COLLEGE NEWS

NIPTF Membership
The National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education (NIPTF) Board met in Austin last week and conferred official membership by the Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy. NIPTF, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization of sixteen organizations dedicated to fundamental research and education in pharmaceutical product development and manufacturing. The goal of NIPTF is to increase science and engineering-based understanding of this area such that novel state-of-the-art technologies can be developed and science-based regulations can be implemented.

Memorandum of Agreement with Texas A&M International University
The Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) in Laredo on Tuesday, December 13. The cooperative memorandum of agreement between TAMIU and the Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy is for a 3+3+1 program. Per the agreement, students would apply to TAMIU and complete their pre-pharmacy curriculum over three years then apply for admission to the Rangel College of Pharmacy and attend for three years before returning to Laredo during their fourth year for APPEs.

Intern Recruitment Fair 2017
Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy hosted its Spring Intern Recruitment Fair on February 2 in College Station campus and February 7 & 8 in Kingsville campus, consisting of student interviews for P1 & P2 students interested in summer internships were interviewed. Participating pharmacies included Brookshire Brothers, CVS Health, H-E-B, Kroger, Walgreens, and Wal-Mart. Over 300 interviews were conducted and over 100 students participated in the fair.
Preceptor’s quick response helps save life
Amy Geurin, a registered pharmacist and Market Health and Wellness Director at the Wal-mart in Portland, Texas, and a preceptor for the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy, administered CPR to a man not breathing. Read more on this story as it was published in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times: http://callertim.es/2hqJG8C.

Renovations and Upgrades to Classrooms
Projectors and screens were updated to video walls in each classroom after undergoing an upgrade and redesign of the videoconferencing system. The student organization room was also upgraded to include an installation of videoconference equipment to accommodate and facilitate student meetings between campuses.

STUDENT NEWS

National Student Award
The Gamma Omega Chapter of the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy Rho Chi Society has been selected as a finalist for the national Rho Chi Chapter Achievement Award for 2016-17. This is the highest and most coveted national honor for a student chapter of Rho Chi, which recognizes the full scope of the chapter’s activities on a national stage. They will be recognized at the Rho Chi Society Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2017, in San Francisco, California, which is held in conjunction with the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting. This is the third major accomplishment for this young organization, which has been in existence for merely 8 years. The Gamma Omega Chapter previously received the Most Improved Chapter Award in 2013-2014 and was named a regional finalist for the Chapter Achievement Award for Region VI in 2014-2015.
Clinical Skills Competition
P4 students, Kathryn Garcia and Matthew Untermeyer, represented the college at the National Clinical Skills competition at the 2016 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 3-7. P4 students, Shannon White, Whitney Strong, Monica Pham, and Sasha Cruz, also had poster presentations. A total of thirty P3 and P4 students participated in the ASHP MCM this year.

Third Annual Pharmacy Student Council Leadership Retreat
Dean Reddy hosted the third annual Pharmacy Student Council Leadership Retreat on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Memorial Student Center in College Station. Five outside speakers were invited to present topics including leadership strengths, conflict management, and diversity. Speakers included: Ms. Carole Hardin-Oliver, Pharmacy Health Care Supervisor, Walgreens, Houston, and Past President of Texas Pharmacy Association; Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Sr., Vice President for Student Affairs, Texas A&M University; Ms. Christine L. Kaunas, Director for Faculty Excellence and Diversity, Texas A&M Health Science Center; Dr. Victoria Roche, Professor and Sr. Associate Dean, School of Pharmacy & Health Professions, Creighton University; and Ms. Cynthia Olvera, Assistant Director of Student Activities, Texas A&M University.

FACULTY NEWS
A collaboration between the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the American Association of Pharmacy Colleges (AACP) has led to offer a workshop titled “Best Practices for Planning Educational Assessment and Curriculum Mapping” led by the pharmacy educators, Dr. Fadi Alkhateeb (USA) and Dr. Linda S. Garavalia (USA), which will be held on Al Ain University of Science and Technology – Abu Dhabi Campus, United Arab Emirates, on Sunday, March 5 and Monday, March 6, 2017. This program is designed to help teams of 3 to 5 pharmacy faculty members and administrators from a university work together to evaluate their assessment practices. Expert faculty will lead participants through curricular assessment, deciding upon the assessments methods and how to collect and effectively use assessment data to improve educational programs.

Professional Appointments
Zack Abd Elmageed, Ph.D. appointed as a member of the Journal of Scientific Reports (Nature Publishing Group).

Indra K. Reddy, Ph.D. has been appointed to serve on the Kingsville Greater Economic Development Council for 2017.
Indra K. Reddy, Ph.D. will be serving as Chair of the Texas A&M University Subcommittee on Diversity and as a Dean member on the Visioning for 2030 Committee, which is tasked to guide the vision for Texas A&M for the next ten-to-fifteen years.

Lin Zhu, Ph.D. has been selected as a Member of Editorial Boards, Clinical Pharmacology and Translational Medicine.

Presentations


Publications


Kim, Dongin, Title: “Artificial antigen-presenting cells for immunotherapies” in Cancer Nanotechnology (Springer New York)


Peer reviewed journals:


Non peer-reviewed journals:


GRANTS

Drs. Mansoor Khan and Ziyaur Rahman - AUF funds in the amount of $200,000

Zack Abd Elmageed, Ph.D., NIH/NCI grant: Award# 5R21CA194750-02) entitled “The Role of exRNAs in Health Disparity of Prostate Cancer”. PI (Abd Elmageed, ZY). Second year fund: $144,853

NEW HIRES

Faculty

Daniela Bazan, Pharm.D., has joined the Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice in pharmacy practice. She is a co-funded faculty with the College and Doctors Hospital at Renaissance (DHR). Her practice site is at DHR in Edinburg, Texas. Dr. Daniela Bazan received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin/the University of Texas-Pan American Cooperative Pharmacy Program.

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