Welcome
Jennifer L. Rodis, PharmD, BCPS, FAPhA
Associate Professor, Clinical
Director, Partner for Promotion Program
Assistant Dean for Outreach and Engagement

Master of Ceremonies
Claire Mattison
President, Pharmacy Council

David “Doc” Lamberjack
President, Pharmacy Alumni Society

Presentation of Awards
Katherine A. Kelley, PhD
Associate Dean for Assessment and Strategic Initiatives
Associate Professor Clinical Pharmacy

James W. McAuley, PhD, FAPhA
Professor of Pharmacy Practice & Science and Neurology
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Closing Remarks
Robert J. Weber, PharmD, MS, BCPS, FASHP
Administrator, Pharmacy Services,
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Assistant Dean for Medical Center Affairs,
College of Pharmacy

Reception and Celebration
Awards and Recognition

AMCP
Advisor Recognition: Ashley Coleman
All-Star PI: Morgan Nicolas
Best Outreach Program/Event: Advocacy on Capitol Hill
Member of the Year: Aaron Bisnath

APhA-ASP
Outstanding APhA-ASP Advisor: Alexa Sevin
All-Star PI: Ruba Lahoud
Best Outreach Program/Event: Nationwide Children’s Marathon Event for American Pharmacists Month
Member of the Year: Naru Oda

ASCP
Member of the Year: Jill Filar

Buckeyes Without Borders
Member of the Year: Lauren McKinley

The Josephine Sitterle Failer Alumni Award
Recipient is named in honor of Josephine Sitterle Failer, BS ‘39 (d.1987), a long-time benefactor who contributed service to the college for nearly five decades. The award recognizes an alumnus who has received a professional degree from the College of Pharmacy within the past 10 years and has made an outstanding contribution to community or professional service.

Anna Haas-Gehres, BS ‘07, PharmD ‘11
Anna Haas-Gehres received her PharmD from The Ohio State University in 2011 and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency in Community Care at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio in 2012. She is a clinical assistant professor at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy where she teaches in the Professional Practice Laboratory course sequence. At the College of Pharmacy she serves on several committees including the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and the Outreach and Engagement Committee. She practices as an ambulatory clinical pharmacist at South High Primary Care, an internal medicine and pediatrics clinic operated by Nationwide Children’s Hospital. She also serves as a residency preceptor for PGY1 residents at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Haas-Gehres is currently serving as the president of the Academy of Pharmacy of Central Ohio and as a board member of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Alumni Society. Her passions include pharmacy education, pharmacy care for underserved populations and diversity initiatives. She regularly volunteers at the New Life United Methodist Health and Wellness center as the pharmacy services coordinator and as a pharmacist volunteer. She currently lives in Upper Arlington, Ohio with her wife, Lauren, and two daughters.
Chili Cookoff
All-Star PI: Kara Kelsh
Member of the Year: Marisa Yudasz

CPNP
Advisor Recognition: Jim McAuley
All-Star PI: Alex Schlater
Best Outreach Program/Event: CPNP-APhA Collaborative Mental Health Panel
Member of the Year: Rebecca Miller

GenRx
Advisor Recognition: Ken Hale
All-Star PI: Danielle Powall
Best Outreach Program/Event: NOPE Candlelight Vigil
Member of the Year: Victoria Kuryluk

The Jack L. Beal Postbaccalaureate Award

Recipients are named in honor of the late Jack L. Beal, PhD ’52, professor emeritus of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy at The Ohio State University. The recipient of the Beal Award must have a postbaccalaureate degree from the College of Pharmacy and shall have contributed significantly to research and scholarship in the pharmaceutical sciences and/or contributed outstanding service to the professional practice of pharmacy.

Richard Couch, BS ’80, PhD ’86

Richard Couch, PhD, is a proven leader in pharmaceutical sciences who has led pharmaceutical development teams responsible for several successful marketed medicines, including Carbatrol, Adderall XR, Intuniv, Pentasa, Lialda, Vyvanse, and Xiidra. He is a named inventor on 14 issued patents and 5 patents pending for Carbatrol, Adderall XR, Intuniv and other products still in development.

Couch has held positions of increasing responsibility in the pharmaceutical industry since 1986. He is currently vice president of chemistry, manufacturing and controls at Aevi Genomic Medicine, where he is responsible for CMC development and companion diagnostics for a variety of products in early stage development. Aevi partners with Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Center for Applied Genomics, using its genomic database of children with rare diseases to identify potential new methods of treatment.

Previously, he was at Shire Pharmaceuticals for 24 years, where his teams were responsible for the pharmaceutical development of several pediatric neuroscience products, including Carbatrol, Adderall XR, Intuniv and SHP465. He has also led the pharmaceutical technology and global supply chain functions, where his teams were responsible for the technical launch of several products including Fosrenol, Lialda, Daytrana, Dynepo, and Vyvanse. Throughout his career, Couch has built and led departments that have consistently delivered exceptional performance, while adapting to organizational and portfolio changes. In 1992, he helped start a small company called Pharmavene, that merged with Shire in January of 1997 and became Shire Laboratories. Couch earned his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and PhD at The Ohio State University and is a registered pharmacist.
Timothy A. Esbenshade, BS ’83, MS ’88, PhD ’91

Tim Esbenshade, RPh, PhD, is a research fellow/project director in pharmaceuticals discovery at Abbvie in North Chicago, IL. Esbenshade joined Abbott in 1996 and has led drug discovery efforts in the identification and advancement of multiple neurological drug candidates into the clinic. He is a recognized expert in adrenergic and histaminergic G-protein coupled receptors and oxidative stress pathways involved in neurodegenerative, pain, and inflammatory diseases. His more recent drug discovery efforts have involved leading extensive collaborations across Abbvie’s global research centers along with external academic and biotech collaborators. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and PhD in Pharmacology, under Dr. Dennis R. Feller from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. He then completed post-graduate training in molecular pharmacology at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Esbenshade has published more than 100 research papers, authored six book chapters, and has been granted four patents. He has additionally been an invited speaker for multiple national and international scientific meetings. Esbenshade is active in the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) where he is currently the chair of ASPET Drug Discovery and Development and an associate editor of Pharmacological Reviews. He would like to dedicate this award to his wonderful wife, Dr. Isabel Lopez-Esbenshade (PhD, ’92, Pharmacology), whom he met while both were graduate students at the College of Pharmacy, for her unwavering support, sacrifice, and love through the years. They reside in Schaumburg, Ill. with their daughter, Gabrielle.

Tammy M. Stefanovic, MS ’92

Tammy McIntire Stefanovic, a long-time pharmaceutical executive, joined GAVIS Pharmaceuticals as president of its U.S. operations in early 2012. GAVIS was acquired by Lupin Pharmaceuticals in 2016. She was previously president of Apotex Corporation based in Weston, Florida. She has extensive experience in negotiating and developing marketing strategies to build relationships with key pharmaceutical customer segments, pricing strategy development, business development, revenue growth and acquisition integration capabilities. Stefanovic, a registered pharmacist, worked at Cardinal Health from 1991 to 1998. As vice president of pharmaceutical services for Cardinal Health Inc., a $10.5 billion national drug wholesaler based in Columbus, Ohio, her focus was on formulary management and maximizing supplier revenues. Promoted to director of pharmaceutical services in 1993, she spearheaded initiatives ranging from rapid distribution programs for new products to managing incentives and sales plans for a field sales force of 150. Her demonstrated leadership abilities led to her appointment as vice president of pharmaceutical services in 1995 where she assumed responsibility for generic pharmaceutical and generating revenues in excess of $850 million. Stefanovic holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and a Master of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Administration from The Ohio State University.
NCPA
Advisor of the year: Donnie Sullivan
Member of the year: Vatsal Patel
Partner of the year: Joe Craft, owner of Plain City Druggist

Pharmacy Council
Outstanding Advisors: Kathy Kelley and Jim McAuley

SNPhA
Advisor Recognition: Joe Orozco
Best Outreach Program/Event: SNPhA’s Mental Health Initiative: Alyssa Weiser, Emily Spencer, Rebekah Lee
Member of the Year: Maria Cho

Distinguished Alumni Award
Recipients must have a professional degree from the College of Pharmacy; have made distinguished contributions in the fields of public health and public service; have performed outstanding activities in the interest of the college and its students; and have an outstanding record in the profession of pharmacy.

Michael Benedict, BS ’88, MS ’90
Mike Benedict, RPh, MS, is vice president of pharmacy operations at Apexus, the organization responsible for managing the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA’s) 340B Prime Vendor Program. Benedict is responsible for managing relationships with suppliers, distributors and entities, and provides educational support for internal and external stakeholders to the 340B program.

Before joining Apexus, Benedict was the vice president of health enterprises pharmacy services where he developed services for member hospitals including onsite and remote staffing services, 340B services, medication safety and revenue cycle consulting services. Additionally, he has provided more than 25 years of pharmacy leadership in areas as diverse as disproportionate share hospitals, critical access hospitals, community health centers, school-based clinics, jails, colleges of pharmacy, ambulatory pharmacy and clinical services management.

Benedict received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University. He completed residencies in hospital pharmacy and hospital pharmacy administration at Mount Carmel Medical Center, and completed his Master of Science degree in Hospital Pharmacy Administration at Ohio State.

Greg S. Umstead, BS ’70
Greg S. Umstead was born and raised in Sidney, Ohio. After graduation in 1970, Umstead started his pharmacy career as a clinical pharmacist with The Ohio State University Hospital System, where Clif Latiolais was director of the progressive hospital pharmacy program. In 1978, Umstead earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science and joined the faculty at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. teaching geriatrics and oncology. He was
promoted to associate professor in 1984. He received instructor of the year in 1983 and clinical preceptor in 2002 and 2007. In 1992, Umstead left academics, joining the staff of William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Mich. where he had dual responsibilities, as assistant director of clinical pharmacy and developing the oncology research program with the department of medicine. Umstead participated with both national cooperative oncology research and drug company sponsored research for over nine years. He was also active in the internship and residency program at Beaumont Hospital. In 2007, his career went full circle, when he joined the pharmacy department at St John Hospital as the inpatient clinical pharmacist in oncology. He still practices part time in that position. Umstead has over 20 medical and pharmacy related publications. He is a member of Rho Chi Honor Society, American Society of Health System Pharmacists and The Ohio State University Alumni Association.

Richard Henry Parrish II, BS ’80

Richard H. Parrish II, BSPharm, MSc, PhD, FCCP, BCPS, RPh, is chief pharmacist and director at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. He graduated with a BS in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, completed a Master of Science from Auburn University, and earned a PhD from the University of Minnesota. His dissertation on the negotiation of drug standards in the early 20th century was published as a book, the first in the Minnesota program’s 40 year history. Parrish did an internship at Mount Carmel Medical Center under the direction of Don Bennett. He has served the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) in a number of appointed and elected positions, and led publication of a joint position paper describing the pediatric patient’s need for a clinical pharmacist with the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group. Parrish founded the District of Columbia College of Clinical Pharmacy. He co-sponsored the creation of ACCP’s Perioperative Care PRN, and serves as its current chair-elect. Within the Canadian province of Alberta, Parrish represented provincial pharmacy as a member of two multi-disciplinary working groups related to Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS). He created a surgery pharmacists community of practice to foster practice standardization and harmonization for pharmacy perioperative care within Alberta. Parrish was an invited guest editor of a special issue, dedicated to Milap Nahata, called “Pharmacy Paediatrics.” Recently, the Ministry of Health for Singapore invited Parrish to speak on a number of clinical pharmacy topics. Parrish is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and was elected as an ACCP Fellow (FCCP).

SPADE
Best Outreach Program/Event: Inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Week

SSHP
All-Star P1: Jenn Philippon
Best Outreach Program/Event: Drug Take Back Day
Member of the Year: Aaron Natarus
College Awards
The Pauline M. Boyer/Kappa Epsilon Alumni Award: Cassandra Rush
Academy of Pharmacy of Central Ohio Student Award: Emmanuel Osei
Women’s Pharmacy Club of Columbus Award: Joyce Zhang

Faculty Awards
American Pharmacists Association Fellow: Stuart J. Beatty
Distinguished Achievement Award in Pharmacy Practice from the American Pharmacists Association: Jennifer L. Rodis
John Piecoro Pioneer in Pediatric Pharmacy Award from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy: Milap Nahata
Bowl of Hygeia Award: Ohio Pharmacist Association: Marialice Bennett
P1 Teaching Award: TBA
P2 Teaching Award: TBA

SPARK Award
The S.P.A.R.K. Award is a new award this year. The acronym stands for Special Pharmacy Act of Random Kindness. It honors an individual(s) who goes above and beyond in their efforts toward our students with an outstanding act of kindness.
2017 Recipient: Lekha Nair Shah, PharmD ’07
Carmen Ohio

Oh come let’s sing Ohio’s praise
And songs to Alma Mater raise
While our hearts rebounding thrill
With joy which death alone can still
Summer’s heat or winter’s cold
The seasons pass the years will roll
Time and change will surely (truly) show
How firm thy friendship ... OHIO
On behalf of the College of Pharmacy and the College of Pharmacy Alumni Society, congratulations to all our outstanding faculty, students and alumni.

Thank you to the awards committee for selecting the alumni award winners:

Laura Hall – Pharmacy Practice and Science (Chair)
Julie Legg – Pharmacy Practice and Science
Sheryl Szeinbach – Pharmacy Practice and Science
Alex Sparreboom – Pharmaceutics
Terry Elton – Pharmacology
Ken Hale – Pharmacy Practice and Science
Marialice Bennett – Emeritus Faculty
Milap Nahata – Emeritus Faculty
Robert Brueggemeier – Emeritus Faculty
Sylvan Frank – Emeritus Faculty
Henry Mann – Dean of the College of Pharmacy (ex officio)
Tom Dauber – Director of Development (ex officio)
Julie Miller – Student Affairs
Joe Orozco – Director of Student Affairs (ex officio)
Evan Reidy – PharmD student