One to One Patient Counseling Awardee

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

- Aristotle

We are so proud to present to you one of our distinguished preceptors, Niki Salomon, Pharm.D. of Barmore Drug in Lexington, NE. Dr. Salomon was one of 20 pharmacists recognized at the 2009 APhA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Salomon was one of 10 pharmacists chosen as the Pharmacy Today/Student Pharmacist One to One Patient Counseling Recognition Program awardees. The One to One Patient Counseling Recognition Program gives tribute to pharmacists and students who have shown superior service in the field of one-to-one patient care. Dr. Salomon is a pharmacist that interacts with her patients and her outstanding communication skills have contributed to improved outcomes for her patients.

As one of the honored pharmacists, Dr. Salomon received complimentary airfare to the APhA Annual Meeting, hotel accommodations (three nights), as well as registration for the meeting.

We are privileged that our students have the opportunity to work with preceptors, such as Niki Salomon, Pharm.D.

Congratulations Niki Salomon, Pharm.D!
UNMC College of Pharmacy Presents at the
APhA-ASP Annual Meeting...

It is with great honor that we acknowledge Katie Miller, Pharm.D. Candidate, Class of 2009, and Donald G. Klepser, Ph.D., M.B.A. for representing UNMC College of Pharmacy as they presented the results of their project, “Looking at the issues that influence student pharmacist employment decisions.” As part of a research experience, Katie surveyed students that represented 12 colleges of pharmacy. While salary was a very important consideration, the research also indicated that students were concerned with being near their immediate families, having personal time off, and the presence of colleagues in the community. According to Dr. Klepser, the results may have implications for recruiting and staffing in rural communities.

Former ASP President
Leadership recognized...

“Leadership is action, not position.”
- Donald McGannon

Aric Anderson, former President of Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) was presented with a plaque for his outstanding service and leadership at the ASP meeting on April 8, 2009 by John Ridgway, ASP Chapter Advisor. Many ASP members attended the APhA-ASP Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas on April 3-6 amongst 7,000 pharmacy professionals from various practice settings to discuss ideas and practices.

Under Aric Anderson’s leadership UNMC APhA-ASP chapter received the following awards and recognition:

- Chapter Achievement Report Submission Plaque
- Membership Percentage (One of 11 Chapters out of 107)
- ASP President Ryan Moore led a roundtable discussion on innovative chapter involvement (Lothrop Magnet School)
- Katie Miller represented UNMC in the National Patient Counseling Competition

The College of Pharmacy commends Aric for his hard work and dedication!
Preceptors in the Spotlight...

We were privileged to have Shirley Arck, Pharm.D. and Eugene DeDonder, RPh visit with our students at UNMC College of Pharmacy in the Fall 2008 to provide information about their rotation and answer student questions. Dr. Arck and Mr. DeDonder work together to provide our students a unique Pharmacy practice experience. Shirley Arck provided answers to the posed questions. Eugene DeDonder is currently the main contact for this rotation.

**What is your practice site and what does your rotation involve?**
*Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital in Manhattan Kansas.*
Students rotate through the various specialty sections of the hospital attending rounds and following patients. They also spend time compounding, drawing up chemo, learning vet pharmacy law and attending vet pharmacology journal club, and the vet pharmacist’s journal club.

**What made you decide to become a preceptor? How long have you been a preceptor?**
*I love students! They always teach me something and they keep me excited about my profession. I’ve been a preceptor about 25 years. I’ve had UNMC students for about 10 years.*

**What is your teaching/preceptor philosophy? Do you have any tips for the busy preceptor?**
*Give the students a wide range of experiences. Provide guidance along the way and talk about it all. It’s a give and take. There’s no doubt that all preceptors are busy. We end up teaching as we’re doing which I think makes us better practitioners. It keeps us mindful of why we’re doing what we’re doing.*

**What advice would you give to other preceptors who are just starting out?**
*Relax. You don’t have to be the expert on everything. Learn together with the students.*
Pharmacy Legislative Day

Legislative Day was held on March 31, 2009 at the Capitol Building in Lincoln, NE by UNMC’s and Creighton’s Academy of Student Pharmacist (ASP) chapters. UNMC students did blood glucose, bone density, and blood pressure screenings and provided information regarding the results to participants.

Students were acknowledged by the Senators and had the opportunity to listen to the debate regarding the following bills: LB 151 (controlled substances), LB 220 (Long Term Care) and LB 341 (Public Health Agencies).

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SAVE THE DATE...

April 17th - “P3 Send Off Pizza Party” - 11:30am - 1:00pm - Celebrate with the P3’s as they get ready to start their P4 clerkships at the Alumni Center located at 518 So. 39th St. - sponsored by the UNMC College of Pharmacy Alumni Assoc. & CVS Pharmacy.

April 29th - Last Day of 2008 - 2009 Rotations - Please submit April rotation grades within two weeks from the date of the completed rotation.

April 30th - Scholastic Honors Convocation - 10am in the Peter Kiewit Concert Hall - Holland Center for Performing Arts, located at 12th & Douglas

May 1st - Commencement Ceremony - 10:30am at the Civic Auditorium, 1804 Capitol Ave.

May 4th - The 2009 - 2010 APPE Rotations & Class of 2012 Community IPPE begin!