), to women under the age of 35.

The research represents a first-of-its-kind published analysis of results from a risk-sharing agreement between biotechnology company Illumina, Inc. and insurer Harvard Pilgrim Health Care to expand coverage of NIPT to pregnant women less than 35 years of age. CU Pharmacy assistant professor Brett McQueen, PhD, is conducting the research in partnership with advisory firm Real Endpoints to evaluate the impacts of the agreement.

Alumni Angle

Homecoming is here!

Join CU Pharmacy at Folsom Field Nov. 9 as the CU Buffs take on Stanford for the 2019 Homecoming game.

The game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

At 10 a.m., the CU Pharmacy community is invited to participate in a tailgate next door on Duane Field, located just south of Folsom Field Stadium, 2000 Colorado Ave. in Boulder.
Arizona alumni meet up with Dean Altiere

CU Pharmacy alumni who live in Arizona had a chance to meet up with Dean Ralph Altiere and Associate Dean for Administration and Operations Laura Borgelt for dinner in Phoenix and Tucson.

The event was one of many planned this year to celebrate with alumni across the country.

Are you an alum?  
Get involved

CU Pharmacy Thought Leaders

From educating the public about the shingles vaccine to sharing expertise about pharmacist-prescribed birth control, our CU Pharmacy professionals are in the news:

- **Newsweek**: From Zombies to Vampires: The Origin Stories of Some of Your Favorite Halloween Monsters, feat. Professor David Kroll
- **Clinical Oncology News**: When First-Line HCC Rx Fails, What Comes Next? feat. Professor Cindy O'Bryant
- **Fox31 Denver**: Shingles vaccine remains in short supply, long waits possible at Colorado pharmacies, feat. Professor Sunny Linnebur, Instructor Susan Finstrom and Preceptor Jasjit Gill
- **News-Medical.Net**: Research supports expanding insurance coverage of non-invasive prenatal testing, feat. Assistant Professor Brett McQueen
- **Medical Xpress**: Research supports expanding insurance coverage of non-invasive prenatal testing, feat. Assistant Professor Brett McQueen
- **LabPulse.com**: Insurance claims study makes case for more prenatal blood testing, feat. Assistant Professor Brett McQueen
- **The Colorado Sun**: Colorado abortion rates keep declining. Free IUDs and easier access to the pill are the reason, feat. Assistant Dean for Clinical and Professional Affairs Gina Moore and Apothecary Director Susan Mead
- **Inverse**: A new kratom report maps one possible future for the drug, feat. Professor David Kroll
- **Addiction Professional**: NCAD West: Prescription Opioid Misuse Drops, but Providers Need to Stay Vocal, feat. Professor Rob Valuck
- **APhA**: Prescription omega-3 fatty acids recommended for hypertriglyceridemia, feat. Professor Joe Saseen