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17-DECEMBER-2019

- **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Apply by January 3 for the ASHP Executive Fellowship which is a paid 12-month program housed in the heart of our nation's capital at the ASHP Joseph A. Oddis Global Headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. This postgraduate program provides hands-on training in all facets of not-for-profit association leadership and management. To learn more, visit the fellowship Application and Program Details webpage: <https://www.ashp.org/About-ASHP/ASHP-Executive-Fellowship...>

10-OCTOBER-2019

- KUDOS to **Nicholas Alonzo, Amrit Bains, Ga Rhee, Khin Htwe, Jamie Russell, Diana De Vore, Xia Li Chen, Michelle Nguyen, Vanishree Rajagopalan, Margaret Schulte, and Shadi Doroudgar** for their paper, "Trends in and Barriers to Enrollment of Underrepresented Minority Students in a Pharmacy School," which was just published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education as a featured article.

7-OCTOBER-2019

- American Pharmacists Month – October 2019
- YouTube video – 3rd year pharmacy student **Bryan Okereke**.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhJqVLcooOo&fbclid=IwAR3HYOdaPIpvHwYUCvi7VIUH0JE9Y9dB_S8mUs5e0m1OSzuusxwH5Vblj0M

4-OCTOBER-2019

- **COP 10 Year Reunion** – Touro University California
- **CELEBRATING AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH:** Thank you to all for joining our kick off celebration on campus to recognize the accomplishments of pharmacists and their contributions to society!
- (11am) – **American Pharmacists Month Kickoff!** 11am to 1pm. Gazebo and Lawn.

3-OCTOBER-2019

- SNPHA formally invites you to ... **The P4 Midyear Excellence Webinar Series**
- Celebrating the pharmacist! **APhM: American Pharmacists Month.** Easy to Reach, Ready to Help.
- JOIN US ON FRIDAY to kick off a month-long celebration of pharmacists!



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- KUDOS to **Dr. Lauren Roller**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and her colleagues for their paper, "Vitamin C in Surgical Sepsis," which is in press in Current Opinion in Critical Care.
- VALLEJO FARMER'S MARKET: Touro University California Doctor of Pharmacy students providing free blood pressure and blood glucose screening in our community.
- MEDHUB TRAINING: **Drs. Lucinda Chan and Margaret Schulte** from the TUC COP experiential team learning about new and improved E-Value features to enhance student and advisor experiences.

24-SEPTEMBER-2019

- Bringing smiles and health awareness in our community – CSHP Touro. ... Thanks to everyone who came out to volunteer at the nation's biggest pet fair, and special thanks to our Diablo Chapter (DSHP). It was an amazing event screening blood pressure and educating patients about hypertension, as well as asthma/COPD while surrounded by dog and cat cuteness!
- **OPEN HOUSE:** Looking forward to welcoming prospective students to campus to learn more about our innovative 2+2 Doctor of Pharmacy program! To reserve your spot for this free event, which includes mock interviews, follow the link and we'll see you soon on October 25!

23-SEPTEMBER-2019

- CONGRATULATIONS to Professor **Adrian Wong** who was elected Speaker of the CPhA House of Delegates. We are proud of all of our representatives who participated in the recent House of Delegates meeting.
- Proud of our dream team. Congratulations to the winning team (**Jasmeet Singh and Tony Lotte**) for CSHP/ASHP's Clinical Skills Competition! Wish them luck as they move forward to compete at this year's CSHP Seminar in Anaheim, and even more if they win at state level to move forward to nationals at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas. Good luck gentlemen!
- Sharp Memorial was voted the Best Hospital in San Diego by the San Diego Union-Tribune in their 23rd annual "San Diego's Best" Readers Poll. We are incredibly proud to have rotation and residency sites there, with **Dr. Kristen Herzik**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, overseeing our trainees!

20-SEPTEMBER-2019

- CONGRATULATIONS to **Dr. Kathy Knapp**, Dean Emeritus of Touro University California, for being named to the CSHP Foundation Board of Directors!
- KUDOS to **Dr. Kelan Thomas**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, who was interviewed and quoted for a Quartz business news website article about psilocybin: <https://qz.com/.../first-ever-magic-mushroom-research-center.../>.



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- **IMMUNIZATION EVENT:** It's an annual tradition at Touro University California - Doctor of Pharmacy students providing flu shots to fellow students, faculty, and staff over their lunch hour on campus. Thank you to all who participated!
- CONGRATULATIONS to **Jonathan Trinh** for being awarded the John J. Carbone Memorial Scholarship Award from CSHP. The award is presented annually to a California pharmacy student with an interest in health-system pharmacy leadership who has demonstrated exceptional leadership ability.
- **BAY AREA PET FAIR:** Touro University California Doctor of Pharmacy students checking the blood pressures of the humans amongst the dogs, cats and other furry creatures at the pet fair.

11-SEPTEMBER-2019

- Touro University California Doctor of Pharmacy students providing service to the community at the Sikh temple in Stockton.

9-SEPTEMBER-2019

- College of Pharmacy student Leslie Wu, Class of 2021, discusses her efforts to promote medication adherence as part of the [Script Your Future](#) campaign. In fact, the Touro team has won the Communication and Media Outreach Award the past two years! "I'm really grateful for all the opportunities that I've been given here," said Leslie Wu. "And I hope to see you here!" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bd_C8szMeB8
- Class of 2020 College of Pharmacy student **Jonathan Trinh** values how his education applies to everything – he can jump right in whenever someone says they are not feeling well and make sure they are taking the right medication. "Touro definitely provides a strong foundation of knowledge that I can bring to any clinical situation or any everyday life situation," said Trinh. "With that knowledge, I'm able to find the solution or answer to make sure everyone feels better." - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9uwo-chcMU>

6-SEPTEMBER-2019

- Article – Touro University students demand human rights in detention centers. <https://www.timesheraldonline.com/2019/09/04/touro-university-students-demand-human-rights-in-detention-centers/>



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27-AUGUST-2019

- YouTube video – **Annual Club Day at Touro**. Don't forget that it's Club Day tomorrow from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Grove. For this Touro Tuesday, Daniel, our SGA VP of Student Affairs, is here to tell you more about all the fun on Wednesday!

26-AUGUST-2019

- Congratulations to **Dr. Johnny Laim** for starting a new pharmacist position at Safeway.
- **WHITE COAT**: Celebrating families! **WHITE COAT CEREMONY**: The Class of 2023 has been officially launched! Sharing some of the smiles from yesterday.

25-AUGUST-2019

- THANK YOU to **Dr. Saad Sultan** (Class of 2010) who served as the keynote speaker at today's White Coat Ceremony! Dr. Sultan is currently the Area Director of Pharmacy for Providence St. Joseph Health in Sonoma County.
- **WHITE COAT CEREMONY**: Congratulations to the Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2023! It was great seeing our future pharmacists and their loved ones on campus this morning!

23-AUGUST-2019

- Congratulations to the recently elected Class of 2023 Class Board:
 - President - **Calvin Jay Oliman**;
 - Curriculum Chair - **Gregory Fong**;
 - Curriculum Representatives - **Sarah Aguilar & Jaela Ilagan-Evangelista**;
 - Finance Chairs - **Ryan Henry & Jenny Nguyen**;
 - Social Chair - **Jennifer Law**;
 - Historian - **Toan Dang**
- **WHITE COAT CEREMONY**: Looking forward to the White Coat Ceremony for the Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2023 this Sunday at 9:00 AM in Lander Hall. Today's rehearsal went well, and I can't wait for the real thing!

22-AUGUST-2019

- Congratulations to **Dr. Sebastian Al-Saiegh** for starting a new position as Clinical Pharmacist - Emergency Department at Adventist Health.
- **STUDENT AFFAIRS WEEK**: Opportunities to participate in a variety of activities next week



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21-AUGUST-2019

- JOIN US: **College of Pharmacy information session webinar** tonight at 6:00 PM PDT. join us via zoom meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/6454950002>

20-AUGUST-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Alison McCormick**, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, **Dr. Karl Meszaros**, Professor of Biological Sciences, **Dr. Kevin Ita**, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and **Dr. Mike Ellerby**, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, who serve on the Faculty Senate Research Committee.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Vista Khosraviani**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and **Dr. Gordon McCarter**, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, who serve as COP representatives on the Faculty Senate Benefits and Retention Committee.
- KUDOS to **Dr. David Malewski**, Assistant Professor of Social Behavioral and Administrative Sciences, who serves as vice-chair of the Faculty Technology Advisory Committee.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Eric Ip**, Chair of Clinical Sciences, **Dr. David Evans**, Chair of Biological and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and **Dr. Shane Desselle**, Professor of Social Behavioral and Administrative Sciences, for serving as COP representatives on the Faculty Senate Rank and Promotion Committee.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Vani Rajagopalan**, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, who serves as chair of the Faculty Senate Library Committee.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Kevin Ita**, Associate Professor, who serves as chair of the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Gordon McCarter**, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, and **Dr. David Malewski**, Assistant Professor of Social Behavioral and Administrative Sciences, for serving as Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer respectively of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

19-AUGUST-2019

- **2019 NHHF Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship**: Application deadline September 26, 2019. To apply and for more information: <https://lnkd.in/eZASpBH>
- Congratulations to **Dr. Leila Inting Munoz** (Class of 2016) for starting a new position as an ambulatory care pharmacist at Kaiser.
- **Touro's CSHP 2019-2020 Executive Board!** We look forward to bringing you new & exciting events for the upcoming year!
- Super fun morning in the marina. A special thank you to **Dr. Judy Lee** for making sure that the life vests were just a fashion statement.
- COP BOARD: Fearless student leaders of the College of Pharmacy 2019-2020



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- **COP STAFF SUPPORTING STUDENTS:** Our phenomenal staff in the College of Pharmacy sponsored a Southern potluck featuring BBQ and fried chicken with all of the fixings for the lucky student bidders from this Spring's TPA auction!
- KUDOS to **Charity Yamada** for being the College of Pharmacy representative on the University Staff Council.
- Upcoming **Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Info Sessions – Virtual Information Webinars**
 - Wednesdays, 6-7pm (PST)
 - July 24, August 21, September 25, October 23
 - For more information contact Anthony.williams@tu.edu

9-AUGUST-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Kevin Ita**, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and his former MS student and current PharmD student **Ifeoma Anne Abiandu**, for their paper, "Transdermal delivery of potassium chloride with solid microneedles," which was accepted for publication in the Journal of Drug Delivery Science and Technology.

7-AUGUST-2019

- Kudos to **Dr. Kelan Thomas**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, who was interviewed by SurvivorNet on magic mushrooms for depression in cancer patients: "<https://www.survivornet.com/.../magic-mushrooms-go-mainstream...>"
- CONGRATULATIONS to **Dr. Mohamed Jalloh**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, who earned his Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy!
- Come celebrate more than **100 years of service to Vallejo's Mare Island** by one of Vallejo's most pioneering Filipino-American Families. Guest speakers, including Congressman Mike Thompson, are scheduled help dedicate a street on the Touro University California campus to the Moises family.

6-AUGUST-2019

- It's been a great couple of days working with our new Doctor of Pharmacy class!
- **COP ORIENTATION:** First year Doctor of Pharmacy class hard at work during the college orientation.

4-AUGUST-2019

- **WELCOME CLASS OF 2023:** It's great seeing all of our incoming students on campus for orientation! **Senior Provost Shelley Berkley** and **Provost Sarah Sweitzer** are leading the way welcoming everyone back!



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- (5:30-7:30pm) – **Touro University California's Parent Night.** Learn all about Touro. Wine and light refreshments provided. Tours available at 4pm and 4:30pm.

1-AUGUST-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Monica Donnelley**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and her colleagues for their paper, "Posaconazole serum drug levels associated with pseudohyperaldosteronism," which is in press in the Journal of Clinical Infectious Diseases.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Evan Zasowski**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and his colleagues for their paper, "Open-label randomized trial of early clinical outcomes of ceftaroline fosamil versus vancomycin for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections at risk of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus," which was published in Infectious Diseases and Therapy.
- In the News. **Dr. Shane Desselle** announced as a member of the Department of Managed Health Care Task Force. TUC's College of Pharmacy's Dr. Shane Desselle has been announced as a member of the California Department of Managed Health Care's Task Force on Pharmacy Benefit Management Reporting. The Task Force will recommend what information related to pharmaceutical costs health care service plans or their contracted pharmacy benefit managers should report to the DMHC to improve transparency and improve their understanding of what is driving increasing costs. "I look forward to the Task Force helping us ensure pharmacy benefit managers are doing what's in the best interest of patients, not increasing [their] bottom line," said California Assembly member Jim Wood who authored the Assembly Bill requiring the task force. Learn more at: <http://www.dmhc.ca.gov/AbouttheDM.../Newsroom/June28,2019.aspx>

31-JULY-2019

- CONGRATULATIONS to **Felicia Gary** and **Katelyn Baker** who won first place in Division 2 at the SNPhA Clinical Skills Competition!
- CONGRATULATIONS to **Dr. Shane Desselle**, Professor of Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences, for earning the American Associate of Colleges of Pharmacy SAS Sustained Contribution Award.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Kristen Herzik**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and her colleagues, for their paper, "*Continuity of care: The impact of the pharmacist on continuity of care during transitions of care: A systematic review*," which will be published in the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association (JAPhA).
- KUDOS to our **CAPSLEAD team** and advisors **Drs. Vani Rajagopalan, Margaret Schulte and Shadi Doroudgar** for their paper, "*Burnout and Engagement in Doctor of Pharmacy Students: Its*



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Relation to Perception of Academic Ability," which is being published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education.

- KUDOS to **Dr. Lauren Roller**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, who gave a Surgery Grand Rounds presentations at East Bay, "Pharmacy Considerations in the ICU."
- Congratulations on **Touro University California's Communications and Media Outreach Award** win in the 2019 Script Your Future Medication Adherence Team Challenge! This is the second year in a row that TUC has received this award, and the university has won a category in the Script Your Future annual challenge every year that the competition has existed! Accepting the award on behalf of the team were **Leslie Wu** (P2), **Michael Kim** (P1), and **Michael Cho** (P1). The group was advised by **Dr. Emily Chan**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences. Other team members included **Nhat Nguyen** (P2), **Diana Nguyen** (P3), **Jimmy Huang** (P3), **Jimin Lee** (P4), and **Christina Doan** (P4).
- KUDOs to **Dr. Emily Chan**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and **Dr. Shadi Doroudgar**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, for their presentation, "*Patient Perceived Barriers to Naloxone in a Primary Care, Underserved Setting,*" at the ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium.
- This past Sunday, **Touro's College of Pharmacy team won first place in the Student National Pharmaceutical Association / Kroger National Clinical Skills Competition!** SNPhA Touro University California members Katelyn Baker, Class of 2020, and Felicia Gary, Class of 2021, beat 56 teams representing 42 pharmacy schools nationally. The Student National Pharmaceutical Association's Clinical Skills Competition is an educational opportunity for SNPhA students across the nation to demonstrate their pharmaceutical knowledge, patient assessment and clinical presentation skills, as well as effective patient counseling. Their advisors **Drs. Shane Desselle, David Malewski** and the whole campus congratulates them on their success!
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20-JULY-2019

- At Walmart Vallejo. Today at your local Walmart Neighborhood Market we are having our Wellness event. Come down and talk to our Health Professionals. We are here to help you live better!

15-JULY-2019

- College of Pharmacy students **Michael Kim, Michael Cho, Leslie Wu** and TUC staff delegates are in Chicago this week to accept the Script Your Future 2019 Communication and Media Outreach Award at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy - AACP conference! The award includes a certificate and a stipend for their work creating nine PSAs with messages for diverse patients on the importance of medicine adherence. Check out their work at: <https://www.scriptyourfuture.org/2019-medication-adherence.../>
Congrats to all who worked on the Touro Script Your Future team!



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#wearetouro #ScriptYourFuture #prescriptions #medication #medicationadherence #pharmacy
#PharmEd19

8-JULY-2019

- **Dr. Helen Berhane**, recent College of Pharmacy graduate, embarks on a residency at Stanford's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital thanks to the experiences she had during her clinical rotations while at Touro. "The university and the greater Vallejo area was the perfect environment for my graduate study," stated Dr. Berhane. "It is so easy to be involved. Not just with extracurricular activities and in the community, but by getting to know the faculty and the dean." The community came together recently to support her as part of the **Mosaic Diversity Scholarship Fundraiser Celebration** where donors and sponsors across Solano County provide scholarships to students like Dr. Berhane so they can focus on what they're trying to accomplish without needing to worry about financial burdens. Read more from [Local Happenings Magazine](http://www.localhappeningsmagazine.com/2019_J.../index.html...) at: http://www.localhappeningsmagazine.com/2019_J.../index.html...
- Thanks to funding from the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#), Touro researchers **Dr. Nathalie Bergeron and Sally Chiu** along with [UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland](#) researcher **Dr. Ronald Krauss** found that consuming high levels of red meat and white meat, like poultry, resulted in higher blood cholesterol levels when compared with consuming plant proteins, such as grains, legumes, soy and nuts. "Our study is the first randomized controlled trial to compare the effects of red meat, white meat, and non-meat proteins on blood cholesterol levels when saturated fat in the diet is held constant," said Dr. Bergeron. "Our research found that...there is no difference in levels of blood cholesterol between red meat and poultry-based diets, both higher than when comparable amounts of plant-based protein were consumed." Read more about this study at: http://tu.edu/.../pressrelease/190611_RedWhiteCholesterol.html

3-JULY-2019

- Congratulations to **Dr. Danielle Thanh** (Class of 2018) who started a new position as a specialty ambulatory care pharmacist at Stanford Healthcare.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Jessica Chen** (Class of 2017) who earned a Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy.
- KUDOS to **Drs. Kathy Knapp, Keith Yoshizuka, Debbie Sasaki-Hill** and their colleague for their commentary, "*Co-located Retail Clinics and Pharmacies: An Opportunity to Provide More Primary Care,*" which was published in Pharmacy.

27-JUNE-2019

- KUDOS to Doctor of Pharmacy students from Touro University California who taught the Napa community how to use naloxone. They were mentored by **Dr. Mohamed Jalloh**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences.



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25-JUNE-2019

- A hearty thank you to all of our wonderful preceptors who invest their time and expertise toward training and inspiring a whole new generation of pharmacists. It was great seeing some of them at our first preceptor appreciation dinner and training. Speakers included **Lucinda Chan, Adrian Wong, Larry Cacace, and Felix Tsui**.
- **AMCP regional meeting:** Touro University California hosted this year's meeting on campus. It was a wonderful opportunity for pharmacy students to network and learn more about managed care.
- A heartfelt thank you to **Dr. Vinson Lee** who served as keynote speaker at this year's AMCP regional meeting, which was hosted by Touro University California and provided opportunities for pharmacy students to network and learn more about managed care.
- AMCP regional meeting at Touro University California: Pharmacy students had the opportunity to learn through breakout sessions about Managed Care Residencies by **Dr. Katrina Zywiec** from Sutter Health, Patient Advocacy & Quality Measures by **Dr. Huong Nguyen** from Envolve, and Professional Advocacy through AMCP by **Dr. Stephanie Lu** from Novartis.
- Preparing for a new addition to the pharmacy: COP faculty and staff celebrating the upcoming arrival of a new addition to **Ms. Christina Alvarez**, Post-Graduate Programs Coordinator, and her family.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Karl Meszaros**, Professor of Biological Sciences, for celebrating 20 YEARS at Touro University California!
- AMCP regional meeting at Touro University California: Breakout sessions provided opportunities for pharmacy students to network and learn about Personal Advocacy by **Dr. Ray Kong** from Amgen, Current and Proposed Legislative Changes Impacting Formulary Strategy, Rebates & Contracting by **Dr. Christine Tan** from EnvisionRx, and Advocating For Your Profession & Future by **Dr. Keith Yoshizuka** from Touro University California.
- Congratulations to our team for winning the **Communications and Media Outreach Award in the 2019 Script Your Future Medication Adherence Team Challenge!** Team members include: **Michael Kim** (P1), **Michael Cho** (P1), **Leslie Wu** (P2), **Nhat Nguyen** (P2), **Diana Nguyen** (P3), **Jimmy Huang** (P3), **Jimin Lee** (P4), and **Christina Doan** (P4). They were mentored by **Dr. Emily Chan**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences.
<https://www.scriptyourfuture.org/medication-adherence-team.../>
- <https://www.scriptyourfuture.org/2019-medication-adherence.../>

24-JUNE-2019

- Touro University students and faculty helped teach Bay Area high school students about various aspects of the healthcare profession during the 8th Annual Biotech Academy at the Touro University California campus. Today, students took part in a simulated clinical setting and learned how to suture fruit. The two-week, free academy started last week and will wrap up later this week.



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7-JUNE-2019

- (11:30AM – 1:30PM) - **Ahoy Mateys: Ye Be Invited For Some Swashbuckling Fun in Honor of Employee Appreciation.**

2-JUNE-2019

- (2-3:30PM) – **Class of 2023 Mixer @Lander Hall, 1557 Azuar Drive, Mare Island, Vallejo, California.** An opportunity for incoming students to gain information and visit with each other, current students, faculty, administrators, and staff.

22-MAY-2019

- (9AM) – **Touro University California College of Pharmacy Retreat**
- A huge thank you to **Mr. Buck Kamphausen** who generously allowed the College of Pharmacy to hold our Faculty Retreat at his **US World Classics Museum!**
- KUDOS to **Drs. Tara Jenkins, Nathalie Bergeron and Vani Rajagopalan** for organizing the program for our COP Faculty Retreat which focused on curricular enhancements.
- Touro University California alumni and current residents at **Western States 2019!**

19-MAY-2019

- (9AM to 11:30AM) - **Touro University California College of Pharmacy 2019 Commencement @Solano Community College, Suisun, California.** For more information - <https://www.facebook.com/events/389426998279136/>
- **COMMENCEMENT 2019:**
 - So many special moments celebrating the Touro University California College of Pharmacy Class of 2019!
 - This year's ceremony featured guest hooders, many of whom were alumni of the College. It was heartwarming to see the pharmacy mentoring ladder in action on such a special day!
 - The faculty and staff of the College of Pharmacy are so proud of the new graduates from our Doctor of Pharmacy program!
 - Leading all of the current faculty and graduates into the ceremony this year were our founding dean, **Kathy Knapp**, founding faculty, and alumni. A special call out to graduates in the inaugural Class of 2009 - 10th anniversary of our first PharmD class!



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17-MAY-2019

- **GRADUATION BANQUET:** Nice to have time to reconnect with the Class of 2019 at the Mare Island Brewery Coalshed before commencement.

15-MAY-2019

- **PINNING CEREMONY:** Looking forward to the COP pinning ceremony at 4:00 PM today. Featured speakers are **Mr. Tony Lotte** and **Dr. Terri Wong**, who will be providing tips and advice from the student and faculty preceptor perspectives. See you there!
- (4PM) – **COP Pinning Ceremony @Lander Hall.** Taking time to celebrate the achievements of our P2 students before they move on to their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences!
- Gaining inspiration from **Dr. Terri Wong**, Track 5 professor of the year, who served as the faculty preceptor speaker for this year's Pinning Ceremony.
- Congratulations to the Class of 2021 for completing the didactic portion of the program and best wishes as they move on to their APPE rotations!
- **END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AWARDS –**
 - ACCP Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. Terri Wong**, Assistant Professor of Experiential Education
 - AMCP Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. Katrina Zywiec**, TUC Class of 2017
 - CSHP Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. Keith Yoshizuka**, Chair of Social Behavioral and Administrative Sciences
 - IPhO Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. Mohamed Jalloh**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences
 - APhA/CPhA Preceptor of the Year: **Adrian Wong**, Assistant Professor of Experiential Education
 - KSPA Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. Vincent Largo**, TUC Class of 2017
 - Student-Run-Free-Clinic Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. Colin DeWald**
 - ISPOR Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. David Malewski**, Assistant Professor of Social Behavioral and Administrative Sciences
 - SNPhA Preceptor of the Year: **Dr. Jasmine Reber**, TUC COP Class of 2016
 - PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR 2019
Class of 2021: **Dr. Adrian Palisoc**
Class of 2022: **Dr. Mike Ellerby**
 - TRACK 1 PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR
Class of 2021 and Class of 2022: **Dr. Shankar Chinta**
 - TRACK 2 PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR
Class of 2021: **Dr. Alison McCormick**
Class of 2022: **Dr. Mike Ellerby**



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- TRACK 3 PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR
Class of 2021: **Dr. Keith Yoshizuka**
Class of 2022: **Dr. Rolly Kali-Rai**
- TRACK 4 PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR
Class of 2021: **Dr. Shadi Doroudgar**
Class of 2022: **Dr. Laura Baumgartner**
- TRACK 5 PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR
Class of 2021: **Dr. Terri Wong**
Class of 2022: **Dr. Felix Tsui**
- MOST ENDEARING PROFESSORS:
Class of 2021 - **Dr. Vista Khosraviani**
Class of 2022 - **Dr. Susan Heimer**
- MOST SOPHISTICATED PROFESSORS:
Class of 2021 - **Dr. Linda Banares**
Class of 2022 - **Dr. Nathalie Bergeron**
- MOST STYLISH PROFESSORS:
Class of 2021 - **Dr. Monica Donnelley**
Class of 2022 - **Dr. Vista Khosraviani**
- MOST ENTERTAINING PROFESSORS:
Class of 2021 - **Dr. Jeremiah Duby**
Class of 2022 - **Dr. Mohamed Jalloh**
- **COMMENCEMENT RAIN PLAN ACTIVATED for CLASS of 2019:** Please check your email for details and links from the university. The new location is Solano Community College (SCC) gymnasium - Building 1700A at 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA, 94534. Additional information can also be found on the university webpage and rain plan FAQs.

13-MAY-2019

- **Touro Pharmacy Alliance Baking:** Cream cheese cupcakes, Hello Dolly cookie bars, apple dumplings, and chocolate mochi, all masterfully baked. Happy eating!
- **TPA DINNER:** Lots of fun and food with the P1 auction winners.

9-MAY-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Shona Moorkerjee**, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and her colleagues for their paper, "The Whys and Hows of Calculating Total Cellular ATP Production Rate," which was accepted for publication in Trends in Endocrinology and Metabolism.



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8-MAY-2019

- (Lecture) – The Navy's Hospitals on Mare Island with renowned historian and surgeon, **Dr. Thomas Snyder**.

7-MAY-2019

- A shout out to **Dr. Shadi Doroudgar**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, who presented "Happy Pills - An Overview of Medications for Depression," for the Prevention and Early Access Program for Seniors (PEAS) for Choice in Aging.
- Congratulations to MS student **Amaney Masadeh** who was awarded first place during Research Day 2019 for her poster, "Defined Signaling Differences of Oncogenic K-Ras Isoforms." Kudos to the outstanding mentorship provided by **Dr. Daniel Keppler**, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences.
- Congratulations to MS student **Bumjin Lee** who was awarded second place during Research Day 2019 for his poster, "Nordihydroguaiaretic Acid Attenuates the Proinflammatory Response in Amyloid-beta Treated Microglia by Inhibiting NLRP3 Inflammasome-mediated IL-1beta Secretion." Kudos to the exemplary mentorship provided by Dr. Shankar Chinta, Assistant Professor of Biological and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- Congratulations to Doctor of Pharmacy students **Tony Lotte** and **Ernesto Vigil** who was awarded third place during Research Day 2019 for their poster, "SGLT-2 Inhibitors and their Additional Benefits in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes." Kudos to the excellent mentorship provided by Dr. Clipper Young (Clas of 2013).

6-MAY-2019

- KUDOS to our **CAPSLEAD team** for presenting their poster, "Development of professional behavior with an additional experiential year in pharmacy curriculum: students' and preceptors' perceptions," at Research Day 2019.
- Congratulations to **Drs. Vani Rajagopalan, Mike Ellerby** and **Tara Jenkins** for submitting one of five projects invited to participate in the AACP Innovations in Teaching competition, which recognizes innovative teaching and learning strategies and assessment methods.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Shankar Chinta**, Assistant Professor of Biological and Pharmaceutical Sciences, who served as a reviewer for the AACP New Investigator Awards.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Nathalie Bergeron**, Professor and Chair of Biological Sciences, and her colleagues for their paper, "A randomized, controlled trial on the effects of almonds on lipoprotein response to a higher carbohydrate, lower fat diet in men and women with abdominal adiposity," which was published in *Lipids in Health and Disease*.



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3-MAY-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Laura Baumgartner**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and her colleagues for their paper, "Incidence of Dexmedetomidine Withdrawal in Adult Critically Ill Patients," which was accepted for publication in Critical Care Explorations.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Monica Donnelley**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, who received the UCSF School of Pharmacy Apples Preceptor Award for the Greater Sacramento Area.

2-MAY-2019

- KUDOS to **Drs. Laura Baumgartner and Lauren Roller**, Assistant Professors of Clinical Sciences, and their colleagues for their paper, "High fidelity simulation increases pharmacy resident perceived competence during medical emergencies," which was accepted for publication in Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning.
- ADVANCED PRACTICE PHARMACIST: Kudos to **Drs. Eric Ip, Shadi Doroudgar, Vista Khosraviani, Mohamed Jalloh, and Kristen Herzik**, for leading the CSHP-Touro APP Certificate Program - two more sessions scheduled in May 2019!
- Congratulations to **Dr. Emily Chan**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, for being selected as Phi Lambda Sigma Gamma Omicron 2019 Outstanding Faculty Member!
- Appreciative of the support of the **NACDS Foundation** for providing funds for pharmacy student scholarships at the recent meeting in Palm Beach, FL.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Shadi Doroudgar**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, for her presentation, "Clinical pearls regarding diagnosis and prescribing for the African American population for healthcare providers who are not prescribers," at the African American Training and Technical Assistance Program.
- Hear **Dr. Shona Mookerjee** On the **RadioBio Podcast!**
- Miss Pooja is in the house: **Indian singer Miss Pooja** visiting with students at Touro University California in the Pharmacy Practice Center.
- Thank you to the **TUC Alumni Association** who made it possible to recognize deserving students with scholarships.
- Congratulations to Doctor of Pharmacy students **Bobby Wu, Leslie Wu** and **Mustafa Sultani** who were recongized with **Diversity Scholarships** from the university at the recent Mosaic event.



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- **Touro University - where knowledge and values meet**

SCHOOL	TUITION AND FEES	NAPLEX PASS RATE	RESIDENCY MATCH RATE
Touro University California	\$46,175	97.83%	71%
California Health Sciences University	\$45,605	78.57%	20%
California Northstate University	\$49,520	85.84%	16%
Chapman University	\$75,315*	71.23%	48%
Keck Graduate Institute	\$46,900	75.44%	30%
Loma Linda University	\$48,292	91.25%	48%
Marshall B. Ketchum University	\$48,080	N/A	N/A
University of California San Diego	\$36,834 (in)	98.44%	77%
University of California San Francisco	\$46,180 (in)	91.15%	83%
University of the Pacific	\$79,183*	95.79%	57%
University of Southern California	\$60,386	96.49%	69%
West Coast University	\$41,660	65.52%	25%
Western University	\$49,725	97.62%	60%
NATIONAL	\$51,835 (CA)	89.46%	64%

TUC Highlights

NAPLEX pass rate is in the top 10th percent in the country. The TUC pass rate is ranked 12th highest in the country, and 2nd highest in California (less than 1% behind the highest ranking California school).

Residency match rate is the third highest in California, with 71% of students matching compared to the national average of 64%.

Tuition and fees are the fourth lowest amongst pharmacy schools in California.

Data sources:
 - AACCP tuition survey, 2018-2019
 - NABP NAPLEX pass rate, 2018 graduates (03/01/19)
 - ASHP residency match, 2019 graduates (04/10/19)

27-APRIL-2019

- **Anthony Williams (Recruiter) @San Diego State University Aztec Pre-Professional Health Conference**, San Diego, California / Email: Anthony.williams@tu.edu

25-APRIL-2019

- **Making a Difference in Our Community** – Touro students are making a difference in the lives of underserved and homeless individuals at the **Berkeley General Suitcase Clinic!**
- (Video) – **Touro University of California Mosaic Celebration 2019** – Thanking our Donors! Featuring Touro PharmD students – Yewande Samuel & Tatiana Ouabo. Link -



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHHGKdzdJXo&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2NiG0w7JBEhjgL9JcudDBJIGGgsZf8o46D0tjMJJ4HK0xfqcOzzcdj04>

24-APRIL-2019

- **18th Annual Research Day.** Focus on Child Health and Development and Nutrition. Keynote speaker from the Public Health program at UC Berkeley and presentations from our own faculty.

23-APRIL-2019

- (Noon) – Annual Touro Pharmacy Alliance auction.

18-APRIL-2019

- **Anthony Williams**, Recruiter @**UC Riverside Grad School Fair**, Riverside, California / Email: Anthony.williams@tu.edu

17-APRIL-2019

- (All day) – **Legislative Day**, Sacramento, California.
- (5:30-8PM) - **A Mosaic Celebration: Diversity Scholarship Fundraiser** @Farragut Inn, Vallejo, California. <https://www.facebook.com/events/250037585881360/> ... *Join TUC faculty, staff, students, alumni and donors at its Mosaic Celebration fundraiser recognizing and supporting the academic achievement of students who, through their range of cultural experiences, contribute to inclusive excellency at the University. The event includes both a silent and live auction, raffle prizes, a hosted bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds from this event support TUC's diversity student scholarships with the goal of diversifying the number of healthcare and educational professionals to reflect the increasing diversity of the community. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://advancement.tu.edu/mosaic-2019>.*

16-APRIL-2019

- **Anthony Williams**, Recruiter @**UC Irvine Health Professions Graduate School Fair** (<https://career.uci.edu/recruiters/graduate-school-fairs-recruiters/>) , Irvine, California / Email: Anthony.williams@tu.edu



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11-APRIL-2019

- CONGRATULATIONS to **Helen Berhane** for receiving a TUC Alumni Association Scholarship in recognition of her scholarship, leadership, and commitment to community improvement.

10-APRIL-2019

- **NOWRUZ**: Doctor of Pharmacy students celebrating Persian New Year!

8-APRIL-2019

- **FOOD PANTRY**: TUC is planning on creating a food pantry to support students who may be experiencing food insecurity. Please respond to the email from **Dr. Jill Alban** that has a link to a survey regarding this - the survey is short (about 3 min to complete). It will help assess the scope of the needs on campus and preferences to help ensure that food is not a barrier to your success.

7-APRIL-2019

- Over 60 community members were seen at the **Sikh Temple** in Fairfield this afternoon by Touro University California Doctor of Pharmacy students, who checked blood pressure and blood glucose levels.
- **Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO)**: New student board members at Touro University California College of Pharmacy.
- Mo x 2: **Dr. Mohamed Jalloh**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and **Monica Ukaoma**, second year Doctor of Pharmacy student, from Touro University California speaking about the pharmacy profession at the PILLS conference.
- Touro University California Doctor of Pharmacy students providing health screenings at the **Sikh temple** in Fairfield.

6-APRIL-2019

- **Anthony Williams**, Recruiter @**UC Berkeley PILLS Conference**. Learn about the various clear paths that pharmacy offers for all personality types – clinical, business, research and more.
- Stop by and speak with Dr. Susan Heimer, Dr. Mohamed Jalloh, Mr. Tony Williams and Mr. Jonathan Trinh from Touro University California to learn more about pharmacy! You can find us today at the **PILLS conference** on the UC Berkeley campus.



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- Join us at the **PILLS Conference** at UC Berkeley and find out how Touro University California's 2+2 program can help you become the pharmacist of your dreams.
(<https://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~pills/>) Berkeley, California / Email: Anthony.williams@tu.edu

4-APRIL-2019

- (5-7:30PM) - **6th Annual Legislative Banquet** @Farragut Inn Ballroom.

3-APRIL-2019

- **The Public Health Hero Awards Ceremony & Dinner.** 5:30-8pm. Farragut Inn Ballroom.
Please join the Public Health Program in honoring those who are helping to make our communities healthy & just places to live. Awardees include the Global Health Student Hero, the Community Health Student Hero, Alumni Hero & Community Service Hero.

2-APRIL-2019

- **World Autism Awareness Lunch** @Farragut Inn Ballroom. Tuesday, April 2, 2019. 12 noon to 1pm. *Wear Blue and Join Us over lunch for awareness and understanding. Expert speakers. Autism open mic.* To RSVP visit – <http://www.tu.edu/autismawareness> or call (707) 638-5805
- **COP Bubble Soccer!** – Tuesday, 4/2/2019, 5PM to 7PM. @Mare Island Sports Complex.

31-MARCH-2019

- Doctor of Pharmacy students providing screenings for hypertension and diabetes at Faith Food Friday.

29-MARCH-2019

- **SHOW YOUR CAMPUS PRIDE!** The Office of University Advancement is filming a special video to promote the Mosaic Diversity Scholarship event and want YOU to be a part of it. All Students, Faculty, and Staff are invited to join and SHOW YOUR CAMPUS PRIDE in a large group shot on the steps of Lander Hall. Bring a friend! The more the better! Friday, 3/29/19, 12 noon, Steps of Lander Hall.

27-MARCH-2019

- Extending birthday wishes to **Ms. Alisa Danyeur** on Pi Day.



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- Tempting fate by pieing **Ms. Iris Dreu**, Program Coordinator and Staff Support of Experiential Education!
- **MORE PI DAY HIGHLIGHTS:** P1s paying it forward for a good cause.
- **BELATED PI DAY HIGHLIGHTS:** Kudos to everyone for donating canned goods.TPA leadership past and present.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Jeremiah Duby**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, and his colleagues, for their paper, "Effect of early and focused benzodiazepine therapy on length of stay in severe alcohol withdrawal syndrome," whcih was published in Clinical Toxicology.

26-MARCH-2019

- KUDOS to the following Doctor of Pharmacy students who were selected by the FDA for rotations next year: **Nathaniel Calloway, Jae Eun Kug, and Diana Nguyen!**

25-MARCH-2019

- KUDOS to **Vionna Wong** for being recognized at the APhA awards ceremony for making it into the finals of the **National Patient Counseling Competition!** Touro University California was the only pharmacy school from California represented in the finals.
- **Spring Open House:** Enjoying interacting with students from UC Irvine and UC Merced in the Pharmacy Practice Center, taking blood pressure readings, compounding, and learning aseptic technique.
- The **National Hispanic Pharmacists Association** first annual conference included presentations by **Dr. Maria Rivas** and **Dr. Diana DeVore**. We are proud of the connections of these notable leaders to TUC COP.

23-MARCH-2019

- KUDOS to Doctor of Pharmacy student, **Mustafa Sultani**, who presented his poster “Disconnected—A Stakeholder Analysis to Inform More Safe and Effective Use of Natural Products Among Pharmacy Patrons” at the APhA meeting in Seattle. Co-authors include **Ryan Hoh, Muhamod Saied, Dr. Shane Desselle**, and researchers at the University of Sydney and University of Macau.
- KUDOS to **Dr. David Evans**, Professor of Biological Sciences, and his colleagues, for their paper, "Impact of topical corticosteroid pretreatment on susceptibility of the injured murine cornea to Pseudomonas aeruginosa colonization and infection," which was published in Experimental Eye Research.
- CONGRATULATIONS to **Caroline Farr** (Class of 2019) who was one of 75 pharmacy students nationwide to be recognized with a USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award. Caroline was commended for her commitment and leadership in improving the health of people in



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communities at home and abroad through patient care, educational outreach, and research efforts.

- CONGRATULATIONS to **Vionna Wong** who made it into the finals of the **APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition!** Touro University California is the only pharmacy school from California represented in the finals.

21-MARCH-2019

- CONGRATULATIONS to **Dr. Nicholas Alonzo** (Class of 2018) who matched for a PGY2 residency in Hematology/Oncology at Stanford Health Care!

19-MARCH-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Nathalie Bergeron**, Chair and Professor of Biological and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and her colleagues for their paper, "A randomized, controlled trial on the effects of almonds on lipoprotein response to a higher carbohydrate, lower fat diet in men and women with abdominal adiposity," which is being published in *Lipids in Health and Disease*.

20-MARCH-2019

- (4:30PM) – **Study Break Reminder!** Late Night Studying in Farragut Inn Tonight ... *Remember to treat yourself to some light refreshments, some with caffeine, which will be available while supplies last tonight beginning at 4:30pm. Good luck with your exams! (This study break is possible through the combined efforts of Student Affairs, the Office of the Rabbi, and the Facilities Department).*

20-MARCH-2019

- (6-7PM, PST) - Touro University California College of Pharmacy will host a **one-hour live webinar** that will feature information about its doctorate of pharmacy. This webinar affords prospective students the opportunity to engage, explore, ask questions, hear from faculty, alumnus, students in our program and University Admissions. Join from PC, Mac, Linus, iOS or Android. URL – <https://zoom.us/j/6454950002> , Questions? Contact **Anthony Williams**, Anthony.williams@tu.edu

18-MARCH-2019

- CONGRATULATIONS!
 - **Helen Berhane** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Lucille Packard Stanford Children's Hospital!



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- **Dr. Amber Mann** Khalid (Class of 2015) for starting a new position as Divisional Wellness Coordinator at Wegmans Food Markets in Ithaca, NY.
 - **Dr. Thanh Le** (Class of 2017) for starting a new position as Pharmacist In Charge at Senior Care Pharmacy Services in Fairfield, CA.
 - **Dr. Sapna Chhagan** (Class of 2016) for starting a new position as clinical trial lead/clinical scientist for translational clinical oncology (early clinical development) at Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research.
 - **Dr. Hannah (Haniel) Yang** (Class of 2018) who matched for a PGY2 residency in Emergency Medicine with Medical Center Health System in Odessa, TX!
 - **Trang Tran** who matched for a PGY1 residency with the University of Arizona/Banner – University Medical Center Tucson!
 - **Caroline Farr** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Dignity Health Hospitals – Mercy General/Mercy San Juan!
 - **Sukhvir Kaur** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, CA!
 - **Jimin Lee** who matched for a PGY1 residency with the University of California San Francisco!
 - **Jinah Thuan Huynh** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Community Medical Centers at CRMC and CCMC (Clovis Community), Clovis, CA!
 - **Tala Zahedikia** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Northbay Healthcare in Fairfield, CA!
 - **Jovana Mercado** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Kaiser Permanente – Central Valley!
 - **Ava Mahan** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Kaiser Permanente – San Rafael!
 - **Mylien Hoang** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Kaiser Permanente – Diablo Area!
 - **Danielle Fox Doka** who matched for a PGY1 residency with the University of California San Francisco!
 - **George Mikhail** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Community Medical Centers at CRMC and CCMC in Fresno, CA!
 - **Jinjing Cheng** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Sutter Health in Concord, CA!
 - **Christine Duong** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Kaiser Permanente – Greater Southern Alameda Area!
 - **Baovy Dang** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Sutter Health in Concord, CA!
 - **Brienna Andrews** who matched for a PGY1 residency with Dignity Health St. Joseph's Medical Center in Stockton, CA!
 - **ASHP RESIDENCY MATCH - PHASE I:** We are proud of the achievements of all of our students, with 35 matching for PGY1 and two for PGY2 residencies in this first round. Coming up next...phase II.



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15-MARCH-2019

- **Anthony Williams**, Recruiter @**UC Davis**, Davis, California / Email: Anthony.williams@tu.edu

13-MARCH-2019

- (6-7PM, PST) - Touro University California College of Pharmacy will host a **one-hour live webinar** that will feature information about its doctorate of pharmacy. This webinar affords prospective students the opportunity to engage, explore, ask questions, hear from faculty, alumnus, students in our program and University Admissions. Join from PC, Mac, Linus, iOS or Android. URL – <https://zoom.us/j/6454950002> , Questions? Contact **Anthony Williams**, Anthony.williams@tu.edu

12-MARCH-2019

- **CAPSLEAD**: Proudly representing TUC COP in this year's California Pharmacy Student Leadership program are: **Tam Nguyen, Eric Flemings, Czarina Guieb, Sabrina Luong, Angela Van, Kaylie Higa, Royal Sandhu, and Lyubov Villanueva**. Faculty mentors for the group are **Drs. Vani Rajagopalan, Susan Heimer, and Tara Jenkins**.
- Proud to have TUC COP alumni **Diana DeVore** advocating on behalf of the profession! – NHPA – National Hispanic Pharmacists Association – 1st Annual Conference, March 24, 2019

11-MARCH-2019

- KUDOS to **Drs. Eric Ip, Shadi Doroudgar, Emily Chan, Vista Khosraviani, and Mohamed Jalloh** for delivering three CSHP-Touro Advanced Practice Pharmacist Certificate Programs in February.
- **UC Merced**: Had a great time showing the campus to visiting students from UC Merced. Kudos to Angela Van (P1) for sharing her insights with aspiring health professional students from her alma mater.

8-MARCH-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Evan Zasowski**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and his colleagues, for their paper, "The Impact of Concomitant Empiric Cefepime on Patient Outcomes of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Bloodstream Infections treated with Vancomycin," which was published in the Open Forum Infectious Diseases.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Jeremiah Duby**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, who was named a Fellow in the Society of Critical Care Medicine.



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7-MARCH-2019

- **CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2018 for their outstanding performance on the NAPLEX.** Their board pass rate is significantly higher than the national average and among the top in California!
- **POSTER DAY 2019:** Kudos for the great work and fantastic presentations by our P1 and P2 Doctor of Pharmacy students! **A big thank you also goes out to all of the faculty and APPE students who helped evaluate the presentations!** This year's poster day was organized by **Dr. David Evans**, Professor of Biological Sciences, and **Dr. Kevin Ita**, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- **Dr. Monica Donnelley**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences and TUC COP alumni, promoting pharmacy in a KUIC radio commercial.
- **BIG GAME:** Proud to have representing COP on the TUC team **Bryan Okereke** and **Raphael Sotelo**.

5-MARCH-2019

- **COP POSTER DAY:** You are invited to our annual COP Poster Day, on Thursday, March 7, 2019! Our P1 and P2 students will present 36 posters on the topic of **“Hypertension and Stroke: Pathogenesis and Therapeutic Advances”** from 12 noon–3:00 pm in the Lander Hall gym. Have you ever wondered about the research being conducted to advance our understanding and develop novel treatment modalities for hypertension as well as stroke? Answers to these questions and more will be presented by our students, along with coffee and cookies for attendees.

4-MARCH-2019

- **10th Annual Big Game Basketball Tournament – The TUN Matadors vs. the TUC Bulls!** Lander Hall Gymnasium, Touro University California, 1310 Club Drive, Vallejo, California.
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/1294184010738458/> . Livestream link - <http://tu.edu/biggame/>

27-FEBRUARY-2019

- **BIG GAME COMING UP:** Hosted at TUC this year
- Beautiful view just outside of the meeting area at the **American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Involve meeting** in Tampa, FL.

21-FEBRUARY-2019

- A big thank you to our P4 rotation students, **Scott Huang, Jimin Lee, Kevin Cheung, and Cindy Duong** for sharing their insights with members of the incoming Class of 2023 during our recent mixer.



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- KUDOS to **Dr. Jeremiah Duby**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, for his commendable contributions at the Annual Congress for the Society of Critical Care Medicine. He served as session moderator for "Bedside Pharmacologic Management," a pre-Congress Symposium, as well as a speaker for two presentations, "Focusing Fire or Watchful Waiting: Substance Withdrawal in the ICU" and "How We Miss Withdrawal in the ICU."

20-FEBRUARY-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Monica Donnelley**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, who presented, "Mysteries of History: Decoding Patient Drug Allergies," at the Annual Congress for the Society of Critical Care Medicine.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Lauren Roller**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, for moderating a session at the Annual Congress for the Society of Critical Care Medicine with two of the leading, world experts on corticosteroid use in the ICU: Stephen Pastores, MD, FACP, FCCP, FCCM and Bram Rochweg, MD, MSc, FRCPC.
- Proud of TUC's Doctor of Pharmacy graduate **Diana DeVore** (Class of 2018), who is now a PGY1 resident at USC. Looking forward to see her speak in Seattle.

19-FEBRUARY-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Laura Baumgartner**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, and her colleagues, for their paper, "Impact of Antipsychotic Therapy on QTc Prolongation in Critically Ill Patients," which was accepted for publication in Annals of Pharmacotherapy.
- Thank you to **Drs. Susan Heimer, Gordon McCarter, Kevin Ita, Rolly Kali-Rai, Vista Khosraviani, and Adrian Wong** for doing a fantastic job representing the TUC COP faculty at the Class of 2023 Mixer this past Sunday!

17-FEBRUARY-2019

- Thank you to our wonderful Doctor of Pharmacy students who participated in today's **Mixer for the incoming Class of 2023!** It was also great to have our Touro Bull join the festivities.
- Proud to have **Jonathan Trinh** representing Touro University California as a student panelist at the Southern California Pre-Pharmacy Symposium!
- KUDOS to **Dr. Monica Donnelley**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, who also presented a talk at the Society of Critical Care Congress. Antibiotics Shiny and New?
- KUDOS to **Dr. Lauren Roller** and **Dr. Laura Baumgartner**, Assistant Professors of Clinical Sciences, who are session moderators at the Society of Critical Care Medicine.
- CONGRATULATIONS to **Dr. Terry Pang** (Class of 2017), who is now a PGY2 Critical Care resident at Froedart Hospital in Wisconsin. Today, he did a great job presenting his research



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project titled "Evaluation of aPTT and anti-Xa in heparin anticoagulation in immediate post-VAD implantation" at the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Conference in San Diego, CA.

16-FEBRUARY-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Eric Ip**, Chair of Clinical Sciences, and his colleagues, for their paper, "The CASTRO study: Unsafe sexual behaviors and illicit drug use among gay and bisexual men who use anabolic steroids," which was published in the American Journal on Addictions.
- **SNPhA Clinical Skills Competition**. Congratulations **Janessa Cariaga (P2)** and **Daniel Lopez (P1)**. Thank you to the following participants – **Angela Van (P1)**, **Kimberly Seng (P1)** and **Radha Sampley (P3)**, **Jesse Nguyen (P3)**. Special recognition to **Dr. Herzik** for providing SNPhA with a patient case.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Rae Matsumoto, Dean**, and her colleagues, for their paper, "Benzimidazolone-based selective σ_2 receptor ligands: Synthesis and pharmacological evaluation," which was published in the European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry.
- **BADGE ACCESS TO BUILDINGS**: Beginning March 11, please remember that you will need your badge to gain access to campus buildings. Please check your email for instructions for obtaining a replacement badge, if needed.

15-FEBRUARY-2019

- CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will be representing Touro University California in the **AMCP P&T competition**: **Stephanie Salcedo, Janessa Cariaga, April Mancilla, and Charles Yun**. A big thank you also goes out to our fearless judges: **Drs. Raj Ghandi, Stephanie Lu, Adrian Wong and David Malewski**.

15-FEBRUARY-2019

- KUDOS to **Dr. Nathalie Bergeron**, Chair and Professor in Biological Sciences, and her colleagues, for their paper, "Effects of red meat, white meat and non-meat protein sources on atherogenic lipoprotein measures in the context of low vs. high saturated fat intake: a randomized controlled trial," which was accepted for publication in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.
- **PAWS from studying** - ACCP promoting student wellness before block exams
- **Dr. Shadi Doroudgar** - Speaking on "Integrating Pharmacy Students in a Fast Paced Clinic Setting" at the CSHP 2019 Pacific Coast Preceptor Conference
- Pride in our Doctor of Pharmacy students, **Helen Berhane and Tatiana Ouabo**, who spoke so eloquently about their service in the community at the university's recent event at **Wooden Valley Winery** to thank donors for their support of diversity scholarships at TUC.
- Touro University California Receives **Local's Choice Award Humanitarian in Solano County** in Local Happenings Magazine



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- KUDOS to **Dr. Shadi Doroudgar**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, who has been invited to participate on the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Consumer Relations Committee.
- KUDOS to **Dr. Jeremiah Duby**, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, who will be a session moderator, speaker, committee member, and facilitator at the upcoming Congress for Society of Critical Care Medicine.

27-JANUARY-2019

- **CONFIDENCE THROUGH EXPERIENCE: meet Kimberly Bohnert, College of Pharmacy Class of 2019**
 - *From coordinating medication with physicians and nurses to discovering what pills a patient is taking on their own, Kimberly Bohnert, student doctor of pharmacy class of 2019, is experiencing firsthand what it means to be pharmacist. Having grown up in a family of mom and pop pharmacists, Ms. Bohnert says that she always felt that she had a place in pharmacy, and after ten years of teaching high school biology in San Mateo, she decided that it was time to change careers and answer the lingering question of “what if?”*
 - *As she completes her second year of clinical rotations, Ms. Bohnert is beginning to see who she is in the role of the pharmacist. She has gained experience that ranges from neighborhood pharmacies to hospitals and emergency medicine. “It helped me to really understand how the role of the pharmacist is right there on the front lines,” said Ms. Bohnert of her emergency room rotation in east Oakland, “being part of the action with the doctors, surgeons, and nurses, anticipating what drugs will be needed and discussing the next course of action.” But for Ms. Bohnert, those front lines are not just about facing trauma and the ability to make the quick, correct decision. Ensuring that a patient in recovery pays zero dollars for their medication is just as important—a skill that she’s honed at another rotation at the Walgreens pharmacy at University of California San Francisco. Ms. Bohnert starts by running a test claim on a patient’s medication to see what gets rejected by insurance. She then calls the physician for an explanation as to why the patient requires that specific medication and cannot take a replacement. By filling in the necessary paperwork between the patient’s recovery and discharge, Ms. Bohnert is able to alleviate much if not all of the financial burden of medication. “It takes a lot of work to make sure that patients are fully covered for their medication,” explains Ms. Bohnert. “But it’s well worth it.” Now on her final year of the College of Pharmacy’s uniquely designed 2+2 program, which entails two years of didactic study and two years of clinical rotations, she feels prepared, and it shows. “In the first year, you’re so nervous and unsure of yourself,” said Ms. Bohnert. “But as that second year unravels, you realize that you’ve grown into something that is more confident. You make decisions quicker and begin to engage with your preceptors as people. The additional year of experience really makes the difference.”*



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- KUDOS to **Dr. Laura Baumgartner** and her colleagues for their paper, "Effectiveness of Melatonin for the Prevention of Intensive Care Unit Delirium," which has been accepted for publication in Pharmacotherapy.

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- KUDOS to **Drs. Eric Ip, Shadi Doroudgar, Bijal Shah, Mitch Barnett** and their colleagues for their paper, "The CASTRO Study: Unsafe Sexual Behaviors and Illicit Drug Use among Gay and Bisexual Men who Use Anabolic Steroids," which will be published in the American Journal on Addictions.

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- It was great seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones at **UCI's 6th annual pre-pharmacy day!**
- TUC Doctor of Pharmacy students providing services at the **Millbrae Senior Showcase**.
- "The time is always right to do what is right." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.