MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS MANAGER

The class of 2021 recently gathered together with their friends, family, and members of the Faculty to recite the Pledge of Professionalism and be formally welcomed into the Pharm Sci family at our annual White Coat Ceremony. The event is an important first step in our students’ journey with the Faculty and a symbolic passing of the torch (or in this case a white coat) to the next generation of health care professionals. Individuals representing all facets of pharmacy practice cloaked 226 first-year students and reminded them that they have a strong Pharm Sci family behind them as they work towards becoming caring, thoughtful and dedicated patient care practitioners.

Regards,

Amanda Scott
Alumni Relations Manager

NEWS

New training in Indigenous culture for health professional

A new training program focusing on Indigenous culture is mandatory for all first-year students in pharmaceutical sciences, midwifery, dental hygiene, dentistry, physical therapy, medicine, nursing, social work, genetic counselling, dietetics, and occupational therapy. Next year, students studying audiology and speech language pathology will also be included. Through two facilitated workshops and online modules, students will learn to reflect on stereotypes and Canada’s colonial legacy. The program is a direct response to two calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, calling for cultural competency training for all health care professionals and for medical and nursing schools to have all students have a course for Aboriginal health issues included in the curriculum. The first workshop was facilitated by Jason Min BSc(Pharm)’08, who has worked with the Lil’wat Nation for many years. Learn more about the training program [here](#).
NEWS  Continued

Pathway to Practice: 4 years in 40 seconds

Part of a larger recruitment campaign developed by the Faculty’s Communications and Marketing team, this short video gives future students a glimpse into what to expect when studying Pharm Sci at UBC. It also gives a peek at some buildings and structures that may be new since the last time you were on campus. Take a look at the video, be on the lookout for cameos from Larry Leung BSc(Pharm)’10 and Craig Plain BSc(Pharm)’05, and see what it’s like to be a current Entry-to-Practice PharmD student!

Working Remotely – how four UBC Pharm Sci alumni found personal and professional growth beyond city limits

With an increasing need for health care professionals in rural communities, it’s more important than ever that part of the experiential education component of our current students’ curriculum includes placements outside urban centres. We recently profiled four alumni, two recent alumni and two established alumni, about their experiences working in a rural practice. Read more and learn why it’s so important to support students to explore practicums in rural and underserved communities.

EVENTS

Pharm Sci Class Reunions

Planning for the class of 1968’s golden 50th reunion next year is underway! If you’re a member of the class of ‘68, stay tuned for details about your reunion. Is your class celebrating a milestone reunion in 2018? Get in touch with Amanda at amanda.scott@ubc.ca to learn how she can help you plan it.

Building a Better Canada: An Order of Canada 50th Anniversary Celebration – Vancouver, November 29

What’s next for Canada? Join President Santa J. Ono and CBC Radio’s Duncan McCue for an inspiring look into the future as David Suzuki, Robert Silverman, Shelagh Rogers, Sophie Pierre, Trevor Linden, and Wade Davis share their unique vision for our nation’s next 50 years. To learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime event and purchase tickets visit the event website.

100 Dinners

Share the excitement of alumni UBC’s 100th year by hosting or attending a 100 Dinners gathering. Host a private dinner for UBC friends, or organize a public dinner to make new connections with alumni in your region. alumni UBC will give you all the tools you need to make your event a success. If you’d rather not organize one, you can search for a dinner in your area to attend. Check out the 100 dinners website to learn more.

RESOURCES

UBC Dialogues: Okanagan

What makes a wine world-class?

Podcast: What makes a wine world-class

What better time to consider what makes a wine world-class then the holidays? Listen to a podcast of a recent UBC Dialogues event in Kelowna, featuring some of the Okanagan’s wine owners and winemakers as they discuss how Okanagan wines stack up against the best in the world.

Career Advising at alumni UBC

Looking for career development support and prefer working one-to-one? alumni UBC’s new career advising program may be for you. Career advising can help you gain insight about your skills, strengths, and values, and learn how to leverage these to create momentum and hope as you design a meaningful and fulfilling career. Sessions are available in person or online. To book your career advising session, contact Leslie Tulett at leslie.tulett@ubc.ca.

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.