Alumni Corner
Lucas Smith (PharmD '14) was recently interviewed by Pharmacy Today regarding an initiative that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy are implementing that uses pharmacists on health care teams to help achieve public health goals. Check out the entire article now.

Celebrate Charlotte Klaus’ Retirement
After more than 27 years of service to the School, Associate Dean for Finance, Budget and Administration Charlotte Klaus will be retiring. Join us at an open house and presentation to acknowledge all she has done for the School, on Dec. 17 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Skaff Board Room, #4000, Pharmacy Building.

In the News
During November, our faculty participated in several news stories. Topics included banning direct to consumer advertising of prescription drugs, tricks versus treats: differentiating meds from candy during Halloween, and the high cost of prescription drug prices and resources. Drs. Cindy O'Bryant and Robert Page sat down with CBS 4 to discuss price hikes in prescription drugs and what consumers can do about them. “It places a huge financial burden on the patient, one that sometimes can be insurmountable for them,” said O’Bryant. Most recently, Dr. Sunny Linnebur commented on a recent vote by AMA delegates to ban direct to consumer advertising of prescription drugs. Read the entire piece now.

What's Up in DOPS?
There is extreme resistance to treating Hepatitis C virus in drug users predicated on the assumption that this population will have poor adherence. The result is an absence of data on the pharmacokinetics and adherence-efficacy relationships for new all-oral Hepatitis C medications in this population. Dr. Jennifer Kiser is leading a study with the goal of filling these fundamental knowledge gaps and providing much needed data to encourage the treatment of those most affected by this disease. As part of the trial, patients use a secure emocha smartphone application to record themselves taking their medication, then study personnel will review the video and assess adherence using emocha’s patient engagement platform. The app also provides a series of automatic reminders and notifications to connect patients with study personnel, helping them to stay on track through completion of therapy. Read more now.

Holiday Drive
The Holiday Drive has been extended through Dec. 1. Remember to drop off your items including board games, books, blankets, Colorado sports apparel, toiletries, etc., to one of the drop off locations in the Pharmacy Building. The items will be donated to the Colfax Community Network.

Kudos
Dr. Peter Rice’s new book, Understanding Drug Action, was named as APhA's November Book of the Month. In his book, Rice discusses pharmacology at a basic scientific level to build a framework of how drugs work, and he supplements this discussion with information on some representative drugs that are used clinically. Learn more.

Need Computer Help?
If you need computer help, Jeffrey Holliday is here to help. Call him at ext. 42889 or stop by his office at 1105. Jeffrey is also available in Ed2 North Tuesday - Thursday from 11.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ASHP Reception
Remember, if you are attending ASHP’s mid-year meeting in New Orleans, drop by the New Orleans Marriott on Dec. 7 for our annual reception from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.. Alumni, faculty, students and friends are welcome. New Orleans Marriott Studios 1-2, 2nd Floor, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

Read more now.