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NEWS
Both Rounds of The School of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical & Translational Sciences Graduate Program Interview Weekends were a success!

The Office of Research and Graduate Affairs hosted two rounds of the Pharmaceutical & Translational Sciences (PHTS) Graduate Program Annual Interview Weekend Events in early February and early March. The PHTS Program is the umbrella program for the School of Pharmacy’s three laboratory-based PhD programs: this allows the students to take courses together and rotate through laboratories in the MPTX, PSCI or CPTX tracks during the first year of graduate school. A total of forty-eight prospective students from top universities all over the US (e.g. Rutgers, Emory, Rice University, Johns Hopkins, and various UC and CSU schools) spent the day learning about the ongoing research projects in the SOP from our faculty, interviewing with faculty and touring the CORE facilities. The event concluded with a poster session that featured research conducted by current students, an amazing performance by the USC band, and dinner in downtown Pasadena. On Saturday the recruits went to brunch with our current graduate students to learn about student life here at the USC School of Pharmacy.

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The Graduate Student Government held the 11th Annual Graduate Student Symposium on February 20-21, which consisted of one day programs on HSC and UPC, respectively. Graduate students from across the USC graduate programs submitted their abstracts to apply for the Graduate Student Symposium. Of the top 46 students selected to give 10 minute presentations on their thesis projects, 13 of the students were from the School of Pharmacy. Pictured in the left are students Xiuojing Shi (PSCI Program, Dr. Zhang, advisor), Jeramie Jayne (CPTX Program, Dr. Beringer, advisor), who tied for 2nd place; while Jenny Aunung Park (CPTX Program, Dr. Beringer, advisor) and Jacqueline Chen (RegSci Program, Drs. Pine-Smerkanich and Pacifci, advisors) were both recognized by the award committee for their remarkable presentations. Graduate students Noam Morningstar Kyel (PharmD Program, Drs. Duncan and Hawthor, advisors), Craig Lua (Pharmac and RegSci Programs, Dr. Pacifci, advisor), Raveena Mathur (RegSci Program, Drs. Pine-Smerkanich and Pacifci, advisors), Jessica Pham, (RegSci Program, Drs. Pine-Smerkanich and Pacifci, advisors), Larry Rodriguez (PSCI Program, Dr. Davies, advisor), Yurim Rachel Seo (RegSci Program, Drs. Pire Smerkanich and Pacifici, advisors), Sushmita Sthenal (PSCI Program, Dr. Hawthor, advisor), Yue Zhang (MPTX Program, Dr. Okamoto, advisor), and Panyun Zhu (RegSci Program, Drs. Pine-Smerkanich and Pacifci, advisors) also presented their research projects.

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Information on the Rho Chi Society Induction and AFPE Fellowship can be found in the text.

Pharmacy Graduate Alliance (PGA) Corner

PGA Presents “Trivia Night”

“Let’s Talk” Drop-in Counseling Sessions, Mondays, 12-1 pm: Counselors from the Eric Cohen Student Health Center will be in PSC B16 every Monday from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm for drop-in counseling session. No appointment is necessary to attend these session and your personal information will not be required for the session. Everyone is welcome to drop-in to talk about any areas of interest. These sessions are available at various location on HSC and UPC. For more information locations and times visit: https://sadivisionnews.usc.edu/2018/09/04/lets-talk-student-drop-in/.

UPCOMING EVENTS
The Beyond the PhD Career Conference, Wednesday, March 27, 8:30 am:
The 8th Annual Beyond the PhD Career Conference will feature an array of speakers to provide all attendees with advice and strategies to help the students advance in their careers. This workshop aims to provide guidance on how to translate academic skills and experiences into the job market. Additionally, for the first time ever the “Beyond the PhD” Career Conference will be held on both HSC and UPC. The conference will have campus-specific schedules: https://sites.usc.edu/beyondphd/schedule/. Location: HSC at the Artery Auditorium; UPC at the USC Hotel; Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please note registrants need to use a registration code: phd and use their USC email address to register. RSVP Required: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-the-phd-cr/298190645594.

School of Pharmacy Graduate Programs Alumni Networking Event, Friday, April 5, 5 pm:
The Graduate Programs Alumni Networking Event will be on Friday, April 5th. The event will feature current students, faculty, and staff members from our program. The event kicks off with a cocktail reception and an opportunity to network with alumni from various career paths. This networking event will provide the students an opportunity to network with alumni from various career paths.

Student Seminars

The Student Seminars provide an opportunity for students to network with alumni from various career paths. RSVP is required: https://sicpsЛОoateprogramme/gmss毅力.com.

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CONGRATULATIONS
Melanie Galano (MPFTX Program, Dr. Cully, advisor) will present a poster titled, “CISFIP/CASS- mediated stereogenesesis acute regulatory protein (STAR) knockdown in MA-10 cells provide insight into the relationship between STAR and transloca- tor protein TSG10” at the XXVth North American Testis Workshop in Miami, FL on April 3-5. Melanie has also been invited to give an oral presentation and present a poster titled, “Some deletion of sterilogenic acute regulating protein (STAR) by CRISPR/CAS9 demonstrates a critical relationship between constitutive STAR and transloca- tor protein TSG10 for steriodogene- sis” at the American Society of Andrology (ASA) 2019 Annual Meeting on April 8-9, 2019, in Chicago, IL.

Amy Tran (MPFTX Program, Dr. Cully, advisor) presented her poster titled, “Ensuring Quality in Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials through Moni- toring Concepts Training” at Transla- tional Science 2019 Meeting in Wash- ington, DC.

Amelia Spiruzza (RegSci Program, Dr. Pacifici, advisor) presented her poster titled, “Beyond the PhD: Career Conference.”

Tracy Lee (CPTX Program, Dr. Louie, advisor) passed her qualifying exam last month! Her project is titled, “Application of cT25D to Target Ntlchick in Cancer Stem Cells Population of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer.”

Alicia Warnecke (CPTX Program, Dr. Davies, advisor) received the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) Fellowship for the second year in a row for her research project titled, “Evaluation of P2X4 Receptor Modulation as a Novel Approach for Treating Parkinson’s Disease.” The AFPE Pre-doctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Sciences supports a diverse group of talented students as they pursue advanced pharmaceutical education. Recipients of this fellowship are awarded $10,000 to use toward enhancing the graduate training experience. Alicia was also inducted into the Theta Chapter of the Rho Chi Society here at USC. The Rho Chi Society is an academic honor society that encourages collaboration, intellectual achievement, and promotes the highest ethical standards to advance pharmacy.