HIGHLIGHTS 2017 - 2018

WHITE COAT CEREMONY
The College of Pharmacy, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, welcomed 54 first year students on September 29 with a white coat ceremony in which they donned the mantle of their profession.
Read the story in UM Today: news.umanitoba.ca/pharmacy-white-coat-ceremony/

COMPARING DRUG COSTS: RESEARCH INFORMS PHYSICIANS, PATIENTS
College of Pharmacy researchers Shawn Bugden and Jamie Falk were featured in UM Today for their publication *Price Comparison of Commonly Prescribed Medications in Manitoba (2018)*. This important tool helps arm doctors and their patients with the information they need to get the best value for their health-care dollar.
College of Pharmacy researchers Shawn Bugden (l) and Jamie Falk (r) priced and catalogued the major classes of drugs that family physicians see every day.
Read the full story in UM Today: news.umanitoba.ca/comparing-drug-costs/

AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB MAKES LEARNING FUN
College of Pharmacy PhD student Danielle Lee, pictured right, was featured in UM Today for her After School Science Club for elementary school students. The program takes place for Grades 1 – 5 at Robert H. Smith and River Elm schools, both in Winnipeg School Division.
Read the full story in UM Today: http://news.umanitoba.ca/after-school-science-club-makes-learning-fun/

ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY & RECEPTION
On October 27, the College of Pharmacy honoured award-winning students and faculty with a celebration in Apotex Centre.
View the photo gallery: http://news.radyfhs.umanitoba.ca/pharmacy/awards-ceremony-reception/
NEW DEAN TAKES PHARMACY HELM

A new dean is leading the College of Pharmacy as it moves toward replacing the current baccalaureate degree program with a PharmD (Doctor of Pharmacy) undergraduate professional program.

Lalitha Raman-Wilms, B.Sc. (Pharm.), ACPR, Pharm.D, FCSHP, was appointed dean effective Aug. 1, 2017. Her previous role was as associate dean of education and associate professor in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto. She has also served as associate dean of professional programs, director of the PharmD program and director of the division of pharmacy practice at U of T.

A former president of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC), Raman-Wilms has produced more than 120 publications. She has edited four editions of the book Guide to Drugs in Canada, a reference source for consumers. Her research interests include de-prescribing guidelines, the pharmacist’s role in flu prevention and chronic pain management.

Raman-Wilms has received many honours, including the AFPC National Award for Excellence in Education (2012) and U of T’s Teacher of the Year Award, Undergraduate Pharmacy Program, which she received on six occasions.

139TH ANNUAL SPRING CONVOCATION 2018

On Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 3 p.m., the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Convocation Ceremony for the conferring of degrees and the awarding of academic honours for the College of Pharmacy, College of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene will take place in the Brodie Atrium at 727 McDermot Ave. This will mark the first time that Pharmacy graduates receive their degrees on the Bannatyne Campus.

PHARMACY PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS – 2017

Preceptors play a vital role throughout the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences in helping students make the transition from their studies at university to their careers in the community.

Each year, the College of Pharmacy’s graduating class acknowledges the contributions of their preceptors by nominating exceptional educators for special recognition.

The preceptors, pictured left, were recognized at the college’s Welcome to the Profession ceremony on June 8, 2017, for their outstanding service.

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PHARMD) PROGRAM

The College of Pharmacy is poised to launch a new Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program, pending final approval from government.

Prior to 2018, students graduated from our college with a Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy). Changes made by our accrediting body, the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP), mean that Canadian universities will no longer receive accreditation for this type of degree.

While it is a significant change, this opened the opportunity for the university to develop a PharmD program with a curriculum that offers greater breadth and depth of study throughout all years of the program.

Highlights of the new program would include clinical and advanced therapeutics, scientific literature evaluation, pharmacogenetics, pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacoconomics, patient care-related practice skills laboratories, simulation training and Indigenous health.

PharmD will also offer students a significant increase in experiential learning compared to the B.Sc. (Pharmacy), with a total of 1,600 hours instead of 640. This will help graduates create an even stronger foundation for future careers as vital members of the health-care team.

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