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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Yet another academic year is underway at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy, and it has been incredible to welcome our stellar students back to campus! I look forward to witnessing all the amazing things they will accomplish in the coming months.

As a University, we remain laser-focused on finding new ways to serve our students and provide them with an exceptional experience. Our students pursue extraordinary every single day, and through our new academic programs and colleges, as well as expanded student initiatives, they'll have the foundation to continue to excel as future leaders and innovators in health care and beyond.

Our work could not be accomplished without the dedicated efforts of UHSP's incredible leadership team. In recent months, we were thrilled to welcome several new additions to our team:

- **Michele Hoeft**, Vice President for Marketing, Athletics and Enrollment Management
- **David Steeb, Pharm.D., MPH**, Founding Dean of the College of Global Population Health
- **Pam Xaverius, Ph.D.**, Vice President for Research and Scholarly Activity

Also joining UHSP this academic year is **Terri L. Warholak, RPh, Ph.D., CPHQ, FAPhA**, who is serving as the 16th dean of St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Terri's appointment marks another significant milestone for the University as it works toward its vision of becoming a transformational leader in health sciences education and research. She will collaborate with the college's faculty, alumni and members of the campus community to fortify and build on our 158-year legacy of excellence in pharmacy education.

I'm so privileged to have the opportunity to work alongside such a remarkable leadership team, and to lead this University as we continue to write the next chapter in our history. These are exciting and inspiring times, and the best is yet to come.

Great Things Ahead!

With best regards,

David D. Allen, RPh, Ph.D.
President



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By the Numbers

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UHSP achieved top rankings among private pharmacy institutions in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's most recent **Funded Research Grant Institutional Rankings Report**. During Fiscal Year 2021, UHSP was ranked

No. 4

in National Institutes of Health grants

No. 6

in total-federal grants and total extramural funding

No. 8

in non-federal grants

The University also ranked in the **top 50** among all colleges of pharmacy for total federal research awards.



154th

On May 7, UHSP celebrated the professional and undergraduate **Classes of 2022** at its **154th Commencement**. During the event, **170 Doctors of Pharmacy** and **81 bachelor's degrees** were conferred.

Twenty One

The work of **21 UHSP student researchers** was on display at the **13th Annual Student Research Symposium on April 2**. The event featured 16 poster submissions and five podium presentations focused on a variety of topics.

In February, **10 Pharm.D. students** from the **classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024** were welcomed into the **St. Louis College of Pharmacy Alpha Theta** chapter of the honorary pharmacy leadership society, **Phi Lambda Sigma**.

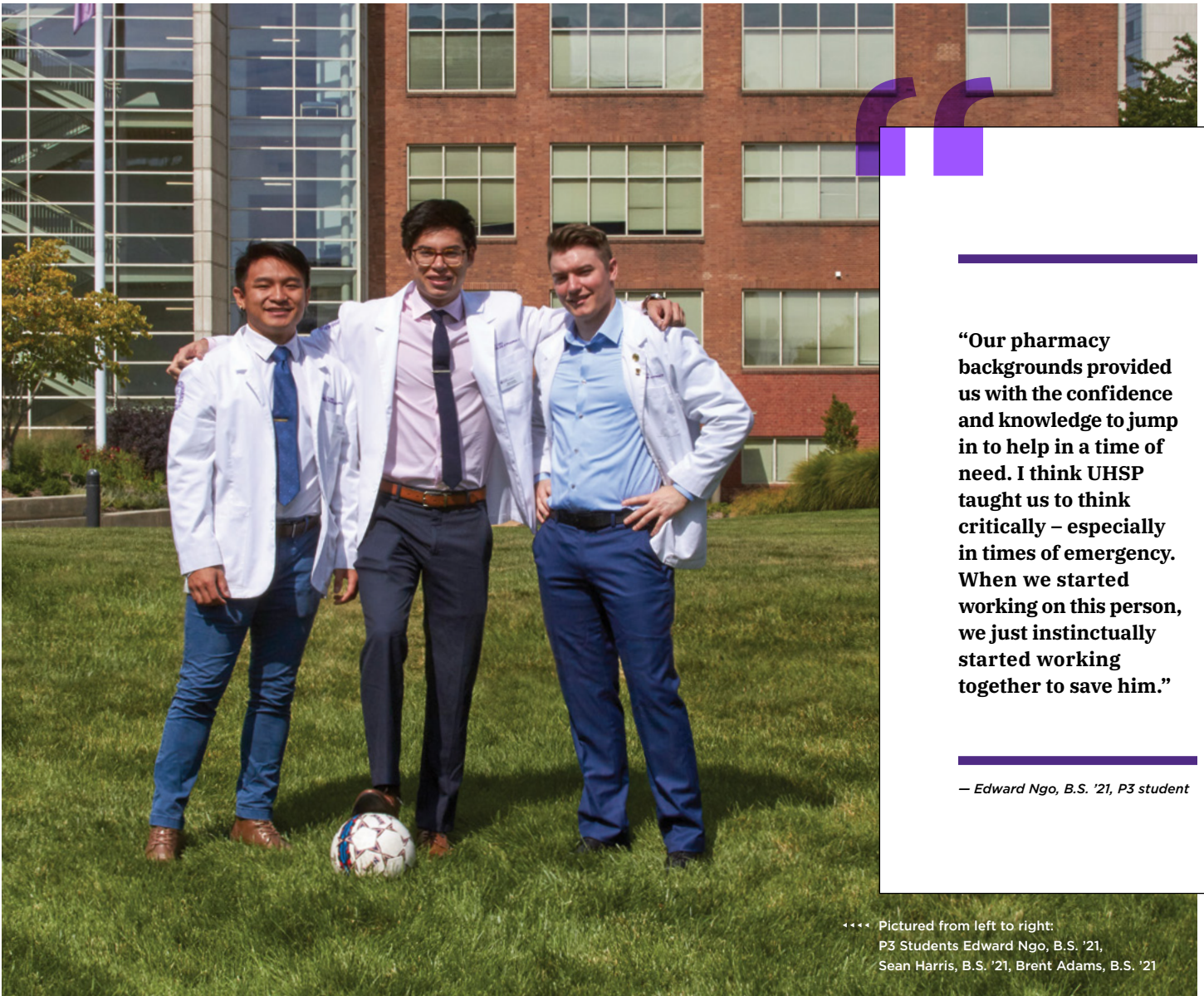
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190 UHSP students were named to the **dean's list for the spring 2022 semester**. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Student Athletes Perform Lifesaving First Aid

UHSP professional pharmacy students, **Brent Adams, B.S. '21, Sean Harris, B.S. '21, and Edward Ngo, B.S. '21**, recently utilized their pharmacy training to help save the life of a player in their recreational soccer league. After the player experienced a medical emergency and became unresponsive during a game, Adams, Harris and Ngo performed CPR and applied automated external defibrillator (AED) pads to the player's chest, reviving him before paramedics arrived on the scene.



“Our pharmacy backgrounds provided us with the confidence and knowledge to jump in to help in a time of need. I think UHSP taught us to think critically – especially in times of emergency. When we started working on this person, we just instinctually started working together to save him.”

— Edward Ngo, B.S. '21, P3 student

**** Pictured from left to right:
P3 Students Edward Ngo, B.S. '21,
Sean Harris, B.S. '21, Brent Adams, B.S. '21

Hegazy Receives \$581,000 NIH Grant



HEGAZY

Lamees Hegazy, Ph.D., associate professor of computational and medicinal chemistry at UHSP, recently received a three-year, \$581,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Hegazy is utilizing the funds to further her research on the estrogen-related receptor alpha (ERR α). She and her colleagues are examining the structure and mechanisms by which molecules regulate the function of ERR α to determine its role as a potential therapeutic target for treating diabetes.



UHSP Ranked Fourth on list of St. Louis' Largest NIH Award Recipients

No. 4

UHSP was ranked **No. 4** on the St. Louis Business Journal's list of the region's largest National Institutes of Health (NIH) award recipients for 2021. The list annually highlights the **top 25 NIH award recipients in St. Louis** ranked by NIH award volume. The University placed fourth on the list with four NIH awards during 2021, totaling **more than \$2.8 million**. This year marked the third consecutive time the University has placed in the top five on the list.

Center for Clinical Pharmacology Names New Director

Award-winning neuroscientist **Amynah Pradhan, Ph.D.**, has been appointed as the new director of the Center for Clinical Pharmacology. In her role, Pradhan will lead strategic planning efforts for research growth and development at the center, provide mentorship for trainees and faculty, foster a diverse and inclusive environment to stimulate new research endeavors in improving the therapeutic use of drugs

and diagnostics to increase their clinical effectiveness and therapeutic outcomes, as well as to discover and develop new therapeutics, and continue to grow center partnerships and collaborations. Pradhan comes to the center from the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she was a faculty member since 2013 and an associate professor with tenure since 2019.



“I am very excited to be working with all of the incredible faculty, trainees and staff in the center and building upon its existing successes to raise the center’s profile further and expand its reach.”

PRADHAN

Fresh Faces: UHSP Welcomes New Leaders to Campus

Meet the newest additions to the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy community! We are excited to welcome these exceptional individuals to the University Leadership Team to help bring to life the University's mission and vision.

David Steeb

David Steeb, Pharm.D., MPH, is the founding dean of UHSP's new College of Global Population Health. In his role, Steeb is working to provide students with global education experiences designed to help develop and train a contemporary workforce and a new generation of health leaders who can make a transformational difference in health outcomes.

Through his efforts, he also will work to maximize the college's research efforts in data and implementation science, with the goal of eventually conducting health equity-based research with the potential to shape policies.

Previously serving as an associate professor and director of global engagement at University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Steeb worked to develop and oversee international partnerships and programs and conducted global health training and research. His major accomplishments included helping to raise nearly \$1 million for more than 220 global student exchanges. He also led the development of the Pharm.D./MBA dual degree program at UNC and played an instrumental role in managing \$1.5 million in research seed funding with a 3:1 return on investment for PharmAlliance, an international partnership between three leading pharmacy schools established to improve global health care through innovation in pharmacy education, professional practice, research and student collaboration.



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Michele Hoeft

In her role as vice president for marketing, athletics and enrollment management, Michele Hoeft leads initiatives to lift the University brand, increase enrollment and help create a positive experience for all students throughout the life of their student journey.

Hoeft previously served as vice president of marketing and communications at Allegro Senior Living and Fontbonne University. Her background also includes time as director of marketing and communications, community outreach and charitable giving at BJC's Christian Hospital, and as director of alumni and constituent relations at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.



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Terri Warholak

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Warholak comes to UHSP from the University of Arizona (UA) where she most recently served as assistant dean of academic affairs and assessment at the R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy. At UA, Warholak was the chief academic officer for the College of Pharmacy and worked to advance the quality and integrity of its academic programs. Her work included providing strategic vision for the curricula and assessment, developing processes and procedures to support accreditation and overseeing all program planning and program assessment.

She also was the track director for the R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy's Health and Pharmaceutical Outcomes Graduate Program. Her teaching and research interests include medication error reduction, health information technology and measurement development.

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XAVERIUS

Pam Xaverius

As UHSP's vice president for research and scholarly activity, Pam Xaverius, Ph.D., is leading the development of the University's research program, including strategy and policy, while supervising all research administrative activities and functions.

Previously serving as director of the Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science and Practice at St. Louis University (SLU), Xaverius will help UHSP build on its research strengths in pharmacy and drug discovery, and work to expand research efforts in numerous areas including basic sciences, global population health and health outcomes.

In addition to her work as director of the Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science and Practice at SLU, Xaverius was the director of SLU's MCH concentration in the Master of Public Health program and chair of SLU's Promotion and Tenure Committee. She possesses a wealth of experience in operations management, strategic goal setting, employee management, advisory board oversight and management of faculty research affiliates and student scholars.

The University Leadership Team, composed of the deans, vice presidents and president of the University, works together to ensure UHSP is unified and strategic in pursuing our mission and vision.

Freedom to

Flourish





From conducting groundbreaking research on snake pheromones to achieving a record-breaking batting average and First-Team All-Conference American Midwest Conference recognition, senior Michelle Hollon is embracing all that University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy has to offer.

Over the last two years, Hollon has been working with Ben Jellen, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at UHSP, in his lab studying the sex-attractant pheromones produced by female watersnakes.

In collaboration with a chemist from University of Missouri-St. Louis, Jellen and Hollon are hoping to isolate the sex-attractant pheromone, synthesize it, and potentially use it to corral invasive populations of other snake species, such as the Burmese Pythons in the Everglades and the Brown Tree Snake in Guam.

“Last year, we were trying to figure out if the pheromone was volatile when dispersed, and what we discovered is that it is both volatile and terrestrial,” Hollon said. “A lot of research right now is focused on the pheromone trails left on the ground that attract male snakes. With the grant funding I was awarded, we are using plasma and pheromones that we extracted from a female two years ago to give us a better idea of what kind of chemical we are looking at.

“We also were able to buy chemicals similar in structure to the sex-attractant pheromone we isolated, but in varying molecular weights to test with other males. Until recently, I didn’t recognize how unique our work is and how sparse the data on volatile pheromones was, so it’s been interesting to realize that the work happening in our small lab is potentially groundbreaking.”

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As a student athlete, researcher, tutor and fraternity member, Hollon juggles a lot of responsibilities, but her approach to success is less about perfection and more about effort and going with the flow.

“This past season, we knew our softball team was going to be smaller, which meant that we were all going to have to play positions that we don’t normally play,” Hollon said. “Because we were all making that sacrifice, it motivated us to work harder as a team. When you’re playing a position you’re not entirely confident in, it’s not about striving for perfection; it’s about putting forth your best effort — and that is something I hope translates into everyone’s academics.”

From collegiate athletics to research opportunities to a degree that would prepare her for a future in health care, Hollon had a lot to check off her college wish list.

“I wanted to be able to play softball, do research and get my pre-med degree, which was hard to find in one package,” Hollon shared. “I love this school. I can do anything here. I’m able to be a part of multiple organizations and not feel overwhelmed, and part of that is because of the support of the faculty here. They are very understanding of time and commitments and help make everything very doable.”

As Hollon works towards completing her biomedical sciences degree in 2023, she already has big plans for her future. She plans to pursue her Master of Medicinal Chemistry at UHSP and has already begun taking courses to fulfill requirements for that degree.

“I am hoping to join a research lab focused on chemistry,” Hollon said. “I want to be able to fine-tune my skills and to allow my mind to think more chemically, while still continuing my roles in the other labs. I’ve always wanted to go into medicine. Whether or not that means getting my M.D. or Ph.D., I’m not sure. If I discover that I really love chemistry, I am open to pursuing that as a career. I’m just looking forward to where my hard work and passion takes me.”



Hollon led the Eutectic Softball team with a .441 batting average and an on-base percentage of .468 in the 2021-22 season.



Cultivating
a Community of
Empathy
and
Inclusion

As University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy encourages its students to pursue extraordinary, **the University is committed to providing an enriching and diverse environment where students can grow, learn and expand their horizons within a welcoming community inside and outside of the classroom.**



With diversity and inclusion at the heart of the University's core values, faculty and staff work to foster social awareness and cultural sensitivity and embrace diverse perspectives to create a nurturing environment where today's students can grow into empathetic and compassionate health care leaders.

At the center of the University's work to build a welcoming environment on campus is the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). This spring, the office welcomed new leadership with Harlan B. Hodge, MSW, CDM, assuming duties as its director.

With a 20-year background in DEI and leadership development, which includes four years serving as senior manager of DEI at BJC HealthCare, Hodge is responsible for leading campuswide diversity, equity and inclusion efforts and collaborating with the UHSP community to foster a positive campus environment.

"As director of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, my initial goal is to engage our campus community in adopting an overall philosophy to create a sense of belonging campuswide," Hodge said. "This philosophy is focused on three key principles we can all embrace. First, we want all members of our community to know that if they're here, they belong. Second, we want the campus community to be committed to doing no intentional harm, and third, we want all members of our community to do our best to heal harm when it's done."

To further feelings of connectedness on campus, Hodge says the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion also will be focused on exploring the topics of empathy and vulnerability.

"Through my work in health care, I learned that an empathetic provider is far more effective than one who is not," Hodge said. "The on-ramp to empathy is vulnerability and being able to open up and say 'this is me.' I'm hoping my office can give our community more opportunities to share their stories, help us practice being vulnerable in a safe space and teach us all how to honor each other's vulnerability and leverage that for building empathy."

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The Multicultural Center brings together students, faculty and staff through programming that enriches and helps cultivate a sense of belonging in the UHSP community.

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— Harlan B. Hodge, MSW, CDM



First-year orientation offers incoming students the opportunity to learn more about the University's focus on creating a sense of belonging on campus.

On the academic side, Hodge is committed to continuing to create pipeline programs designed to provide diverse students with opportunities to come to UHSP and get the education they need to become future health care providers.

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As the University works to impact health care at a local level, it also is focused on helping students improve the health of populations at home and across the globe through its new College of Global Population Health.

Led by Founding Dean David Steeb, Pharm.D., MPH, the College of Global Population Health was created to provide students with global education experiences designed to help develop and train a contemporary workforce and a new generation of health leaders who can make a transformational difference in health outcomes for the future.

The college serves as the primary home for the University’s global and population health-related academic and research programs, while also helping to grow University engagement with the St. Louis community to promote health equity and positively impact health outcomes.

“It’s important to recognize that we are the first College of Global Population Health in the U.S.,” Steeb said. “Public health is serving everybody across multiple areas, and with population health, we’re trying to add an additional focus on social determinates of health, and we’re working with health care delivery organizations to truly move the needle and advance health equity.”

Outside of the College of Global Population Health, Amy Reese, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology, is working to educate undergraduate students on the importance of diversity and inclusion in science education.

In her microbiology class, students are collecting soil samples and identifying bacteria within them that could be used as sources for the creation of antibiotics — while also gaining knowledge on larger scientific questions regarding antibiotics.

“I’m nudging students to think about the social justice issues surrounding the work they’re doing,” Reese said. “We’re discussing the history of the soil they collected and diving into discussions about antibiotic resistance, the populations that are experiencing it and why.”

Students in Reese’s Science, Ethics and Society junior-level elective course take an even deeper dive into cultural issues, learning about topics such as scientific racism, health disparities, the portrayal of science and scientists in popular media and the ethical issues surrounding scientific research.

“My teaching efforts are rooted in my belief that students become more effective scientists and health care practitioners when they are pushed to move beyond learning basic scientific principles and examine the complex ways in which science and scientists interact with the larger world.”

Within St. Louis College of Pharmacy, students are benefiting from training in social awareness and cultural sensitivity within the professional curriculum. Through the training, students examine topics related to identity, bias, health care disparities and systemic racism.

“As a campus, we have a responsibility to embrace all of our students and the wonderful things they bring to the table and to help them flourish,” Reese explained. “Our path to diversity and inclusion is an ongoing journey, and I look forward to continuing this journey to becoming more inclusive in my teaching and more welcoming in my classroom.”

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— Amy Reese, Ph.D.



From history to biology, students benefit from diversity, equity and inclusion education integrated into course curricula.



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With a mission focused on educating and advancing communities of discovery to foster a healthier society, University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy is taking great strides to propel our institution to new heights and provide an exceptional experience for our students.

From the addition of new undergraduate programs, colleges and athletics teams, UHSP is focused on finding innovative ways to support students in their journey to become future health care leaders and innovators.

CAMPUS LIFE & Community

A Holistic Approach to Student Success and Wellness

In step with the University's mission, the Office of Campus Life is committed to holistically supporting students' well-being and the pursuit of their academic, professional and personal growth and is reimagining the UHSP community's approach to creating a positive campus experience.

Under the leadership of Isaac Butler, Pharm.D., MBA, CDFT, vice president for campus life and chief diversity officer, the office is focusing on assessment, belonging, career readiness, student engagement and wellness to enhance the student experience in measurable and strategic ways that will transform the University community for years to come.

"If our vision as an institution is for all students to be well and equipped to help promote a healthy society, we must make their holistic well-being a priority," Butler said. "We do that by supporting students with four key pillars in their academic, professional and personal growth."

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Student Success and Wellness

Through partnerships with faculty, other departments and community partners, the University's student success and wellness services have never been more immersive and engaging. Using creative approaches, services are designed to address all areas of student development, and new programming is being tailored to address specific student needs.

The tutoring program has been expanded to reach more students at all levels of education, while also providing services that meet their schedule demands. This approach includes leveraging the accessibility of tutors who are also student athletes. For transfer students, the University is working to establish a sense of connection and community with programming that focuses on helping them adjust to a new academic environment. Efforts to expand student accessibility to create a more equitable academic experience also have been growing, from testing accommodations to providing international students with language support.

"We aim to provide holistic academic services to our students and really meet them where they are," said Kim Hill, director of academic support and coordinator of the Health Care Summer Immersion Program. "Each student enrolled at UHSP is as unique as a fingerprint, from the resources they need to their dreams and professional aspirations. Supporting our students holistically involves intentionally designing programming to address the academic and personal needs of our students — undergraduate, graduate and professional. We are continuously identifying best practices to ensure our students are academically supported and can thrive."

The Counseling and Wellness Center

Susan Moore, LCSW, took the helm as UHSP's director of counseling and wellness at the end of spring, and she is already making waves in how the University approaches wellness for students, faculty and staff. Moore is passionate about helping people define their goals and needs to create and





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attain well-being. She also is focused on leading through service and developing wellness initiatives on campus that promote balance.

In the month of September, the Counseling and Wellness Center provides students with educational and creative outlets to explore their wellness needs.

“I am very passionate about mental health and how it impacts well-being,” Moore shared. “I love working with UHSP students because they are so inspiring. It is an honor and delight to help guide

them on their path and participate in their growth and development as they transform into their most authentic and vibrant selves. To be a part of that process is such a gift.”

Moore’s vision for the Counseling and Wellness Center is for it to be a place where students can get the support they need to achieve wellness and balance, with the primary goal of the center to be a haven for students to de-stress, engage in the process of discovery and heal so they can be their best selves.

Student Engagement and Leadership

A vibrant and diverse campus community is an integral part of a positive, impactful and memorable college experience. With the recent additions of A.J. Friedhoff as director of student engagement and leadership, and Ethan Miller, coordinator of student engagement, Maryam Ouechani, assistant director of residential life, and the student engagement leadership team is excited to make the UHSP campus a vibrant and diverse community that can come together to celebrate longtime traditions, as well as create new ones. From spirit week to Holi to field day, students are encouraged to take a break from their academic responsibilities and have fun.

Efforts to expand student engagement will include work to grow and diversify student organizations and Greek life on campus.

“I really want to expand Greek life so that it is more inclusive of our undergraduates and encourage more students to get involved in the numerous organizations on campus,” Miller said. “This is important because students who are involved in at least one organization have higher levels of satisfaction, retention and performance.”

There also are plans to create two more student-focused spaces on the first and fourth floors of the Recreation and Student Center where students can conduct meetings and host events, with the first-floor space being lovingly referred to as “Eutopia.”

“We are focused on taking steps to be thoughtful in expanding Greek life on campus and continuing to explore and be innovative with our campus events by working with departments across campus to connect our community,” Friedhoff said. “Student engagement is essential to not only the success of our students but of our institution. We want our students to have a positive experience in these formative years of their lives when they call UHSP home.”



Career Services and Employer Relations

Investing in the future careers of our students and in the professional growth of our alumni is a passion that Jordan Watson, LPC, director of the Center for Career Services and Education, pursues with a creative zeal that puts career readiness and the pursuit of meaningful careers front and center.

Through campus and employer partnerships and virtual and in-person career fairs, individual career coaching, workshops, and so much more, Watson has transformed the center into the go-to resource on campus, where students and alumni can gain insight and guidance into what drives them through a holistic assessment of their skills and interests.

“Understanding what their needs are collectively as a student population, no matter what college they are a part of, in addition to the generations of alumni who came before them, begins with understanding their individual stories,” Watson said. “What brought them to UHSP? What do they want to get out of their academic experience, and where do they want to go professionally? It’s all a part of building a brand and successfully connecting them with opportunities that make them feel inspired.”



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In the 2021-22 Academic Year...

747 students were reached via career services workshops and class presentations

Students had access to **300+ employer-led events** via Handshake

There was a **45% increase from 2020** in employer participation in the 2022 virtual Career Fair and Residency Showcase



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Promoting and cultivating a community that embraces diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging for all is integral to creating a safe space for students, faculty, staff and alumni to be their true selves, and encouraging others to do the same in their communities.

Under the leadership of Harlan B. Hodge, MSW, CDM, director of diversity, equity and inclusion at UHSP, great strides have already been made in building a welcoming environment on campus and creating educational programming and experiences that benefit all members of our community and prepare students for an interconnected world.

This work includes the creation of several education, engagement and development initiatives designed to foster a community of belonging among students, faculty and staff, such as the Social Awareness and Cultural Sensitivity Co-Curriculum Workshops and explorations in students' feelings of belonging on campus through assessment opportunities, to better identify the gaps within our community culture.

"One of our goals is to enhance our culture of belonging where every person in our community feels safe, heard, valued and empowered to perform at their best," Hodge said. "It is less about pointing out differences and more about creating opportunities for us, as a community, to maximize the variety of gifts that we all bring to the table."



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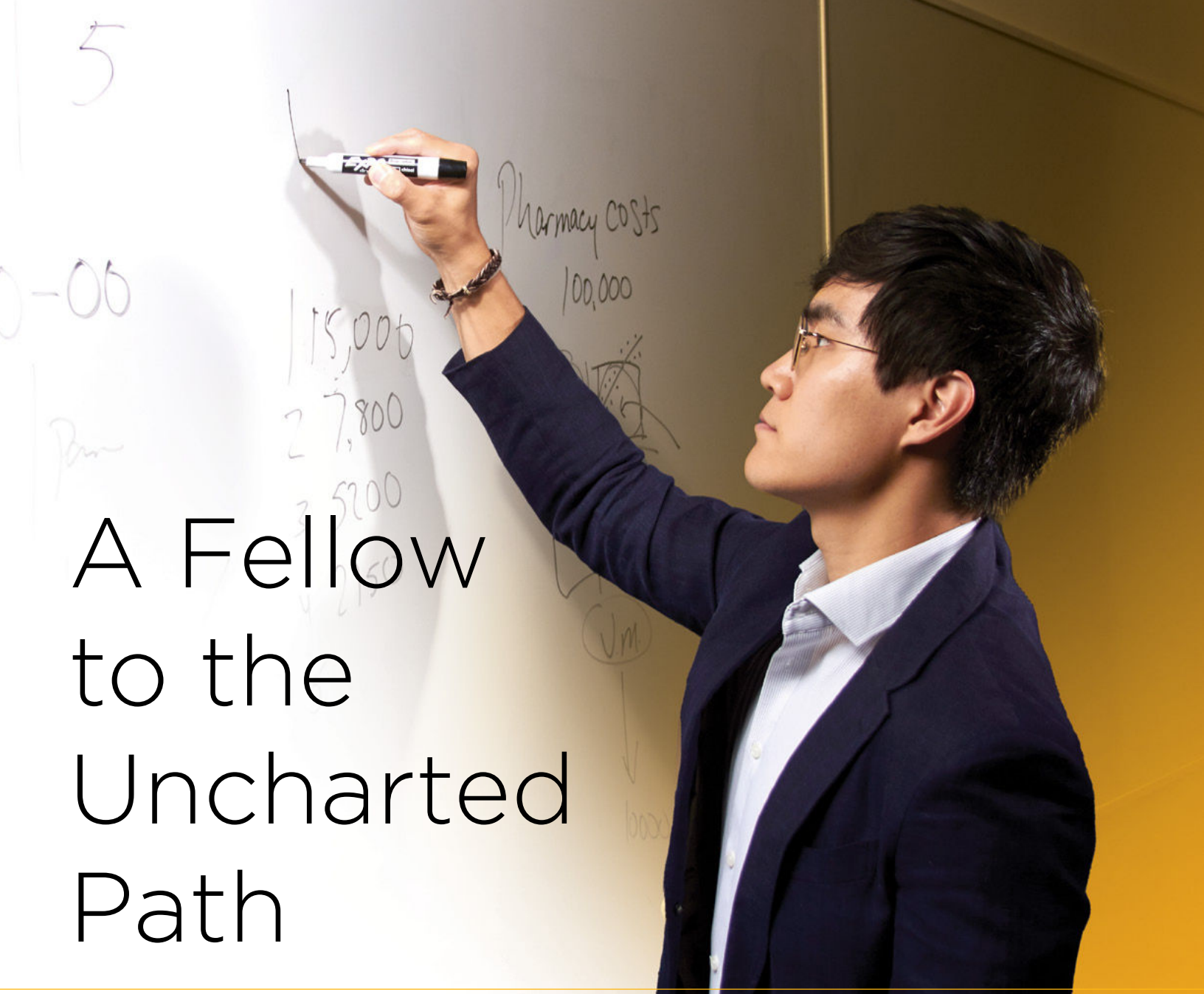
— Harlan B. Hodge, MSW, CDM, director of diversity, equity and inclusion

Creating a Supportive Community

The staff within the Office of Campus Life is excited to partner with departments and offices across the University to ensure all students have what they need to succeed, while also providing them with a life-enriching experience.

United with the campus community, the office is committed to providing students with the best student experience possible. Whether it's volunteering on Move-In Day, serving as a faculty representative for student organizations to just simply being present and engaging with students, support from the entire campus community is the University's path toward a vibrant, diverse and positive college experience.

"Our focus on holistic student development is critical for student success and for the success of the University," Butler said. "If we want to be successful as an institution, everyone needs to be engaged in cultivating a community of support and resources for our students and alumni. Only together can we transform our institution and community into a haven where students, alumni, faculty and staff can flourish."



A Fellow to the Uncharted Path

How a Unique Fellowship Experience Led to the Career Move of a Lifetime

Harrison Yoon, Pharm.D. '20, is utilizing the skills he obtained from his fellowship with UHSP's Center for Health Outcomes Research and Education to pursue a new career venture with Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson.

Shortly after graduating with his Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of Pharmacy at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy, Harrison Yoon, Pharm.D. '20, accepted a position as an Outcomes Research Fellow with UHSP's Center for Health Outcomes Research and Education. This fall, he is taking on a new role with Janssen Pharmaceutical

Companies of Johnson & Johnson, and he credits his two-year fellowship for helping to shape the trajectory of his career.

Through collaborations with institutions like Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, St. Louis University, BJC HealthCare and Express Scripts Inc., the Center for Health Outcomes Research

and Education at UHSP was established in 2016 with a mission to build project-based datasets to support communitywide information exchange and research capacity.

As a pharmacy student with a keen interest in research and data science, Yoon was drawn to the center and its mission, and he quickly connected with

members of its research team to find out how he could get involved.

“While I worked on my Pharm.D., I was able to take part in multiple outcomes-based research projects related to health-systems pharmacy and independent pharmacists’ interventions as a graduate research assistant with the center,” Yoon said. “Those experiences eventually led me to obtain my fellowship.”

In his role as an Outcomes Research Fellow, Yoon was tasked with designing and conducting retrospective and prospective cohort research studies using electronic health records, claims data and publicly available data. He also held a dual appointment as a clinical instructor at St. Louis College Pharmacy.

“My fellowship was a very unique experience because I was able to work on research projects from start to finish,” Yoon noted. “With my research team, I was able to lead, design, analyze and disseminate our findings to a wide audience. The fellowship also allowed me to acquire knowledge of advanced statistical methods across multiple programming languages.”

Early on in his fellowship, Yoon had the opportunity to serve as a principal investigator on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded research project with the Missouri Pharmacy Association, which examined how pharmacy technicians who are trained as community health workers (CHW) can positively impact social determinants of health. Yoon was responsible for collecting and analyzing data from three independent pharmacies in rural Missouri and Illinois to showcase the effectiveness of CHWs in pharmacy settings.

“The collaborative study with MPA was one of the first research projects that I did as a fellow, and it marked my first time being a principal investigator on a project,” Yoon said. “The Center for Health Outcomes [Research and Education] fellowship is special because it provides the technical components necessary to become a researcher, while also helping

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Yoon recently expanded his research in the CHW space after acquiring a \$37,500 grant from the PhRMA Foundation. Researchers at the Center for Health Outcomes Research and Education are utilizing the funds to train pharmacy students on the principles of CHWs to conduct virtual and in-person engagements with individuals in St. Louis City who are suffering from Post Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS).

“PICS describes the collection of cognitive, physical and mental impairments experienced by individuals after an admission to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU),” Yoon explained. “We examined data which indicates there are many patients from North St. Louis City with PICS who require extended care well after their ICU visits but may not be receiving it. We want to train CHWs who can conduct regular engagements with these patients to identify and inform them about low-cost or free-of-charge health resources near their home, with the overall goal of reducing the health disparities in these geographic areas.”

Yoon says the research experience he gained during his fellowship has been invaluable and has prepared him for his recent transition to his role as manager of real world market access analytics at the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson.

“In my new role, I will have the ability to create a large-scale impact while working with accomplished researchers and clinicians across multiple disciplines,” Yoon said. “My team will leverage various data sources to develop analytical tools that provide insight into health disparities that exist in the U.S. I am excited about this new opportunity, and grateful for the training I received as a fellow that has been instrumental in getting me here.”

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FINDING

Passion & Purpose

IN A CRITICAL NICHE

During her pharmacy rotations, **Theresa Human, B.S. '98, Pharm.D. '99,** developed a love for critical care pharmacy which served as a springboard to a dynamic career that has taken her from the Neuro Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to the research lab and now her current role in pharmacy industry as a Medical Science Liaison.

What drew you to St. Louis College of Pharmacy at UHSP?

Chemistry always came easy to me. In high school, I thought I wanted to go into research and development, and that's what led me to pharmacy school. St. Louis College of Pharmacy was the only school I applied to. I did the 6-year program and got my Bachelor of Science, and then I worked as a pharmacist while I continued pursuing my Pharm.D.

Where did your love for critical care pharmacy and neuroscience come from?

I loved the critical care portion of my rotations, and I had a preceptor who encouraged me to go into the critical care space. I did my PGY1 residency at Charleston Area Medical Center and my PGY2 residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. It was during my PGY2 residency that I first got to work in the Neuro ICU, and I was amazed at how I could collaborate with the neurosurgeons by managing medicines for patients. After that, I took a job at University of Virginia in the Neuro ICU, and I loved it. It was there that I also was introduced to the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS), which is the only professional society representing multi-disciplinary teams of neurocritical care providers around the world.

What's been your role with the Neurocritical Care Society?

I'm fortunate to serve as a member of the board of directors of NCS. As an organization, our mission is to improve outcomes for patients with life-threatening neurological illnesses. As one of a small number of pharmacists working in neurocritical care, I partnered with NCS to create the Pharmacotherapy of Neurocritical Care Series (PONS). The curriculum-based e-learning series features neuropharmacotherapy topics to address the limited literature existing in this space.

More recently, I've been working with NCS on its Caring Coma Campaign, which aims to tackle coma as a treatable medical entity. Through the campaign, we are working to unite various health care disciplines to work together to create treatment strategies that ensure the best outcomes for brain injury patients.

You spent 16 years working as a Neuroscience Clinical Specialist at Washington University in St. Louis. What was that experience like?

I really enjoyed my time there. I rounded everyday with the Neuro ICU team at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, making medication recommendations for patients with various neurological illnesses. And since I was familiar with neuropharmacotherapy, I would educate the team on new data, while also using new and existing data to provide suggestions and recommendations. I also did a lot of teaching and precepted many residents and fellows, including several students from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. In addition, I had the opportunity to do lots of clinical research on a range of neuroscience-related topics.

How did you make the transition into pharmacy industry?

Working in the ICU during the COVID-19 pandemic was challenging, and I decided that I needed a change. Years ago, I served as a member of the board of directors of Cumberland Pharmaceuticals, and I also worked for the company as a consultant for many years. I kept in touch, and when this opportunity to work as a Medical Science Liaison came up, I decided to go for it. In my role, I engage with key opinion leaders nationwide, including leading physicians, to educate them on the medications Cumberland Pharmaceuticals offers and advise them on how those medications can benefit their patients. I also utilize my research background to partner with leaders who are interested in conducting investigator-initiated drug trials to assist them in ensuring they are selecting the most effective patient populations for their studies that will yield the best outcomes for their research.

How did St. Louis College of Pharmacy help prepare you for your career?

I had great professors and preceptors who showed me the breadth of what pharmacists could do in their careers, which inspired my interest in clinical care early on. My time at the college also helped me build a strong professional network with my classmates and lifelong friendships that I still treasure and rely on today.

Driven to do *More*

Ronald Graham, B.S. '78, is not one to rest on his laurels, and his incredible career is evidence of that. From working in small Midwestern hospitals to managing hundreds of hospital pharmacies across the country to becoming vice president of supply chain solutions at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Graham has been a champion of expanding access to health care through novel approaches and out-of-the-box problem solving.



Though determined to become a biochemist, Graham eventually gave in to his mother's insistence to pursue pharmacy. While in high school, he took a job stocking shelves at the local drug store and "bugged the heck out of the pharmacist" with questions of how the medications worked and what they were for — to which the pharmacist replied, "just take the package insert off and study for yourself." Graham did just that. From then on, he was hooked and applied to St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

With his degree in hand, Graham spent the early parts of his career in the Midwest working in small hospital pharmacies, until he took a position with Owen Healthcare, now Cardinal Health Inc., a third-party contractor that assisted hospitals in managing their pharmacy operations.

A lifelong learner with a natural ability to recognize the opportunities to apply transferable skills, Graham climbed his way up within Owen Healthcare. He moved around the United States and continued to increase his impact on health care and health systems throughout the country. While managing hundreds of hospital pharmacies, he assessed financials, profit and loss statements, balance sheets and even oversaw the integration of The Joint Commission standards into the everyday workflow of the pharmacies he managed.

"By that time, as a company, we were managing about 400 hospital pharmacies, and when you're getting surveyed every three years, you get to know your surveyors down to the point of knowing who liked jelly donuts and how they took

their coffee," Graham laughed. "But what we were focused on was promoting a standard and expectation of excellence that was sustainable and a part of our everyday functions. So when The Joint Commission would arrive, it was just another event for our pharmacy staff and not a time to panic."

As a student, Graham was active in the Delta Sigma Theta fraternity, but what he was most struck by was the incredible faculty who guided him through his pharmacy education.

"So many professors come to mind when I think back to my time as a student at St. Louis College of Pharmacy," Graham said. "Dr. [Leonard] Naeger [B.S. '63, M.S. '65, Ph.D.] was not only a great instructor, but he was a really great guy. To unwind



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Photographs by Joe Howell

and grab a bite, most of us students would go to Tom’s just off of campus and cozy up to the bar with a drink and burger, and then suddenly you would turn to your other side and there would be Dr. Naeger right there doing the same. It was really special to get to interact with your professors in that way — not to say his exams were easy!”

Graham fondly remembers the fretting that surrounded Naeger’s antibiotics test, known by some as “the test of the year.”

“As a student, I worked at DePaul Hospital on Kingshighway in St. Louis, before it became SSM Health DePaul Hospital in Bridgeton, and I was fortunate to have a classmate working alongside me,” Graham shared. “While we were working, we would play ‘stump the chump’ and

ask each other questions about various antibiotics, so when it came time for the antibiotics test, it was no big deal. In fact, I received the only perfect score on that test in the class. Quizzing each other while working in the pharmacy made it simple because you are in the work environment and actively applying that knowledge.”

“Make your career and education an active process.”

With such a dynamic and impactful career that has taken him across the country, Graham credits the support of his wife and high school sweetheart, Susey, and two children, Erin and Drew, that allowed him to be successful and fulfill his duty to always

push the envelope, and sometimes take that scary leap into unfamiliar territory.

“From a pharmacy perspective, you’re coming out of school with an excellent knowledge base,” Graham said. “You’ve gone through the clinical programs and have observed the reasoning and engaged with the analytics and differential diagnosis process, which is all applicable to any part of business. I think sometimes people are afraid to take that leap and go after something different, but when you don’t push yourself, you don’t always recognize when there’s an opportunity knocking. Make your career and education an active process, keep those networks and relationships strong, in your personal and professional life, and when the opportunity presents, don’t be afraid to be a leader.”

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Shining a Light on



Even before joining the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy community, Juan Rodriguez, Ph.D., professor of physics, carried with him an interest in ophthalmology research. Taking advantage of the University's unique location on the Washington University Medical Campus, Rodriguez began to attend ophthalmology seminars at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where he connected with Steven Bassnett, Ph.D., Grace Nelson Lacy Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at the School of Medicine.

Rodriguez and Bassnett are now collaborating on research investigating the elasticity of the zonular fibers found in the eye, specifically those that help suspend the lens within the eye and are located directly behind the iris.

"Imagine a trampoline with elastic ropes holding the center of the trampoline in place — that is essentially what these fibers do," Rodriguez explained. "Like a scaffolding, connective tissues, like the zonular fibers we are studying, hold other tissues together and provide those tissues with elasticity."

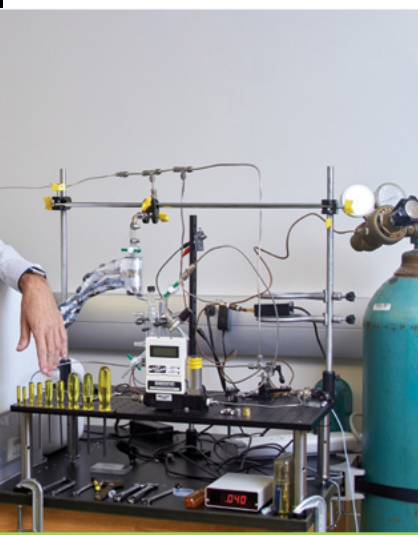
Rodriguez spends much of his time developing prototypes in the physics lab located in Jones Hall on the UHSP campus.

Rodriguez was recently awarded a grant from the Ines Mandl Research Foundation, which will allow him to take a sabbatical and focus solely on his research.

“The purpose of the grant is to investigate what makes these fibers elastic, beginning with the proteins called fibrillin that make up the fibers, and how those proteins allow these fibers to last for a lifetime, as they contract and expand within the eye,” Rodriguez said. “Unlike other fibers in the body, the fibers found in the eye are fully exposed and are only surrounded by fluid, making them very accessible. The problem is that we are using zonular fibers from mice, and the fibers are very tiny with a width about 200 times thinner than a human hair, and those fibers are made of even smaller fibers.”

To study and capture images of these fibers through light deflection, Rodriguez uses an Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) housed in the Alafi Neuroimaging Laboratory on the Washington University Medical Campus. The AFM is able to capture images and measure samples down to a scale of a million times smaller than the width of a human hair.

However, Rodriguez is still fine-tuning how best to retrieve effective samples of the fibers — approaches he is exploring in the physics labs of UHSP.



“You have to grab both ends and then somehow break it free without damaging it,” Rodriguez explained. “I may have found a way to grab both ends but breaking it free is a challenge. In the physics lab the other day, I was working with a new tool, a laser engraver and cutter. The tool involves a laser that goes around and creates patterns, or when the beam is very intense, it can actually cut thin pieces of material. That got me thinking that maybe I could cut them with a laser to release the fibers.”

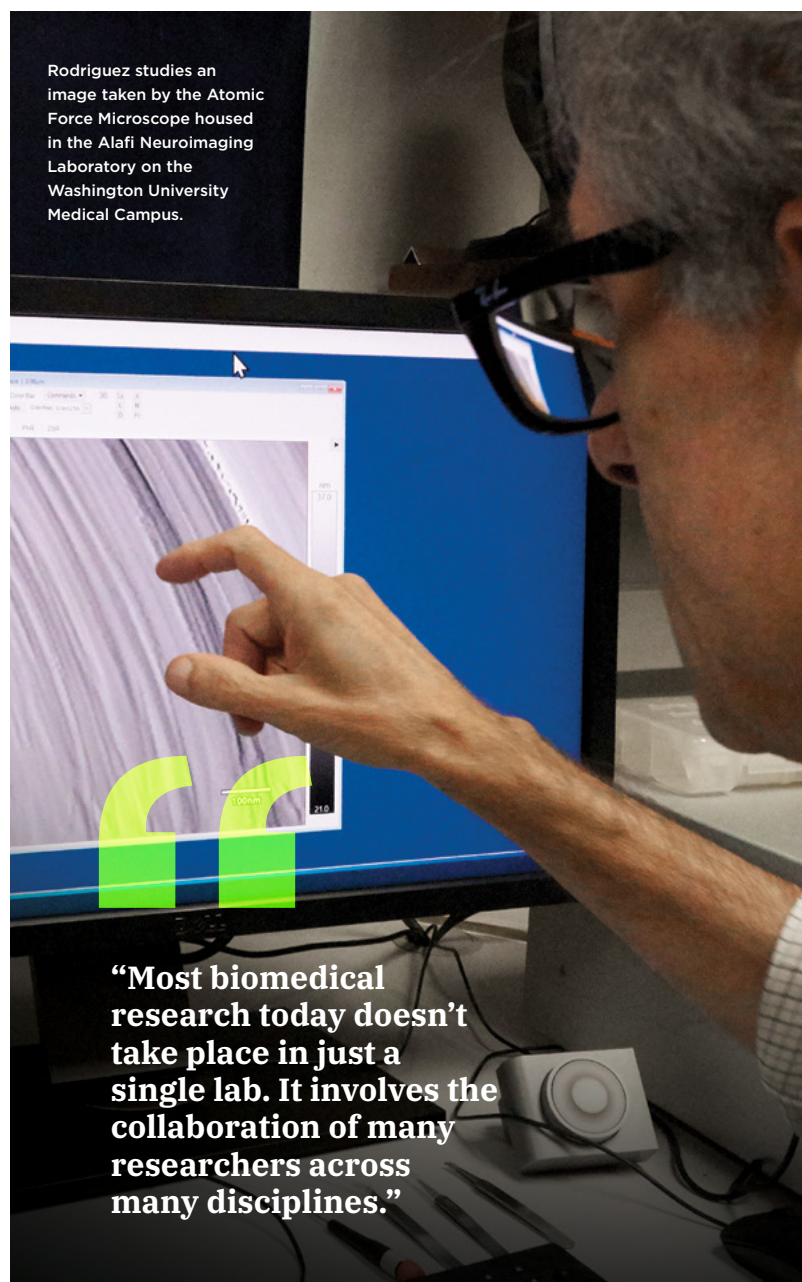
The samples that Rodriguez has been able to look at under the AFM have already yielded some unexpected observations. When reviewing the most recent images of the microfibrils, Rodriguez noticed something unusual about the structure of these particular fibers.

“The ‘beads’ are missing — typically there would be an image of a bead about every 2 millionths of an inch along microfibrils, or at least structurally that is what we expect,” Rodriguez explained. “That was something unexpected. It could be just an artifact, or it may be an important clue to how microfibrils transform when bundled into larger fibers. It is definitely something we will have to investigate.”

Though Rodriguez has already spent plenty of time in the Alafi Neuroimaging Laboratory, he spends the majority of his time in the physics lab housed in Jones Hall on the UHSP campus.

“The physics lab on campus is partly dedicated to teaching, but there also is a whole area devoted to research,” Rodriguez said. “I plan to continue developing several prototypes on campus to later test out in the School of Medicine’s lab. One of the things I hope comes from this research project is that it demonstrates to students how relevant physics is to biology and medicine — most biomedical research today doesn’t take place in just a single lab. It involves the collaboration of many researchers across many disciplines.”

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Alumni Council Update

The Alumni Council, which serves as a liaison between the University and its alumni community, welcomed the following new members this summer:

- **Francisco Franco, Pharm.D. '15**
- **Jennifer Jabben, Pharm.D. '20**
- **Larry Koesterer, B.S. '79**

The council also announced **Sara Richter, Pharm.D. '12**, associate professor of pharmacy practice at UHSP, as the next council chair. Since her graduation, Richter has served as a valued University faculty member in St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She also works as a clinical pharmacy specialist at Missouri Baptist Medical Center.

Lauren Palmier, Pharm.D. '14 and **Gourang Patel, B.S. '00, Pharm.D. '01**, were named as co-chairs.



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Join a Strike Force

Share your expertise and experience through a UHSP strike force!

Hosted by the Alumni Council throughout the year, strike forces are composed of small groups of volunteers with similar experience and expertise who collaborate around a key question or topic impacting the University. The volunteers share their findings and recommendations with staff or administrators, and then upon completion, disband.

Topics for upcoming strike forces include:

- **Alumni Recognition and Awards**
- **Career Services for Alumni and Students**
- **Trivia Night Planning**

If you are interested in serving on one of these strike forces or have expertise in an area that might relate to a future strike force, please contact alumni@uhsp.edu for more information.



Thank You to Past Members!

Please join us in thanking those members who rotated off the council this summer:

- **Carla Barrett, B.S. '92, Pharm.D. '93**
- **Christine Grass, B.S. '83**
- **Zachary Stacy, B.S. '02, Pharm.D. '03**

We are very grateful for their dedicated time and service to the University and our alumni community.

For more about the Alumni Council, visit uhsp.edu/alumni.

Giving Spotlight: Tim Koch

Employer gift matching is an easy way to increase your impact and support the future of health sciences education at the University.

Tim Koch, B.S. '95, senior director of pharmacy practice compliance for Walmart Inc., and his wife Gina, recently seized the opportunity to triple their impact on the future of the University through Walmart Inc.'s 60th anniversary celebration that featured an employer donation match.

"When Walmart provided the opportunity to triple our gift to UHSP through their matched gift campaign, we decided to take full advantage of the opportunity and donate the maximum amount," Koch shared. "Knowing that my employer will match my gift gives me even more of an incentive to give as much as I am able."

"I grew up in a very small town in Missouri and didn't feel like I had much opportunity to make a good living until I was introduced to the profession of pharmacy through my local drug store, and I never thought in a million years that I would be able to get the education I did and develop into the professional that I am today," Koch said. "So when I graduated from St. Louis College of Pharmacy, it was a non-negotiable that I would give back to the college — because without the education that I received, the contacts I made, the mentorship of professors who helped me get involved in local, state and national pharmacy associations, I would not be where I am today. I owe an awful lot, not just to the college, but to the professors, staff and alumni who have supported and encouraged me. I hope that these special opportunities to give back and give more inspire other alumni to give back too."



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It's a Match!

To find out if your organization offers a matching gift program, visit uhsp.edu/matchinggifts.



Enhance Your Career with Alumni Career Services

Alumni can contact UHSP's Center for Career Services and Education for assistance in building their brand, resume or CV review, mock interviews and more.

Whether you are a recent graduate entering the job market or an experienced professional looking to change companies or careers, the center can help.

Contact Jordan Watson, director of career services, at jordan.watson@uhsp.edu to set up a virtual appointment or visit uhsp.edu/careercenter to learn more.



Where Are They Now?

In this new feature, we are catching up with members of the alumni community to see what they have been up to since we last saw them.

This issue, we connected with **John Galle, Pharm.D. '07, MBA, BCPP**, who received the 2010 UHSP Distinguished Young Alumnus Award.

What has changed since we last spoke with you?

In 2013, a few years after I received the young alumnus award, I graduated with my health care-focused Master of Business Administration (MBA) from The George Washington University in Washington D.C. and began working for Genoa Healthcare, the largest U.S. provider of behavioral health pharmacy and medication management services for individuals with behavioral health and other complex, chronic health conditions. There, I served as the manager of the company's Belleville, Illinois, location.

After three years, I was promoted to director of pharmacy operations and oversaw more than 20 pharmacies in three Midwest states over the next five years. During this time, I became increasingly interested in the field of mental health and became board certified in psychiatry in 2019.

I recently stepped down from my role with Genoa to focus on expanding my ATM, amusement and gaming business. Since 2013, the business has grown to about 160 ATMs in the St. Louis area, in addition to TouchTunes jukeboxes, arcade machines and about 60 slot machines throughout Illinois.

Although I have stepped away from pharmacy for the time being, I am still a huge advocate for the profession and supporter of organizations who provide and deliver mental health services.

What is something you know now that you wish you'd known as a student?

I am glad the University has partnered with University of Missouri-St. Louis to offer a dual Pharm.D. and MBA pathway. When I graduated from pharmacy school, I wished that I had more business knowledge. I would recommend that any pharmacy student be knowledgeable in business and finance. It will help professionally and personally.

What is the best advice anyone has given you?

When I was first promoted to director of pharmacy operations at Genoa Healthcare, one of our senior vice presidents told me, "Don't let anyone affect your ability to put bread on your table in your new role."

That statement hit me hard since my wife and I had just had our first child, and I was going to be the sole breadwinner while she stayed home to raise our kids. It made me run towards problems instead of away from them and drove me to be a visible leader to support and grow my team at Genoa.

Then and Now

Since his time as a student, John Galle, Pharm.D. '07, MBA, BCPP, has put his pharmacy education and entrepreneurial skills to work to pursue his passions.



THEN: 2005



NOW: 2022

Alumni Q&A

Thanks to those who answered last issue's question:

What song reminds you of your collegiate days?

1980s alumni said:

"Fun Time"

by Joe Cocker

We would play this just prior to our tests, to get the blood pumping. Also, it was a touch ironic, since taking tests in pharmacy school was not a "fun time."

— Tim Rice, B.S. '83

1990s alumni said:

"Whoomp! (There it is)"

by Tag Team

It was always playing at Phi Dex parties with Michael Highley, B.S. '96, and Ryan Kruger, B.S. '96, serving as DJs.

— Tracie (Thompson) Nikolaisen, B.S. '98

"Livin' on a Prayer"

by Bon Jovi

It was our theme song at our Halfway Party.

— Amber (Winget) Compton, B.S. '98

"Ice Ice Baby"

by Vanilla Ice

— Jill (Bot) Sellers, B.S. '92, Pharm.D. '93

"Brain Stew"

by Green Day

— Brian Orlando, B.S. '98

2000s alumni said:

"Get Low"

by Lil Jon and The East Side Boyz

— Cara (Hoffmeyer) Bast, Pharm.D. '09

"Hit Me with Your Best Shot"

by Pat Benatar

— Misty (Collier) Farr, Pharm.D. '10

Answer Our Next Question:

What advice would you share with your younger self?

Share your answers at alumni@uhsp.edu or on social at @UHSPalumni, and we will include a selection of the responses in our next issue of Script magazine.

Curricular Highlight:

Introducing the B.S. in Data Science

University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy is committed to educating the next generation of health sciences leaders through our innovative academic offerings. Through our new programs, students benefit from expansive opportunities and tools to create healthier societies.

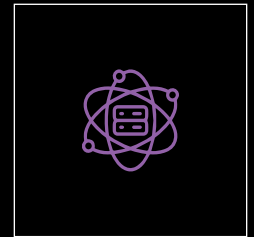
From electronic health records to telehealth services to advanced medical treatments and tools, technology is transforming health care for communities across the world.

As health care becomes more intertwined with technology, more individuals are needed to ensure these systems run smoothly and efficiently.

The **Bachelor of Science in Data Science at UHSP**, accredited this year by the Higher Learning Commission, melds the realms of data and health sciences to provide students with the unique background to meet the growing needs of health data systems.

Through the program, students will engage with big data and data analytics, as well as design quantitative experiments to solve both computational and real-world problems, while checking for bias in data-driven decision-making to examine data through the lens of health care.

Learn more about this and other new programs at uhsp.edu/academics.



↑30%

As one of the fastest growing fields in the United States, **careers in data science are projected to grow 30% from 2020-2030**, above the average occupational growth rate, and add **an average 13,900 openings per year** for database administrators and architects over the decade.

Top Three

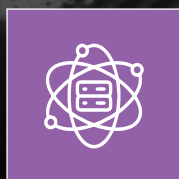
Data science was a **top 3 emerging job** with **more than 35% annual growth**.

(LinkedIn, 2020 Emerging Jobs Report)

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Data Scientist **ranked as the #6 best job overall** based on earning potential, job growth and the flexibility to work across many different sectors and communities.

(US News & World Report, 2022)



CALENDAR

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Reunion is Coming!

Reconnect with former classmates and faculty at Reunion on **Saturday, Nov. 12**. All alumni are invited to attend as we honor class years ending in 1, 2, 6 and 7.



View the schedule of events at uhsp.edu/reunion.

Athletics 2022 Hall of Fame Induction

The University's athletics department will induct 12 alumni into its Eutectics Athletics Hall of Fame during a brunch on **Saturday, Nov. 12**, during Reunion. All alumni are invited to attend and can purchase tickets at uhsp.edu/athletics.

- **Alec Daily, Pharm.D. '13**, Men's Track and Field, 2010-2012
- **Shawn Menckowski, Pharm.D. '15**, Men's Basketball, 2010-2014
- **Sarah (Pollmann) Sudholt, Pharm.D. '18**
- **Women's Cross Country and Track and Field, 2012-2016**
- **Women's Cross Country Team, 2009**
- **Kelsey (Nourse) Jett, Pharm.D. '11**
- **Rachel Maedeker, Pharm.D. '12**
- **Karen (Obermann) Woomer, Pharm.D. '13**
- **Elle (Potter) Pytlinski, Pharm.D. '13**
- **Megan (Rogers) Fast, Pharm.D. '13**
- **Lindsey Vandersteen, Pharm.D. '11**
- **Melissa (Webelhuth) Hodge, Pharm.D. '12**
- **Courtney (Wiedemer) Rogers**
- **Amy Hall, Pharm.D. '11**
- **David Baker**, Head Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach



The University is going on the road!

Interested in hosting an alumni event in your area? Contact us at alumni@uhsp.edu.

Trivia Night - Feb. 4, 2023

Save the date for the Alumni Council's annual Trivia Night fundraiser on **Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023**. Teams of up to eight are invited to test their knowledge through 10 rounds of general trivia. The upcoming event is scheduled to return to an in-person format and be held on campus.



Read more and register at uhsp.edu/trivia.

OCTOBER

6 | Meeting of the Minds

6:30 p.m., St. Louis

13 | Scholarship Awards Dinner

6 p.m., UHSP campus

25 | Washington D.C. Reception

6-8 p.m., TBA

26 | Philadelphia Reception

6-8 p.m., King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

27 | NYC Reception

6:30-8:30 p.m., TBA

NOVEMBER

12 | Reunion Celebration

St. Louis

29 | Hemm Leadership Society Reception

6-8 p.m., St. Louis

DECEMBER

4 | Las Vegas Reception

6-8 p.m., Las Vegas

10 | Holiday Lights and Reception

5:30-7:30 p.m., Saint Louis Zoo

15 | M&P Holiday Reception

7 p.m., UHSP campus

FEBRUARY 2023

4 | Trivia Night

7 p.m., UHSP campus

MARCH 2023

25 | Phoenix Reception

5-7 p.m., Phoenix

APRIL 2023

1 | Egg Hunt on the Quad

10-11:30 a.m., UHSP campus

21 | Mortar and Pestle Society Dinner

7 p.m., UHSP campus

For more on upcoming events, visit

uhsp.edu/alumnievents.

You can also cheer on the Eutectics throughout the year. View the team schedules at uhsp.edu/athletics.

CLASS NOTES

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1970s

Ken Schafermeyer, B.S. '76*, was recognized at the University's annual Mortar & Pestle Society dinner with the Distinguished Service Award for exemplary leadership and philanthropy in support of the University.

1980s

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker appointed **Brian Sullivan, B.S. '89**, as a member of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. Sullivan is the president and pharmacist in charge of the Sullivan Wholesale Drug Company.

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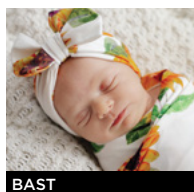
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St. Louis-based Affinia Healthcare announced that **Kendra Holmes, B.S. '99, Pharm.D. '00**, has been selected as the organization's next president and chief executive officer.

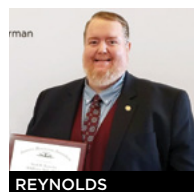
2000s

Cara (Hoffmeyer) Bast, Pharm.D. '09*, and her husband, Ken, welcomed their third daughter, Westlynn Cheryl on March 17.

Garth Reynolds, B.S. '00*, was named a Fellow by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) this spring in recognition of his leadership in the state of Illinois and service on expert panels and APhA engagements.



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REYNOLDS

2010s

Kristin (Hagan) Helton, Pharm.D. '13, received an Excellence in Leadership Award from Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, where she is a pharmacy manager. In her role, she oversees the pharmaceutical supply chain and the 340B program.

Jayme (Lich) King, Pharm.D. '15*, and her husband, Ivan, welcomed their first child, Emily, in July 2021.

Janki Patel, Pharm.D. '19, became engaged to Kung Patel on March 12. The couple plans to wed on June 11, 2023. Janki lives in Chicago and works as a clinical pharmacist at Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital.



KING

Retirement Announcements

David Baker, men's and women's cross country coach, retired this year after 21 years with the University. In 2001, he founded the men's and women's cross country teams, effectively doubling the University's offerings for intercollegiate athletics teams within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). In 2009, the women's cross country team won the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) championships and qualified for the NAIA national championships. That same year, Baker was recognized as the 2009 KIAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year for his efforts.

Don Rickert, B.S. '71, professor of pharmacy administration, joined the UHSP faculty in 1981 and has since left an indelible mark on the University. His dedication to developing students as leaders in both thought and practice has made him a beloved pillar of the University. Rickert received the Distinguished Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award in 2010. In addition to his time as a professor, he precepted as a hospital pharmacist for eight years. He will retire in June 2023 culminating a collective 42 years as an educator for the University.

Ken Schafermeyer, B.S. '76, professor of pharmacy administration, retired in spring 2022. Schafermeyer joined the UHSP faculty in 1990. During his tenure, he touched the lives of many generations of students and championed numerous initiatives, including the international studies program at the University. He served on the Alumni Council and was the recipient of a University Outstanding Achievement Award and Distinguished Alumni Award.

In Memoriam

Charles C. Smith, B.S. '50, of Cottleville, Missouri, died May 13.

Jerome A. Cohen, B.S. '52, of St. Louis, died March 16.

Abert Goodman, B.S. '53, of St. Louis, died Aug. 2.

Raymond F. Klotz, B.S. '53, of Manchester, Missouri, died Feb. 10.

Joseph H. Bene, Jr., B.S. '59, of St. Louis, died June 13.

Richard Ron Finley, B.S. '59, of San Francisco, died May 30.

David A. Wahlbrink, B.S. '60, of Florissant, Missouri, died June 15.

Mickey Smith, B.S. '60, M.S. '62, of Oxford, Mississippi, died July 5.

Larry Dean Moore, B.S. '61, of Marion, Illinois, died April 4.

Wendell P. Monyak, B.S. '61, of Scottsdale, Arizona, died July 15.

Arthur Van Loo, B.S. '68, of Summerfield, Florida, died May 7, 2021.

Sandra K. Seibert, B.S. '71, of Lebanon, Illinois, died Nov. 20, 2020.

Lester L. Davis, B.S. '72, of Highland, Illinois, died June 26.

Tina L. Obermeier, B.S. '83, of Webster Groves, Missouri, died April 21.

John W. Zuzack, B.S. '83, of St. Louis, died Aug. 12.

Sandra A. Essner, B.S. '85, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died May 6.

Lisa A. Bethea, B.S. '87, of Bloomington, Illinois, died July 30.

Amy M. Krenski, B.S. '94, of St. Louis, died May 28.

In Memoriam listings for this issue of Script were collected through Aug. 17, 2022.



Jones Hall Library, 1945

Prior to the construction of Jones Hall in 1927, the University had relied on the St. Louis Public Library as a resource for students, but in the new building, the University had a library of its own. The library quickly became the heart of the University, much like today, where students were challenged to seek out in greater depth the knowledge they were learning in class.



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