NEWS

USC School of Pharmacy Alumni Reception at the 2018 AAPS PharmSci 360 Meeting was a success!

The Annual USC School of Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Reception at the 2018 American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) PharmSci 360 Meeting was on Monday, November 5th in Washington D.C. The reception was attended by current faculty, students, and alumni including Dean Vasileios Papadopoulos, Dr. Yao Ding (PMPE alumnus, Class of 2015), Dr. Neil Mathias (PSCI alumnus, Class of 1997), and Dr. Gerald Nagatani (PSCI alumnus, Class of 2009), pictured from right-to-left in photo. The alumni pictured were all raffle winners of USC School of Pharmacy swag!

USC - Amgen Career Opportunities Info Session—First ever held at USC and hosted by our School!

The Amgen Career Opportunities Session was held on Monday, November 12th. This informational session focused on career opportunities available at Amgen, including internships, the postdoctoral program, and scientist positions. The session featured representatives from the Amgen Educational Outreach Program, RHD HR, University Relations/Summer Intern Program, Staffing, Postdoctoral Fellows Program Steering Committee, and the Hiring Manager from Biologics. These representatives provided information about each of the programs, as well as application tips based on successful applications. There were over one hundred students in attendance, including master’s students, doctoral students, and professional students from various programs at USC.

First-author publications from doctoral students in Dr. Joel Hay’s group!

Sang Cho (HLEC Program, Dr. Hay Advisor) was first-author on a publication titled, "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Regorafenib and TAS-102 in Refractory Metastatic Colorectal Cancer: found in Clinical Colorectal Cancer, August 2018 edition. Xiaohan Hu (HLEC Program, Dr. Hay, advisor) was first-author on a publication titled, “First-line pembrolizumab in PD-L1 positive non-small-cell lung cancer: a cost-effectiveness analysis from a UK healthcare perspective" found in Lung Cancer, September 2018 edition. Jonathan Sakedo (HLEC Program, Dr. Hay, advisor) was first-author on a publication titled, "Cost-Effectiveness of Rivaroxaban Versus Warfarin For Treatment of Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation in Patients with Worsening Renal Function" found in the International Journal of Cardiology, May 2018 edition. Yifan Xu (HLEC Program, Dr. Hay, advisor) was also first-author on an article titled, “Impact of drug substitution on cost of care: an example of economic analysis of cetuximab versus panitumumab” in the Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation, November 2018 edition.

Congratulations students and Dr. Joel Hay!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USC-Amgen Seminar Series to Conclude with Amgen Thousand Oaks Campus Visit, Friday, Nov 30: The 10-week seminar series has addressed various topics including the identification of therapeutic targets and their role in disease; approaches to optimize efficacy and safety; case studies from bench top to clinic; and information on process development and manufacturing of devices, with approximately 35 students attending each week. This seminar series also included an Amgen Career Opportunities Info Session, which provided the students with information about internships, the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, and general application tips. On Friday, November 30th, 40 students will be selected to tour several labs at the Amgen Thousand Oaks Campus. The selection process is based on giving priority to students who have consistently attended the seminars; invitation is required. For more information contact Liz Aguiniga at liz.aguiniga@usc.edu.

PGA Paint Night, Thursday, November 29, 5 - 8 pm: The Pharmacy Graduate Alliance (PGA) would like to invite you to a canvas painting event hosted by Paint & Sip Studio LA. Paint & Sip Studio LA will provide all the materials along with a talented instructors to help students create a one-of-a-kind canvas painting! No experience required! Food and beverages will be served. Spots are limited; tickets are $10. RSVP required: Email mgrau@usc.edu to reserve your spot!

Soccer in the Park, Friday, December 14, 3 pm: Dean Papadopoulos invites the USC School of Pharmacy community to come together for a game of pickup soccer. All skill levels are welcome; this event is open to all students, staff, and faculty! Location: USC Health Sciences Campus, Hazard Park. No RSVP necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Deaths of Despair: An Update", Monday, December 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm: Professor Sir Angus Deaton will provide an update on his groundbreaking research which found that after a century of progress, life expectancy in America is falling, largely driven by alcoholic liver disease, suicides and drug overdoses among white Americans without a college degree. This event is hosted by the Schaeffer Center. Location: UPC Lewis Hall, Room 101. RSVP to monical@healthpolicy.usc.edu.

Graduate Women in Science Happy Hour, Thursday, December 13, 5:30 - 7:30 pm: The Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) LA Chapter is hosting their End of the Year Happy Hour! to spread some holiday cheer! All students and young professionals are invited for free drinks and food. The event is open for everyone to attend. Location: Boomtown Brewery, 700 Jackson St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. RSVP requested: http://bit.do/gwis4H.

Student Seminars (Wednesdays at noon in PSC-104): Nov 28: David Tyrpak (PSCI, MacKay lab) Dec 5: Xiaohai Shi (PSCI, Zhang lab)

"Winter break"

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CONGRATULATIONS

Zhefu (Jeff) Dai (PSCI Program, Dr. Zhang, advisor) was first-author on a publication titled "Facile chemoenzymatic synthesis of a novel stable mimic of NAD" in Chemical Science, Issue 44, 2018. This article was also the cover article for Chemical Science!

Hao Guo (PSCI Program, Dr. Mackay, advisor) was first-author on a publication titled "A novel elastin-like polypeptide drug carrier for cyclosporine A improves hair growth in a mouse model of Sjögren’s syndrome" in the Journal of Controlled Release, October 2018 edition.

Michelle Grau (MPTX Program, Dr. Wang, advisor) was first-author on an article titled, "Hybrid Transcription Factor Engineering Activates the Silent Secondary Metabolite Gene Cluster for [+]Asperlin in Aspergillus niger" in ACS Chemical Biology in October 2018.

Laura Henkhaus (HLEC Program, Dr. Darius Lakdawalla, advisor) has two podium presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference. Laura presented on “The lasting consequences of childhood sexual abuse or human capital” on November 8. Laura has a second podium presentation on “Childhood abuse and adult health” on November 10 in Washington DC.