This spring, the first graduating class from the Entry-to-Practice PharmD program will walk the stage. The graduation ceremony is taking place on May 30 and Renée Dagenais, BSc(Pharm)'15, PharmD'18 will serve as the Faculty’s alumni representative for this noteworthy event. The annual Dean’s Reception will follow the momentous ceremony.

Dean Coughtrie will also be hosting an Alumni and Friends Reception in Kelowna, BC on Wednesday, June 26. All alumni in Kelowna and surrounding areas are invited. Save the date and stay tuned for additional details.

Sending you warm spring wishes,

Shina Boparai, MA
Alumni Relations Manager

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences is excited to be a part of the NanoMedicines Innovation Network (NMIN), which was recently awarded $18.5 million in new funding from the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE), a federal program that promotes collaboration between scientists across Canada. This funding is matched by over $22 million in additional funding from industry and other not-for-profit agencies. Dean Coughtrie, along with Helen Burt, PhD’80, professor and UBC associate vice-president, research & innovation are founding members of the Board of Directors. Read the full story.
INNOVATION IN PRIMARY CARE: INTEGRATION OF PHARMACISTS INTO INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAMS PRIMARY CARE SERIES

The College of Family Physicians of Canada published The Co-Located Pharmacist Model Prototype: Working together to address drug therapy challenges in collaboration with the Canadian Pharmacists Association and the article looks at a total of six cases from across Canada (AB- 2, BC – 2, ON – 1, NL – 1). Click here to read more (starting at page 7).

KUDOS

Last month, Helen Burt, PhD’80 was part of a panel at Career Pathways in Pharmaceutical Sciences (CPIPS). The event was hosted by the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Society (PharGS) and American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences (AAPS) UBC Student Chapter for fellow graduate students.

Congratulations to the Pharmacists Clinic, recipient of the 2019 BC Patient Safety & Quality Council Award in the category of Living with Illness. To read the official award write up, visit https://bcpsqc.ca/quality-awards/winners/pharmacists-clinic/

Congratulations to Collaboration for Outcomes Research and Evaluation PI, Mary De Vera, for receiving the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC) 2019 New Investigator Research Award. The award will be presented at the AFPC Annual Conference in Edmonton (June 2019).

EVENTS

UBC Pharmaceutical Sciences Alumni and Friends Reception in Kelowna, BC – Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Class of BSc(Pharm)'94 is currently planning their 25th anniversary reunion. If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact the organizers by email or through the class Facebook page. If 2019 is a milestone year for your class and you would like to plan a reunion event, please contact Shina Boparai.

alumni UBC Pro-Am at Point Grey presented by MNP Corporate Finance – Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Join us for the inaugural alumni UBC Pro-Am at Point Grey, in partnership with the MacKenzie Tour – PGA Tour Canada. Assemble your team of four and represent your faculty while playing a round with a PGA Tour Canada professional at the spectacular Point Grey Golf & Country Club. Don’t miss this opportunity to play a fun, low pressure golf tournament with an up-and-coming touring professional. The cost of a team is $2,000 (team members do not need to be an alumni) and includes lunch, dinner and a chance to compete for scholarship funding for the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. For more information, please visit our tournament webpage at https://www.alumni.ubc.ca/events/alumni-ubc-pro-am-golf-tournament/.

CAREER CORNER

Upcoming career focused webinars presented by alumni UBC:

Thrive in the Workplace: Understanding stress, burnout and the importance of workplace wellbeing – Thursday, May 9, 2019

Say “Yes” to Success – Thursday, April 25, 2019

See details.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Julia Zhu

Program and grad year
BSc(Pharm)'08

Career/profession
Pharmacy Manager at Shoppers Drug Mart Specialty Health Network

What accomplishments are you most proud of?
To be honest I am just an ordinary pharmacist. I am proud of my team and the work we do every day to help patients. Career wise, I am very happy I followed my heart and left pharmacy for a period of time to reassess my career. That ultimately led me to find the area of pharmacy that I love.

How do you stay involved in the community you live in?
I have been trying to be more actively involved in our profession in recent years because I have found that it is a rewarding experience. I started by working with the CP3 program as a pharmacist tutor, and also joined the UBC Pharmacy Alumni Advisory Committee. That led to me co-organizing our 10 year class reunion last year, which was great fun. I also sit on the College of Pharmacy Drug Administration Committee.

What UBC moment are you still talking about?
PDW! I went to two PDWs with my friends, and they were some of the finest moments in my UBC years. We still talk about some of the stories when we get together.

Who was the biggest influence in your career?
My current director. She encouraged me to take on the manager position even though I didn’t quite feel ready at the time. “Everyone has to start somewhere,” simple advice that rings true. Sometimes we need to push our boundaries a little and not be fearful of making mistakes, the results may surprise even ourselves.

Additional thoughts: “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” -- Mark Twain