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# Eutectics Forward Plan Driving Future Success for University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis

New academic programs, athletics offerings, leadership and student success initiatives have helped the University recruit its largest first-time, full-time freshman class since 2016

**ST. LOUIS, Oct. 4, 2022** – In the 15 months since David D. Allen, RPh, Ph.D., officially began his tenure as the fifth president of University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis (UHSP), the University has begun a transformation. Under Allen's leadership, the University's "Eutectics Forward" plan is carving out a new path for the institution's future, focused on providing students with new avenues to learn, grow as individuals and achieve their dreams of becoming future health care and pharmacy leaders and innovators.

Officially launched last summer, Eutectics Forward was created to expand the impact of the University's mission, add to its academic, athletic and extracurricular offerings, increase student enrollment and improve overall student satisfaction. Since the plan's inception, the University has achieved several significant milestones, including:

- The expansion of undergraduate degrees to 14 program offerings
- The addition of two graduate programs and opportunities to earn graduate certificates
- An expanded athletics roster featuring 28 teams spanning 17 sports
- The addition of two new colleges
- Additions to the University Leadership Team to support the University's growth and expanded initiatives
- The creation of new student experience initiatives

"The past year has been an incredibly exciting time at UHSP," Allen noted. "In creating and executing our Eutectics Forward plan, we have been laser-focused on finding new ways to attract a new population of students we haven't yet served, while also engaging in work to improve the experience our current students have at this University and providing them with new avenues to explore their individual paths to discovery. This institution has a long legacy of excellence dating back to the founding of St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1864, and Eutectics Forward represents our road map to a successful future."

### **Undergraduate Programs**

In addition to its flagship Doctor of Pharmacy program, UHSP now offers 14 bachelor's degree programs designed to prepare students for a variety of health science careers or serve as the foundation for graduate or professional study.

- Applied Behavioral Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biopsychology
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Exercise Physiology
- Health Care Administration and Management
- Medical Humanities
- Neuroscience
- Pre-Nursing
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Public Health

Focused on student outcomes and improving student satisfaction, the programs were selected based on their fit with the University's brand and mission to educate and advance communities of discovery to foster a healthier society. Programs were also established based on the potential career prospects and job growth opportunities they offer to students. Students can choose to continue their education at UHSP through its Master of Science in Medicinal Chemistry and Master of Science in Global Health and Equity graduate programs. Graduate certificates in Global Health and Equity with emphases in advocacy or research are also available.

#### Athletics

With the goal of attracting a larger and more diverse pool of prospective students and applicants, UHSP has been focused on boosting recruiting efforts and student support for intercollegiate athletics.

In recent months, the University has expanded its athletics roster to include 28 teams spanning 17 sports. UHSP's current athletics offerings include:

- Men's Baseball
- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Men's and Women's Bowling
- Co-ed Competitive Cheer and Dance
- Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Co-ed Esports
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Men's and Women's Lacrosse
- Men's Rugby
- Men's and Women's Soccer
- Women's Softball
- Men's and Women's Tennis
- Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field
- Men's and Women's Volleyball
- Men's and Women's Wrestling

Through its variety of new programs and new sports, the University is giving students the chance to pursue a wide range of degrees in health sciences, while providing them with the chance to play competitively with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

#### **Student Experience**

At the heart of the Eutectics Forward plan is a focus on continuing to improve overall student experience. In addition to offering new programs and expanded athletics options, the University is focused on initiatives to increase academic success support, expand career services options and add new co-curricular activities and out of classroom experiences to support students on their educational journeys.

Efforts are also underway campuswide to expand diversity, equity and inclusion efforts and engage the campus community in adopting an overall philosophy to create a sense of belonging and connectedness and build a nurturing environment where current and future students can grow into empathic and compassionate health care leaders.

#### **New Colleges and Deans**

As UHSP works to enhance student educational opportunities and experiences, it has created two new colleges and selected two new deans to lead them. The new College of Global Population Health and the College of Graduate Studies are working collaboratively with St. Louis College of Pharmacy and the College of Arts and Sciences to build and grow the University's academic and research programs and help the University achieve its mission to advance communities of discovery to foster a healthier society.

Led by Founding Dean David Steeb, Pharm.D., MPH, the College of Global Population Health was established to serve as a primary home for the University's global and population health-related

academic and research programs. The college is focused on growing University engagement with the St. Louis community to promote health equity and to positively impact health outcomes, while also helping St. Louis College of Pharmacy students gain population health competencies necessary to practice effectively in a rapidly evolving healthcare environment.

The University's new College of Graduate Studies is led by Giovanni Pauletti, M.Pharm., Ph.D., Henry Pfeiffer Professor of Pharmacy. The college was established to elevate the status of graduate education at UHSP and provide a central home and needed infrastructure for graduate education at the University. Its mission is focused on providing leadership, coordination and administrative structure to support all graduate programs at UHSP.

#### **New Leadership**

As UHSP works to bring its mission and vision to life, it has made several additions to its leadership team. In addition to welcoming David Steeb, Pharm.D., MPH as the founding dean of the new College of Global Population Health, the University recently named Terri Warholak, RPh, Ph.D., CPHQ, FAPhA, as the 16<sup>th</sup> dean of St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Warholak will work alongside college faculty and members of the UHSP community to fortify and build on the college's 158-year legacy in pharmacy education and help prepare and equip future pharmacy students to succeed as local, national and global health care leaders and innovators.

In recent months, the University also named Michele Hoeft as vice president for marketing, athletics and enrollment management, and selected Pam Xavarius, Ph.D., to serve as vice president for research and scholarly activity. Hoeft is leading initiatives to lift the university brand, increase enrollment and help create a positive experience for students throughout their student journey, while Xavarius is leading the development of the University's research program, including strategy and policy.

"There has been a tremendous amount of work underway over the past year, and we're already seeing amazing results," Allen said. "This fall, we welcomed 107 first-time, full-time freshmen students. This group represents the largest freshman class we've seen since 2016, and 79 of our new students are student athletes. While there is much more work yet to come, we are looking forward to the bright future that lies ahead for this University, and to engaging current and future students and guiding them on their paths to success as leaders and innovators in health care and beyond. These are very exciting times at UHSP, and the best is yet to come."

#### About University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis

For more than 155 years, University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis has provided a worldclass education for health care leaders and innovators. Since its founding, the campus has been a place where future professionals and practitioners come together to learn, grow, challenge each other, and find new ways to tackle society's most pressing health care problems.

The University offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Undergraduate degrees prepare students for health professions careers and serve as the foundation for graduate or professional

study, while the University's Doctor of Pharmacy program prepares students to be leaders and innovators in the profession of pharmacy. To learn more, visit <u>uhsp.edu</u>.