During the spring 2014 semester, FSOP students, faculty and staff had a repeat opportunity to participate with Dr. Johnson-Fannin in a unique community service project – building a well for a village in Ghana, Africa. The Dean serves on the board of a charitable organization entitled Small Beginnings Big Results. SBBR raises funds and builds water wells for communities in Ghana that lack a local clean water source. The FSOP first partnered with SBBR in the spring of 2012, raising enough funds to build a well that was completed in August of that year. It was agreed that the school wanted to continue participating in this global community service effort every other year.

The spring 2014 campaign took on a very special additional meaning with the decision to dedicate the well in memory of Dr. Patricia E. Lieveld, FSOP Professor of Pharmacy Practice, who passed away in December 2013. Beyond all of her professional accomplishments, Dr. Lieveld’s joy was her research and hands-on training in remote villages in Tanzania, Africa concerning improving local access to clean water.

The Feik School of Pharmacy well in Dr. Lieveld’s memory is now complete, and was dedicated on December 23, 2014 in the village of Ofoase Korkorben. The village has a population of around 1000 people, and their only previous water sources were harvested rain water and a shallow well some distance from their homes, which was also used by animals and was unsafe to drink. The FSOP is very excited about the immediate and far-reaching benefits this well will provide to the people in this village – strengthening family structure, wellness, education and economic development.

In a visit to the Feik School of Pharmacy in early February, Mrs. Mattie L. Kinnard, Founder & Director of SBBR, presented Dr. Johnson-Fannin with photos of the well dedication ceremony and notes of appreciation from community leaders.
IPE Student Workshop

On January 31, 2015, students from the UIW School of Physical Therapy, Feik School of Pharmacy, and Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions came together with the Rosenberg School of Optometry for an Interprofessional Education (IPE) Workshop. This 8-hour workshop highlighted a hot topic in health professions education: *interprofessional education*. The World Health Organization defines IPE as “when students from two or more professional programs learn about, from, and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes.” Students attending the workshop were randomly divided into interprofessional teams. Teams engaged in activities and discussion about IPE, current interprofessional initiatives across the UIW health professions campuses, and the future of healthcare teams.

Special thanks are offered to the following group of UIW faculty (*listed in alphabetical order*) who played an important role in workshop planning & facilitation:

- Amy F. Crocker, PT, DPT, OCS
- Yvonne A. Davila, MSN, RN
- Charles A. Garcia, OD, FAAO
- **Tina M. Lopez, PharmD, MSc**
- Laura Munoz, PhD, RN
- **Cynthia N. Nguyen, PharmD**
- Monica N. Ramirez, PhD, RN
- Maureen Raushuber, PhD, RN
- Cynthia Richardson, MSN, RN

IPE: Poverty Simulation

On February 2nd, P2 students enrolled in the Principles of Public Health for Pharmacists course and fifth-semester nursing students enrolled in Community Health Nursing came together for an interprofessional education (IPE) simulation focused on poverty. During this simulation, students were randomly placed into family units and given a scenario (e.g. single parents raising children, senior citizens living alone, homeless families).
The task of each family was to provide basic necessities for their families (i.e. food, shelter, and clothing) during the simulation while interacting with various community resources staffed by volunteers. This simulation enabled students to view poverty from different angles in an educational setting, educate students about the day-to-day realities of living in poverty, and reveal how that challenge can lead to poor health outcomes. At the end of the simulation, special guests Dr. Barbara Aranda-Naranjo and Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin delivered resounding messages to the students encouraging them to carry out the UIW mission beyond graduation.

The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) kit used is a product of the Missouri Association for Community Action. A special thank you goes out to our community volunteers; UIW faculty, staff, students, and alumni; and our community partners from Seton Home, Catholic Charities, and Sutton Oaks for helping to make this enlightening event possible.

UIW Recognizes FSOP Faculty with Mission Continues Award

At the spring UIW faculty reception and meeting, hosted by the Provost, the university recognized faculty selected to receive the Mission Continues Faculty Awards. The awards are based on the five Mission values of the university: Innovation, Truth, Education, Service and Faith. Each award is named after a founding Sister important in UIW history. The awards recognize faculty for their commitment to promoting the Mission and supporting the ministry of UIW in an outstanding manner.

Our own Dr. Donald Sikazwe, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Science, was chosen to receive the Sr. St. Pierre Cinquin Award for Faith. This award focuses on a faculty member committed to educational excellence in the context of faith and who fosters the values of the university. Congratulations Dr. Sikazwe!

New Hire:

Dr. Cynthia Stanley, Coordinator of Alumni and Community Affairs

- Pharmacy education: Pharm.D., University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy
- Recent Past Experience: Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience Coordinator, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, FSOP (2009-2012)
- Noteworthy accomplishments: Developed and implemented the GRACE program (Growing Respect and Care for the Elderly), a six-week program for 3rd year pharmacy students to provide MTM to nursing home residents. Also developed the IPPE Shadowing APPE program.

Dr. Stanley took an extended break from the FSOP to focus on her growing family and is happy to return. She will be developing and executing plans to engage alumni, and further developing and implementing the school’s continuing pharmacy education offerings.
Faculty Highlights:

Dr. Rebecca Attridge
- Presented *Weight-based dosing of vasopressin in septic shock* at the Society of Critical Care Medicine 44th Annual Congress, Phoenix, AZ, January 20. Co-authors: Gordon EK, Hughes DW, Attridge RL.
- Volunteered at the Elf Louise toy drop-off station at the UIW Light the Way program, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 22.

Dr. Russell Attridge
- Volunteered at the Elf Louise toy drop-off station at the UIW Light the Way program, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 22.

Dr. Renee Bellanger
- Board of Pharmacy Specialties Nutrition Support Pharmacist recertification, November 17.
- Reviewed journal article *What can a urine drug screening immunoassay really tell us?* for Pharmacy Practice, December 8.
- Reviewed journal article *Assessing nutrition knowledge in future health care professionals* for the American Journal of Pharmacy Education, December 18.
- Presented career opportunities in pharmacy to STEM Academy students, UIW, November 17.

Dr. Jeffrey Copeland
- Attended and presented *The “F” in CPFI* at the CPFI Board Meeting, Louisville, KY, November 6.

Dr. Lila LaGran
- Reviewer for the American Physiological Society’s ADInstruments Macknight Early Career Innovative Educator Award, December-January.

Dr. David Maize
- Served as an evaluator for an ACPE site visit, November.

Dr. Amanda Sharpe
- Published article *Activation of corticotropin-releasing factor receptors in the rostral ventrolateral medulla is required for glucose-induced sympathoexcitation* in the American Journal of Physiology Endocrinology and Metabolism, 307 (10), 944-53, November. Co-authors: Bardgett ME, Sharpe AL, Toney GM.
- Published article *Methamphetamine self-administration in mice decreases GIRK channel-mediated currents in midbrain dopamine neurons* in the International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology, (in press 2014). Co-authors: Sharpe AL, Varela E, Bettinger L, Beckstead, M.

Dr. Donald Sikazwe

Organizer for Aging and dopamine neuron physiology in mice: Implications for Parkinson’s disease research seminar, Department of Pharmacy Practice, FSOP, San Antonio, TX, November 4. Presenter: Michael Beckstead, Ph.D. (UTSA)

Dr. Elizabeth Urteaga
- Attended the American Heart Association scientific sessions, Chicago, IL, November 15-19.
- Attended APHA’s The Pharmacist and Patient-Centered Diabetes Care certificate training, Austin, TX, Nov. 13.
- Presented Interacting with your Pharmacist to the Young at Heart group, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, San Antonio, TX, January 16.

Student News:

**Phi Delta Chi – Winter Break Community Service**

The Gamma Nu chapter of Phi Delta Chi has adopted Dellview Park, located in a neighborhood not far from the school, through coordination with the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Adopt-a-Park program. Dellview is a 5.5 acre park with amenities including a playscape, pavilion, restrooms, soccer and softball fields. On Saturdays brothers, faculty advisors and their families get together at the park to help with litter pick-up, painting park benches, graffiti removal, tree planting, and other park maintenance. Phi Delta Chi brothers are honored to have the opportunity to increase the quality and safety of parks and facilities for community children to enjoy, and help to beautify San Antonio parks.

**Kappa Epsilon Community Service**

During the winter months of November through January, Kappa Epsilon focused on community outreach by donating their time, children’s books, and basic household goods to organizations that dedicate their time to the less fortunate.

At Haven for Hope, their service was needed in the community kitchen. KE members greeted residents while others prepared and served meals. They contributed by preparing 1,000 sandwiches and feeding over 300 people that day.
SAReads is an incredible organization that collects donations of children’s books year-round. Once donations are organized, books are distributed throughout Bexar County to under-served school districts and communities. KE’s book drive supported the placing of books in the hands of children to empower them to seek a path to learning & exploration.

SAMMinistries offers families transitioning from being homeless to achieving self-reliance. The transitional housing program holds a donation drive that assembles welcome baskets for families. KE collected welcome baskets that included basic household goods such as linens, cleaning supplies, pots & pans, and toiletries for adults and children. Kappa Epsilon members took pride in supporting all those families in their journey to self-sufficiency.

Kappa Psi Supports Suicide Prevention

On November 16th, Kappa Psi Brothers volunteered at the Out of the Darkness walk with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The walk was held at Morgan’s Wonderland, and is held annually in San Antonio. The Foundation helps raise money in order to understand and prevent suicide through research, education and advocacy.