They’re Back!
The beginning of the school year marks a new journey for the incoming first-year PharmD students, and a continuation of learning for second, third and fourth year students. For the School of Pharmacy, this year marks the largest incoming class ever at 160. The enrollment growth responds to market needs for pharmacists that is driven by an aging population, new breakthroughs in drugs, and greater coverage of prescription drugs by health insurance plans and Medicare.

DOPS Welcomes Grad Students
Ten PhD candidates joined the graduate program in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Five students are pursuing PhD’s in Toxicology, four in Pharmaceutical Sciences, and one in Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research.

In the News
With coverage in the Denver Post, Aurora Sentinel and 9NEWS, the SOP made a splash with its August 24th White Coat Ceremony. A photo of first-year student Nathan Dom and his son, Xander, was included in the inside front cover of the Post’s Denver & the West Section. Pharmacy student Holly Gallagher was interviewed by the Advocate for its piece on rural medicine and the $2.4 million grant from Kaiser Permanente.

State Senator Visits Salud Center
While visiting the Salud Family Health Center in Fort Lupton, Colorado State Senator Greg Brophy stopped by the coumadin clinic, which is part of the SOP’s experiential training program. Dr. Kristen Brown who oversees the clinic, together with P-4 student Meki Orr, explained the number of patients they see and how they work with the Center to help manage the patient’s disease and medication needs. While escorting the Senator, the Center’s Medical Services Director Dr. Tillman Farley gave the clinic and its staff kudos for their knowledge and skills.

Where are they now?
Anna Nguyen, PharmD '04, who works and lives in California dropped by the SOP while visiting her sister, Thuy, an incoming P-1 student. Anna combined visiting friends and family with celebrating her younger sister’s acceptance into her alma mater. While on campus, Anna toured the facilities and was impressed by “the fantastic new campus.” Should you wish to connect with Anna, contact her at annanguyen2004@gmail.com

Faculty Honored
Recently, two faculty members were honored by ACCP, ASHP and the American Heart Association. Dr. Sunny Linnebur was elected Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Linnebur, one of 23 ACCP members elected for this designation, was acknowledged for demonstrating a sustained level of excellence in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research. In recognition of excellence achieved in pharmacy practice, Dr. Robert Page received Fellow designation by ASHP. In addition to the ASHP award, Page was offered and accepted the position of Chair of the Clinical Pharmacology Committee for the American Heart Association (AHA). This newly formed committee has the primary responsibility of advising the AHA leadership on a wide range of clinical research, policy and educational matters related to cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Employee of the Month
DOPS staff member, Lisa Trujillo was nominated and honored as UC Denver’s Employee of the Month at the Anschutz Medical Campus for the month of August. A shocked and delighted Trujillo was definitely taken aback by the accolades of her co-workers. Fellow staff described Trujillo during the presentation as a person “who does more than just her job, a person who does things willingly and with a smile and goes the extra mile for everyone. She is never too busy to help anyone and a great addition to the department.”