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## The News Capsule

Welcome to *The News Capsule*! We are proud to share news about the UW School of Pharmacy alumni, students, faculty, staff, and our program!

January-March 2015 Edition



### Baskilab Team Presents at the Biophysical Society Annual Meeting

School of Pharmacy Assistant Professor Baskaran “Baski” Thyagarajan, along with students Vivek Krishnan and Kevin Fettel, presented on dietary capsaicin and obesity at the 2015 Biophysical Society Annual Meeting. The Baskilab team has plans to develop a dietary supplement to help prevent obesity in humans. [Read more here.](#)

*Photo front row: “Baski” Thyagarajan, Justine Frantz, Padma Baskaran, Wyatt Fabrizio  
Back row: Govind Sah, Yair Limon, Vivek Krishnan*

### Linn and Hornbecker have Featured Article in American Family Physician



Jaime Hornbecker



Becky Linn

Becky Linn, Clinical Assistant Professor, and Jaime Hornbecker, Clinical Associate Professor, from the School of Pharmacy along with Zachary Flake, Loveland CO physician, had the March 2015 featured article, Practical Selection of Antiemetics in the Ambulatory Setting, in *American Family Physician*. [Read more here.](#)

### Eleanor Noble



The School of Pharmacy was saddened to hear of the passing of Eleanor Noble, instructor in the School from 1960-1986 this past January. She was 91 years old.

## Upcoming Events

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am- 3:00 pm**  
[Grand Rounds and Hoy Seminar](#)  
Wyoming Union

**April 17-18**  
School of Pharmacy Advisory  
Council  
UW Union and Hilton Garden Inn

**April 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**  
1st Annual School of Pharmacy  
Trivia Night  
Email [molexey@uwyo.edu](mailto:molexey@uwyo.edu) for  
more information

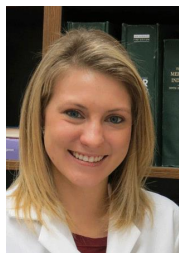
**May 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm**  
Honors & Awards Banquet  
Hilton Garden Inn

**May 16 8:30 am**  
[Commencement](#)  
Arena Auditorium



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## Vigil, Mahvan, and Hilaire Publish Article on Cholesterol Management



Ashley Vigil



Tracy Mahvan



Michelle Hilaire

Ashley Vigil, PharmD candidate 2015, [Tracy Mahvan](#), Associate Professor, and [Michelle Hilaire](#), Clinical Associate Professor from the School of Pharmacy along with Steven Mlodinow, Longmont CO physician, had their article Cholesterol

Management in Geriatric Patients: New Guidelines published in the February 2015 issue of *Consultant Pharmacist*. [Read more here.](#)

## Ashley Francis Presents Poster on Poison Prevention



Ashley Francis, PharmD candidate 2016, represented the Wyoming Chapter of the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy at the December 2014 Clinical Midyear Meeting Student Showcase. She presented a poster on the Chapter's Poison Prevention Project starring Pinky the Elephant, a large pink elephant mascot.

## Pinneo and Falk Compete in the 2014 Clinical Skills Competition



Matthew Pinneo, PharmD candidate 2015, and Andrea Falk, PharmD candidate 2015, competed in the 2014 Clinical Skills Competition hosted by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The Wyoming team was among 127 participating teams. The competition is an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical scenarios for hospital/health-system pharmacists. It provides pharmacy students the opportunity to enhance their skills in collaborative

practice with physicians in providing direct patient care.

## Kobulnicky to Serve as Director of Interprofessional Education



[Carol Kobulnicky](#), Associate Professor of Pharmacy Administration, will serve as the College of Health Sciences Director of Interprofessional Education (IPE). IPE occurs when students from two or more disciplines are learning with, from, and about each other with the purpose of cultivating collaborative practice. This new position was established to mobilize IPE faculty teams and to coordinate IPE efforts at UW.

## Taylor Co-Authors Article in Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine



Susan Taylor, PharmD 2012, co-authored Staphylococcus epidermidis in Urine Is Not Always Benign: A Case Report of Pyelonephritis in a Child with colleagues from Douglas and Gainesville FL in the January-February issue of the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*. [Read more here](#)



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## Alumni Resources



Alumni, did you know that the staff at the UW Center for Advising and Career Services are available to assist you in your job search? Whether you are a recent graduate or an experienced candidate, you can still contact Career Services for resume, cover letter and interview assistance.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/cacs/alumni-resources/>

## Alumni News

Do you have any news to share with us? We'd love to feature your news in *The News Capsule*. Send your news to [rstevens@uwyo.edu](mailto:rstevens@uwyo.edu).

## Moore and Mentock Present Poster



Heidi Moore and Katelynn Mentock, PharmD candidates 2015, presented a research poster on Implementation of a Procalcitonin Monitoring Protocol at the December 2014 Clinical Midyear Meeting Student Showcase in Anaheim, CA.

## Michelle Hillaire Presents at Midyear Clinical Meeting



Michelle Hillaire, Clinical Associate Professor, participated in two presentations at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA. The first was a collaborative presentation between the AACP Pharmacy Practice Section and the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists & Scientists entitled Looking into the Hour Glass: Impact and Role of Teaching Certificate Programs on Preceptor Development. Other presenters were Joel Marrs, Timothy Ulbrich, Rachel Krueger and Michael Herald. The presentation discussed the structure and focus of teaching certificate programs for trainees and preceptors and focused on optimal program requirements to enhance the experience.

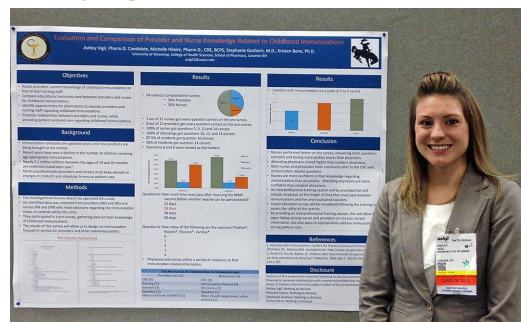
The second presentation was entitled Balancing Teaching, Service and Scholarship: Tips from a Clinician-Educator, which outlined the potential benefits, opportunities and challenges associated with a career in academia. The speakers were Patricia Chase, current AACP President, Michael Burton, former department chair at Oklahoma and Michelle Hillaire.

## Meghan Kolf Represents UW in National Patient Counseling Competition



Meghan Kolf, PharmD candidate 2016, placed in the top ten participants in the 2015 American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists National Patient Counseling Competition. The goal of the Competition is to encourage student pharmacists in their efforts toward becoming better patient educators. Congratulations to Meghan!

## Ashley Vigil Presents Research Poster at Midyear Clinical Meeting



Ashley Vigil, PharmD candidate 2015, presented a research poster on Evaluation and Comparison of Provider and Nurse Knowledge Related to Childhood Immunizations at the December 2014 Midyear Clinical Meeting Student Showcase in Anaheim, CA. The project measured the current knowledge of providers and nurses regarding childhood immunizations. The results will be used to design interprofessional training on immunizations as well as ways to appropriately address the topic during patient visits.

### Staubach and Singh Receive Mountain West CTR-IN Mini-Grant



Larry Staubach



Reshmi Singh

Congratulations to Larry Staubach, Assistant Professor, Social and Administrative Pharmacy, and Reshmi Singh, Assistant Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy. They were awarded a Mountain West CTR-IN mini-grant for their project entitled Spicy Food Choice, Medication Use and Nutrition Counseling in A Rural State.

### Kobulnicky and Singh Present Group Poster at American Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting



Carol Kobulnicky, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Administration, and Reshmi Singh, Assistant Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy, presented a poster entitled Student Confidence in Interprofessional Competencies Improved by a Team-Based Patient Case Assignment at the 2015 American Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting. The study's aim was to improve student confidence in targeted

interprofessional education (IPE) core competencies. The study found that a two-week IPE case-based assignment embedded across existing discipline-based courses in pharmacy, nursing, speech language pathology, and social work improved student confidence levels for interprofessional practice. Their co-authors were Mary Anne Purtzer, PhD (Nursing), Catherine L. Ross, MS (Communication Disorders), and Lindsey Overstreet, MSW.