Each year, thousands of alumni from around the world return to their alma mater to renew friendships, recapture their Rocket pride and reconnect with The University of Toledo. UT students, alumni, faculty and staff – along with future Rockets from the surrounding communities – converge on the university in the spirit of celebration. This year marked The University of Toledo’s 85th Homecoming celebration, a memorable weekend that offered a full array of events for all who Rocked-It Back to UT!

Homecoming weekend began on Friday evening at the Alumni Association Homecoming Gala in the UT Student Union. The gala offered alumni and faculty an opportunity to reunite and catch up while enjoying good food and music. In addition to long-standing traditions like the Bancroft Street parade, the pep rally and the bonfire, pharmacy alumni attended several events hosted by the College of Pharmacy and the Alumni Affiliate. Alumni and friends toured the campus to revisit old places and view new ones, and to see firsthand where the next generation of outstanding scholars challenge their imaginations and expand their knowledge. The college hosted lunch in the newly renovated Libbey Hall where alumni and friends were reacquainted and reunion classes were recognized and commemorated. Saturday afternoon
From the Alumni Affiliate President

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

In this issue of Extracts & Graduates, you will find an array of activities which are sponsored by your College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate. We’ve had several programs, stressing fellowship with family and highlighting pharmacy alumni and graduates from other colleges on the UT campuses. Upcoming, we have planned even more functions, to support our students, continue education for our pharmacists, and engage through social events. Homecoming 2008 provided a great opportunity to visit the campus, where many changes have taken place over the past year. We honored three alumni for their contributions to The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy as well as the pharmacy profession and their patients. The Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award were recognized at the annual Homecoming Gala and luncheon. I’d also like to welcome our new members of the Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate board of directors, Jayne Gibbes-Peseckis, ’00 and Joel Levitan, ’69. These graduates have stepped forward for a three-year commitment to support all of our alumni and students. We anticipate an enjoyable and productive year ahead, urge you to join our organization, and look forward to seeing many of our alumni and friends at our activities.

Sincerely,

Philip Miller, ’71, ’88
College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate President

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Affiliate of the Year!

The May 10, 2008 banquet for the UT Alumni Association was a grand affair for the College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate, which was honored as the Affiliate of the Year. The number of events sponsored, volunteerism, and collaboration with other organizations were among the factors that distinguished the College of Pharmacy’s Alumni Affiliate from others. The College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate is one of the most active affiliate units in the UT Alumni Association, and continues to provide a comprehensive slate of programming every year through social events, family outings, alumni recognition, and professional development events for UT pharmacy alumni.

Whether you’re a pharmacist, a pharmaceutical scientist, retired or just passionate about pharmacy, the UTCP Alumni Affiliate welcomes you. To get involved, contact Brian Weinblatt in the Office of Alumni Relations at brian.weinblatt@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2604.

Putt with a Purpose

The annual Toledo Academy of Pharmacy (TAP) Golf Outing provided a glorious day of fun and fundraising at Toledo’s Tamaron Country Club. The event, co-sponsored by the UT College of Pharmacy and the College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate, raises scholarship funds for UT pharmacy students through the Toledo Academy of Pharmacy Scholarship Fund. Individual holes were sponsored by Heartland Health Services, Kroger, Medica, Walgreens, Mel Wilczynski, Harold Kinker, Pharmacy Practice, the Dean’s Cabinet. Bill Weiner of Rx Supply sponsored the putting contest. The golf outing was organized by Heather Libert, Steve Williams and Harold Kinker of TAP Curt Block, 2008 TAP President, stated that “As a result of the proceeds from the outing, the TAP Board voted to increase its scholarship awards to UTCP students from three to six $1,000 scholarships for the coming year.” In addition to the golf outing, TAP also sponsored a Casino Night scholarship fundraiser during the spring semester. Pharmacy students will certainly be grateful for TAP’s support of student scholarships and book stipends.

Reaching Out

The 2008 College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate William McKenzie Reed Scholarships were awarded to Elizabeth S. Fullerton, Keyara C. Jones, Anthony J. Karban, Ryan S. Oster, Brenton R. Shels, and Natalie Shepetiak. The scholarship committee received 264 applications, in which students indicated their honors, academic progress and the qualities that they bring to the profession of pharmacy. Scholarship recipient Ryan Oster, who has significant volunteer experience, noted that being a “kind person who genuinely cares about the well being of others” will benefit him in his career as a pharmacist. He says, “As a pharmacist, I’ll always be striving to gain the knowledge [that is] key to a successful career.”

Home Grown: Honorary degree for Alum Parviz Boodjeh

The 2008 College of Pharmacy Spring Commencement was memorable for every graduate, but it was particularly meaningful for UT alum Parviz Boodjeh and his family. Parviz, who graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1954, returned to his alma mater to receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree and walk across the commencement stage—for the first time. As an international student from Iran, Parviz overcame significant difficulties to earn his degree in pharmacy. During his college years, he learned English as a second language and dealt with financial difficulties that were far more demanding than those of the typical college student. In addition, Parviz faced a health crisis that threatened to end his educational pursuits. When his graduation day came, Parviz was unable to join his classmates at the commencement ceremony because he could not afford the cap and gown.

Fast forward 54 years, and we see the person that Parviz Boodjeh became: a successful businessman, a caring pharmacist and a loving father and husband. As the founder and CEO of the Cleveland-based Discount Drug Mart, Parviz has had a positive impact on countless individuals in Ohio. Still, he is humble about his accomplishments, and credits Dr. Norman Bilups, Dr. Robert Schlembach, ’49, and Dr. Richard Perry for keeping him at UT and encouraging him to graduate.

Parviz Boodjeh’s family sat front-and-center to witness the culmination of a lifetime commitment to improving the lives of others and enhancing patient care; everyone present shared in their joy and pride as the audience offered a standing ovation.

As Dean Early and Associate Dean Hoss look on, UT President Dr. Lloyd Jacobs presents Parviz Boodjeh with the Honorary Doctor of Science degree.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Coming home always creates a flood of emotions: excitement, anticipation and relief. I am excited about the prospects of new adventures in familiar places, of reunions with those who know me best. I anticipate the joy of seeing loved ones, visiting old haunts and revisiting the company of some of my favorite people in the world. There is always a sense of relief and satisfaction at the end of my journey, knowing that I have made new memories and solidified old friendships. Every homecoming offers similar possibilities: the opportunity to connect with our foundations, and remember from whence we came. I am grateful to all of the alumni and friends who attended homecoming and revisited UT’s past, and also find ways to engage in UT’s present and future.

In order to continue advancing and providing a top-notch educational experience for our students, your college of pharmacy needs your involvement. Practicing pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists have opportunities to become preceptors and participate in educating our future professionals. Even if you are only available a few days each year, you can make a great impact by mentoring current pharmacy students or allowing students from Pharmacy Summer Camp to shadow you at work for a day or two. The College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate always welcomes new members, and invites your participation in the programming and events held year-round. In addition, the college has various boards and committees that need the input of our alumni.

As we build the FUTURE OF PHARMACY, we realize that at its heart are the alumni who contribute to our rich history, and reflect our greatest successes. Please join us by coming back home, not just at homecoming, but all year long.

Sincerely,

Johnnie L. Early, Dean and Professor
The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy

Shawn Nye, BSPS ’07

Shawn Nye is putting his UT degree to use in the preclinical services division at Charles River Laboratories. Shawn, a pharmacology/toxicology graduate who minored in chemistry, now studies acute, sub-chronic and chronic disorders and works with drug developers to find cures for these disorders. His transition from school to work has been smooth, and he feels he has chosen a rewarding profession that he can enjoy every day.

Nye continues to build on what he learned at UT, and advises graduates to “never stop learning” because learning doesn’t end with the attainment of a degree.

Shawn is committed to improving the quality of life for those suffering with disease. “The University of Toledo tremendously prepared me for this job. UT gave me some experience with the procedures that are done at Charles River. This has allowed me to be one step ahead and to perform well at my job.”
Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, DC. called Horton’s Kids, which provides opportunities for disadvantaged children from the neighborhood. In her spare time, Rebecca enjoys tutoring and mentoring a child through an organization called Horton’s Kids.

Rebecca Riley, RPh, J.D., is a trial attorney for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1987, and a J.D. in law from Harvard Law School in 2004. In her acceptance letter, Rebecca stated that she is "so grateful to the University of Toledo for providing the foundation and confidence necessary for each new step in [her] life and career." Her expertise in pharmacy has allowed her to provide attorneys with valuable hands-on experience in the practice of pharmacy. Marty, a native Toledoan, has been married to his wife Harriet for 47 years, and they have four children and eight grandchildren.

Marty Davis, RPh, is the co-owner of The Pharmacy Counter, a Toledo based company that began operations in 1964. In addition to being a registered pharmacist, Marty is also a Certified Diabetes Educator. He is a past President of The Toledo Academy of Pharmacy and a recipient of the Toledo/Pharmacist of the Year award. Marty has served as a preceptor for the past 25 years, helping to educate UT’s PharmD students and provide them with valuable hands-on experience in the practice of pharmacy.

Laura Manzey, PharmD, BCPP, RPh, is the Senior Clinical Education Manager for Pfizer, Inc. She earned two degrees from The University of Toledo: a BA in Biology in 1987, and a BS in pharmacy in 1993, after which she earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The Ohio State University in 1995. Laura was valedictorian of her pharmacy graduating class in 1993, and is currently serving a three-year term on the UT College of Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate Board. She has served as a preceptor for PharmD students and as an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Toledo. Among her many accolades, she received the Pfizer Vice-President’s Management Cabinet Award in 2004 and 2006, the Merck Innovative Care Award in 1995 and the St. Charles Mercy Hospital Employee Recognition Award for Excellence in 1999. In her work as an educator, Laura improves the quality of health care for patients.

The Center for Drug Design and Development (CD3) at The University of Toledo, in partnership with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, received an Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Third Frontier Mega Center of Innovation Grant entitled a "Global Cardiovascular Innovation Center."

The Primary Investigator for the CD3 component of the collaboration is Dr. Paul Erhardt, and the five-year grant provides $500,000 each year for research support. CD3 and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation will evaluate new cardiovascular treatments involving small molecule drugs and potentially develop them as Investigational New Drugs according to FDA protocols.

The graduates of the 2008 Pharm.D. program selected Dr. Megan Kaun as their Teacher of the Year, a strong indication of the impact she has had on their development and success. Dr. Kaun, a University of Toledo alumna, has been part of the faculty since 2006. She directs the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) for Pharm.D. students, placing them in practice environments that will enhance their education and provide them with valuable hands-on work experience. This vital part of the curriculum helps to prepare pharmacy students for the rigor and rewards of pharmacy practice.

Marty Davis, RPh (center) poses with Alumni Affiliate President Phil Miller (left) and Dean Early.

Dr. Laura Manzey (center) poses with Alumni Affiliate President Phil Miller (left) and Dean Early.

Rebecca Riley, RPh, JD, (center) poses with (L-R) Alumni Affiliate President Phil Miller (left) and Dean Early.

The 2008 BSPS Professor of the Year is Dr. Miles Hacker. In addition to his groundbreaking work on a drug discovery team that has entered three anti-cancer drugs into clinical trials, Dr. Hacker has numerous patents worldwide. Dr. Hacker supervises independent studies for undergraduate students and teaches courses in anatomy and pathophysiology, as well as cancer biology and pharmacology. He joined the UT faculty in 2003 and has chaired numerous committees, including the Mid-American Pharmacologists Organizing Committee. As the dean presented him with the Professor of the Year award, BSPS graduates gave a roaring cheer for Dr. Hacker.

Outstanding Young Alumna Award: Rebecca Riley ’01

Rebecca Riley, RPh, J.D., is a trial attorney for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She earned a BA in pharmacy from UT in 2001 and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 2004. In her acceptance letter, Rebecca stated that she is “so grateful to the University of Toledo for providing the foundation and confidence necessary for each new step in [her] life and career.” Her expertise in pharmacy has allowed her to provide attorneys with valuable information and advice outside the scope of their backgrounds and knowledge. Rebecca studied the regulation of compounding with Dr. and Mrs. Black as part of her undergraduate thesis, and she has used her knowledge of pharmacy issues in her law courses and her current work. She has worked with cases involving FDA regulation, intellectual property rights for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical products liability and employment rights of individual pharmacists.

In her spare time, Rebecca enjoys tutoring and mentoring a child through an organization called Horton’s Kids, which provides opportunities for disadvantaged children from the Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, DC.

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Faculty Notes

Thanks for the Memories

The College of Pharmacy recently bid farewell to beloved faculty members Dr. Kenneth Bachmann and Dr. Richard Hudson. Justice Thurgood Marshall once said, “None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody—a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns—bent down and helped us pick up our boots.” Many former students and colleagues expressed that Drs. Bachmann and Hudson were such catalysts. Former students helped to build memory books with letters of appreciation and well wishes for Drs. Bachmann (pharmacology) and Hudson (medicinal and biological chemistry) who served the college for 35 and 23 years, respectively. “Dr. Hudson has a great sense of humor, but more importantly he has a great sense of responsibility to his students. He has high expectations for his students and is a tough professor; but I have never worked so hard until that class, and I learned more about myself and biochemistry because of it. His teaching style not only prepared me for future difficult pharmacy courses, but also encouraged my desire to learn.”

“It was almost more exciting in Dr. Hudson’s class when the PowerPoint went down, because he would then lecture completely from memory. It was so inspiring to see such independent brilliance. A silence of complete awe would fall over the class as he would draw the complete Kreb’s cycle or other complicated biochemical process completely from memory...and lead a lecture while doing so.”

Jean (Owens) Cunningham, ’07

“Dr. Bachmann touched and changed my life in many ways. He nurtured a productive and rewarding academic career for me. Thanks to Dr. Bachmann’s encouragement and support, I was successful in pursuing my PhD training at MIT and went on to have a successful career in Pharmaceutical Industry. Dr. Bachmann also generously accepted and mentored my wife, Xuemei Li, for a MS degree in Pharmacology. My wife is now pursuing fellowship training in Hematology/Oncology training at University of Connecticut. “As a mentor and friend to me and my wife, Dr. Bachmann has profoundly impacted our careers and lives in U.S. We will forever be grateful to his generosity and friendship. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.”

Dongfang (David) Liu, ’97

Upcoming Events

ASHP Mid Year Meeting
Orlando, FL
December 7-11, 2008

College of Pharmacy Reception
December 9, 2008
6-8 pm
Rosen Centre Hotel, Salon 4
For information, contact Kristin Kamcza at 419.530.1951

Student research story: Presenting Posters

P4 PharmD student Monika Coletto had a busy spring, conducting research and traveling to share her findings with industry professionals. Monika attended the Ohio Pharmacists Association (OPA) meeting to present her findings on topics that affect the advancement of the pharmacy profession.

Under the leadership of Dr. Sharrel Pinto, Monika studied Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs) and Medication Therapy Management programs (MTMPs) and their impact on pharmacists and patients. Dr. Pinto presented one poster at the International Society for Pharmacoconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 13th Annual International Meeting in Toronto and Monika presented two posters at the OPA annual meeting. The research that Monika is conducting with the Pharmaceutical Care and Outcomes Research (PCOR) lab may soon help to refine and improve pharmacy practice and patient care.

Monika wasn’t the only student presenting research at professional conferences in recent months. Anthony Pattin also presented at the OPA conference, and two other UT students, Lin Zhan and Abhilasha Ramasamy, presented research posters at the ISPOR meeting. Lin Zhan, who worked with Drs. Rashmi Nair, Sharrel Pinto, Monica Holiday-Goodman, and Curtis Black, presented a poster about her research about breast cancer patients and how demographic and social variables affect their use of health care resources. Abhilasha Ramasamy presented a poster about HIV Patient satisfaction surveys for mail order and community pharmacies and she worked with Drs. Sharrel Pinto and Eric Sahloff to present a talking poster presentation and a podium presentation at the Midwest Social and Administrative Pharmacy Conference in Chicago (Medication Use, Safety and Effectiveness – MUSE 2008). Her podium presentation about HIV patients’ satisfaction with mail order and community pharmacies was nominated as one of six studies selected to receive the Consortium for Research in Administrative Pharmacy Award.

The 2008 Midwest Social and Administrative Pharmacy Conference also featured presentations from other pharmacy students including Maithili Deshpande, who studied Gender Differences in Physician Prescribing Behavior; Yanjun Zhang, who presented a poster on Physicians’ Intentions to Adopt Electronic Prescribing in Ohio Hospitals; Jinderer Kumar, who researched Patient’s attitudes towards gifts to phycician; and Lucas Blazejewski, who studied the Impact of Academic Detailing on Prescribing Patterns and its Effect on Quality of Life and Work Productivity of Patients with GERD. All of these students worked with Dr. Pinto to compile and present their research. According to Dr. Paul Erhardt, professor of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry and director of the Center for Drug Design and Development (CDD), “It’s particularly valuable to have students involved in such activities. Not only can the technical aspects of the presented work be discussed by outside experts with new insights and views about the project, but various professional and career matters can also become topics in a first-hand, networking sense.”

Two BSPh students, Leanne Moore and Adnan Alalaz, presented posters at the University of Kentucky’s Research Education for Undergraduates program. Alaz’s project involved assessing various indicators of blood-brain barrier permeability and Moore researched synthesizing a new antibiotic to treat fungal infections.

Mohammad El-Dakkour, Medicinal & Biological Chemistry PhD student, was awarded an American Chemical Society (ACS) Travel Award to attend the ACS Medicinal Chemistry Symposium in Pittsburgh. He presented a technical poster about his thesis work and was also awarded the 2008 Robert N. Whiteford Memorial Achievement Scholarship from The University of Toledo. Three other Medicinal & Biological Chemistry graduate students, Lei Fang, Amarjit Luniwal and Mike Reese, also presented posters at the ACS meeting. The Mid-West Regional ACS Meeting and the Pharmacology Graduate Student Research Meeting (PGSRM) featured eight posters from Industrial Pharmacy graduate students Reza Milalios, Arpama Acharya, Ranajoy Mujumdar, Xinjuan Li, Zhuaijuan Liu, and Anthony Samsa.

Dr. Erhardt asserts that “Poster sessions...along with actual publications, are the best ‘business cards’ that a scientist can carry, especially early in their careers.”

Student Features

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2000s
Bryan Cohler, Pharm.D. '02, is Director of Clinical Pharmacy for the Pharmacy Counter. The focus of his work is the development and expansion of medication therapy management programs.

Brandon L. Davidson, BSPP '04, recently was promoted as a Nursing Home Administrator for HCS/ManorCare in the Chicago's North Shore area.

Megan Kaun, Pharm.D. '05, and her husband celebrated the birth of their first child, Dillon, on May 24th. Megan is the Director of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences at UT and she received the 2008 PharmD Teacher of the Year award (see page 7).

Brian Des, Pharm.D. '06, recently finished his PGY2 residency in Critical Care/Nutritional Support at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Brian was honored as Resident of the Year in the state of Texas by the Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists.

Aaren Lengel, Pharm.D. '06, joined the UT faculty as a visiting assistant professor for Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Lengel oversees clinical training for the community residency program, and will establish a practice at the Cordelia Martin Health Center in addition to his work with medication therapy management and disease treatment programs at Kroger. Dr. Lengel recently completed his residency training at VAMC Knight Family Practice Center with Steve Smith.

Rachana Patel, MS '04, is a formulation chemist at Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Inc., in Irvine, Calif.

Robert Bechtol, BSPP '05, MSP '07, is a visiting assistant professor in pharmacy and healthcare administration at the UT College of Pharmacy. Bechtol previously worked as a research associate in the Pharmaceutical Care and Outcomes Research Laboratory.

Joan (Owens) Cunningham, Pharm.D. '07, is a Research Fellow at AstraZeneca in the Respiratory and Immunology Therapeutic Area.

Lindsey Durt, Pharm.D. '07, is completing a residency with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC.

Shawn Nye, BSPP '07, is a drug development research technician at Charles River Preclinical Services in Spencer, Ohio.

Melissa Summers, BSPP '07, taught Pharmacy at St. John College in Los Angeles, CA in spring 2008.

Katherine Barcala, BSPP '08, now works as a chemist in the Quality Control Department at Boehringer Ingelheim Venen Laboratoried in Bedford, OH.

Capt. Nicole Gerschutz, Pharm.D. '08, was selected for a commissioned position with the Air Force. Following her training, she will be stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB in southwestern Ohio.

Carrie Zachar, BSPP '08, along with her practice practioner Dr. Bradley Anderson, investigated the effect of membrane charge on the bilayer permeability of campothecins, DB-67-1, and found that they could increase liposome retention. Carrie was selected to be one of the 2008 BPS class, and is pursuing a master's degree in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Toledo and studying industrial pharmacy.

1990s
Joanne (Ziner) MacDonald, Pharm.D. '92, is Clinical Pharmacy Services Coordinator at Detroit Medical Center's Harper University Hospital.

Michael Skjé, Pharm.D. '95, is an owner of Miltonvale Thundres, an ATV 2 football team based in Boardman, OH.

Dongfang (David) Liu, MS '97, is currently the Director of U.S. Medical Affairs for Oncology at Bristol-Myers Squibb in New Jersey.

Yolanda M. Hardy, RPP '99, has accepted a position at the new Chicago State University College of Pharmacy. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Prior to accepting this position, she earned a Pharm.D. degree and she served on the faculty at Northwestern University School of Pharmacy in Boston.

1980s
Gayle A. Brazeau, '90, '93, is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacological Sciences at University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in New York.

Beverly Sheridan, '80, '86, is the Director of Operations for Hadotier Medical Center in Seattle.

William "Bill" McCall, '81, joined the staff of the Pharmacy Counter as manager of the Byrd Rd. location in Toledo following the Pharmacy Counter's acquisition of Glenbyre Pharmacy.

David Kisco, '84, is Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Bioscience and a Professor of Pharmacokinetics at Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy.

Edmund Carter, '86, is an Emergency Department Pharmacist for Summa Health System.

Carol A. (Bittman) Jingle, '88, works as the Clinical Pharmacy Manager for the Anticoagulation Clinic at Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland, OH.

Mike "Minglo" Kendrach, '89, is a professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and the director of Drug Information Services at Samford University's Mcclure School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, AL.

1970s
Sam Boulton, '70, is Director of Trade and Industry Relations for Apexis Corp. in Westmin, Florida.

According to Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” With the help of his family, Jim Rice, Pharm.D. '95, made giving a cornerstone of his life and his legacy.

When he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma at the age of 47, Jim's prognosis was grim. With his doctor's estimate that he had just a few years to live, Jim soon left his career in physical therapy and got lost in a sense of hopelessness, sitting at home watching old episodes of Gunsmoke. But after a year, Jim realized that he was still alive, and that as long as he was alive, he'd better make the most of it. That was when he mused to his wife Susan that he had always thought about becoming a pharmacist. With Susan's immediate encouragement, Jim enrolled in pharmacy school at The University of Toledo.

When Jim started school, he found that there were very few scholarships available for students like him who were facing life altering conditions or diseases. Jim was so committed to success that he even scheduled exams, to the dismay of his doctors and health care providers.

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During his time at the college, Jim developed a strong support network for the students in his classes, and they respected and admired him. When he spent evenings studying alone in Wolfe Hall, students often sought him out because he was such a good student. And although Jim described himself as the “old guy” in class, he embraced the challenge of learning and growing, despite the uncertainty of his future.

As Jim worked towards his BSPP, which he completed in 1983, he established a scholarship for future students with serious health challenges. He even encouraged the college to get involved in the Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as well as blood drives and bone marrow screening events done in association with his church. Jim continued to work toward his PharmD degree until his medical condition presented him from continuing.

After a long struggle with cancer, Jim passed away in 2005, leaving a void in his family and in the college. His PharmD degree was awarded posthumously and accepted by his family in 2005 to a standing ovation of graduates, faculty and the audience. They have maintained the scholarship that Jim established as a student. Although Susan describes her family as “working class,” their desire to give them among the elite. Jim's scholarship fund, a $500 scholarship for students impacted by serious illnesses, was his way of paying it forward. Each year, Susan helps to choose the recipient of the award and she says, “you Don't have to be a million-dollar donor to make a difference.”

Susan Rice, PhD, RN, CPNP, NC, is a professor in The University of Toledo's College of Nursing and coordinator of the Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner Programs. To contribute to the James A. Rice Memorial Scholarship, please use the donation form or donate online to fund #30031346 at www.utfoundation.org. To establish a scholarship fund, please contact Eric Slough, director of development, at 419.530.5230 or via email at eric.slough@utoledo.edu.

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Discount Drug Mart, Inc. presents $1 M to College of Pharmacy

The UT College of Pharmacy received a lead gift for its new building — a $1 million donation from Discount Drug Mart, an Ohio-owned and operated retail pharmacy.

The gift will provide $200,000 in scholarship enhancements and build eight state-of-the-art laboratories for pharmacy students in the new 54,000-square-foot pharmacy building set to be completed on UT’s Health Science Campus in 2010. Discount Drug Mart’s generous gift will have a tremendous impact on pharmacy students and the future of pharmacy education in Ohio.

“This contribution will help to enhance education and advance patient care at The University of Toledo,” President Lloyd Jacobs said. “Discount Drug Mart’s support of medical research and training strengthens the University’s impact on local health care and will foster greater synergy among the health science disciplines.”

Comprised of 68 retail stores throughout Ohio, Discount Drug Mart Inc. ranks eighth in retail sales among retail drug store chains nationwide. Parviz Boodjeh, founder, chairman and CEO of Discount Drug Mart, completed his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy at the University in 1954. In 1969, he founded Discount Drug Mart.

Read more about this remarkable gift at http://utoledo.edu/pharmacy/about/Pharmacy_News

Diana Boodjeh and Tom McConnell of Discount Drug Mart, Inc. present $1M check to Dr. Early and the college.