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Graduation Newsletter
The 2010 commemorative graduation newsletter is hot off the press. Available in hard copy and in digital format, the newsletter highlights the class of 2010 with in-depth stories on many who graduated on May 28th. Click here to read it on-line or drop by Dana Brandorff’s office for a copy. Then forward to friends and family who were unable to make the ceremony!

DOPS Graduate Student Receives Award
PhD candidate Shelley Durazo recently received the Carl Kissingler Graduate Student Award from the CU Retired Faculty Association. Durazo was recognized as one of the top two AMC graduate students.

Alumni Corner
SOP graduate Brenda Wood, formerly Brenton (BS ’93), recently received her PharmD from the University of Florida and has relocated to San Diego, Ca. In addition to receiving her doctorate, Dr. Wood has published several articles in a variety of journals on the following topics: Difficult-to-Dose Opioids and the Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategy, OTC Dextromethorphan-Induced Serotonin Syndrome, Cataract Surgery, and Understanding the Pharmacologic Therapy for Patients Afflicted with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.

Pomp and Circumstance
Congratulations class of 2010! Seven PhD candidates and 156 PharmD students graduated May 28th making it the 97th class to graduate from the SOP in its near 100-year history. Students were highlighted in a commemorative issue of the Pharmacy Perspectives newsletter. Pictured here are Holly Gallagher and Kimberly Decker. Photos of the PharmD and PhD graduates are available for free on flickr.

Tagawa Gardens Helps Bring Elective to Life
Thanks to Tagawa Gardens students in Dr. Monika Nuffer’s Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) elective will get a birds eye view of how certain herbs work, look, feel, smell, and taste. A $150 gift card supplied by Tagawa Gardens made it possible for Nuffer to stock up on the herbs. The course is designed to develop a broad knowledge base in the field of CAM and will cover common vitamins, minerals, herbal products, and bio-identical hormones.

Faculty to be Featured at AACP Annual Meeting
Several faculty members will be featured at the AACP Annual Meeting July 10 - 14 in Seattle, Wa. The faculty members and their respective topics follow: Laura Borgelt: Designing an elective course by beginning with the end in mind; Kristen Brown: Novel hospital-based mentor model integrated longitudinally within the introductory pharmacy practice experience curriculum and longitudinal integration of IPPE experiential courses using a hospital based mentor model; Anne Libby: A novel approach to teach PharmD pharmacoeconomics - using the AMCP format for monographs and FMCP P&T competition; Joel Marrs: Board certification should be a requirement of pharmacy practice faculty; Kathleen McCartney: Sharing tools - needs assessment, active learning, faculty guidance, and outcomes analysis; and Christopher Turner & Wes Nuffer: Quality assurance strategies to assess and improve introductory and advanced pharmacy practice experience programs.