This newsletter is designed for our alumni to announce events, programming, and opportunities to get involved with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC.

**NEWS**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Finlay A. Morrison on December 28, 2017, just two weeks after his 100th birthday.

Dr. Morrison had a long career with UBC Pharm Sci, having been first appointed to the newly-formed Department of Pharmacy in 1947, following a distinguished military career during the Second World War. His leadership roles at the Faculty included serving as acting dean, following the sudden passing of Dr. Esli Woods, and as associate dean for Dr. Bernie Riedel. He retired in 1983 and is remembered as a kind, warm, caring man.

In his reflections in *Celebrating 50 Years of Pharmacy at UBC* he said, “I have…had the distinct privilege of working with hundreds of students now practicing the profession in BC and around the world, and I count that as one of the greatest professional rewards and challenges one could ever have.” Dr. Finlay Morrison will long be remembered for his distinguished service contributions to his country, UBC, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the pharmacy profession.

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Just before the Holiday Season began, UBC launched the [Blue & Gold Campaign for Students](#). With a goal of raising $100 million in three years, the campaign focuses on supporting students who wish to attend UBC but face financial barriers in doing so.

Every year there are more than 2,000 outstanding UBC students who receive donor support. Our students are the next generation of leaders ready to create lasting and impactful change, and to tackle challenges that affect us all. Change their world so they can change ours.

To learn more about the UBC Blue & Gold Campaign for Students and the stories of some of the amazing students who are attending UBC as a result of the generosity of donors, [visit the Blue & Gold website](#).

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS!**

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KUDOS

Dr. Mary Ensom has been selected to receive the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) Distinguished Service award, as well as an Honourary Membership to CSHP, which has been bestowed upon only 21 other individuals in the history of the organization.

Dr. Ensom retired from the Faculty on January 15 after 20 plus years as a teacher, researcher, mentor and clinical pharmacy specialist. Congratulations Dr. Ensom!

Congratulations to Christian Buchwalder and Wei-Lun Tang for being named the joint recipients of the Mitchell-Dwivedi Graduate Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The award was established by Sarvajna Dwivedi MSc’88, PhD’92, co-founder and chief scientific officer, Pearl Therapeutics Inc., together with his wife, Seema Dwivedi, PhD, in 2015 to “recognize graduate students in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences who demonstrate research excellence and impact through peer-reviewed journal publication. Preference will be given to students who take an interdisciplinary approach to their research and/or show exceptional inventiveness or initiative.” Dr. Dwivedi established the award in honour of his PhD supervisor Dr. Alan G. Mitchell and his father Dr. Rewa Prasad Dwivedi.

Christian’s study revolves around the development of new radiopharmaceutical drugs for the detection and management of cancer. Wei-Lun’s study focuses on developing a simple and scalable drug loading method contributing to expanding treatment options against various diseases.

From Left to Right - Back Row: Dean Coughtrie; Raju Vegesna, MSc’83, PhD’86; Raman Venkataramanan, PhD’79; Dr. Abbott; Rajesh Mahey, MSc’87, PhD’91; Swamy Yeleswaram, PhD’92; David Kwok, BSc(Pharm)’84, MSc’87, PhD’91. Front Row: Sue Panesar, BSc(Pharm)’83, MSc’87, PhD’94; Phyllis Abbott; Diana Chow, PhD’81.

Amanda Scott is no longer with the Faculty. Special thanks to Amanda for managing the alumni program for the past three years. All alumni inquiries should be directed to Charlotte Lawson, director, Development & Alumni Engagement at charlotte.lawson@ubc.ca until a new alumni relations manager has been hired.

EVENTS

Dean Coughtrie hosted the annual Alumni & Friends Luncheon at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Meeting and Exposition on November 13, 2017 in sunny San Diego. Pharm Sci alumni joined him from across the US to reconnect and mingle with other guests from the University of Copenhagen and current UBC Pharm Sci graduate students. Dean Coughtrie shared the updates about research currently at the Faculty and news about the Faculty’s five-year strategic plan, Catalyst for Change: 2017-2022.

Careers Agility: Leverage Your Strengths & Design Your Work

In this six-week online program, alongside a cohort of your fellow alumni, you will move through a series of activities that will help you gain clarity and confidence about yourself and your optimal career strategy. Past participants report that the program helped them become energized, optimistic and excited about the future, better equipped to make career-related decisions and motivated to take decisive action in their career. Learn more about this program today.

Interested in a career at UBC Pharm Sci? We’re currently looking to hire for a few positions in the Faculty. Learn more about the positions and how to apply on our website.