



# Preceptor Newsletter

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## Highlights:

- Class of 2010 Begins Rotations
- New RxPreceptor Website
- New Experiential Faculty
- IPPE Preceptor of the Year
- New Chair of Clinical Pharmacy Practice
- UF Hub Site Model
- Outstanding Pharm.D. Student, Class of 2010

## Class of 2010 Begins Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences

July was an exciting month for the faculty and students in the College of Pharmacy. The inaugural class of 2010 began their first month of advanced practice rotations. For the students, their departure from campus marked the beginning of the last chapter in their journey as students at UF. For the faculty and staff, the students placement in advanced practice sites signified the culmination of years of curricular preparation and planning. In the months preceding their first rotation, the students worked with their Hub Site Coordi-

nators and the Experiential Department to schedule

Ohio. Large and small hospital systems, as well as retail and community pharmacies participate in the unique Hub Site model that allows sixth year students to remain in one geographic location for the entire nine months of rotations, if desired. The various hubs also offer opportunities in different electives and special populations. Beyond the networks of the hub site model, several students will also complete elective experiences outside of the state of Ohio in Alaska, Maine, Indiana, North Dakota, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and California.



Class of 2010 At White Coat Ceremony

experiences and ensure that all requirements would be met. The fifty students in the class of 2010 are currently placed at Hub Sites throughout

## RxPreceptor Helping IPPE & APPE Preceptors Stay Organized

RxPreceptor® is an online program used by introductory and advanced preceptors, students, and experiential faculty. The program is designed to assist in the management and scheduling of student rotations. RxPreceptor® provides preceptors with online information regarding their committed and assigned months to pre-

cept. The program also links to the student's resume/CV and permits preceptors to review the student's profile. This information has helped many preceptors guide their student's experience based on previous experiences.

The largest benefit that preceptors have experienced with the program is

the online evaluation process. When a student is assigned to a rotation with a preceptor, an evaluation is also attached to the student's profile. The preceptor can go online and simply click on the mid-point or final evaluation, and submit a grade. This process has generated a very positive response from preceptors and students.



Pictured Above:

**Tonya Dauterman, Pharm.D.**  
**Assistant Director of  
 Experiential Education**

### **Tonya Dauterman joins the UF Experiential Department Full-time**

In July, The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy welcomed one of its newest faculty members, Tonya Dauterman, Pharm.D.. Dr. Dauterman joined the Experiential Department part-time in January 2009, before accepting her current full-time position as the Assistant Director for Experiential Education.

Dr. Dauterman received her B.S. Pharm. from the University of Toledo in 1991. After several years in practice, she returned to The Ohio State University and obtained her Pharm.D.

Dr. Dauterman has experience in a variety of practice settings, including long-term care consulting, pharmacy benefit management, community pharmacy, management and hospital practice. Her experiences will allow her to contribute to the student experiences and expectations as well as provide new preceptors methods to integrate students into their practice site.

Dr Dauterman's interest is to expand the roles of the pharmacist in society. She believes there are many ex-

panded roles that pharmacist should be involved with to provide optimum patient care and best outcomes. She is currently involved in the development of a collaborative agreement with a local health district to provide clinical and medication therapy management (MTM) to those in need of this service. This initiative is tied into a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) program known as Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Collaborative (PSPC). This site will eventually provide a learning experience for students.

### **Tony Ciaccia named 2008-2009 IPPE Preceptor of the Year**

Tony Ciaccia, RPh, has been awarded the 2008-2009 Marc Sweeney Introductory Pharmacy Practice Preceptor of the Year. Tony received his award during the 2009 Symposium of Scholarship and Creativity, held at The University of Findlay in April.

Tony was nominated by several introductory practice students who wrote essays describing how Tony had made an impact on them through his instruction and

mentoring. The students sought to recognize Tony for providing exceptional introductory experiences at St. John West Shore in Westlake, Ohio. Each student felt that Tony had gone above and beyond in an effort to introduce them to institutional pharmacy.

In addition to serving as an IPPE preceptor, Tony also currently serves as a hub site coordinator for UFCOP advanced practice students.



Pictured Above:

**Debra Parker, Pharm.D., CDE,  
 CACP**  
**Chair of Clinical Pharmacy  
 Practice**

### **New Department of Pharmacy Practice Chairperson - Dr. Debra Parker**

The Department of Pharmacy Practice at The University of Findlay warmly welcomes Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Dr. Debra Parker, into the position of Department Chair. Dr. Parker previously served as both Assistant Professor and Director of the Medication Therapy Management and Patient Safety Centers at The University of Findlay College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Parker received her

doctorate of pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University in 1999. She completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Parker has experience in drug information, independent pharmacy, and in collaborative private practice, where she has directed multiple disease state management clinics, including a diabetes clinic.

She is a certified anticoagulation provider and certified diabetes educator. Dr. Parker currently coordinates the endocrinology disease state module and introduction to pharmacy courses in the Pharm.D. curriculum. She is a clinical pharmacist at Blanchard Valley Medical Associates in Findlay, Ohio.

In 2009, she was published in U.S. Pharmacist and Annals of Pharmacotherapy.

## Second Annual Pharmacy Summer Camp a Success

The University of Findlay's second annual pharmacy summer camp was held June 29-July 1, 2009 on the campus of The University of Findlay. Forty high school students from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, New York and Minnesota attended the overnight camp and participated in three days of hands-on activities led by College of Pharmacy faculty.

The University of Findlay's pharmacy summer camp is structured around courses in the pharmacy curriculum. An emphasis is placed on active learning activities, including

medicinal chemistry, pharmacology and compounding laboratories. An institutional pharmacy lab introduced the students to calculations and compounding intravenous products. The students also learned about pharmacokinetics by playing a game of "red rover." A community pharmacy-based performance task challenged the students to think critically in the outpatient setting to provide optimal care for patients.

The camp relies on second and third professional year pharmacy student volunteers for assistance in laboratories

and with social activities in the evenings. The campers enjoy the interaction with current students and the opportunity to ask questions about pharmacy and the university.

Based on survey responses from camp participants, 100% of the campers would recommend the UF's Summer Camp to other students! If you would like more information about the summer camp or know of a high school student who might be interested, check out our website or contact Cindy Fitzpatrick at [fitzpatrick@findlay.edu](mailto:fitzpatrick@findlay.edu).



Students participate in the medicinal chemistry lab during summer camp.

## What is the Hub Site Model?

Students preparing to enter their P6 year are assigned to one of approximately 25 hub sites for the completion of their required Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs). A Hub Site could be a large health-system or a geographic area with several small sites working together. Each hub site must have the ability to provide the different rotation requirements of community/outpatient, inpatient/general medicine, and special populations. While

each hub site offers a selection of electives, a student also has the option to choose three one month "off-site" electives. The hub site model offers recruitment opportunities and many others like one-time orientation, flexibility in scheduling and opportunity for long-term projects, much like an undergraduate residency. Hub sites vary in the number of students they accommodate, with the smallest hubs taking two students and the largest tak-

ing six. Students are informed prior to ranking and subsequent placement into the sites of which opportunities the site offers.

Each site has a Hub Site Coordinator who is responsible for scheduling student rotations, activities, projects, ensuring all objectives are met, all evaluations are completed and coordinating and training preceptors. Hub site coordinators may also serve by precepting students.

*"I really got to talk to pharmacy students here and see if pharmacy really sparks my interest. The experience was the best!"*

- 2009 Pharmacy Summer Camp Participant

## Michelle Mellott Wins RxPortfolio Award for the Second Time

Michelle Mellott, a P6 student in the College of Pharmacy, has been awarded the RxPortfolios National Achievement Award for the second year in a row. The award recognizes one student from each College of Pharmacy for excellence in constructing his or her online portfolio. RxPortfolio National Achievement Award winners are featured on the homepage of RxPortfolios. ([www.rxportfolios.com](http://www.rxportfolios.com))

Michelle is currently completing her Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences at Licking Memorial Hospital in Newark, Ohio. She will graduate with the College of Pharmacy's inaugural class in May 2010.

In all of Michelle's professional experiences she has held positions at Rite Aid, BGSU Health Service, The Pharm in Findlay and Lima, and Kroger Pharmacy in Pickerington, OH. She has also

served as a project coordinator for Partners in Technology to Improve Patient Safety Project at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio.

Michelle has participated in research at The University of Findlay, which she presented at the Ohio Pharmacists Association Annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio in April 2009. She was also the recipient of a Wal-Mart Scholarship in 2007.



Pictured Above:

Michelle Mellott  
Class of 2010



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