The College of Pharmacy submitted its interim accreditation report to the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education on April 1, 2007. The report highlighted a number of items that were of interest to the ACPE Board including the status of our search efforts for a department chair for Pharmacy Practice & Administration, our space planning activities, a report on the status of our experiential program, an update on promotion and tenure policies for the College, and our strategic planning activities. Based on the quality of the report and the many positive changes that have occurred in the College of Pharmacy, we have requested a full six-year reaccreditation, a decision that will be made in June 2007.

Thanks to the focused efforts of our faculty and staff we have had a remarkably productive quarter. Our College bylaws are being revised, our mission statement and strategic goals have been revised and approved, and a new organizational structure has been implemented to more accurately reflect administrative roles and responsibilities.

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**Goal Statements** (specific strategies for each goal are available on request)

1. To attract, develop, and retain an excellent and diverse faculty, representative of the broad spectrum of scientific and professional experience associated with the profession of pharmacy.

2. To become nationally recognized for quality education and innovations in teaching and assessment.

3. To identify, attract and enroll highly qualified students to create a talented and diverse student body.

4. To produce graduates who are recognized for their professional competence, their ethical character, their personal initiative, and their leadership abilities.

5. To develop and become nationally-recognized for our graduate and postgraduate training programs (e.g., graduate degree and joint degree programs, postdoctoral fellowships, and pharmacy residencies.)

6. To foster interdepartmental and interprofessional collaboration through development of a center for translational pharmacy research.

7. To rank in the top 10% of all private pharmacy schools in our research endeavors.

8. To annually generate revenue from external sources that will support our strategic goals and provide unrestricted funds to allow us to respond to special opportunities and critical needs.

9. To develop and strengthen productive collaborations between the college and its external constituencies.

10. To contribute to advancement of the pharmacy profession through service and leadership at local, state, national, and international levels.

Daniel C. Robinson, PharmD
Dean

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**New Staff**

Martha Merritt (left) and LaDonna Tucker (right) have joined the staff of the WesternU College of Pharmacy. Martha is a Secretary III supporting faculty in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration and LaDonna is our new Budget Associate.

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**The WesternU Advisor**

**Making a Bequest**

Have you ever considered remembering the College of Pharmacy in your will or living trust? It is amazing how often this simple means of making a charitable gift is overlooked. When you name the College of Pharmacy in your will or living trust to receive a specific amount or percentage of your estate, you make one final and meaningful gift to an organization you supported during your lifetime. If you would like a personal visit or additional information about such a bequest, please contact Olive Stephens, Planned Giving Administrator at (909) 469-5211 or ostephen@westernu.edu.

*Ensure the future of excellence in healthcare education by giving a gift today.*
WesternU Celebrates 30th Anniversary

“Continuing the Legacy of Excellence through Learning and Discovery” adopted as theme for the University’s year-long celebration.

Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU), a thriving center for medical education, as well as research and community outreach, celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2007. The College of Veterinary Medicine will graduate its charter class this year and, in many ways, both achievements characterize the innovation and commitment that carried the University from modest beginnings in 1977 to become a five-college, major academic health center in the 21st century.

The University is hosting a wide array of celebratory events and activities to recognize the many contributions of its alumni, students, faculty, and staff over the past three decades.

The 2007 celebrations kicked off with a Community Partners Luncheon held January 31 to honor more than 40 corporations and organizations that are dedicated to the success of the University. Honorees recognized for their valued partnerships with the College of Veterinary Medicine included Banfield, The Pet Hospital; Hill’s Pet Nutrition, VCA Antech; Cal Poly Pomona; and Los Angeles County Fairplex.

On March 9, more than 100 volunteers serving on Advisory Councils for the University’s five colleges were treated to a “Night at The Races” themed reception and dinner at the Wally Parks National Hot Rod Association Motorsports Museum, Pomona, Calif. The Museum’s impressive array of vintage and historical racing vehicles along with photographs, trophies, helmets and driving uniforms, artifacts, paintings, and other memorabilia chronicling more than 50 years of American motorsports inspired fast conversation and fond memories of “the best car I ever had.”

For Anniversary Celebration event and program information and photos, please visit the 30th Anniversary website at www.westernu.edu/30years/.
WesternU was represented at the 5th Annual California Student Leadership Conference (CAPSLEAD) by faculty advisors Sam Shimomura, Karl Hess and Eric Gupta along with the following 10 students: Xian Juan Yuan, Stacy Yang, Jina Wang, Howard Umemoto, Haitao Li, Katie Mai, Lay Kaw, Joy De Guia, Andrew Khosho and Hong-Phuc Nguyen.

Each of the seven California schools of pharmacy represented at the annual conference focused on developing future leaders. Students from each of the schools will complete a project and present their results as a poster at future state and national pharmacy meetings.

### Residency — Class of 2007

_Eighteen members of the Class of 2007 have chosen to do a residency:_

- Micah Hata ........................................... Western University of Health Sciences
- Bryan Katuin ........................................ Huntington Hospital, Pasadena, Calif.
- Cindy Le ........................................... Fountain Valley Regional Medical Center, Fountain Valley, Calif.
- Young Ran Lee ..................................... University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, Va.
- Jenny Lin ........................................... Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center, Tarzana, Calif.
- Karen Lin ........................................... Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, Calif.
- Christine Paeng .................................... New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY
- Amy Phillips ........................................ Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, Calif.
- Caryn Ramdorsingh ................................ Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, Tucson, Az.
- Michael SanAugustin ................................ Long Beach Memorial, Long Beach, Calif.
- Quan (Angela) Ta .................................... UCI Medical Center, Orange, Calif.
- Mannhu Ton ........................................ UCI Medical Center, Orange, Calif.
- Ann Vu ........................................... Community Medical Centers, Fresno, Calif.
- Elke Wong ........................................... St Joseph's Hospital, Stockton, Calif.
- Jason Wong ........................................ Long Beach Memorial, Long Beach, Calif.
- Sylvia Youn ........................................ Fountain Valley Regional Medical Center, Fountain Valley, Calif.
- Carol Young ........................................ Kaiser Permanente Orange County, Orange, Calif.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It was not long ago that I sat where you are today: full of hope, full of uncertainty. It has been a long journey. But today is the first day in a new chapter of your life. A day that comes but once in a lifetime. I say to you today to make the most of it. Do something great. Be someone great. For today you have been presented with an opportunity to go out into the world to make a difference. It was said by Edmund Burke “All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing.” So with the knowledge you have received I applaud you for achieving your goal but I also challenge you even further. I challenge you to not simply be satisfied with achieving a goal. I challenge you to achieve greatness.

I challenge you to give back. Not only to your friends and family, but to your community, College, University and to yourself. For the act of giving something of yourself does not make you any less of a person. It will only serve to complete you. We all have our stories of people who strived to overcome obstacles. Anthony Robbins said, “Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.” Every day we face the day with many options. We can either go about our work with the attitude of entitlement and the lack of feeling, or we can go about our job with the knowledge that what we do actually makes a difference in other peoples lives! We can strive to merely meet what is required or we can strive to raise the bar and to think outside of the box. We must strive to motivate and mentor those who are in need. We must be thankful for the gift we have been given and remember we do not only have the desire to achieve more, we have the responsibility to achieve more!

Today I have the privilege of welcoming you into our family of alumni from the College of Pharmacy at Western University. As you leave today, remember where you came from and be proud of the education you received. I expect to see and hear of the great things you will do. Do not simply be satisfied with graduating today for this is not the end it is only the beginning! So strive for greatness, strive for your personal happiness but above all remember to strive to make a difference!

Joyce Li, PharmD ‘03

Alumni News

Cynthia Chan Huang, PharmD ’03, published an article “Vaccines in the 21st Century” in the California Journal of Health-System Pharmacists in the May/June 2007 issue. She is a drug information specialist for TheraDoc in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jorge Quiros, PharmD ’03, will be the proud father of a baby boy, Lucas Antonio late August/early September. His first-born son, Sebastian Amadeo, is 17 months old.

Anna Royzman, PharmD ’04, and Masoud Rashidi, PharmD ’04, have two children and they just opened Innovative Compounding Pharmacy in Folsom, Calif.

Mark Bounthavong, PharmD ’04, receives his certificate from Dean Robinson for completing a two-year fellowship in Outcomes Research under the direction of Drs. Okamoto and Law at WesternU. He has accepted a position at the VA San Diego in the Department of Pharmacoeconomics.

Walter Cathey, President and CEO of the Institute for Community Pharmacy and member of the College of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council, congratulates Jyot Mahal, PharmD ’07, and Denise Dinh, PharmD ’07, at the Commencement Ceremonies. Jyot and Denise are also recipients of the GNP/ICP Scholarship.
Faculty Accomplishments

Faculty Service Awards

(Left to right) Eric Gupta, Jeffrey Wang and James Scott were recognized at the Honors Day program with Faculty Service Awards by Dean Robinson.

Teacher of the Year at Honors Day.

Mark Okamoto, PharmD, was honored as Teacher of the Year at Honors Day. This is the first year that this award is being given by the students and faculty to recognize teaching excellence. Unfortunately for us, Dr. Okamoto has accepted a position as Founding Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice, at the University of Hawaii – Hilo, College of Pharmacy. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mark and a great loss for us.

Over the past nine years, Mark has contributed in so many ways to the success of the College and the richness of the academic experience. His leadership, his attention to detail and his amazing rapport with students will leave a lasting legacy. Mark joined the faculty in July 1998 during some of our most formative years. He has been an outstanding mentor to students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty, demonstrating caring and compassion while developing their skills as clinical scholars. Mark has also played a central role in the College leadership through his work as Associate Dean for Assessment & Teaching Effectiveness and in his role as Division Chair, Social & Administrative Sciences.

Dr. Anandi Law named Chair of Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration

Dr. Anandi Law has accepted the position of Department Chair for Pharmacy Practice & Administration in the College of Pharmacy. Her administrative appointment becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

Anandi Law, BPharm, MS, PhD received her MS in Pharmaceutics and PhD in Pharmaceutical Administration from The Ohio State University. Dr. Law joined Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy in July 1999. She was promoted to associate professor (with tenure) in July 2005. She is highly regarded by the faculty for her administrative abilities, the mentoring and support she has provided to Pharmacy Practice and Social & Administrative faculty, and her keen interest in health policy as it relates to community pharmacy practice. She has consistently demonstrated leadership in her capacity as chair of the following College committees: Faculty Orientation and Development Committee, Pharmacy Faculty Assembly, vice chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Social & Administrative Sciences Search Committee, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education subcommittee on Faculty Retention and Satisfaction and Department Chair Search Committee. Dr. Law has also served on the University Institutional Review Board from 2000 to present.

Dr. Law’s professional affiliations include the International Society for Quality of Life Research, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and
Outcomes Research, American Pharmacists Association, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and AcademyHealth. She is a great teacher, mentor and scholar who has so much to offer the Department of Pharmacy Practice & Administration in the years ahead.

**Faculty Publications:**


**Grants:**

**Huang, Y** 03/01/07-02/28/08 Chinese American Faculty Association Faculty Development Grant $1,000 Project title: KEAP1-NRF2-SLC7A11 pathway in malignant mesothelioma

**Le, J** Complications associated with *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia in children, Memorial Medical Center Foundation, Principal-Investigator, $3,243, Approved/Funded, 2007, extramural.

**Honors and Awards**

**Gupta, E** has been elected Speaker-Elect to the House of Delegates of the California Pharmacists Association (CPHA).

**Radhakrishnan, R** Elected as Editorial board member- *Phytotherapy Research* (Wiley InterScience)

**Radhakrishnan, R** Invited as Reviewer- *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* (AACP)

**Radhakrishnan, R** Invited as External examiner for Master of Medical Sciences dissertation of Lo Mee Wah, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, Malaysia.

**Shankar G** has been selected for membership on the Pharmacy Provider Coalition Relationship Management Group of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists.

**Presentations:**


**Huang Y** Kadlubar KK, Li Q, Lyn-Cook BD, Ning B, Moon H and Guo L. Sex differences in chemotherapeutic toxicity: profiling of transporter genes in human livers. 2007 Organization For The Study of Sex Differences meeting (Oral Presentation)


**Huang, Y** 2007 Pharmacogenomics Symposium (Ohio State University) in Columbus, Ohio. Title: Pharmacogenomics of membrane transporters in cancer chemotherapy.

Greetings from the WesternU Office of Alumni Relations! The summer is flying by, and we are beginning to finalize alumni events for next year. We hope to see you at the CSHP Seminar 2007 in October and the ASHP Mid-Year Clinical Meeting in December. Keep your eyes open for event and programming information coming to your inbox and mailbox this summer. Also, don’t forget to keep the Alumni Office updated on your successes, both professional and personal. We enjoy sharing good news with your classmates and the entire alumni community! You can reach us at alumni@westernu.edu or at (909) 469-5274.

Have a wonderful summer!

Dorothy Buchanan
Director, Alumni Relations