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Recent Happenings:

CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The Class of 2015 was the sixth class of professionally-trained students to graduate from the Feik School of Pharmacy. Graduation celebrations began with the first annual **Feik School of Pharmacy Graduation Gala**. The formal dinner gala was held in the Rosenberg Sky Room on the UIW main campus on Thursday, May 7, 2015. Dr. Louis Agnese, UIW President, delivered greetings and congratulations from the university to the graduates, surrounded by their family and friends. Ms. Amanda Buhler gave the invocation.

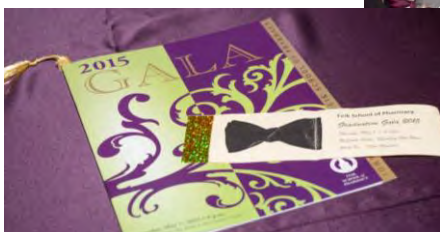


Dr. Louis J. Agnese, UIW President

Following the formal dinner service, Dr. Kevin Lord, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, presented student awards and recognitions. The program then turned to the graduates receiving their hoods. As they crossed the stage, each student's pre-recorded personal message played, thanking their supporters and sharing future plans. FSOP faculty and family members in the profession handed the students their hoods. The graduates received their class pins, and shared a pin with a special loved one as part of the ceremony.



Dean Johnson-Fannin



The UIW commencement exercises for the Feik School of Pharmacy were held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the McDermott Convocation Center. Dr. Helmut Gottlieb, Teacher of the Year 2014-2015, lead the processional following the bagpipe players into the Convocation Center. Dr. Louis J. Agnese presided over the awarding of degrees. Sr. Teresa Stanley, CCVI, brought greetings from the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, and an invocation and welcome from the UIW Board of Trustees. Ms. Ellen Robinson, Class of 2015 degree candidate, delivered the graduate commentary.





The commencement speaker, Dr. Lucinda Maine, Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, delivered inspirational remarks to the graduates. After FSOP faculty hooded the graduates, Dr. Agnese conferred the Doctor of Pharmacy degrees.

Ms. Jeanne Waggener, President of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, administered the Pharmacy Oath to the graduates. The graduates were then inducted into the Pharmacy Alumni Network. The ceremony closed with the blessing and benediction delivered by Dr. Amanda Buhler, and recessional led by Dr. Kathleen Lusk, gonfalon bearer, 2014-2015 Faculty of the Year.

About the Graduating Class of 2015

- 103 students started class of August 11, 2011 at the John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy.
- 103 participated in the fifth annual FSOP White Coat Ceremony on October 7, 2011
- 91% of the graduates are Texans, while a few came from Arizona, California, Connecticut, Georgia and Utah.
- 68% are female
- 40% are first generation college graduates
- 27% call San Antonio home
- 62% have a bachelor's degree
- 58% have a master's degree
- In 2011, students ranged in age from 20-56 years old.
- 94 graduates received the Doctor of Pharmacy degree on Friday, May 8, 2015.
- The Class of 2015 graduates are 100% committed to the profession of pharmacy, and to the health care of each individual served.

The Class of 2015 is:

34% Hispanic
 29% Asian
 29% Caucasian
 6% African American
 2% Other

Summer Professional Meetings:

FACULTY PARTICIPATION AT 2015 TPA CONFERENCE AND EXPO

In addition to hosting the school's first alumni reception on Friday evening, the FSOP had a strong presence in the program at the TPA annual meeting, held in The Woodlands, TX, July 10-12.

A Review of GLP1 Receptor Agonists and SGLT2 Inhibitors for Type 2 Diabetes

Kimberly Cauthon & Raghu Yendapally

New and Emerging Interferon-free Treatments for Chronic Hepatitis C Infection

Rebecca Brady & Alireza FakhriRavari

Student Pharmacist Self-Care Championship, moderated by Dr. Jason Cota

Clarifying Dementia Disorientation CPE podium presentation

Blair Sarbacker

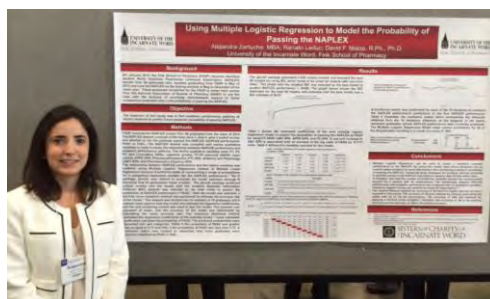
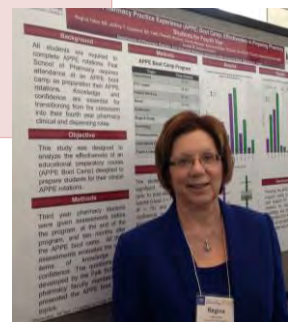
AACP ANNUAL MEETING FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

Feik School of Pharmacy faculty were active participants at the AACP annual meeting in National Harbor, MD from July 11-15. A team of 12 faculty and 7 administrators were in attendance and were involved in the following poster presentations:

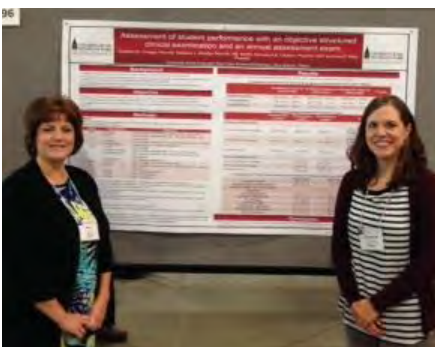
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) Boot Camp: Effectiveness in Preparing Pharmacy Students for Fourth Year. Co-authors: Regina Tabor, Jeffrey Copeland, Nicole Farrell, Vanessa Phillips, Tom Shank, Alejandra Zertuche, Arcelia Johnson-Fannin.



Evaluating Student Perceptions of Group-Based Learning in the First Year of Pharmacy School. Co-Authors: Lila LaGrange, Marcos Oliveira, Adeola Coker



Using a Multiple Logistic Regression to Model the Probability of Passing the NAPLEX. Co-authors: Alejandra Zertuche, Renato Leduc, David Maize.



Assessment of Student Performance with an Objective Structured Clinical Examination and an Annual Assessment Exam. Co-authors: Elizabeth Urteaga, Rebecca Attridge, Kimberly Cauthon, Amy Witte.

AACP ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

Dr. Johnson-Fannin was a Dean Facilitator for one of the groups in the 11th cohort of the 2014-2015 Academic Leadership Fellows Program. This year's cohort included two Texans, Dr. Aisha Morris-Moultrie (pictured 2nd from right) of Texas Southern University, and Dr. Renee Acosta of University of Texas.



2015 AACP & ALFP POST-CONFERENCE SESSION: GLOBAL WORKSHOP



Dr. Marcos Oliveira, FSOP faculty and Coordinator of Pharmacy Latin American Activities, presented jointly with Cynthia Franca Wolanski Bordin, MSc from Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR) in Brazil, at the first one-day post-session Global Workshop. Held on July 15th, the workshop reviewed global partnerships by international and domestic leaders in interprofessional and experiential education, with a view toward making a difference in global public health.

Workshop contributors were Dr. Kevin Lord and Dr. Renée Bellanger from FSOP, Tiago Rafael Sausen, MSc from PUCPR, and Silvano Guzzi and Soraya Metz from Prati-Donaduzzi pharmaceutical company in Brazil.

FSOP ALUM SELECTED PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

The Texas Pharmacy Association Annual Conference and Expo was held July 10-12 in The Woodlands, TX. Among the annual awards presented at the conference was Pharmacist of the Year, received by our own Dr. Christopher Alvarado, Class of 2010 alum. This award recognized a pharmacist who has made outstanding contributions to the TPA and its mission during the past year. Congratulations, Dr. Alvarado, on receiving this much-deserved recognition.



TPA Award winners (pictured from left to right):

Bowl of Hygeia winner Jim Cousineau, RPh, Brookshire Grocery Company, Tyler

Distinguished Pharmacy Technician winner Daniel Cruz, SSG, RPhT, UTSW Medical Center Pharmacy, Mesquite

Distinguished Young Pharmacist winner Lauren Clark, PharmD, H-E-B Pharmacy, Austin

Distinguished Student Pharmacist winner Kalyn Acker, PharmD, UT College of Pharmacy, San Antonio

Distinguished Service winner Anjanette Wyatt, PharmD, Clinical Care Pharmacy, Houston

Pharmacist of the Year winner Chris Alvarado, PharmD, Oakdell Pharmacy, San Antonio

Visit Oakdell Pharmacy's website oakdellpharmacy.com and click on *Pharmacist of the Year*. There are some great photos featured from a reception for Dr. Alvarado celebrating his award at Oakdell Pharmacy at the Quarry.

Preparing Multi-Cultural Citizens:

SPANISH FOR PHARMACISTS CURRICULUM AT FSOP

Ever since Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin was hired as founding Dean of the Feik School of Pharmacy, she had it very clear in her mind the crucial need for her graduates to be able to communicate with patients who speak Spanish but no English. She was aware, for example, of patients risking their lives after taking eleven pills instead of one. "Once a day" can be understood as "eleven a day" because *once* means *eleven* in Spanish. She also thought that knowing Spanish could be a deciding factor when a potential employer had several excellent pharmacists from which to choose. With those benefits in mind, she determined to create the Basic and Advanced Spanish for Pharmacists courses offered today.

The beginning Spanish for Pharmacists course can be taken by students with no prior knowledge of Spanish. At the end of the 40-hour course, students have learned to engage in basic conversations with patients and provide basic counseling. In the advanced course, students learn how to counsel patients in specific topics, such as nutrition, high blood pressure, allergies and other health topics including over the counter medications. Students can earn 3 hours of elective credit for the courses. Student interest in these courses continues to grow, with this summer's offering doubling to four sections of the basic course.

The coordinator of the FSOP Spanish for Pharmacists courses is Dr. Tina Lopez, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Director of the Drug Information Center. The two Spanish faculty are Dr. Amalia Mondríguez, Professor, and Mrs. María de Jesús Robledo, from the UIW Department of Modern Languages.



Summer Spanish for Pharmacists students @ FSOP. Spanish faculty Mrs. Robledo and Dr. Mondríguez are seated 2nd and 3rd from the left, first row.

The textbooks used for the two courses are *Español 1 para Farmacéuticos* and *Español 2 para Farmacéuticos*. They were written by Dr. Amalia Mondríguez (Harvard '88). They are currently only available for FSOP students, but the textbooks are being turned into ibooks for wider use with the help of Dr. Tina Lopez's team of Pharmacy students, Jason Garcia-Treviño, Jose E. Garza and Juan Mendivil. The ibooks will provide more interactive activities, and *Español 1 para Farmacéuticos* is expected to be available before the end of 2015.

In addition to the Spanish courses, FSOP gives the opportunity to be certified in Spanish by taking an oral and written exam in the students' last semester of studies. Certifications are presented at the commencement ceremony, and graduates certified in Spanish for Pharmacists are better equipped to serve patients in the San Antonio and south Texas area.

CHINA! STRENGTHENING INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION & CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

A group of 31 pharmacy and nursing students and faculty recently returned from a fifteen day study abroad experience through seven cities in China in May-June 2015. Seventeen students, three faculty - Dr. Rebecca Attridge, Dr. Russell Attridge, Dr. Rebecca Brady, and the Dean, Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin, represented the Feik School of Pharmacy.

It was a trip to remember, as we experienced the rich culture of China through educational sightseeing and healthcare visits. Students took an elective course in the spring semester to prepare for the trip. Presentations and discussion boards focused on cultural traditions, educational systems, political and social happenings, and healthcare practices to provide a cultural background and frame of reference for everyone.

One of the health care visits was to a hospital that uses only eastern medicines, such as herbs and minerals. Each of the silver trays and little drawers contained the ingredients for a customized "tea" that the patients drink. There were no western medicines or pre-prepared drugs in this hospital.





The elective course and travels in China accomplished two important objectives. First, pharmacy and nursing students developed inter-disciplinary friendships and understandings that can be used throughout

their schooling and careers. Second, all gained a better understanding of the Chinese culture that may help improve care, communication, and understanding with a more culturally-diverse group of patients.

Study abroad opportunities are invaluable chances to experience the varied and exciting world in which we live. China proved to be a land of wonders with rich history, culture, food, and experiences. Faculty and students alike were thankful for a safe trip and the memories to last a lifetime.



Faculty Highlights:

Dr. Rebecca Attridge

- Presented *Evaluation of an Objective Structured Clinical Examination to Objectively Assess Pharmacy Resident Performance* at the 14th Annual Association of Standardized Patient Educators Conference, Denver, CO, June 15. Co-authors: **Attridge R, Cauthon K, Witte A.**
- Presented *An Overview of Management of Acute Exacerbations of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease* at the fifth annual Geriatric Conference: Building Partnerships for Geriatric Care, San Antonio, TX, July 18.
ACPE #0445-9999-15-021-L01-P
- Presented *Critical Care Pharmacotherapy* at the MICU Boot Camp for Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX, July 21.

Dr. Renée Bellanger

- Attended the Kappa Epsilon National Convention as faculty advisor for FSOP chapter, Buena Vista, FL, July 21-25.
- Attended Novo Nordisk webinar Management of Diabetes During Pregnancy by Helen Baron, MD, July 7.

Dr. Kimberly Cauthon

- Published *Snapshot of the Impact of Interprofessional Collaboration in Practice in Diabetes Care* in the American Association of Diabetes Educators in Practice journal, May; 20-29. Co-authors: **Cauthon KAB, Nguyen CN, Ramirez MN, Ybarra LM, Parker RA and Jones ME.**

Dr. Bradi Frei

- Presented *Increased Prevalence of Lipid Disorders in Cancer Patients Admitted to U.S. Hospitals* at the International Society of Pharmacoeconomic Outcomes and Research 20th Annual International Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, May 18. Co-authors: Delgado A, Villarreal S, Koeller J, **Frei B**, Frei C.

Dr. Helmut Gottlieb

- Published *Integrating an Interprofessional Education Model at a Private University* in the International Journal of Higher Education, in press. Co-authors: Parker RA, **Gottlieb H**, Dominguez D, Sanchez-Diaz P, Jones E.

Dr. Lila LaGrange

- Selected to serve as Special Awards Lead Judge representing the American Psychological Society at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Pittsburgh, PA, May 11-15.

Dr. David Maize

- Hosted the first FSOP alumni reception at the Texas Pharmacy Association Conference and Expo, The Woodlands, TX, July 10.
- Reviewed a manuscript for the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education, July 1.

Dr. Blair Sarbacker

- Conducted the Lebanon American University Immunization Training Program, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX, July 11-15. Co-instructors: **Witte A, Sarbacker B.**
- Chaired and moderated the 5th Annual Geriatric Conference on Building Partnerships for Geriatric Care: Palliative Care and Chronic Disease, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing, San Antonio, TX, July 18.
- Reappointed as the Chair of the Education Committee for the APhA-APPM Diabetes SIG.
- Served as delegate at the Texas Pharmacy Association House of Delegates meeting, The Woodlands, TX, July 12.
- Selected as Residency Preceptor of the Year, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa PGY-1 Pharmacotherapy Residency, San Antonio, TX, 2014-2015.

Ms. Christina Seeger

- Presented poster entitled *Evaluation of the 2013 AACP Core List of Journals for Pharmacy Education* at the AACP Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD, July 12. Co-authors: Becket RD, Bickett S, Johnson R, **Seeger C.**
- Attended the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, May 17-19.
- Chair, Library and Information Science Section, AACP, 2014-2015.
- Member, AACP Networking Task Force, 2014-2015.

Dr. Elizabeth Urteaga

- Awarded a Faculty-Endowed Research Grant of \$3000 for project entitled *Evaluation of an Objective Structured Clinical Examination for Pharmacy Students and Residents*, 2015-2016.

Dr. Amy Witte

- Published *Ophthalmic Options for Conjunctivitis* CE program in U.S. Pharmacist, June. Credits 2.0 hours. UAN: 0430-0000-15-030-H01-P; http://www.uspharmacist.com/continuing_education/ceviewtest/lessonid/111511/ Co-authors: **Witte A, Sarbacker B.**
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- Peer reviewer for U.S. Pharmacist journal, reviewing an article titled *Gaining Greater Insight into Diagnosing and Treating Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome*, July 10.

Dr. Raghu Yendapally

- Awarded a UIW FSOP \$8000 research continuation grant for the proposal entitled *Synthesis of Novel Fluoroquinolone Analogs as Potential Antibacterial Agents*, June 2015–May 2016. Principal investigator: **Yendapally R.** Co-investigators: **Oliveira M, Smith H.**
- Received UIW Graduate Research Assistant Award from the School of Graduate Studies and Research for the research project entitled *Synthesis of Novel Fluoroquinolone Analogs as Potential Antibacterial Agents*, June 2015–May 2016. Principal investigator: **Yendapally R.** Co-investigators: **Oliveira M, Smith H.**

Student Highlights:

STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

This summer three FSOP APhA chapter members had the opportunity to attend the APhA Summer Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. Chapter President Samantha Gonzales, Regional Member-at-Large Deseree Reyna, and National Member-at-Large Jeffrey Van Liew visited with senators from Texas, Alaska, and Delaware. There they discussed bill S314, also known as Provider Status.

Students discussed the positive impact that pharmacists have on patient care and how the inclusion of pharmacists as providers can lead to better outcomes for their patients. Also at the conference, Jeffrey Van Liew presented the new APhA-ASP initiative for OTC literacy. The goal is to target 5th and 6th grade children to help them understand how to read and interpret OTC medication labels. These grades were selected because studies have shown that children often start self-medicating at this age. Attendees enjoyed making new connections with student leaders from other pharmacy schools, and are excited to share their experience with FSOP.

LAMPIEN NAMED FUTURE PHARMACIST 2015

Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Lampien, USA Retired, FSOP Class of 2017, was honored as **Future Pharmacist 2015** by Next-Generation® Pharmacist. Co-founded by Parata and Pharmacy Times, this national awards program honors pharmacists, technicians, students and industry advocates who are defining the future of pharmacy.

The category of Future Pharmacist is awarded to a student pharmacist who demonstrates spirit and passion for the profession, primarily through academic achievement, in conjunction with one or more of the following criteria: industry advocacy, patient advocacy, technology innovation, civic leadership and/or environmental stewardship with regard to pharmacy.

“The winners of the Next-Generation® Pharmacist awards are shaping an ever-changing industry,” said Ashley Hennessy Talamo, publisher of *Pharmacy Times*. “Pharmacists play an increasingly important role in the health care system. With frequent face-to-face contact with patients, pharmacists have the ability to influence changes in patient behavior and to help people live generally healthier lives. It is an honor to give them the spotlight they deserve.”



TWO STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Two FSOP students, Ms. Rukhsar Banu, Class of 2018, and Mr. Devin Eddings, Class of 2017, were nominated by faculty and chosen to attend the inaugural Summer Symposium on Leadership. The symposium was sponsored by CVS Health, and was held at the Oklahoma University College of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium was held from June 15th through 19th. The purpose of the summit was to promote development of community leaders. Congratulations to these two students who were honored with this opportunity.



Front row: Ms. Banu third from left. Back row: Mr. Eddings last on right.



STUDENTS ATTEND NCPA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

In May, some members of the FSOP NCPA student chapter attended the annual NCPA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. At this conference, students learned about upcoming policy changes in pharmacy and the House and Senate bills containing these changes. The FSOP students were then prepared on the final day of the conference to accompany NCPA member pharmacists on visits to the offices of Congressmen and Senators who would be voting on, or perhaps even co-signing, such bills.

This incredible opportunity helped students understand current pharmacy policy, learn about business ownership, and helped to increase confidence when speaking to politicians about important pharmacy issues. The NCPA officers have been working diligently this summer to prepare for an exciting new school year full of speakers, independent pharmacy tours, and other events for student members.



L to R: FSOP students Devin Eddings, Katherine Fischer, Alyssa Anderson, Elizabeth Haake and Mr. Ed Horton, owner of Tanglewood Pharmacy in Stephenville, TX.



L-R: Jenny Galindo, Elaine Medel

KAPPA EPSILON DELEGATES ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Epsilon was well represented by our delegates, Jenny Galindo and Elaine Medel at the 50th annual National Convention in Orlando, Florida in July 2015. Dr. Renée Bellanger also attended, she is an alumnus of Alpha Epsilon chapter and the co-advisor to the FSOP chapter. They enjoyed getting to know collegiate and alumni members of KE from across the country.

KAPPA PSI SUMMER ACTIVITIES

This summer eight Kappa Psi Brothers, Simplicio Aldovar, Hiral Ghandi, Chris Almaraz, Monika Pieniazek, Jonathan Tam, Jessica Herrera, Camille Cuellar, and Jennifer Vu, attended the 2015 NPhA/SNPhA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, July 24-27. A majority of the students attending the meeting, as well as most of the newly-elected executive board for SNPhA, were Brothers from various Kappa Psi chapters around the nation.



From August 4-9, Brother Dr. Cynthia Nguyen, and Brother Jennifer Vu attended the 57th Grand Council Convention in Denver, Colorado. They were in hopes of bringing awards and recognition home for the Epsilon Beta Chapter at the Feik School of Pharmacy.

Eleven Kappa Psi brothers (*pictured left to right*) - Clarissa Wilkins, Kehmia Tangeh, Dezranique Stansberry, Meskerem Dagnatchew, Karla Garza, Desseree Reyna, Himani Patel, Gene Fite, Bethannie Drzymala, Samantha Robbins-Gonzales, and Brittany Eickstead – participated in the study abroad elective and trip to China this summer. The group is pictured here at the Great Wall of China at Juyong Pass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HEALTH FAIR

Brothers of Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and members of the Rho Chi Honor Society teamed up to participate in the Catholic Charities Health Event. Dr. Tina Lopez attended as preceptor. This health fair served refugees at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, and was held on June 20th. Students provided health services such as blood pressure checks, blood glucose tests, and asthma education to the local refugee population. It was a great opportunity for students to reach out to the community and provide health and wellness education.



FIRST ALUMNI RECEPTION HELD AT TPA MEETING

The FSOP Alumni Network held its first annual alumni reception at the Texas Pharmacy Association Annual Conference and Expo. On Friday, July 10th, alumni and guests were welcomed to Cochran's Crossing at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. FSOP faculty and administrators mingled with alumni and TPA officers, and a good time was had by all.



Pictured bottom right, a visit from these distinguished guests made the evening complete (L to R): Allison Benz, TSBP Director of Professional Services; Gay Dodson, TSBP Executive Director/Secretary; Jeanne Waggener, TSBP President; and Joe DaSilva, TPA President.

FALL CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERING AT FSOP

The University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy would like to invite you and your pharmacy staff to our Fall Immunization Update CPE here at the school on August 28th. This fall offering is being presented by three FSOP Pharmacy Practice faculty, Dr. Jason Cota, Dr. Kathleen Cauthon and Dr. Blair Sarbacker. This CPE program meets the TSBP-required 3 hours of continuing education for pharmacists to maintain their immunization certification. Registration can be completed online at the following link, and dinner with your colleagues is included prior to the start of the CPE: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/UIWEM75pay>.

The FSOP is now offering a rotating series of CPE to help you meet your licensure requirements. This will consist of a Texas Law Update during the summer, an Immunization Update in the fall, and Sterile Compounding in the spring.

*Please note: There is no cash value for this award, and award is non-transferrable.



Fall Immunization Update CPE

Feik School of Pharmacy – August 28, 2015

Dinner included 5:15-5:45 p.m.

CE Presentation 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Alumni & FSOP Preceptors: \$80.00

Pharmacists: \$90.00

Online registration: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/UIWEM75pay>

**Registration
deadline is
Wednesday,
August 19th.**

The Immunization Update CPE is intended for pharmacists who are certified to administer immunizations and vaccination and need to obtain their TSBP-required 3 hours of CPE to maintain their certification.

For additional information, contact Linda Etter at etter@uiwtx.edu or 210-883-1020.



The University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

FSOP FALL TAILGATE PARTY

The Feik School of Pharmacy and the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering will be co-hosting a tailgate party before the Saturday October 3rd football game. The UIW Cardinals will be playing the Northwestern State University of Louisiana Demons at the Tom and Gayle Benson Stadium. *More information coming soon!*

TAILGATE PARTY

**FSOP Students, Staff, Faculty, Alumni,
Preceptors and families – join us for food,
drinks and fun!**

Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

UIW Natatorium Parking Lot

UIW vs. Northwestern State

Game Kickoff: 2:00 p.m.

Free game tickets!



In Memory of
Maria Thayil
(Maria Madhu Chunkapura)

November 5, 1985 - July 21, 2015

It is with heavy hearts that we share with you the passing of Dr. Maria Thayil, FSOP Class of 2011.

Maria was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend. She was loved by all who knew her. She was born on November 5, 1985, and grew up in Mannanam. At the age of 15, she came to Houston, finished her studies at Kempner High School and completed her undergraduate work at the University of Houston, and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. She married Madhu in 2010 and moved to Indiana, where they started their lives together. Their first baby girl, Eileen was born in 2014, after which they moved to Houston.

To her parents, she was the light of their life and brought them so much happiness. To her brothers, she was a source of selfless inspiration. To her husband, she was his perfect soulmate and best friend, who remained calm and focused in her faith, with a pious perspective on life. To her daughters, she had the patience and unending love of Mother Mary, to whom she had a special devotion throughout her entire life. To her friends, she lived a humble and simple life. She knew not to fear the future, but to live in the present.

Maria is survived by her husband, Madhu Tomy and her two daughters, Eileen and Irene; her parents, Jose and Elizabeth Thayil; brother Dany Thayil, his wife Sheetal and their son, Philip; brother, Geo; her grandmother, Mary Vattathara; her parents-in-law, Chunkapura Tomy and Elsy Tomy; her extended family, Mohan Tomy; Mathews Tomy and Neethu Mathews; Manju and Jessel Xavier.

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Maria+Thayil-%28Maria+Madhu+Chunkapura%29&lc=1088&pid=175344548&mid=6527893>

STAYING CONNECTED!

If you know a fellow graduate that may not have received this newsletter, please share it with them. Also, please ask them to share their email address with us by sending to Ms. Linda Etter, at etter@uiwtx.edu, so that we can include them in future newsletters and alumni activity announcements.



We invite you to join the official FSOP Alumni Facebook page. It's a great way to connect with your fellow graduates and keep up with the school, social events and volunteer opportunities. Joining the group is easy. Begin by searching for UIW Feik School of Pharmacy Alumni in the "Find friends" section and click "Join" on the page. For more information, email Dr. Maize at maize@uiwtx.edu. The FSOP looks forward to keeping in touch with our Alumni.

We also invite you to visit the UIW Alumni Association webpage, where you can view a list of upcoming campus events and news items, read about how to get involved, and sign up for the "Cardinal's Nest" community, at www.uiwalumni.org.

