Dear Valued Members of our Alumni Community,

On June 5, a very important announcement regarding the Faculty’s Primary Care proposal was made by the BC Minister of Health, Adrian Dix. We are delighted to be partnering with the Ministry of Health on this truly innovative work and integration across all pharmacy care settings, and to be involved in supporting the development of team-based primary healthcare in British Columbia.

As alumni of this Faculty, you play a very significant role in patient care throughout the healthcare continuum as pharmacy professionals. Your expertise and skills help to ensure that patients receive the full benefit of their medications, while minimizing the potential adverse drug events that our patients could experience. It is clear that pharmacists working together with other health professionals in the team-based primary care setting has been shown to be of substantial benefit to patient health outcomes. Our Pharmacists Clinic has been developing this model of care over the last four and a half years. We are excited to now be working with the Ministry of Health and healthcare providers to bring this to patients across British Columbia as part of the Province’s new primary health care strategy.

A most important and exciting component will be the integration of the new primary care pharmacists who will work closely with pharmacists in community pharmacies and in Health Authorities to ensure that patients receive the timely, individualized care they need in the most appropriate setting. Another key aspect is the evaluation of impact, which will help provide the evidence that will inform how primary care pharmacists can best be integrated and expanded into our health care system over the long term. In addition, this new primary care initiative links closely to our academic and research activities – from the highly innovative Doctor of Pharmacy program that will produce graduates trained to work in these integrated settings, to the world-leading and paradigm shifting health outcomes research that our scientists carry out.

It is truly an exciting time for our profession. We look forward to reporting back to you all with news of this important work as we begin to plan next steps for implementation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Dr. Peter J. Zed directly.

Lastly, if you have not already done so, you can view the media release about the announcement by clicking here.

Sincerely,

Michael Coughtrie  BSc(Hons) PhD FCAHS
Professor and Dean
MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER

Greetings and what it means to be alumni

The word alumni is derived from the Latin word ‘alere’, which means to ‘nourish’. Our goal is to foster relationships with you, our alumni, by nourishing your lifelong connection with UBC, advancing your personal growth, supporting your professional development, and ensuring that you have the opportunity to contribute in ways that enrich your alumni experience.

Your relationship with UBC continues to be an important one as alumni are an integral part of the university community and the world of pharmaceutical sciences particularly. Our alumni are scientists, innovators, educators, leaders, mentors, and give back in a variety of ways. One of UBC’s key priorities is to expand these alumni networks to reinforce local and global connections and there are many ways you can become a part of this strategic vision.

For starters, send us a note to be profiled in an upcoming edition of this newsletter. Second, you can volunteer to be a class rep and plan a reunion for your particular class to help celebrate a milestone anniversary; whether it has been 15, 20, 25, and 30 or 50 years since you graduated. Another way to get involved is to become a mentor to current students or fellow alumni by participating in UBC’s online mentorship program. Stay tuned for more details about mentorship.

The alumni community at UBC is vast with over 330,000 members worldwide. It is an exciting time to be part of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences as we welcomed 229 new alumni on May 31, 2018 to join over 6,000 existing Pharm Sci grads.

A very well deserved thank you to Marion L. Pearson BSc(Pharm)’82, MA’08, PhD’14, Paul Harris, BSc(Pharm)’77 and Patricia Gerber, BSc(Pharm)’93, PharmD’97 who helped welcome the new grads at their graduation ceremony and served as alumni representatives for the Faculty. Their ongoing support and leadership is a prime example of alumni giving back and staying connected to their alma mater.

Shina Boparai, MA
Alumni Relations Manager

REUNIONS

WELCOME CLASS OF 1968
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 50TH REUNION

Congratulations to the Class of 1968, BSc(Pharm) who celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 12. Over 30 people attended and toured the Pharmaceutical Sciences building followed by a dinner at UBC’s Sage Bistro. A special thank you to Curt Jordan (committee lead), Peter Levis, and Chris Mandin for taking the initiative to plan the class reunion. It was wonderful to have you back!
BC Pharmacy Association donation to increase scholarship at UBC Pharmaceutical Sciences

In celebration of its the 50th anniversary, the BC Pharmacy Association (BCPhA) generously reaffirmed their support of pharmacy students at UBC by providing an additional $20,000 to the BC Pharmacy Association Scholarship endowment. The BCPhA began in May 1968 as the British Columbia Professional Pharmacists’ Society, and since 1971 it has provided 63 awards totaling $43,900 to students. Special thanks to the leadership of Geraldine Vance, CEO, the BCPhA board and members for supporting students and encouraging those from rural communities to enroll in pharmacy at UBC.

KUDOS

Congratulations to Joan Baker, BSc(Pharm)'81, pharmacy manager for Safeway Canada in Powell River for winning the Pfizer Canada Consumer Healthcare Bowl of Hygeia Award. It is awarded to a pharmacist with an outstanding record of community service.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients who were recognized at the Dean’s Reception following the graduation ceremony on May 31, 2018.

Renée Dagenais, BSc(Pharm)'15, PharmD'18 - Merck Canada Pharmacy Doctoral Prize *As Head of the Graduating Class, PharmD
Stacey Tkachuk, BSc(Pharm)'14, PharmD'18 and Renée Dagenais, BSc(Pharm)'15, PharmD'18 - Peter Jewesson Graduate Scholarship in Pharmacy
Krystel Dawn Kofoed, BSc(Pharm)'18 - FPS Medal - Head of Graduating Class, BSc Pharm.
Pauline Grace Yeung, BSc(Pharm)'18 - Dean E.L. Woods Memorial Prize
Mattie Bakker, BSc(Pharm)'18 - Gibb G. Henderson Memorial Prize in Pharmaceutical Sciences
Sharni Sandhar, BSc(Pharm)'18 - Teva Canada Limited Prize in Pharmacy
Shelley Jun, BSc(Pharm)'18 - Pharmasave Drugs (Pacific) Ltd Leadership Award
Jenny Li, BSc(Pharm)'18 - Dr. Wendy Ko Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences
Jerry Mejia, BSc'14, BSc(Pharm)'18 and Stephanie Song, BSc(Pharm)'18 - Marcel St. Jean Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences
Terin Lovesar, BSc(Pharm)'18 - Servier Canada Inc Award in Evidence-Based Practice in Pharmaceutical Sciences

EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: Alumni Day at Homecoming – September 22, 2018. To learn more visit the UBC Homecoming website.
Reunion: The Class of 2008, BSc(Pharm) is hosting its 10th anniversary reunion on October 13, 2018. Get your ticket today.

CAREER CORNER

Pharmacist facilitators needed

We are looking for instructors from a wide range of pharmacy backgrounds to teach in the Entry-to-Practice PharmD program at UBC. You must be licensed and in good standing with the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia. Injection certification and experience in teaching, precepting, and facilitating are assets. These paid positions are for regularly scheduled shifts or if preferred, for relief shifts during the academic year (September 2018 to April 2019). Click here to download full position details.

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.