Commencement
Spring 2018
Greetings from the President

On behalf of the University of Florida and our administration, faculty and staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the Class of 2018, and to your family and friends.

UF’s commencement ceremonies celebrate your considerable accomplishment in completing a degree program at one of the world’s great universities. I share your pride and excitement, and I am confident that your degree – and the skills and experience you acquired while at this university – will serve you well in your careers and lives.

It has been a privilege to have you as a part of our community, and the university is better for your time here. I hope you remain connected to UF as active alumni and members of The Gator Nation.

Good luck, best wishes, and Go Gators!

W. Kent Fuchs

Greetings from the Dean

On behalf of all of us at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, I want to extend my congratulations to the class of 2018. Today is a celebration of your many accomplishments as a pharmacy student and completion of a rigorous and challenging professional pharmacy program. Earning your Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the UF College of Pharmacy represents one of the highest honors in our profession.

All of the faculty are proud of the professional growth and development you have displayed during your tenure as a pharmacy student. It has been a privilege to teach, mentor and support you on your journey. As you begin a new chapter of your lives, always remember the pledge of professionalism you made as a first-year pharmacy student: Make integrity an essential part of your everyday life and practice pharmacy with honesty and a commitment to service.

Although you are graduating, your connections to the UF College of Pharmacy are lifelong. You are joining an exclusive network of 12,000 living alumni in all 50 states and more than 40 countries. Wherever your professional career takes you, you are bound to cross paths with a Gator pharmacist. Embrace the support network that exists among our alumni and always strive to Go Greater by enriching the lives of those around you.

Congratulations and Go Gators!

Julie Johnson, Pharm.D.

Dean and Distinguished Professor
University of Florida President

Dr. Kent Fuchs became the 12th President of the University of Florida in January 2015. Building on many years of excellence and focused leadership, the university has reached its goal of joining the nation’s top-ten public research universities.

Dr. Fuchs has set UF on a path to joining the top-five public research universities and becoming the nation’s number one university for comprehensive excellence. UF is working toward those goals through the creation of 500 new faculty positions, the addition of advanced and beautiful university facilities and an ongoing $3 billion fundraising campaign.

Previous to the UF presidency, Dr. Fuchs was provost of Cornell University. He has served in academic leadership positions and as a faculty member of electrical and computer engineering at Cornell, Purdue and the University of Illinois.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the Association for Computing Machinery, and has received numerous awards for teaching and research.

President Fuchs earned his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois, and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He credits divinity school with teaching him communication and community-building skills, and to balance his innately analytic perspective with a deep appreciation for human relationships. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Duke University.

Dr. Fuchs is married to Linda Moskeland Fuchs, an art historian whose scholarship centers on the sculpture of sarcophagi created in the first centuries of Christian art-making. Mrs. Fuchs has two master’s degrees in art history, from the University of Chicago and Cornell, and a third in Biblical studies, from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. The Fuchses have three sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

Born on an Oklahoma farm in 1954, President Fuchs spent much of his youth in Alaska before moving to Miami, where he graduated from Miami Killian Senior High School.

Dean of the College of Pharmacy

Julie A. Johnson is dean and distinguished professor of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. She is also a distinguished professor of medicine at the UF College of Medicine and director of the UF Health Personalized Medicine Program.

A recognized leader in cardiovascular pharmacogenomics and genomic medicine implementation, Johnson leads National Institutes of Health-funded programs in hypertension pharmacogenomics and clinical implementation of pharmacogenomics into clinical practice. She has written more than 270 original articles and has been named a Clarivate Analytics Highly Cited Researcher for three consecutive years in the area of pharmacology and toxicology. The honor is reserved for scholars who are among the top one percent of cited authors in their subject field.

Johnson has been the recipient of numerous awards from many universities and national organizations. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly Institute of Medicine) in 2014, considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.

Johnson earned her bachelor’s degree in pharmacy at The Ohio State University and her Pharm.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in cardiovascular pharmacology and pharmacokinetics at The Ohio State University.
What Makes a University Great?

Some interesting facts about the University of Florida

Educational Excellence

UF is consistently ranked among the nation’s top universities: No. 9 in U.S. News & World Report “Top Public Universities” (2018); No. 12 in the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education list of Best Public Colleges (2017); No. 3 on the Forbes’ list of Best Value Public Universities (2017); No. 1 on Value Colleges’ list of Top 50 Best Value Colleges (2016); and No. 1 on the Times Higher Education list of best public universities for employers to find new hires.

Faculty

- UF has nearly 5,000 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 36 Eminent Scholar chairs and 45 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the National Academy of Medicine or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

- Awards include two Pulitzer Prizes, NASA’s top award for research, and the Smithsonian Institution’s conservation award.

Students

- Ninety-seven percent of incoming freshmen score above the national average (1500/21) on standardized exams. Students admitted for the fall 2018 freshman class had an average 4.45 GPA and an average SAT score of 1370.

- The freshman retention rate of 96 percent is among the highest in the country.

- UF awards more professional degrees to African American, Hispanic and other minority students than any other public university in the Association of American Universities (2014-15).

- Sixty-seven percent of UF full-time freshmen graduate in four years (2011-12 cohort), and 87 percent of UF freshmen graduate within six years (2009-10 cohort).

- Fifty-seven percent of UF graduates leave the university with no student-loan debt. For the remaining students, their average indebtedness is about $21,603, as compared with the national average of more than $30,000 (2015-16).
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Anna M. McDaniel, Ph.D., R.N.  
College of Nursing  
Julie A. Johnson, Pharm.D.  
College of Pharmacy  
Michael G. Perri, Ph.D.  
College of Public Health and Health Professions  
James W. Lloyd, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Judith C. Russell, M.S.  
University Libraries  
Heather White, Ph.D.  
Dean of Students
The college was founded with the assistance of pharmacists in the Florida Pharmacy Association. The College of Pharmacy enrolled its first class of 43 students on September 10, 1923, making it the first professional health college at the University of Florida. The college became the first co-educational college on the University of Florida campus, in 1935, 12 years before the university as a whole became co-education. Leigh Hall was the home of the College of Pharmacy for many years until the college joined the Health Science Center campus with the dedication of the pharmacy building on April 16, 1962. The college has continued to grow and expand its space along with the rest of the other Health Science Center colleges and now includes campuses in Gainesville, Jacksonville, Orlando and St. Petersburg.

Dr. Townes Randolph Leigh, head of the department of chemistry, was appointed the first Director of the School of Pharmacy. He was later named the first Dean of the College of Pharmacy in 1925. Dr. Perry A. Foote served as Director of the School of Pharmacy from 1939 to 1949 and the second Dean of the College of Pharmacy from 1949 to 1967. Dr. George Archambault served as the third dean of the College for short period of time in 1967. Dr. Kenneth F. Finger was Dean from 1968 to 1978. Dr. Michael A. Schwartz served for 18 years as the fifth Dean of the College of Pharmacy. Dr. William H. Riffee became the sixth Dean of the College of Pharmacy.
on June 1, 1996. Dr. Julie A. Johnson was appointed the seventh Dean of the College of Pharmacy, and first female, in August 2013.

The curricula and the degrees offered by the College of Pharmacy have changed over the years, demonstrating the dynamic character of pharmaceutical education. Three degrees were offered by the College of Pharmacy in the early years: the Graduate in Pharmacy (Ph.G.), the Pharmaceutical Chemist (Ph.C.), and the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.S. in Pharmacy). The Ph.C. and Ph.G. degrees were discontinued in 1927 and 1933, respectively. Thereafter, the B.S. in Pharmacy degree was the only undergraduate degree granted until 1986 when the first entry-level, six-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degrees were awarded. From 1977 to 1986, Doctor of Pharmacy degrees were granted to students who completed a two-calendar year program after completion of the five-year B.S. in Pharmacy degree. In 1997, the first all Pharm.D. entering class of students was admitted with professional student classification.

In 2000, the college developed a unique master’s degree program using distance learning technologies, so that working professionals everywhere can access high-quality education in many pharmacy disciplines. The college’s online programs are among the largest and most successful in the world, having received three national awards for excellence in distance education. Graduate programs include the Working Professional Pharm.D. and M.S. degree programs in six concentrations.

The University of Florida College of Pharmacy is annually recognized among the top pharmacy schools in the country. In 2016, the college was ranked ninth in the nation by U.S. News and World Report’s ranking of the best pharmacy colleges. The College of Pharmacy has a proud history of achievement and distinguished alumni who continue to demonstrate the high quality of their education and training.

In 1931, the College of Pharmacy became the first college on the University of Florida campus to offer the Doctor of Philosophy degree. At that time, the College of Pharmacy was the first in the Southeast and one of four or five in the United States to offer the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Pharmacy. The graduate program has grown in quantity and quality over the years to produce outstanding pharmaceutical scientists, academicians and administrators for the pharmacy profession. This year, for the first time ever, we surpassed 100 students in our Doctor of Philosophy program.
Commencement Agenda – Monday, May 7, 2018

Processional ........................................................................................................................................ The Graduating Class
The College of Pharmacy Faculty

Presiding ............................................................................................................................................. Dr. Julie Johnson
Dean and Distinguished Professor

National Anthem .............................................................................................................................. Tiffany Joseph (Gainesville Campus)

Introductory Remarks ....................................................................................................................... Dr. Kent Fuchs
University of Florida President

Introduction of Commencement Address ........................................................................................ Dr. Julie Johnson
Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus and Commencement Speaker

Presentation of the D.W. Ramsaur Award ....................................................................................... Dr. Julie Johnson
Nora Bairagdar, Gainesville
Dan-Tam Nguyen, Gainesville
Kelsey Ohman, Jacksonville

Presentation of the Perry A. Foote Award ....................................................................................... Dr. Julie Johnson
Sarah Fawaz, St. Petersburg

Recognition of Faculty Excellence .................................................................................................... Dr. Julie Johnson
Teacher of the Year Award .................................................... Dr. Shannon Miller
Faculty Recognition Award ......................................... Dr. William Carey Mobley
Faculty Doctoral Mentoring Award ................................ Dr. Hartmut Derendorf

Conferring of Doctor of Pharmacy Degree ..................................................................................... Dr. Kent Fuchs

Introduction of Senior Class Representatives ................................................................................ Dr. Julie Johnson
Brent Lovato, Gainesville
Kelsey Ohman, Jacksonville
Kevin Martin, Orlando
Richard Weiss, St. Petersburg

Administration of Pharmacy Oath .................................................................................................... Dr. John Gums
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

Closing Remarks. .............................................................................................................................. Dr. Julie Johnson

Alma Mater ....................................................................................................................................... Emily O’Neill, Jacksonville

Recessional ........................................................................................................................................ The Faculty and Graduates

ADDITIONAL COPIES of this commencement program are available while supplies last at the University of Florida Bookstore for a $1 donation to the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars program, which helps fund a UF education for low-income students who are first in their family to attend college. The bookstore is located in the UF Bookstore and Welcome Center on Museum Road and is open daily. For hours, please see the website at www.bsd.ufl.edu/bookstore. The commencement program can be ordered online with an additional charge for shipping and handling.

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA encourages you to add #UFGrad to your commencement-related conversations and images on social media. Select tweets will be featured on the video boards prior to and after the ceremony.

THE PRE-COMMENCEMENT MOVIES titled “Dream Machine” and “Voyage to Tomorrow” were created by the staff and students of the UF Digital Worlds Institute with original music by resident composer James Oliverio. For more information on these movies, which are available on DVD, please visit the institute’s website at www.digitalworlds.ufl.edu.
College of Pharmacy Faculty

Jane Aldrich
John Allen
Meghan Arwood
Bonnie Avery
Diane Beck
Sihem Bihorel
Joshua Brown
Jurgen Bulitta
Shauna Buring
Christopher Campbell
Anthony Casapao
Larisa Cavallari
Teresa Cavanaugh
Sreekanth Narayanapillai
Qiyn Chen
Lindsey Childs-Kean
Amber Connelly
Stacey Curtis
Rhonda Cooper-Dehoff
Christina DeRemer
David DeRemer
Hartmut Derendorf
Vakaramoko Diaby
Eric Dietrich
Yousung Ding
Randell Doty
Julio Duarte Jr.
Lori Dupree
Alex Ebied
Eric Egelund
Michelle Farland
Carinda Feild
Charles Frazier
Reginald Frye
Amie Goodin
Oliver Grundmann
John Gums
Heather Hardin
Guenter Hochhaus
Robert Huigens III
Margaret James
Nakayung Jeon
Jinmai Jiang
Julie Johnson
Maureen Keller-Wood
Adonice Khoury
Kenneth Klinker
Eric Krause
Jatinder Kaur Lamba
Taimour Langae
JuanFrancisco Leon
Chenglong Li
Robin Moorman Li
Bin Liu
Hendrik Luesch
Kalen Manasco
John Markowitz
Susan Markowsky
Christopher McCurdy
Jay McLaughlin
Lance McMahon
Veronique Michaud
Shannon Miller
William Mobley
Carol Motycka
Robert Navarro
Sven Normann
Folakemi Odedina
Hae Suk Park
Priti Patel
Charles Peloquin
Joanna Peris
Jason Powell
Ranjal Ratnayake
Teresa Roane
Ca trium W Rowe
Anzeela Schentrup
Stephan Schmidt
Janet Schmittgen
Thomas Schmittgen
Karen Scott
Richard Segal
Bethany Shoulders
Kathryn Smith
Steven Smith
Sihong Song
Janel Soucie
Erin St. Onge
James Taylor
Ian Tebbed
Nancy Toffolo
Jacques Turgeon
Lisa Vandervoot
Veena Venugopalan
Katherine Vogel Anderson
Stacy Voils
Valvanera Vozmediano
Yu-jung Wei
Kristin Weitzel
Karen Whalen
Yan Whisler
Donna Wielbo
Jenny Wilkerson
Almut Winterstein
Hong Xiao
Chengguo Xing
Lihui Yuan
Michelle Zeigler
Ping Zhang
Guangrong Zheng
Daohong Zhou

Commencement Marshals
Dr. Rhonda Cooper-DeHoff
Dr. Dr. Joanna Peris
Dr. Steven Smith
Dr. Kenneth Klinker
Dr. Sven Normann
Dr. Priti Patel
Dr. Greg Zuest

Commencement Announcers
Dr. Shauna Buring
Dr. Dr. Lori Dupree
Dr. Shannon Miller

Faculty Performing Hooding
Dr. Carinda Feild
Dr. Priti Patel
Dr. John Gums
Dr. Erin St. Onge
Dr. Carol Motycka
Dr. Greg Zuest
Dr. Sven Normann

Faculty Emeriti
Raymond J. Bergeron, Graduate Research Professor Emeritus
Nicholas E. Bodor, Graduate Research Professor Emeritus
David Brushwood, Professor Emeritus
Paul Doering, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus
Gerald Gause, Associate Scholar Emeritus
Abraham G. Hartzema, Professor Emeritus
Leslie S. Hendel, Professor Emeritus
Charles D. Hepler, Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Michael Katovich, Professor Emeritus
Carole Kimberlin, Professor Emeritus
Larry Lesko, Clinical Professor Emeritus
Earlene Lipowski, Professor Emeritus
Larry M. Lopez, Professor Emeritus
Michael W. McKenzie, Associate Dean and Professor Emeritus
William Millard, Professor Emeritus
John H. Perrin, Professor Emeritus
William H. Riffie, Dean and Professor Emeritus
J. Daniel Robinson, Professor Emeritus
Stephen G. Schulman, Professor Emeritus
Michael A. Schwartz, Dean and Professor Emeritus
Kenneth Sloan, Professor Emeritus
Ronald B. Stewart, Professor Emeritus

The students and faculty of the College of Pharmacy are deeply appreciative of the teaching, service, and research of many adjunct faculty based in clinics, hospitals and community pharmacies throughout Florida.
Kenneth L. Massey, Pharm.D.
Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award and Commencement Speaker

Kenneth L. Massey, Pharm.D., a visionary medical affairs expert and the chief life sciences officer at Saama Technologies is the 2018 University of Florida College of Pharmacy Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award winner. The award recognizes an alumnus whose lifetime contributions have been truly extraordinary with lasting benefits to the profession.

For more than 30 years, Massey has served as a dynamic and innovative leader in academic pharmacy and executive leadership roles in multiple global pharmaceutical companies. As chief life sciences officer, Massey drives market leadership for Saama’s life sciences data analytics solutions. He oversees Phase I through Phase III-plus clinical development and identifies new opportunities for clients to use Saama’s technology to successfully optimize the drug development process and launch new therapies into the marketplace.

Prior to joining Saama, Massey was the vice president of U.S. Medical Affairs at Merck. There he was responsible for all aspects of strategic planning, governance and management of the U.S. Medical Affairs organization. He led a team of more than 200 professionals that provided Merck’s scientific interface with all key customers and managed market decision makers. Under his guidance, he implemented a new medical affairs organization to drive strategy and enable engagement with therapeutic and payer stakeholders, professional societies and patient advocacy groups. He also drove a new strategic approach to continuing medical education based on regional variances in care delivery.

Massey previously held vice president positions at Novartis and was head of medical affairs at Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, or MTPA. He led the initial creation and management of a medical affairs organization at MTPA that focused on health economics and outcomes research, a field-based medical program, publication planning and continuing medical education. During his 10 years at Novartis, Massey led the company’s scientific operations, field operations and medical affairs teams. As vice president of scientific operations, he expanded the regional medical program from 12 colleagues to more than 250 health care professionals responsible for Novartis’ drug development programs from phase II forward. Under Massey’s leadership as vice president of field operations, he aligned all 600 field based colleagues to optimize clinical trial execution and advocacy development from phase II through phase IV. As vice president of medical affairs, he oversaw strategic planning, governance and management of medical affairs.

Prior to joining the pharmaceutical industry, Massey held faculty appointments at the University of Tennessee Colleges of Pharmacy and Medicine in Memphis. Massey focused his educational and original research efforts on the management of pediatric patients and directed a pharmacology consultation service at Memphis’ Le Bonheur Children’s Medical Center. In this clinical setting, he mentored postdoctoral fellows and residents and provided a clinical rotation site for the college’s Doctor of Pharmacy candidates.

Massey is a third generation pharmacist following his paternal grandfather and father, Lamar Massey, in the profession. He received his Bachelor of Science, ’82, and Doctor of Pharmacy, ’84, degrees from UF and completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in pediatric clinical pharmacology under the direction of Leslie Hendeles, Pharm.D., and Allen Neims, M.D., Ph.D. Massey received the college’s Distinguished Service Pharmacy Alumnus Award in 2003 and served on the college’s former National Advisory Board.
David W. Ramsaur Award

Dr. Ramsaur was one of the most prominent pharmacists in Florida between 1907 and 1929. After graduating from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1902 with numerous scholastic awards, he entered community pharmacy practice in his hometown of Palatka. In 1904, the profession of pharmacy recognized the outstanding abilities of this young man by electing him, at age 26, as secretary to the Florida Pharmacy Association. In 1907, he was appointed to the Board of Pharmacy and served as secretary until 1916. He resigned from the Board of Pharmacy to pursue his pharmacy business full-time as vice president of the Groover-Stewart Wholesale Company in Jacksonville. He was made Vice President of McKesson and Robbins, Inc. when this national wholesale firm purchased the Groover-Stewart Company.

Through professional and business relationships, he became an influential spokesman for Florida pharmacy. In 1913, he urged the Florida Pharmacy Association to support a resolution to establish a school of pharmacy. His efforts to make that resolution a reality were successful ten years later when, in 1923, the University of Florida College of Pharmacy opened its doors to the first class of students. Dr. Ramsaur proposed that the faculty establish a Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Scholarship for a graduating senior. The faculty endorsed his idea and named the new award in his honor. From 1925 to 1930 the D.W. Ramsaur Award was given to the senior student in the graduate in pharmacy (Ph.G.) program with the highest grades.

The College of Pharmacy awarded the D.W. Ramsaur Award for distinguished scholarship to the graduating baccalaureate student with the highest academic performance from 1932 until 1999. Beginning in 2000 the graduating senior in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program with the highest academic performance is the recipient of this award.

Dr. Ramsaur was highly respected by his pharmacy peers and the business community throughout the State and the South. The College of Pharmacy is proud to recognize Dr. Ramsaur through the D.W. Ramsaur Award for Distinguished Scholarship.
Nora Bairagdar
David W. Ramsaur Award
Distinguished Scholarship

Nora Bairagdar received her B.Sc. in Microbiology and Cell Science, cum laude, from the University of Florida in 2014, prior to attending the UF College of Pharmacy.

While maintaining high academic standards in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum, Bairagdar has demonstrated a commitment to continuously improving her practical pharmacy experience through her current employment as an intern at Walgreens Pharmacy, North Florida Regional Medical Center and the North Florida Regional Medical Center Senior Healthcare Centers. She possesses a strong interest in research dedicated to improving patient care standards and recently completed a quality improvement honors project regarding usage and outcomes of parenteral osteoporosis treatments among a geriatric patient population.

Volunteering and giving back to the community have also been important highlights of Bairagdar’s time as a student. She has been a member of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists and the Rho Chi National Honor Society. Through her organizational involvement, Bairagdar has spent numerous hours providing free community health screenings, visiting elementary schools to teach children about healthy lifestyles, and providing education on immunizations and medication therapy management to the general public.

Bairagdar has been the recipient of various awards, and she has remained on the UF College of Pharmacy’s Dean List each semester. She has received numerous UF College of Pharmacy awards and grants, received the Jeanne Scheibler, Walter Van Munster, and Charlotte Liberty Scholarships for academic excellence, received the Merck Award for Academic Excellence in Pharmaceutics, was given the Gramling Award for highest GPA in the Rho Chi Honor Society, and was given the UF College of Pharmacy Award for Excellence in Pathophysiological Basis of Disease. Bairagdar will continue her pharmacy education as a PGY1 resident at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida.
David W. Ramsaur Award

Dan-Tam Nguyen
David W. Ramsaur Award
Distinguished Scholarship

Dan-Tam Nguyen received her B.S. in Biochemistry and B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Florida, prior to attending the UF College of Pharmacy.

While maintaining the highest academic standards during the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum, Nguyen has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to service while serving as the Global Health Outreach Trip, or GHOT, coordinator and internal vice president of the UF chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, or ACCP. As the GHOT coordinator, she oversaw the pharmacy aspect of eight interdisciplinary medical mission trips to Central America and organized the procurement of supplies and medications for the trips. She participated in one of the trips to provide care to the underserved population of Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic. While serving as the internal vice president of ACCP, Nguyen assisted in piloting the pharmacy service for the Mobile Outreach Clinic (MOC), a clinic-on-wheels which travels to different areas of Alachua County to bring free health care to the indigent and homeless population. The pharmacy service of MOC worked closely with the primary care team to provide medication counseling and improve compliance by helping patients acquire medications through patient assistance programs. For two consecutive years, Nguyen served as the Great Gator Health Fest Chair, or GGHF, for the UF chapter of American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists. The GGHF is the largest annual health fair at UF, which offers valuable health information and screenings to members of the Gainesville community. Additionally, Nguyen was highly involved with the UF College of Pharmacy as a student ambassador, assisting with interviews and providing tours for potential applicants and alumni.

Throughout her time as a student pharmacist, Nguyen has expressed interest in research in different areas, including pharmacodynamics and patient safety and outcomes. She completed a research internship in the UF College of Pharmacy’s department of pharmacodynamics under Eric Krause, Ph.D., conducting studies on neurocircuitry in mice brains using optogenetics. Following the internship, she continued her work in the lab as an animal behavioral analyst and was published as a collaborator in the Journal of Neuroscience.

During her clerkship at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Dani completed an internal quality improvement project with Shelley Spradley, Pharm.D., on the use of risk-mitigation strategies in patients on high-dose chronic opioids.

She has been the recipient of the Debbie DeSantis Endowment, Rho Chi Gramling Award, Charlotte Liberty Scholarship, and Merck Award/K.V.Rao Memorial Award for Excellence in Medicinal Chemistry.

Nguyen will continue her pharmacy education as a PGY1 resident at the Orlando VA Medical Center.
Kelsey Ohman

David W. Ramsaur Award
Distinguished Scholarship

Kelsey Ohman received her Associate of Arts in Pre-Pharmacy with highest honors from the Florida State College at Jacksonville, prior to attending the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

While maintaining high academic standards in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum, Ohman demonstrated outstanding leadership through her service as the chapter president of the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society as well as student council president for the Jacksonville Campus. In addition to her involvement in these organizations, she is actively involved in the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists. Additionally, she continues serving the college as a student ambassador and was recently recognized as the Outstanding Ambassador for the Jacksonville Campus.

During her time as a student pharmacist, Ohman has exhibited passion for the profession of pharmacy through her various professional experiences. Over the past five years, she has demonstrated dedication to clinical pharmacy practice at UF Health Jacksonville, where she has worked as a volunteer, inpatient pharmacy technician and pharmacy intern. Additionally, she completed a pharmacogenomics research internship at Nemours Children’s Specialty Care under the guidance of John Lima, Pharm.D., and Edward Mougey, Ph.D. Following completion of this internship, she presented her research to the UF College of Pharmacy’s department of pharmacotherapy and translational research to attain academic honors distinction upon graduation. Since this time, she has worked as a lead student investigator and co-investigator on diverse research projects. She presented the results of these projects as poster presentations at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Ohman has been recognized by the University of Florida College of Pharmacy for scholastic achievement. Most recently, she was the recipient of the Ralph Dawson Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Pharmacology as well as the Rho Chi Gramling Award. Additionally, she has been a recipient of the Morris & William Skor Scholarship, Johnston Scholastic Achievement Scholarship and the Northeast Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists First Coast Scholarship Award.

Ohman is excited to continue her pharmacy education as a PGY1 resident at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.
Perry A. Foote Award

Former Dean Perry A. Foote served the College of Pharmacy in numerous capacities for nearly 70 years from 1928 when he joined the faculty as an Associate Professor until 1998 when he passed away. He began his administrative and leadership role in 1939 when he was named Director of the School of Pharmacy. In 1949 he was selected to be the second Dean of the College of Pharmacy. He served as the College’s chief administrative officer for 28 years. Dean Foote was beloved by the more than 1,600 pharmacists who graduated during his tenure as Dean, by former and present faculty members and friends in pharmacy across the nation. Dean Foote was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1899 and was educated at the University of Wisconsin where he received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, the Master of Science in Pharmacy in 1926, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 1928. He became a registered pharmacist in Wisconsin in 1926 and in Florida in 1941.

He was past president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, or AACP, (1962), past president of Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Honorary Society (1950) and recipient of the American College of Apothecaries Award (1946) for outstanding contributions to pharmacy. Foote was recognized as Pharmacist of the Year from the Florida Pharmacy Association (1947) and received the Rexall Trophy as Dean (1957) for outstanding achievement in pharmaceutical education.

He was author and co-author of seven books, numerous research papers, and over 50 professional articles. He was listed in American Men of Science and Who’s Who in America. Dean Foote was a member of the United States Pharmacopeia Revision Committee; chairman of the Florida Section of American Chemical Society; and a charter member of the Florida Academy of Sciences.

The American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education reported that his election as the 62nd president of AACP “honors a deserving man who has devoted more than 35 years to the betterment of pharmaceutical education in the United States.” The Journal called Dean Foote, “imaginative, energetic, and unassuming dedicated to the responsibilities and obligations of a teacher in a professional school. He has carried these responsibilities with genuine and conscientious interest throughout his career and has been an inspirational teacher and leader…”

In 1986, the College of Pharmacy established the Perry A. Foote Award to honor then Dean Emeritus Perry Foote for his many contributions to the College of Pharmacy. The Perry A. Foote Award honors a graduating senior in the Doctor of Pharmacy program who has demonstrated distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service.
Sarah Fawaz
Perry A. Foote Award
Distinguished Scholarship, Leadership and Service

Sarah Fawaz received her B.S. in Psychology, from the University of Florida in 2014, prior to attending the UF College of Pharmacy.

While maintaining high academic standards in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum leading to her induction into Rho Chi Honor Society, Fawaz has held numerous leadership across various organizations. She served as the pledge class president, president-elect, and president of the Kappa Epsilon Alpha Omega Chapter at the St. Petersburg campus. This role was especially unique, as she had to maintain motivation within the organization and create new opportunities during the phasing out of the St. Petersburg campus. Fawaz also served as the secretary and historian of Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists, or FSHP, student chapter at the St. Petersburg campus.

As pediatric awareness chair of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists and later as vice president of patient care projects, Fawaz founded “Pennies for Peds,” a fundraiser and opportunity to raise awareness for pediatric cancer. The fundraiser began in 2015 and raised $6,000 for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation in just three weeks during Childhood Cancer Awareness month. By 2016, Sarah demonstrated her commitment to teamwork and recruited committees across all four UF campuses, leading the project to fundraise just under $12,000 in four weeks. Fawaz was inducted into Phi Lambda Sigma as a second-year student and served as the executive vice president for one year.

Fawaz recently authored an article on maintaining motivation within student organizations with UF clinical professor Lindsey Childs-Kean, Pharm.D., which was selected for publication in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. Fawaz participated in a quality improvement and cost savings efforts at John’s Hopkins All Children’s Hospital through collaborations with the clinical pharmacy manager and emergency department pharmacist to complete her honors project on succinylcholine. Her project resulted in thousands of dollars of annual cost savings for the hospital. She presented her research as a poster presentation at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Fawaz has been the recipient of the Zada M. Cooper Scholarship as well as the Morris & William Skor, Eckerd, and Charlotte M. Liberty Scholarships at UF. She has been recognized each semester with the Academic Achievement Award by UF for achieving among the highest G.P.A. at the St. Petersburg campus and has also been commended with various leadership recognition awards at UF.

Fawaz has worked as an intern at CVS Health for all four years of pharmacy school, and is rounding out her ninth year with the company. Fawaz will continue her pharmacy education as a PGY1 resident at Tampa General Hospital.
Shannon A. Miller, Pharm.D.

Teacher of the Year

Shannon Miller received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and completed a primary care residency at Florida Hospital in Orlando. After residency, she created a faculty position within the family medicine residency and started numerous clinics including anticoagulation, diabetes, hypertension and asthma. Miller worked closely with the family medicine residents and received several awards including Faculty of the Year, Lecturer of the Year and Outstanding Educator. In addition, she was named University of Florida Preceptor of the Year in 2001, 2003 and 2009. In 2014, Miller joined the faculty at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy as the assistant director of the Orlando campus and is a clinical associate professor in the department of pharmacotherapy and translational research. In addition, she is an associate professor of medical education for the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. Miller is a board certified ambulatory care specialist and her practice site is located in a multi-disciplinary geriatric clinic at Florida Hospital Centre for Aging and Wellness. Miller received the Outstanding Teaching Team Award in 2017 and Teacher of the Year for the UF College of Pharmacy in 2018.

UF College of Pharmacy Dean Julie Johnson, Pharm.D., recognized Miller for her classroom achievements noting her many teaching innovations. “She is well known for her ‘bench-to-bedside’ teaching of pathophysiology and pharmacology where clinical relevance is integrated into these foundational sciences,” Johnson said. “Noteworthy is the recent development of interactive lecture videos where students ‘choose their own adventure’ in managing difficult patients.”

The Teacher of the Year award recognizes excellence, innovation and effectiveness in teaching. As recipient of this award, Miller is also bestowed with the Paul Doering Excellence in Teaching Professor Award. She will receive discretionary funds from the endowment as well as an honorarium. Miller will use the title “Paul Doering Teaching Excellence Professor” during the upcoming academic year.
William Cary Mobley, Ph.D.
Faculty Recognition Award

Cary Mobley is a clinical associate professor in the department of pharmaceutics. For the 2018 graduating class, he served as course coordinator and teacher for Dosage Forms I and II, Integrated Case Studies I-IV, and Pharmacy Skills Lab II (Pharmacy Compounding). Across these courses, he strived to create learning experiences that were challenging and enjoyable, and helped students reach their maximum potential. In and outside of the classroom, he invited students to feel always welcome to express themselves. He was named the college’s Teacher of the Year in 2015.

Prior to his faculty appointment with the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, he taught at the colleges of pharmacy at Idaho State University and Nova Southeastern University. Prior to embarking on a career as an educator, he was a pharmacist for Wal-Mart and Walgreens Pharmacy — experiences for which he is grateful for enabling him to bring practical insight to all that he teaches.

Mobley’s current research interests include the application of instructional design principles to optimize learning, the application of critical thinking and reasoning skills to help develop student pharmacists’ problem-solving abilities, and the relationship between mindfulness and critical thinking.

Mobley is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Pharmacists Association, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Honorary Society, and he serves as advisor to the student chapter of the Industry Pharmacists Organization.

Mobley is eternally grateful for the support from his wonderful family: Lorraine, Carmen, Greg and Jessica, and from his amazing co-workers at the UF College of Pharmacy.

Mobley counts the interactions with the students in the 2018 graduating class among the most rewarding and indelible experiences of his life and wishes each of them the very best as they continue their life’s journey.
Hartmut Derendorf, Ph.D.
Faculty Doctoral Mentoring Award

Hartmut Derendorf is a distinguished professor, the V. Ravi Chandran Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and chair of the department of pharmaceutics at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville. He received his B.S. (1976) and Ph.D. (1979, summa cum laude) in Pharmacy from the University of Münster, Germany, and then joined the University of Florida, first as a Postdoctoral Fellow (1981-82) and later (1983) as a faculty member. He has been teaching biopharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics and clinical pharmacokinetics. He was awarded numerous teaching awards such as the UF Teaching Improvement Award, HHMI Distinguished Mentorship Award, UF Research Foundation Professorship, CVS Pharmacy Endowed Professorship, International Educator of the Year Award and UF Doctoral Advisor/Mentoring Award (2009 and 2018). He has supervised over 50 Ph.D. students.

Derendorf has published more than 470 scientific publications with an h-index (Scopus) of 56 and given over 850 presentations at national or international meetings. He has published ten textbooks in English and German. He is editor or associate editor of the Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, International Journal of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics, International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents and Die Pharmazie, and serves on the editorial board of several other journals. His research interests include the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of corticosteroids, analgesics, antibiotics as well as drug interactions.

Derendorf has served as president of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology, or ACCP, in 2006-08 and President of the International Society of Antiinfective Pharmacology in 2004-06. He won the McKeen-Cattell Award for the best publication in the Journal of Clinical Pharmacology in 1994 and the Faculty Award of the University of Utrecht in 2005. In 2003, he was awarded the Nathaniel T. Kwit Distinguished Service Award of ACCP and the Research Achievement Award in Clinical Science of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences, or AAPS. He is a Fellow of AAPS and ACCP as well as a former review panel member of the NASA Human Research Program. In 2010, he was awarded the Volwiler Award of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy as well as the ACCP Distinguished Investigator Award, the highest research awards of both organizations. In 2013, he was awarded the First Leadership Award of the International Society of Pharmacometrics. In 2015, he received the Merit Medal of the Westphalian Chamber of Pharmacy as well as the ACCP Mentorship Award. In 2018, he received the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics ASCPT Mentor Award. He also served as the 18th University of Florida Distinguished Alumni Professor.
Student Representative Speakers
Doctor of Pharmacy Graduating Seniors

Brent Lovato
Gainesville Campus

Brent Lovato received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at the University of Florida prior to beginning pharmacy school with the UF College of Pharmacy.

During his time at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, Lovato served as the vice president of the Gainesville chapter of the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists, or FSHP. During his time with the organization he served as the coordinator for the Annual FSHP/KE Residency Forum and helped organize the first forum allowing first- and second-year pharmacy students to attend to prepare for residency.

Lovato represented the Gainesville campus in the Pledge of Professionalism at the White Coat Ceremony in March 2015. As a first-year student he won the APHA Mr. College of Pharmacy Competition fundraiser and served as master of ceremonies the following year.

Lovato completed the UF College of Pharmacy Summer Research Internship Program with Larisa Cavallari, Pharm.D., and continued as a part of her pharmacogenomics research team in the department of pharmacotherapy and translational research for the duration of his time in school. Lovato was a research coordinator for the IGNITE study implementing genetic testing to help clinicians optimize pain medication dosing and worked with the UF Health Shands Congenital Heart Center examining genotype influence on heart arrhythmias in children following surgery. He presented posters at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual Meeting and the UF College of Pharmacy Research Showcase.

He is proud to continue his training as a PGY1 resident with Katie Vogel Anderson, Pharm.D., and the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville.

Kelsey Ohman
Jacksonville Campus

Kelsey Ohman received her Associate of Arts in Pre-Pharmacy with highest honors from the Florida State College at Jacksonville, prior to attending the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

While maintaining high academic standards in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum, Ohman demonstrated outstanding leadership through her service as the chapter president of the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society as well as student council president for the Jacksonville Campus. In addition to her involvement in these organizations, she is actively involved in the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists. Additionally, she continues serving the college as a student ambassador and was recently recognized as the Outstanding Ambassador for the Jacksonville Campus.

During her time as a student pharmacist, Ohman has exhibited passion for the profession of pharmacy through her various professional experiences. Over the past five years, she has demonstrated dedication to clinical pharmacy practice at UF Health Jacksonville, where she has worked as a volunteer, inpatient pharmacy technician and pharmacy intern. Additionally, she completed a pharmacogenomics research internship at Nemours Children’s Specialty Care under the guidance of John Lima, Pharm.D., and Edward Mougey, Ph.D. Following completion of this internship, she presented her research to the UF College of Pharmacy’s department of pharmacotherapy and translational research to attain academic honors distinction upon graduation. Since this time, she has worked as a lead student investigator and co-investigator on diverse research projects.

Additional biographical information is available on page 14.
Richard Weiss
St. Petersburg Campus

Richard Weiss was selected by vote of the graduating seniors in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program at the St. Petersburg campus to have the honor of sharing remarks on their behalf about their time and experiences in the College of Pharmacy.

Before pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, Weiss earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Marketing from the University of Central Florida and was a corporate sales manager and sales trainer for nearly a decade. Prior to entering the UF College of Pharmacy, he completed his post-baccalaureate studies at Florida Gulf Coast University.

He has obtained pharmacy practice experience as an intern at Publix Pharmacy in North Port and clinical pharmacy experiences at Venice Regional, Lee Memorial, Sarasota Memorial and serving veterans at the VA Joint Ambulatory Care Center in Pensacola.

During his professional studies, Weiss was recognized by faculty with a Best Practices in Professionalism Award. He was a recipient of the Ahrano scholarship, the Griffith scholarship, and was member of both the Academy of Student Pharmacists and the Florida Pharmacy Association.

Weiss enjoys spending time with his wife and two children. He is an active member of New Day Christian Church in Port Charlotte and, along with his wife, finds immense joy in teaching Sunday school to kindergarten thru third grade children.

He has accepted a position with Publix Pharmacy in North Port, where he plans to serve the local community and hopes to be a preceptor to help mentor future pharmacists.
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#### Master of Science in Pharmacy, concentration Forensic DNA & Serology
- Shelby Banks
- Ryanne Beaulieu
- Whitney Borge
- Robert Downs
- Tiffany Hillyard
- Keegen Mayoral

#### Master of Science in Pharmacy, concentration Forensic Drug Chemistry
- William Goodheart

#### Master of Science in Pharmacy, concentration Forensic Science
- Abby Bush
- Phenix Culbertson
- Deandra Dacosta
- Alexandra Garsteck
- Tarra Giordano
- Nicole Leff
- Jamie Leigh-Powell
- Jordan Mabry
- Emily Mandel
- Caitlyn Mercer
- Terri Massey
- Melissa Mondragon
- Anita Moore
- Brandon Morse
- Ahlsaki Parra
- Eryn Pondo
- Julianna Roberts
- Rayane Santos
- Michelle Settlenmyer
- Kathy A. Smith
- Amber Shultz
- Lindsey Swanger
- Alexandra Uihlein

#### Master of Science in Pharmacy, concentration Medication Therapy Management
- Deborah Randall

#### Master of Science in Pharmacy, concentration Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Valeria Carlo
- Christopher Hopper
- Dominik Thor
- Hector A. Vazquez

#### Master of Science in Pharmacy, concentration Pharmaceutical Outcomes & Policy
- Hammond Adjei
- Lauren Berton
- Christopher Dudek
- Monica Giotta
- Samantha Hartman
- Pamela Hawn
- Jennifer Heasley
- Jaymie Lako
- Richard Miller
- Timothy Mizak
- Edward Paiewonsky
- Giao Phung
- Alexandria Remar Morrow
- Parastoo Rezai
- Kimberly Richards
- Casey Robinson
- Parshotam Sachdeva

#### Master of Science in Pharmacy, Residential Program
- Ziyan Chen
- Yue Cheng
- Chintal Shah
Caps and Gowns, An Explanation

The academic regalia worn by graduating students and faculty at today’s commencement ceremonies evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times. The academic gown is worn by individuals who have earned a degree in higher education. In addition, hoods are worn by graduate degree candidates, but not by undergraduate degree candidates.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. University faculty members who hold degrees from another college or university wear the colors of their alma mater.

The velvet edging on the academic hood is the color that represents the particular degree held by the wearer. Agricultural and Life Sciences and Forest Resources and Conservation share maize edging; Design, Construction and Planning and Building Construction are blue violet; Audiology degrees have colonial blue edging; Business Administration and Accounting are drab; Dentistry is lilac; Education is light blue; Engineering degrees are represented by orange edging; Fine Arts degrees have brown edging; Health and Human Performance is sage green; Journalism and Communications is garnet; Law is purple; Liberal Arts is white and Liberal Sciences is gold yellow; Medicine is green; Music is pink; Natural Resources and Environment is antique gold; Nursing is apricot; Doctor of Pharmacy is olive; Philosophy is royal blue; Public Health degrees have salmon pink edging; Rehabilitation Counseling degrees have Nile green edging; and Veterinary Medicine is gray.

Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor’s degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master’s degree. A round, open sleeve identifies a doctoral degree.

The doctoral regalia also has velvet running on the rest of the gown, including cross bars on the sleeve. Colored tassels on the degree candidates’ caps indicate a candidate’s school or college.
Chain of Office

This custom-made ornament is worn with the president’s regalia, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities of the office. The chain is engraved with the names and service years of the university presidents. The medallion’s centerpiece is a 1.3-carat diamond.

Academic Mace

Dating back to the Middle Ages, the mace symbolizes strength and authority. The UF ceremonial mace was created for the university’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2003. The 70-inch staff features an alligator sitting atop a globe. The four pillars supporting the globe represent the four original colleges: Agriculture, Engineering, Law, and Liberal Arts. The staff is carved from cherry wood. The university’s chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace.

University of Florida Tassels

Fisher School of Accounting  Aqua  
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences  Maize  
College of the Arts  Brown  
M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Construction Management  Burnt Orange and Opal  
Warrington College of Business  Drab  
Heavener School of Business  Drab  
College of Dentistry  Lilac  
College of Design, Construction and Planning  Blue Violet  
College of Education  Light Blue  
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering  Orange  
The Graduate School  Black  
College of Health and Human Performance  Sage Green  
College of Journalism and Communications  Black and White  
Fredric G. Levin College of Law  Purple  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arts  White  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sciences  Gold Yellow  
College of Medicine  Green  
College of Nursing  Apricot  
College of Pharmacy  Olive Green  
College of Public Health and Health Professions  Salmon  
College of Veterinary Medicine  Gray

Diplomas

Diplomas will be mailed to the graduate’s permanent home mailing address in July 2018.
Oath of a Pharmacist

- I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.

- I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

- I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

- I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

- I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

- I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

- I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

- I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

- I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.