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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

The fall semester is underway at St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year! Last year gave us many reasons to celebrate. We held the grand opening of our Recreation and Student Center, saw major growth in our academic and research centers, and our faculty were recognized for achievements in their academic and professional communities. I’m thrilled to tell you that the 2018-19 academic year will be just as exciting.

As you may have heard, our Board of Trustees recently approved the establishment of four new health care-focused bachelor’s degrees to be implemented in fall 2019 as standalone programs — Bachelor of Arts in Global Health, Bachelor of Arts in Medical Humanities with a choice of emphasis in Interdisciplinary Studies or Health Care Communication, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences, and Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

Additionally, our existing undergraduate degrees will be renamed and offered as a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences with a choice of emphasis in Health Sciences or Health Humanities. This new name will better represent the coursework contained in the degree program. The curriculum for the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program will remain unchanged, and students will still have the opportunity to integrate a bachelor’s degree with a Pharm.D. or apply to the Pharm.D. program after completing prerequisites.

Expanding our academic offerings will help us maintain a competitive position in the current recruitment market and maintain our commitment to leadership in pharmacy and health care education that has been at the core of our College since our founding.

As alumni and friends of the College, our new programs will create new opportunities for you to connect with students and share your professional knowledge and experiences. With your support, engagement and leadership, we have made great progress toward achieving our vision. Thank you for all you do to support St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

I hope you will visit campus and see all that we have accomplished.

Sincerely,

John A. Pieper, Pharm.D., FCCP, FAPhA
President and Professor
ON CAMPUS

FRENCH JOINS THE COLLEGE AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

In July, St. Louis College of Pharmacy welcomed Heather A. French, Ed.D., to the campus community as vice president for student affairs. Prior to joining the College, French served as dean for student development and engagement at Holy Names University in Oakland, California, where she was responsible for campus activities and student leadership, counseling and psychological services, first-year experience and new student orientation, housing and residence life, international student services and student conduct.

THE COLLEGE HOSTS 150TH COMMENCEMENT

On May 12, St. Louis College of Pharmacy celebrated the class of 2018 during its 150th Commencement. This year’s ceremony marked a milestone in the College’s history as it recognized students earning Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science degrees in a combined ceremony. With more than 400 degrees conferred, the 150th Commencement featured the largest class of graduates in the College’s history.

BEST PROGRAM WINS WHAT’S RIGHT WITH THE REGION AWARD

The BEST Pharmacy Summer Institute was selected as a What’s Right with the Region honoree for 2018 in the “Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice” category. A collaboration between Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Express Scripts and the College, the BEST program was recognized for its commitment to exposing and preparing area multicultural students for future careers in health care. The awards are presented annually by FOCUS St. Louis, the region’s premier leadership organization.

RAS RECOGNIZED WITH AWARDS

St. Louis College of Pharmacy was recently named one of the St. Louis Business Journal’s Building St. Louis Awards winners for 2018. The College’s Recreation and Student Center was recognized in the private projects category featuring projects valued over $10 million. Each year, the awards honor St. Louis-area commercial real estate projects that have made a positive impact in the community. The building and its architects, Forum Studios, also received the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Central States Design Award for 2018.
HURD RECEIVES WALLY SCHWARTZ AWARD

Peter Hurd, Ph.D., professor (now professor emeritus) of pharmacy administration and department chair of pharmacy administration, was recently named the American Midwest Conference’s Wally Schwartz Faculty Athletics Representative of the Year. The award honors the late Wally Schwartz, who served as the former vice president of legislative services for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

THE COLLEGE HOSTS “STLCOP TALKS” SPEAKER SERIES

Last spring, St. Louis College of Pharmacy launched its inaugural “STLCOP Talks” faculty speaker series, which brought six College faculty members to locations across Illinois, Indiana and Missouri to share their knowledge and research through insightful, TED Talks-style presentations. Featured faculty members were Dennis Doyle, Ph.D., associate professor of history; Stephanie Lukas, Pharm.D., MPH, assistant professor of pharmacy administration and assistant director of the Office of International Programs; Scott Micek, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, associate professor of pharmacy practice and director of the Center for Health Outcomes Research and Education; Ryan Moenster, B.S. ’04, Pharm.D. ’05, FIDSA, BCPS (AQ ID), associate professor of pharmacy practice and interim director of the division of specialty care pharmacy; Amy Tiemeier, B.S. ’01, Pharm.D. ’02, BCPS, associate professor of pharmacy practice, associate director of experiential education and director of community partnerships; and Melanie Van Dyke, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN LEGISLATIVE DAY

More than 290 St. Louis College of Pharmacy students and faculty traveled to the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City on March 28 to advocate on behalf of the pharmacy profession during Legislative Day 2018. This year’s event marked the largest Legislative Day to date, drawing more than 500 pharmacy students, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from across the state of Missouri.

CHALLEN NAMED MSHP PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR

Laura Challen, Pharm.D., MBA, BCPS, BCACP, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and clinical pharmacist at the Mercy JFK Clinic at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, was recently named Preceptor of the Year by the Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP). Each year, MSHP presents the award to a health-system pharmacist in recognition of their outstanding service to the profession as a preceptor to pharmacy students.

THE COLLEGE HONORED AS LEADER IN SUSTAINABILITY

St. Louis College of Pharmacy was among 72 nonprofits, institutions and governmental bodies participating in the 2017 St. Louis Green Business Challenge. For the third consecutive year, the College’s many efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and encourage sustainable practices were recognized at the challenge’s Leader Level and were awarded the Star of Excellence within that level of achievement.
FACULTY RECEIVE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY DESIGNATIONS

Anastasia Armbruster, Pharm.D. ’09, BCPS, associate professor of pharmacy practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and Katie Tellor, Pharm.D., BCPS, associate professor of pharmacy practice at the College, recently received a pair of designations from the American College of Cardiology. Armbruster was designated an Associate of the organization, while Tellor was designated Fellow. Each was recognized for their commitment to providing exceptional cardiovascular care.

STLCOP FACULTY AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MEDICATION TAKE BACK EVENT

Faculty and students from St. Louis College of Pharmacy visited the Winter Garden Apartments senior living community in St. Louis City on April 24 to help residents clear out their medicine cabinets. The stop was one of seven door-to-door collection events at senior facilities across the city held in advance of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The College has partnered with the City of St. Louis and the DEA to host take back events at area senior facilities since 2011, helping to collect thousands of pounds of medications and increase community awareness about the importance of proper medication disposal.

BANQUET CELEBRATES STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On April 19, the College hosted its annual Student Leadership Awards Banquet. The event recognized student organizations making a difference in the community and student leaders who went above and beyond to help make the College a better place. The College received 94 nominations for this year’s ceremony.

FACULTY AND STAFF BRING CHILDREN TO WORK

On April 26, St. Louis College of Pharmacy celebrated national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day by welcoming 13 children of faculty and staff to campus. The children took part in a full day of activities designed to help them learn more about pharmacy, while also providing them with a glimpse into their parents’ workday. The event was coordinated by the College’s Office of Human Resources.

HARTER RECEIVES ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jill Harter, director of athletics, fitness and recreation, was named the 2018 Administrator of the Year by Women Leaders in College Sports, a professional membership organization that develops, connects and advances women leaders in intercollegiate athletics. The Administrator of the Year Award is presented annually to Women Leaders in College Sports members in each NCAA division. Harter was named the 2018 award winner in the NAIA/NJCAA category.
LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES

At St. Louis College of Pharmacy, the sky is the limit when it comes to learning opportunities, and P4 student Dan Ilges is taking advantage of all the College has to offer. From assisting renowned researchers and forming new student organizations to attending a national standard-setting meeting, Ilges has been committed to making the most of his college experience.

During his senior year of high school, Ilges signed up for an outreach program at the College where he received his first exposure to the profession. Through the program, he spent four weeks learning about careers in pharmacy and an additional four weeks working in a pharmacy.

“After I finished that program, I knew I wanted to pursue pharmacy as a career,” Ilges said.

After spending three years at the University of Mississippi, he chose to return to St. Louis and transferred into the professional program at the College.

During his time at the College, Ilges has taken every opportunity outside the classroom to expand his knowledge and gain hands-on experience. Through these professional experiences, Ilges has broadened his view of pharmacy and the breadth of career opportunities it provides.

“I made it my mission to seek opportunities outside the classroom, not only to grow within the profession, but also to learn about the different career paths that pharmacy offers,” he said. “I have tried to take opportunities to become a competent, capable and well-rounded professional.”

During his P3 year, Ilges was accepted into the TL1 Predoctoral Clinical Research Program through the Clinical Research Training Center at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. The program focuses on providing students with opportunities to work alongside world-renowned researchers.

Ilges collaborated with Mario Castro, M.D., MPH, FCCP, to analyze data previously collected through a multicenter study involving Washington University in St. Louis, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, the University of Wisconsin–Madison, Columbia University Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and National Jewish Health. The original study evaluated the impact of imatinib, a chemotherapy medication traditionally used to treat cancer, on airway remodeling in severe asthma patients using multidetector computed tomographic (MDCT) imaging.

Through the TL1 research program, Ilges worked with a research team that took a second look at the data in order to evaluate an additional endpoint.

“Being able to work collaboratively with researchers all over the country helped me see myself differently and helped me realize that I can do research,” he said. “The program opened my eyes to a part of pharmacy I had not yet experienced firsthand.”

Ilges and the research team mined the study’s data to specifically compare MDCT images before and after treatment with imatinib versus a placebo in patients with significant airflow restriction. Their findings suggest that treating these patients with imatinib may decrease the extent of airway remodeling.

“This experience showed me that there’s a lot of room in pharmacy to make an impact overall – whether that be through research, working on the clinical or community side or other avenues I have yet to discover,” Ilges said. “I appreciate all that pharmacy has to offer.”

In his pursuit to explore the many pathways within pharmacy, Ilges and a group of his peers worked to bring a student chapter of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) to campus. AMCP is a professional organization that unites managed care pharmacy professionals, and its student chapters provide access to educational tools, professional development events, internships and networking opportunities.

Through his work with the student chapter of AMCP, Ilges is focused on helping fellow students gain knowledge about the many career opportunities available within managed care pharmacy.

“I served as a programming chair, and my duties included interviewing pharmacists and organizing events,” he said. “The opportunities to have conversations and coordinate with the rest of the AMCP executive board provided a rewarding experience.”
Last summer, Ilges had the opportunity to represent the College at the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Joint Technical Work Group Meeting in St. Louis. During the meeting, he witnessed leaders in the profession working together to develop industry standards and solutions.

“By being part of NCPDP, you get to see how the data moves from the prescriber to the pharmacy and back to allow the clinicians to see prescription information,” he said. “Attending the work group showed me a whole other part of pharmacy that most people don’t know about.”

NCPDP leads multi-stakeholder meetings dedicated to developing and promoting industry standards and business solutions that improve patient safety and health outcomes, while also decreasing health care costs.

“Witnessing pharmacy benefit managers, payers, pharmacists, switches, and industry and government officials, many of which are direct competitors, volunteer their own time to better the future of pharmacy was an invaluable moment for me,” Ilges said. “Seeing them all come together to make changes was inspiring and humbling. I am hopeful I can find my own way to make a difference within the profession in the years to come.”

INSPIRED TO LEARN

Learning opportunities aren’t just for student pharmacists. The College hosts lifelong-learning programs for all areas of pharmacy practice on campus, online and throughout the region.

To learn more about Continuing Professional Development opportunities, visit stlcop.edu/ce.
GROWTH CONTINUES AT THE CENTER FOR CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

In spring 2017, the Center for Clinical Pharmacology announced the appointment of its first two faculty researchers. Just over a year later, the center is flourishing with the addition of seven new faculty and more than 25 postdoctoral research associates, graduate and undergraduate researchers and technical staff members currently working in its labs.
Housed within 12,000 square feet of dedicated space in the Academic and Research Building, the center represents a unique research partnership between St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Faculty investigators have joint academic appointments with both institutions, and their work is advancing a research agenda created to find safer and more effective ways to use prescription medications.

“The notion of the center was born more than five years ago,” said Karen Seibert, Ph.D., executive director of the center. “The original principle was to go beyond basic research in pain management to think about human clinical research in analgesia. Now, this center that was built on analgesia pharmacology is diversifying. The research portfolio is expanding, and the center is becoming a research unit.”

Growth at the center took off earlier this year when the College welcomed Tom Burris, Ph.D., FAAAS, FAHA, to campus. Recently appointed as vice president for research at the College, Burris is focused on working to develop and implement a strategic plan for research that enhances overall research capacity, promotes a culture of research excellence and productivity, and raises the College’s research profile nationally and internationally.

“The College is known for its excellence in training pharmacists, but there is great potential for the College to gain prestige for its research impact,” Burris said. “We’re really looking at how we can become a major player in research relative to other colleges of pharmacy.”

Upon joining the College, Burris brought with him approximately $2.3 million in federal funding and a laboratory staff of 10 employees. Burris and his research team are focused on using chemical biology approaches to examine the physiological roles of nuclear hormone receptors and developing drugs targeting them for the treatment of conditions including pain, Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cancer and Alzheimer’s disease.

This summer, the center also welcomed Susruta Majumdar, Ph.D. Majumdar holds a primary appointment as an associate professor in the College’s Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences and a secondary appointment in the Department of Anesthesiology at the School of Medicine. With more than a decade of experience in the field of opioid pharmacology, Majumdar is working to synthesize novel small organic molecules as modulators of nuclear hormone receptors for the therapeutic treatment of cancer, fatty liver diseases, Alzheimer’s Disease and atherosclerosis.

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The center saw further growth this fall with the arrival of Bahaa El-Gendy, Ph.D. El-Gendy is a medicinal chemist who holds a primary appointment as an associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences at the College and a secondary appointment in the Department of Anesthesiology at the School of Medicine. With a focus on drug design and organic synthesis, El-Gendy and his research team design and synthesize novel small organic molecules as modulators of nuclear hormone receptors for the therapeutic treatment of cancer, fatty liver diseases, Alzheimer’s Disease and atherosclerosis.

“In the next five years, my goal is to have one of our drugs in clinical trials, and I hope to make that happen here at the Center for Clinical Pharmacology,” El-Gendy said. “This is a vibrant environment, located in a remarkable place with great collaborators, and I’m excited to see what we can accomplish.”

As the center continues to expand its research capacity, it’s also creating opportunities for students to get involved in research.

This summer, the center launched its inaugural Summer Research Scholars program, designed to introduce students at the College to research in pharmacology, neuropharmacology and neuroscience under the guidance of center faculty mentors. Federal Work-Study opportunities in research are also available, and the center is looking at independent study opportunities for those who don’t qualify for Work-Study.

“Things are really coming together in a wonderful way at the center,” Siebert said. “We no longer think of ourselves as ‘new’ or ‘getting started’. Right now, it’s all about what we’ve accomplished so far and what we’re going to do next.”

For more information on the Center for Clinical Pharmacology, visit clinicalpharmstl.org.

John A. Pieper, Pharm.D., FCCP, FAPhA, president of St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and Alex S. Evers, M.D., the Henry E. Mallinckrodt Professor and head of the Department of Anesthesiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, sign the original agreement establishing the center in March 2015.
Building a Founders Day Tradition

On Nov. 11, 1864, St. Louis College of Pharmacy was officially founded in the hall of the St. Louis Medical College. In recent years, Founders Day has become one of the College’s most important traditions, and this year, the campus community will come together once again to reflect on all those who have contributed to the College’s legacy.

“Since I first arrived at the College, I had always wanted to make Founders Day a standing part of our calendar,” said John A. Pieper, Pharm.D., FAPhA, FCCP, president of the College. “Seeing how Founders Day was celebrated at other institutions, I wanted to get our campus community engaged around an annual institutional event to remember and honor our history.”

The College’s first true celebration of Founders Day came with the celebration of its sesquicentennial in 2014. In 2015, the College commemorated Founders Day by hosting an official groundbreaking ceremony for the Recreation and Student Center, followed by a campus lunch and birthday cake.

In recent years, the College’s annual community day of service, known as STLCOP C.A.R.E.S. (Community Awareness Reaching Everyone in St. Louis), has become an integral part of the celebration.

Established in 2001 by members of the Student Pharmacists Association, STLCOP C.A.R.E.S. gives students, faculty and staff the opportunity to volunteer at sites across the St. Louis region. From providing health screenings at area pharmacies to walking dogs at Stray Rescue of St. Louis, a variety of volunteer opportunities represent a spectrum of needs in the local community.

“Incorporating the tradition of STLCOP C.A.R.E.S. into our Founders Day celebration was a natural progression,” Pieper said. “STLCOP C.A.R.E.S. truly embodies the spirit of the College and our founders’ commitment to positively impacting patients and society. I can’t think of a better way to begin our Founders Day celebration.”

Since STLCOP C.A.R.E.S. was integrated into the Founders Day celebration, more than 950 students, faculty and staff have donated their time at 38 nonprofit organizations and 49 pharmacy sites across the St. Louis area. The volunteer activities provide value to organizations and community members across St. Louis, and they also create a meaningful shared experience for the volunteers.

“STLCOP C.A.R.E.S. is a special event because it’s an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to see each other outside the classroom and the workplace and really get to know each other on a more personal level,” said Nicole Gattas, Pharm.D., BCPS, FAPhA, associate professor of pharmacy practice, assistant director in the Office of Experiential Education, and member of the Founders Day planning committee.

Another feature of the celebration is a Founders Day Convocation featuring a guest speaker. This November, the College will welcome William E. Evans, Pharm.D., chair of pharmacogenomics in the Department of
Pharmaceutical Sciences, as well as former president and CEO, at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

“I think it’s so important for institutions to understand and reflect on their history, as doing so provides a foundation for building a successful future,” Evans said. “At St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, we are constantly connecting to our history and our founder, Danny Thomas. While we’re a much younger organization than St. Louis College of Pharmacy, both of our institutions are standing on the shoulders of those who had great vision and wherewithal. I’m so pleased to have the opportunity to speak at the College and take part in this celebration of its rich history.”

As the Founders Day traditions have grown, so has the involvement of alumni in the celebration. In 2016, the Alumni Association first recognized its Distinguished Alumni Award recipients as part of a ceremony following the Founders Day Convocation. Today, Founders Day serves as the official kickoff to Reunion.

“Founders Day is a great opportunity for alumni to join current students, faculty and staff in celebrating our history,” said Kathy Gardner, vice president of advancement and chief development officer. “We want alumni to be a part of the celebration, enjoy lunch and birthday cake with the College community, listen to our convocation speaker and support those being honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards. It’s a perfect way to kick off the Reunion celebration.”

Alumni are also encouraged to participate in the annual Founders Day 5K, which takes place during Reunion weekend.

“Whether you’re a former student, a current student or a faculty or staff member, Founders Day is a very special time at the College,” Pieper said. “As we continue to build our traditions around this day, we remain committed to honoring the spirit of those revolutionary men whose leadership and foresight helped make us the successful institution we are today.”

THE 2018 FOUNDERS DAY 5K HAS BEEN GENEROUSLY sponsored by Rx Outreach and UnitedHealthcare. Visit stlcop.edu/foundersday to learn more about the 5K and sponsorship opportunities.
PREPARING LEADERS. LEADING CHANGE.

When we embarked on our Preparing Leaders. Leading Change. campaign, we began a journey to transform St. Louis College of Pharmacy into a globally prominent academic and research institution. As we examined the changing landscapes of pharmacy and health care education, we mapped out a plan to meet the evolving needs of our students and advance our alumni and the pharmacy profession.

As our journey to create a leading-edge learning environment continues, your support remains critical.

We are now in the final stretch toward our $25 million goal. Since the launch of the campaign, we have been heartened by the surge of support from the College community, and we hope that you will continue to help us achieve our final goal.

Your generosity will help us provide the best learning environment for our students, establish further resources for our alumni and accomplish so much more.

Contributions to the campaign provide scholarship funding, help us maintain and improve our state-of-the-art educational facilities, and allow us to create enhanced programming and learning opportunities for our students, who represent the future of health care.

While our work is not yet complete, we sincerely thank those who have supported the College’s fundraising campaign so far. We could not have reached this point without you, and we ask for your continued support as we make the final push toward the finish line.

To discuss opportunities for support and participation in the areas you are most passionate about, contact Kathy Gardner, vice president for advancement and chief development officer, at 314.446.8389 or kathy.gardner@stlcop.edu.

We also encourage you to give online at stlcop.edu/campaign.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We have raised more than 95% of our goal.

Thank you to the more than 3,600 donors who have supported the campaign so far.

EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Help us reach our goal by making a gift today. Every gift, no matter the amount, directly benefits our students of today and tomorrow.
We owe our success to the leaders and innovators who have helped shape the College into the institution it is today. This Founders Day, we invite you to show your support for the College by taking part in the Founders Day Giving Challenge, a new initiative designed to recognize the legacy of our founders and provide direct support to current and future students.

The Founders Day Fund will provide funding for student-focused initiatives such as:

- Providing assistance to students during medical emergencies or unforeseen times of need, so they can continue their education.
- Engaging students in educational experiences beyond the classroom to develop and enhance skills that will empower them in their future careers.
- Providing scholarship support to help students gain access to the excellent education provided at the College.

Join us to demonstrate the collective impact we can make as a community.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

1. **Visit** stlcop.edu/founderschallenge on Nov. 9 to donate to the area of support you are most passionate about. Any amount helps make a difference in the lives of our students.

2. **Share** your support on social media using the hashtag #stlcopfounderschallenge.

3. **Encourage** others to take part.

To learn more about the Founders Day Giving Challenge, visit stlcop.edu/founderschallenge.

If you are interested in becoming a challenge ambassador, contact Vincent Piazza, annual giving officer, at vincent.piazza@stlcop.edu or 314.446.8395.

**JOIN US FOR THE FOUNDERS DAY GIVING CHALLENGE**

In recognition of the support we have received during the Preparing Leaders. Leading Change. campaign, we are hosting a special presentation on Founders Day to unveil a commemorative wall honoring our many generous campaign contributors. We invite you to join us for this special event.

**Friday, Nov. 9**
2:30-4:15 p.m.
St. Louis College of Pharmacy Recreation and Student Center, First-Floor Lobby

For more information, contact Michelle Roberts, operations coordinator for advancement, at michelle.roberts@stlcop.edu or 314.446.8394.
A HISTORY OF INNOVATION
A LOOK AT HOW NEW PROGRAMS HONOR OUR LEGACY

When Eugene Massot settled in St. Louis in 1851, he brought with him a pioneering spirit that would radically change pharmacy in the Midwest. Known as “the father of St. Louis College of Pharmacy,” Massot, an apothecary from Kentucky, had a vision of advancing pharmacy as a profession by providing apothecaries the opportunity for a formal education in pharmacy. Inspired by a visit to Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and the newly formed American Pharmaceutical Association, Massot was determined to bring a first-class education in pharmacy to St. Louis.

Leveraging his instrumental role in reviving the St. Louis Pharmaceutical Association, Massot convened a team to help him realize his vision. The committee appointed by the association was mostly composed of physicians and local entrepreneurs, with Massot, the only pharmacist among them, to spearhead it all.

The original Prospectus to students, published in 1865, closes with a commitment to continually grow opportunities for its students in hopes of rivaling sister schools in advantages and facilities for study, all while “sustaining pharmacy among the circle of sciences.”

It is by the guiding light of the College’s flagship program and with a dedication to growing opportunities for students to meet high standards of education that four new undergraduate degrees have been approved by the Board of Trustees to be implemented in fall 2019.

THE EVOLUTION OF DEGREES AT THE COLLEGE

An openness to evolution and responsiveness to the demands of the market and the changing needs of students have long been embedded in the College’s DNA. In 1897, the College implemented a second pathway to pharmacy practice for students under the age of 21, the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Ph.B.). The demands of this new program were the same as the degree of Graduate of Pharmacy (Ph.G.), excluding the four-year apprenticeship required for the Ph.G.

In addition, this pathway also provided students with the skills and knowledge necessary to seek other opportunities in pharmacy, such as in wholesale houses or pharmaceutical manufacturing, and provided a solid background for admission to medical school.

Two years following, the College offered its first graduate course of study with the implementation of the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist. This degree was designed for students interested in the field of analytical chemistry, an area of study inspired by the growing interest in drug and food safety. The College would later expand this degree in response to the demand for analytical chemists.

In 1932, the College took a bold step with the replacement of the Ph.B. and Ph.G. with a four-year Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. This program would be continually expanded, with the addition of a fifth year and a curriculum founded in the liberal arts and basic sciences.

“What’s new isn’t always new,” said Bob Zebroski, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Liberal Arts and professor of history. “With the addition of these new programs, the College is responding to demands in the market in a very institutionally sound and historical way. Throughout the College’s history, we have kept the things we do well, while still looking for the new opportunities that will take us to the next level. The College even underwent a name change in the 1940s. From 1945-1962, the College was known as St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences to not only reflect our new degree programs but the diversity of interests among our students.”
NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE NEW STUDENT

Today, the needs and expectations of students applying to college are changing. Students are looking for a well-rounded college experience that offers choices. Students want a place to explore and discover with access to expanded opportunities and real-world experiences that will make them competitive wherever their next step takes them, whether that be professional school, graduate studies or the job market.

The College is dedicated to its students and believes these four new programs, tailored to the demands of the health professions market, will provide them with the ability to find themselves within the context of health care.

Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Chemistry will be immersed in chemistry and biology, gaining an understanding of how it can be leveraged to improve patient outcomes. The program provides a background in mathematics and the basic sciences, as well as a broad, general education in the liberal arts and social sciences. The curriculum will provide the foundational knowledge and skills necessary for health care scientists and professionals to understand the chemistry associated with drug design and synthesis.

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

The biomedical sciences program prepares students for a changing world by giving them a strong academic foundation in the sciences, as well as the skills required to be successful in a wide variety of health professions careers, including in industry and research environments. In addition to developing the skills required for a successful career in health care, students will complete a rigorous core curriculum, building a strong foundation for graduate and professional study.

Bachelor of Arts in Global Health

The global health program brings together scientific and humanistic disciplines to form unique perspectives on international health systems. Through academic research and a senior capstone experience, students will take a deeper look at the health issues that impact people around the world. The degree prepares students for careers as policy analysts and researchers and for leadership positions in governmental and private sector organizations.

Bachelor of Arts in Medical Humanities

The medical humanities program provides students two areas of emphasis — Interdisciplinary Studies or Health Care Communication. Both emphases prepare students to be interdisciplinary thinkers able to adapt to a rapidly growing, complex, diverse and globally focused world.

Partnerships to Maximize Academic Opportunities

In addition to its new academic programs, the College is pursuing new partnerships that provide students with opportunities to pursue advanced education and foster the growth of an interprofessional campus community.

Through a partnership with Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, students may apply for admission to integrated graduate-level occupational therapy and physical therapy programs.

Students interested in occupational therapy may pursue an integrated master’s or doctoral degree:

- Integrated “3+2” bachelor’s degree and Master of Science (M.S.) in Occupational Therapy
- Integrated “3+3” bachelor’s degree and Clinical Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Students interested in physical therapy may pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) through a “4+3” pathway in which students enter the DPT program after completing a bachelor’s degree. The School of Medicine reserves three spaces in the DPT program each year for students applying from the College who meet admission criteria and prerequisites.

Future nurses can take advantage of a new partnership between the College and Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College. Through a “2+2” pathway, students can complete two years of undergraduate coursework at the College, then two years in the Goldfarb Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Upper Division Option program. Students may also follow a “4+1” pathway in which they can complete a bachelor’s degree at the College, then transition to the one-year Goldfarb BSN Accelerated Option program.

The College also offers students the opportunity to integrate a Doctor of Pharmacy with a Master of Business Administration from University of Missouri-St. Louis, a powerful pairing that prepares students to be leaders and entrepreneurs in industries ranging from biotechnology to community pharmacy.
Students will be equipped with the critical thinking and research skills necessary for graduate and professional programs, as well as careers in health care.

**Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Designed for students to gain a strong foundation in the basic sciences and liberal arts, the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences combines the College’s existing undergraduate degrees. Students will tailor their education through one of two emphases — Health Sciences or Health Humanities. The curriculum provides opportunities for students to engage in research and other hands-on learning experiences to expand their skills beyond the classroom, developing the hard- and soft-skills ideal for graduate programs in the sciences and health care, as well as professional programs in pharmacy, dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, podiatry and more.

**EXPANDING STUDENT OPPORTUNITY THROUGH RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIPS**

The College is actively forging partnerships with our neighboring institutions, as well as employers, regionally, nationally and globally, to expand student opportunity in research and internships. Within the College’s walls, the addition of the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program allows students the opportunity to pursue their interest in research beginning with their freshman year, working alongside the College’s faculty.

“It is critical for students getting a bachelor’s degree to get real-world experiences,” said Ehren Bucholtz, Ph.D., director of undergraduate programs and associate professor of organic chemistry at the College. “Internships and research experiences are perfect opportunities for practical application — to practice the skills they’ve learned inside the classroom. What I have
discovered, as I talk with potential chemistry employers for example, is that they are very interested in students who have the ability to work with other people, to assess data and share data. They are looking for students that can process information and effectively communicate their findings to a diverse team.”

BUILDING ON OUR STRENGTHS

The College’s legacy of providing a world-class pharmacy education to its students has allowed for innovation and expansion to reach more diverse populations of students. Current and past students have already proved that the high-caliber education at the College is excellent preparation for many professional programs.

“If you can succeed here in our undergraduate program, you are set up to succeed in any professional program,” said Jeramia Ory, Ph.D., associate professor of biochemistry and undergraduate health professions advisor. “It is not surprising that our current curriculum that prepares you to enter a Doctor of Pharmacy program also prepares you to enter medical school, dental school or any number of health-related professions. We currently have eight applicants to medical school and two applicants to dental school who have performed above the national averages on the MCAT and Dental Admission Test and — because they

Refer a Student

We value our supportive, dedicated and tight-knit community at the College, and we believe there is no one better to refer a student than the members of our community that make it so special. With your help, we can make valuable connections with bright, driven students passionate about health care and continue to grow our community of exceptional professionals in their field.

Referring a student to our admissions team is an easy way to give back to the College. Refer a student today at stlcop.edu/refer.
took advantage of the many opportunities nearby to shadow, volunteer and to work in a health setting — they are garnishing a number of interviews.”

Building on this proven success, the addition of these new programs will allow the College to connect with students interested in health care that may have never considered pharmacy previously.

“With these new programs, we hope to offer our students the opportunity to look at health care more holistically,” said John A. Pieper, Pharm.D., FAPhA, FCCP, president of the College. “When you look historically at our institution, it always comes back to the students and how to best prepare them to be exceptional in their field. These new programs allow us to, not only complement our existing coursework in the arts and sciences, but provide the community opportunities to experience health care in ways they maybe haven’t before.”

By creating an environment where students can explore their passions, the College will have new opportunities to promote the profession of pharmacy and cultivate a community of future pharmacists comprising the best and brightest students.

ENHANCING THE VALUE OF YOUR EDUCATION

The College’s bold steps to expand its academic offerings not only secure its future but also connect it to its past. Time and time again, the College has adapted to the changing landscape of higher education and the demands of the market. Investing in the students of tomorrow and anticipating trends in health care is an investment in the College’s community of alumni, students, faculty and staff.

“Diversifying our programs allows us to attract a broader range of students,” said Kim Kilgore, Ph.D., dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. “One of the things we understand that is important to this new generation of students is to have choices. It’s tough to know what you want to be when you’re 18 years old. By adding new programs, we can provide our students the opportunity to explore the full breadth of health care. With these new programs, we haven’t lost sight of the value of pharmacy — we are building on our strengths.”

By looking to the College’s history, the future becomes more clear. These new programs are an opportunity to solidify the College as a leader among peer institutions and continue the work of the College’s founding fathers.

NEW PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

In Sept. 2017, the New Academic Program Task Force, composed of professors, deans and members of the president’s staff, were charged with reviewing the market analysis and financial pro forma of faculty-generated new program ideas.

New program ideas were generated by faculty in August 2017. The task force used several new academic program evaluation parameters to derive recommendations.

• The proposed program’s relationship to the College’s mission and vision
• The market niche and student occupational demand (based on market research and demand analysis)
• Resource requirements and revenue projection (pro forma)
• External impact

The task force completed a systematic and comprehensive evaluation of the new programs based on how each would fit within the College’s mission and vision, give the College a claim in the marketplace, promise healthy student enrollment and future job demand, promote diversity of the College’s student applicant pool and have a positive impact on the College’s overall net revenue.

The Board approved the four new bachelor’s programs in June 2018, and the task force continues its work exploring and evaluating additional programs, particularly with a second grouping of prioritized programs at the master’s degree level.
COMMUNITY RUNS DEEP

As a fourth-generation pharmacist, it is safe to say community pharmacy runs deep in the veins of Daniel Winkelmann III, B.S. ’85.

HAVING BEEN EXPOSED TO PHARMACY FROM A YOUNG AGE, Winkelmann knew he wanted to pursue a health care career. After receiving a full-ride scholarship to Creighton University, Winkelmann decided to pursue a degree in medicine, but after three years of undergraduate work, he longed to return home and join the family business.

He chose to transfer to St. Louis College of Pharmacy where his great-grandfather, great-uncle, grandfather and father all attended.

Today, Winkelmann serves as the president of Winkelmann Sons Drug, located at the corner of Meramec Street and Virginia Avenue in St. Louis.

How did you decide to pursue a career in community pharmacy?
I grew up with it. It’s something I have done my entire life. Some of my favorite childhood memories are of sweeping the pharmacy floor and delivering medications on foot before I was even allowed to drive.

From a young age, I witnessed the impact that my father and grandfather had on their patients, fellow pharmacists and the community. I had some great role models who demonstrated what it truly means to be a community pharmacist.

What does a typical day look like for you?
There is no such thing as a typical day in community pharmacy. I balance the business side, counsel patients, serve as a preceptor and take care of anything else that comes my way.

I enjoy interacting with patients, and I make time to talk with them. I’ll come out and wait on patients, run orders and make sure things are running smoothly.

What makes your pharmacy different?
We have been here since 1913. While pharmacy has changed throughout the years, our commitment to our community has been unwavering.

When you walk into our store, everybody knows your name. We try to go out of our way to make things easier for our patients. We deliver medications, adapt packaging to fit the physical needs of our patients, and we are always only a phone call away if someone has a question.

Over the years, we’ve seen firsthand how taking time to get to know our patients positively impacts their health outcomes.

What are you passionate about?
At different stages in my life I have been passionate about many different things.

I have always been passionate about getting the best health outcomes for my patients, whether that be through counseling them individually, working with their nurses or answering questions from physicians.

As I have gotten older and taken on a leadership role, I’ve had the opportunity to precept students and work with young pharmacists who are opening their own pharmacies. I don’t consider myself an expert, but I enjoy being able to give my opinion or share my personal experience with pharmacists who are just starting out.

Why did you become a preceptor?
I’m energized by the students. Their ability to pick things up so fast and their willingness to learn is outstanding. It has been a lot of fun seeing them in action.
I have even invited a few students to join me on a medical mission trip to Nepal. It’s a great experience for the students. They are actively listening and talking with patients. I’m there to listen and make sure they are saying the correct things to the translator, but for the most part, they function independently. It teaches them how to adapt their counseling styles based on the cultural needs of their patients. It also provides a space where students can learn and explore cultural competency.

**Why do you think it is important to give back to the community?**
Giving back is something my family has always done. I give back because I want to better the community around me.

Over the years, I have served on a variety of different boards with the goal of raising awareness about a particular cause or learning about new initiatives. I also really enjoy meeting new people, and serving on the Alumni Association board of directors has allowed me to stay connected to the College.

**At the end of the day, Winkelmann is humbled to be a part of something larger than himself.** Between helping patients, precepting students, mentoring young entrepreneurs and running a business, he enjoys giving back because it is in his blood.
With an unwavering passion for the profession, Joanne Anderson, B.S. ’59, pursued a career in pharmacy at a time when her choice was uncommon. Through her leadership as a student at St. Louis College of Pharmacy and throughout her career, Anderson became a trailblazer inspiring exceptional women to pursue careers in pharmacy and health care.

And so, I made the decision, then and there that I would look into pharmacy school.”

For Anderson, there was no other pharmacy school than St. Louis College of Pharmacy. The College seemed like a match meant to be — her best friend, Bernice McCarthy, B.S. ’59, was going there in the fall, and it was close to home — but Anderson had something of a rude awakening when she arrived on campus. Coming from an all-girls high school, Anderson was not prepared for the barriers she faced as one of only nine women in her class.

“At that time, girls could be the secretary of the class, but they could never be the president,” Anderson said with a smile. “But having gone to an all-girls school, where girls were president and editor of the paper, I couldn’t understand why a girl couldn’t be and do all of those things.”

Anderson forged a new path, and it wasn’t long before she would go on to become the national secretary treasurer for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Student Chapter.

“That was a job and a half,” Anderson laughed. “At the next APhA convention in California, we worked hard to get St. Louis College of Pharmacy’s name known. We set up a “district six” for the Midwest that included schools like University of Illinois, Purdue and the College, of course. We kind of put the College on the map for the student section.”

When talking with Anderson, it is difficult to believe that she was ever “painfully shy,” as she described. Anderson served as president of the Alumni Association from 1972-73, the second woman president after Phyllis Sarich, B.S. ’46. And in 1979, Anderson made College history as the first woman to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees. Within the span of her 26-years as a member of the Board, Anderson served on the Board’s executive committee for several years and as senior vice president before her two-year term as chairman. It would be 30 years before another woman assumed the role of chairman of the Board.

As a woman who has held many leadership positions throughout her remarkable career, she established herself as an influencer, and perhaps a beacon for other women, both in the profession and at the College. Her sister Carol Muzzarelli, B.S. ’67, insists that the only reason she is a pharmacist is because of her older sister. Anderson’s daughter Margie Besing, B.S. ’86, also followed in her mother’s footsteps, showing the same dedication to the profession and College through her own involvement and leadership.

Despite all this, Anderson claims it was never her intention to be a woman of influence.

“I simply did what I needed and wanted to do,” Anderson reflected. “I was just so taken with the profession. I love the profession, and I wanted other people to be just as happy as I was. I never once woke up unhappy to go to work. I believe I encouraged both men and women simply because I really enjoyed being a pharmacist.”
Students Join the Fight Against Opioid Abuse

With the opioid crisis continuing to plague the nation, St. Louis College of Pharmacy is taking bold steps in research, pharmacy practice and community outreach to combat opioid abuse. As the College holds its position on the front line in the fight against the epidemic, many of its students are joining in the battle, passionately investing their time and talents to address this growing issue that is impacting the lives of so many in the St. Louis community and across the country.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Through Generation Rx, an educational program sponsored by the College’s APhA-ASP Chapter, members of the student organization are focused on educating the student body and the community at-large about opioid misuse and abuse and the importance of using medications safely and appropriately.

“I’ve seen what a big problem substance abuse is in our society, so I was drawn to join Generation Rx because I saw it as a way for me to help make an impact,” said P4 student and former Generation Rx chair Alexander Spillars. “As a future pharmacist, I will play a major role in educating people and identifying the signs and symptoms of overdose, so being a part of this group just made sense to me.”

In recent years, the group’s outreach efforts have included the creation of a substance abuse awareness pledge board. Students pledged not to misuse medications, and they were also able to learn more about Generation Rx and the risks of medication misuse and abuse.

Generation Rx also hosts an annual lunch and learn featuring a screening of the documentary “Chasing the Dragon,” which examines the personal experiences of several individuals suffering from opioid addiction. Following the film, attendees have the opportunity to interact with a representative of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) St. Louis Division or the St. Louis County Police Department, who answers questions related to substance misuse and abuse and discusses what they see happening in the community related to drug abuse.

Generation Rx also spearheads community outreach initiatives aimed at educating younger generations about medication safety. Each year, representatives of Generation Rx host a table at the annual Boo Fest Halloween event for St. Louis area children with Type 1 diabetes. The table features an interactive game called “Pills vs. Candy” that is designed to show kids how similar pills and candy can look and educate parents on the potential dangers of prescription medications. Generation Rx sponsors a similar booth at the Saint Louis Science Center’s annual SciFest weekend Healthy U event.

“Our Generation Rx team works hard to educate people about the potential dangers of misusing prescription medications,” said Amy Tiemeier, B.S. ’01, Pharm.D. ’02, BCPS, associate professor of pharmacy practice, director of community partnerships and associate director of experiential education, and faculty advisor for the Generation Rx program. “As student pharmacists, involvement in Generation Rx is a great experience because it provides them with a way to positively impact the community now, while also giving them the chance to learn more about the opioid epidemic and preparing them to help prevent addiction in future patients.”

SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

For the past several years, students at the College have also actively been involved in door-to-door medication take back efforts in the community. This spring marked the seventh time since 2011 the College partnered with the city of St. Louis and the DEA’s St. Louis Division to help local senior residents clear out their medicine cabinets. The door-to-door collection events are held each spring in advance of the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events.

“Proper medication disposal is vital to public safety because medications that linger in homes can be susceptible to diversion, misuse or abuse,” said Tiemeier. “Leftover medications can be a concern among older adults because their medications can change before their existing supply is used. Our door-to-door take back events give us the chance to visit seniors and help them dispose of their unwanted medications safely and properly.”

Since 2011, the events have collected thousands of pounds of medications and increased community awareness about proper medication disposal.

“Getting to participate in the most recent door-to-door take back event was an eye-opening experience,” said P2 student Tea Gjoni. “Many of the residents at the community I visited had bags, and even carts, full of medications to turn in. While there is no single answer to solving the opioid crisis, the visit allowed me to see firsthand the importance and impact of providing patients with a safe place to dispose of their medications.”

To stay up to date on the College’s many efforts to combat the opioid epidemic, visit stlcop.edu/news.
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Each year, the Alumni Association presents awards to outstanding alumni who embody the attitudes and values that provide the foundation for exceptional patient care. The awards will be presented during the Founders Day Convocation on Friday, Nov. 9. To learn more about this year’s award recipients, visit stlcop.edu/alumniawards.

YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD
Recognizing alumni who have graduated within the past decade and demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership during this time.

Rebakkah Johnson, Pharm.D. ’16, is currently an overnight pharmacy leader at CVS Pharmacy in Clayton, Missouri. Johnson also serves patients as a PRN psychiatric pharmacist at St. Luke’s Hospital in Chesterfield, Missouri, where she offers medication recommendations and counseling through a private psychiatric practice.

Johnson is the host of the Sunday radio show “Health Connections” that airs on Mix 99.5 FM in St. Louis. Each week, the show features a panel of African-American doctors from various medical fields who discuss health issues affecting minority communities.

During her last year at the College, Johnson founded her nonprofit organization, BooksFromBekkah, which provides gifted, college-bound, African-American youth in St. Louis with scholarship aid for the out-of-pocket costs associated with attending college beyond tuition.

Johnson has received several awards including the 2018 National Pharmaceutical Association’s Terrence Burroughs Pharmacy Leadership Award, the 2018 Young Pharmacist of the Year by the National Pharmacy Association, the 2018 CVS Health Rising Star Award, the 2018 Phenomenal Woman Award from St. Louis radio stations Hot 104.1 and 95.5 The Lou, as well as recognition as one of DELUX Magazine’s 30 Under 30 honorees.

DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AWARD
Recognizing an exceptional alumnus’ positive impact on the pharmacy profession.

Tom Rousonelos, B.S. ’89, is vice president of operations at Albertson’s Companies where he develops strategies to promote improved immunization delivery and medication therapy management with the goal of achieving greater medication adherence and better patient outcomes.

Rousonelos is a member of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association and serves on the Pharmacy Operations Committee for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

He also works to influence legislation to enhance the scope of pharmacy practice and promote patient access to services. He is focused on mentoring young professionals and working to advance the profession of pharmacy by increasing the scope of practice for both pharmacists and technicians.

Scot Walker, B.S. ’82, M.S. ’93, is the chief executive officer of Prescribe Right, LLC and the creator of the Prescribe Right Pharmaceutical Pipeline Tracker. The online searchable database of medications in development was designed to help formulary committees stay updated on investigational pharmaceuticals and review the status of competing medications. Walker is the former head of Facts & Comparisons.

Walker is also the author of “Effective Pharmacotherapy,” a book that was published in 2004 by LLW. Walker has co-written three position papers for the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, published 19 articles in pharmacy journals and authored three chapters in the Mosby’s OTC Drugs reference guide. He is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

BLACK HERITAGE AWARD
Recognizing a leader in the African-American community for their outstanding commitment to community and health care leadership.

Charles Banks (b. 1936-d. 2006), B.S. ’58, M.S. ’60, dedicated his life to serving patients and the community. Banks began his pharmacy career as chief pharmacist and public health officer for the United States Department of the Interior. In 1970, he opened his first pharmacy, Intra Rx Drugs, in Los Angeles with a second location opening a few years later.

In 1993, Banks established a third Intra RX site on the St. Francis Medical Center campus in Lynwood, California. The site was created to support the hospital’s mission to provide medical treatment to underserved communities and patients. He spent several years as a member of the board of trustees for the St. Francis Medical Center Foundation and also served on the advisory board for the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health’s Prescription Services Department.

Banks’ legacy is carried on by his wife, Fairveola, and his daughter, Bianca, who are ardent supporters of the College. Bianca continues to manage his businesses and serves on the St. Francis Medical Center Board of Trustees.
About the Alumni Association

The St. Louis College of Pharmacy Alumni Association is a non-dues-paying organization that creates opportunities for alumni to stay involved and connected to the College. The association works to support the College, current students and the profession.

To learn how you can get involved with the association, visit stlcop.edu/alumni.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Eight new pharmacy leaders have joined the Alumni Association’s board of directors this year. The 22-member board determines and supervises the association’s policies and programs. For more information on our new members, visit stlcop.edu/newdirectors.

CARLA (PERDUN) BARRETT, B.S. ’92, PHARM.D. ’93, Senior Director of Global Risk Management for Pharmaceutical Research Associates Health Sciences in Philadelphia

CHRIS (ETTLING) GRASS, B.S. ’83, Overnight Clinical Pharmacist for SSM Health DePaul Hospital in St. Louis

RANDE HEMPEN, B.S. ’96, PHARM.D. ’97, Pharmacist for Kindred Healthcare in St Louis

DAVID LOIAcono, B.S. ’86, Pharmacy Manager for Jewel-Osco in Glendale Heights, Illinois, Founder and Director for Corporate Health, Ltd., and Adjunct Faculty Member for the University of Illinois College of Medicine and Benedictine University

JORDAN MILLHAM, PHARM.D. ’08, Area Healthcare Supervisor for Walgreens in St. Louis

JAIMIN PATEL, PHARM.D. ’13, Pharmacy Supervisor for CVS Health in St. Louis

FRED TONNIES, B.S. ’68, M.S. ’90, Pharmacy Coordinator for various state mental health hospitals across Missouri

AMBER (WINGET) COMPTON, B.S. ’89, Vice President of Retail Account Management and Compliance for Express Scripts in St. Louis

As we welcome these new members to the board, we also thank those who have contributed their time and talents. Learn how you can get involved with the association at stlcop.edu/alumni.

Alfreda Pulley, B.S. ’87, MBA, is a pharmacist for CareSTL Health where she is responsible for ensuring that the organization adheres to federal regulations pertaining to the pharmacy and special 340B pricing. She also manages inventory control and performs medication therapy management and services for patients.

Pulley is a member of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists and is the vice president of membership for the Grand Center 5,000 Club of Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization that promotes communication, public speaking and leadership skills.

Pulley also serves with her church’s prison ministry and is a member of the congregation’s health and wellness and social justice committees. On a recent mission trip to El Salvador, she had the opportunity to work with other health professionals to provide care for more than 3,000 residents who did not have access to regular health care.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizing an exceptional alumnus’ professional accomplishments.

Eric Barker, B.S. ’88, Ph.D., is a noted neuropharmacologist, award-winning educator, skilled academic leader and pharmacist. He currently serves as dean and professor for the Purdue University College of Pharmacy.

Before joining the faculty at Purdue in 1998, Barker received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Vanderbilt University and completed postdoctoral research at Vanderbilt and Emory University. His research interests are in the area of molecular actions of drugs of abuse and other drugs that affect the brain. He is a member of several professional associations including the American Pharmacists Association, the Society for Neuroscience and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

Barker has been recognized for his efforts in teaching, having received the Purdue College of Pharmacy Dr. Aziz Outstanding Teaching Award and the Purdue University Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. He was selected to the Purdue Teaching Academy and highlighted in the Purdue Book of Great Teachers. He was also named a University Faculty Scholar and a 2011-2012 CIC-Academic Leadership Program Fellow.
PAST EVENTS

STLCOP Talks  Spring 2018
Alumni across the Midwest attended the spring “STLCOP Talks” faculty speaker series. The events showcased six College faculty members who shared their knowledge and research via TED Talks-style presentations.

Spring Training  March 10, 2018
Alumni from across the U.S. met in Jupiter, Florida, to enjoy the annual St. Louis Cardinals Spring Training event.
Egg Hunt March 24, 2018
In March, the Alumni Association welcomed more than 200 alumni and their families to campus for the annual egg hunt.

Graduate Happy Hour May 3, 2018
The Alumni Association welcomed the Pharm.D. class of 2018 into the graduate ranks with a reception in May.

Alumni Golf Classic June 3, 2018
This year’s Alumni Golf Classic raised $20,000 for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Team Legacy Drugstore won first place.
All alumni and their families are invited to gather with former classmates and reflect on their time at St. Louis College of Pharmacy during Reunion on Saturday, Nov. 10. The event will specifically honor class years ending in 3 and 8, and members of the class of 1968 will be inducted into the Gold Alumni Chapter in recognition of the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the College.

We look forward to giving alumni and friends the chance to reconnect this fall and see all that’s new and exciting at the College! Invite your friends, bring your family and enjoy celebrating your personal and professional achievements.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, Nov. 10**

**FOUNDERS DAY 5K**
8:30 a.m.
St. Louis College of Pharmacy Quad
The race will begin on the Quad and take participants through the surrounding biomedical complex and Forest Park. Runners will then return to the College to cross the finish line.

**ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME BRUNCH**
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Recreation and Student Center, Room 220
All alumni and guests are invited to a celebratory brunch to honor the College’s first inductees into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

**GOLD ALUMNI LUNCHEON**
1-2:15 p.m.
Academic and Research Building, Second-Floor Lobby
Alumni who graduated in, and prior to, 1968, are invited to an afternoon luncheon celebrating the class of 1968 who will be recognized in honor of their 50th anniversary of their graduation from the College.

**GOLD ALUMNI CEREMONY**
2:30-3:15 p.m.
Academic and Research Building, Room 212
All alumni and guests are invited to help us welcome the class of 1968 into the Alumni Association’s Gold Alumni Chapter.

**CAMPUS TOURS**
3-6 p.m.
Academic and Research Building, Welcome Desk
Student ambassadors will lead tours of campus. Kicking off in the Academic and Research Building, the tours will feature stops in Jones Hall, South Residence Hall and the Recreation and Student Center. Tours can be modified to fit your specific needs and interests.

**ADMISSIONS TALK**
3:30-4 p.m.
Academic and Research Building, Room 221
Hear from the Office of Enrollment Services on college admission trends related to the colleges with health professions programs and learn about the College’s new undergraduate programs launching in fall 2019. Recruiters will answer questions and discuss the application process. Children of alumni are welcome to attend.

**STLCOP TALKS**
4-4:45 p.m.
Academic and Research Building, Room 222
Hear from three members of the College’s distinguished faculty who will share their knowledge and research via intriguing TED Talks-style presentations. Topics will include the role of pharmacists in the opioid crisis, the history of racial inclusion and diversity at health care institutions and the correlation between antibiotic exposure and antibiotic resistance.

**PRESIDENT’S UPDATE**
4:45-5:15 p.m.
Academic and Research Building, Room 222
Join President John A. Pieper for an update on your alma mater and a Q&A session.

**REUNION CELEBRATION**
5-8 p.m.
Academic and Research Building, Second-Floor Lobby
All alumni and friends are invited to this family-friendly reception where we will honor alumni whose graduation years end in 3 and 8. Continue to catch up with former classmates, look through old yearbooks, meet current and former professors, and more. Tickets are $15 and include drinks and hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are $10 for children ages 2 to 12, and children under 2 are free.

For more information or to register for reunion events, visit stlcop.edu/reunion.
UPCOMING EVENTS

There's always something going on at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Attend an event to reconnect with campus, learn something new, and reconnect with former classmates. Visit stlcop.edu/aluminievents to see what's coming up and to register.

FOUNDERS DAY AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD CEREMONY

Friday, Nov. 9

Join us in celebrating the 154th anniversary of the College's founding. Alumni and friends are invited to campus to attend a campus-wide barbecue lunch at noon, followed by an afternoon program featuring William E. Evans, Pharm.D., endowed chair in pharmacogenomics, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the presentation of the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards. For more information, visit stlcop.edu/foundersday.

REUNION

Saturday, Nov. 10

All alumni are invited to reconnect during this year's Reunion. Enjoy campus tours, a basketball game in our new gym, faculty lectures and a family-friendly reception with great food, games and conversation. Visit stlcop.edu/reunion for more information.

DISCUSSION WITH THE DOCTOR: POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Dustin Stehling, B.S. '04, OB-GYN, will provide a medical doctor's perspective on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome and its treatment options.

MIDYEAR ALUMNI RECEPTION

Sunday, Dec. 2

Alumni in and around Anaheim, California, and those in town for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting are invited to join students, faculty and College leadership for a reception hosted by the College. Enjoy two complimentary drinks and appetizers while networking with colleagues on the rooftop patio of The Fifth, located blocks from the Orange County Convention Center.

WILD LIGHTS ALUMNI RECEPTION

Saturday, Dec. 15

Alumni of all ages are invited to enjoy the sights of the Saint Louis Zoo’s holiday light display! Stroll the Zoo grounds and enjoy more than half a million twinkling holiday lights, visit the Insectarium and Penguin and Puffin Coast, listen to fireside stories and more. Alumni and guests who purchase their tickets through the Alumni Association can warm up in our private room throughout the night and enjoy hot chocolate, cocktails and snacks.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with the College and fellow alumni by following the Alumni Association @STLCOPalumni on Facebook and Instagram.
1960s

James Cradock (b. 1942-d. 2017), B.S. ’65, was posthumously awarded a 2018 NCATS Director’s Award for his work as a member of the CB1 Receptor Antagonist Team, recognized for their extraordinary leadership in the discovery and development of a first-in-class Peripheral CB1 Receptor Antagonist for therapeutic use in metabolic syndrome.

1980s

John Mansfield, B.S. ’80, retired from Merck. John resides in St. Louis and is enjoying retirement as he plans his next steps.

Chris (Etting) Grass, B.S. ’83, was installed as grand president of Lambda Kappa Sigma during the organization’s national convention. Grass is the third member of the College’s Alpha Zeta chapter to serve in this role. Nicole (Lombardo) Helsing, Pharm.D. ’12, was installed for her second term as grand vice president for development. Katelyn Toeniskoetter, Pharm.D. ’17, and Rachel Wylie, Pharm.D. ’18, were appointed region supervisors. After being recognized as Chapter of the Year in 2017, Alpha Zeta was named second runner up in 2018.

1990s

Cindy (Botts) Leonard, B.S. ’99, Pharm.D. ’00, accepted the director of pharmacy position at St. John Rehabilitation Hospital, Affiliated with HealthSouth. The hospital is located in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

2000s

Ryan Moenster, B.S. ’04, Pharm.D. ’05, associate professor of pharmacy practice, was named Residency Preceptor of the Year for his work with the residents at VA St. Louis Health Care System. The award recognizes excellence and leadership in the education, training, mentoring and evaluation of pharmacy residents.

Cara (Hoffmeyer) Bast, Pharm. D. ’09, and her husband, Ken, welcomed their second daughter, Sienne Carolyn, on March 22. Cara is the director of pharmacy practice at Express Scripts Inc.

Lisa Wilt, B.S. ’88, and her daughter Alexandria (Alyssa) Wilt Falck, Pharm.D. ’17, are celebrating the College’s influential role in both of their lives. Their story comes full circle this year as Lisa commemorates her graduation from the College 30 years ago as Alyssa begins her role as an adjunct professor at the College.
2010s

Annie (Rogers) Eisenbeis, Pharm.D. ’14, and Nicholas Eisenbeis were married on April 21 in St. Louis. The couple honeymooned in London and Paris. Annie is an executive fellow for the Missouri Pharmacy Association and pharmacist-in-charge at Sam’s Health Mart Pharmacy in Moberly, Missouri.

Amanda (Haynes) Beoletto, Pharm.D. ’16, and Tony Beoletto, Pharm.D. ’14, were married April 21 in St. Louis. Amanda is a pediatric pharmacist at Children’s Hospital of Illinois in Peoria, Illinois, and Tony is a pharmacy manager at Walgreens. The couple resides in Normal, Illinois.

Jennifer Voong, Pharm.D. ’17, PGY1 pharmacy resident at Mercy Hospital St. Louis, received the Resident Research Award in May for her project titled “Evaluation of Vasopressor Discontinuation.”

STUDENT TRADITIONS AT CORUM

With enthusiasm, Steve Hebel, B.S. ’84, executive director of Corum Health Services Inc., will tell you that working with students is the best part of his job.

“There is nothing more gratifying than to see a student stay with us for four or five years and watch their growth as a student, a person, and ultimately a professional who will continue to push the profession of pharmacy in new directions,” he said.

Although Hebel has lost count of how many students Corum has employed throughout the years, his Wall of Fame is a positive reminder of the students he has mentored. Upon entering Hebel’s office, guests are greeted by a large wall filled with smiling photos of previous student employees.

“It all started in 2009 when our graduating students, Nicole Winistoerfer and Justin Tauser, gave me a framed picture of themselves, which I proudly hung on the wall,” he said. “The tradition has continued ever since with each class getting more creative each year. It is a great way for us to remember all the wonderful students who have been a part of the Corum family.”

WHAT’S NEW?

Tell your friends and classmates about the latest news in your life. Share news about your work, projects, new jobs, promotions, marriages, birth announcements, awards, vacations or hobbies. To submit news, email alumni@stlcop.edu.
In Memoriam

Asbury B. Hirsch, Jr., B.S. ’40, died July 18, in Overland Park, Kansas.


Melvin Lott, B.S. ’52, died July 23, 2017, in St. Louis.

Worman B. “Lou” McKenna, B.S. ’53, died June 26, in Louisiana, Missouri.

Marty Kurz, B.S. ’62, died March 21, in Hannibal, Missouri.

Ronald D. Visintine, B.S. ’63, died May 7, in Litchfield, Illinois.

Paul J. Menges, B.S. ’63, died May 31, in Osage Beach, Missouri.

George N. Paradissis, M.S. ’63, died July 30, in Chesterfield, Missouri.


Larry E. Davis, B.S. ’71, died Sept. 1, in Ozark, Missouri.

Tyler W. Franz, B.S. ’99, died March 1, in Osage Beach, Missouri.

TENHOLDER CELEBRATES EMPLOYMENT AT 250TH WALGREENS

Jean (Rathgeber) Tenholder, B.S. ’81, enrolled in the College following in the footsteps of her father, Ron Rathgeber, B.S. ’54, and her grandfather Ernie Rathgeber, a former member of the College’s Board of Trustees. After working for 37 years as a pharmacist, 11 of those with Walgreens, Tenholder retired from Walgreens in September.

Throughout her time at Walgreens, Tenholder made it her goal to work at as many different stores as possible. Before retiring, she celebrated by working at her 250th Walgreens store.

JUMPING INTO ACTION

Patients often credit their pharmacists for sharing life-saving advice regarding their health or medications. Walgreens recently honored Jason Welge, Pharm.D. ’01, pharmacy manager, for taking life-saving action and attending to an unresponsive customer in his store.

After assessing the customer, Welge administered a dose of Narcan while keeping observers and staff calm. When paramedics arrived, the patient was responsive and alert.

RECOGNIZING A LEGACY

Legacy alumnus status is attained if at least one family member has previously attended the College. The Alumni Association recognizes the following spring 2018 graduates who achieved this honor.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Moleigh Carson, B.S. ’18
Abigail Charlier, B.S. ’18
Logan Grady, B.S. ’18
Mark J. Herrington, B.S. ’18
Devin N. Kilfoy, B.S. ’18
Jackson D. Moreland, B.S. ’18
Kathryn M. Renken, B.S. ’18
Reed M. Smith, B.S. ’18
Morgan E. Umfleet, B.S. ’18

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Brandon Brent, Pharm.D. ’18
Andrew Cockrell, Pharm.D. ’18
Brianna N. Netemeyer, Pharm.D. ’18
Kaylin N. Rau, Pharm.D. ’18
FIND YOURSELF IN HISTORY

Find yourself in St. Louis College of Pharmacy history in “Pharmacy Pioneers: the first 150 years of St. Louis College of Pharmacy,” a book to be released by Reedy Press in December 2018. This book describes the founding of the College in 1864 and how it has evolved over the past 153 years into a world-class, independent college of pharmacy.

The book is priced at $49.95 and will look great on your coffee table for your guests to admire and learn about the College’s rich history.

To place a preorder for the history book, contact Michelle Roberts, operations coordinator for the Office of Advancement, at michelle.roberts@stlcop.edu.