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DEAN'S MESSAGE



AACP President Patricia Chase congratulated Dean Joseph T. DiPiro (right) and assistant professor K.C. Ogbonna, representing the faculty whose contributions resulted in the 2015 Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award.

To our VCU and MCV Alumni,

The last year, my first as dean of the School of Pharmacy, has gone by fast. Having learned more about our faculty, students and alumni, I am even more impressed with all the accomplishments within the school. We'll be highlighting some of those achievements in the pages to come.

I have enjoyed meeting our alumni at many locations around the Commonwealth, including Fredericksburg, Culpeper, Roanoke, Pulaski, Abingdon, Gretna, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg.

The past year has been exceptional. We have received external validation that our programs are among the best in the country. Early this year, we received the decision from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that the school was reaccredited for the full eight-year term, through 2023. ACPE was complimentary of our curriculum (including experiential education) and faculty and staff (particularly Student Services). It is one thing for us to think we are doing OK and more important to hear it from outside reviewers.

The school demonstrated this year that it can be among the best in pharmacy practice and in research. Many of our practice faculty have clinical service and student training sites in the Richmond community. We have come to call these collective efforts the Pharmacist Collaborative Care and Outreach in the Community (PCOC) program. It is a scope and quality of services that we are very proud of, and it provides first-rate sites for students.

PCOC was recognized last fall with the top national award for community outreach, the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Award, by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. Then, in July, the school received the top national community service award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy: the Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award. These awards recognized the efforts of 17 of our Department of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science faculty and hundreds of students and residents.

Our research success has continued to grow, and the school is moving up in the rankings for NIH-funded research.

Last year, our faculty brought in close to \$8 million in research grants and ranked 14th in the U.S. in NIH funding.

Dr. Martin Safo and emeritus faculty member Dr. Donald Abraham received VCU's Billy R. Martin Award for Innovation for their sickle cell disease drug, which is in human trials. Dr. Richard Glennon was admitted into the American Chemical Society's Division of Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame for his groundbreaking work in medicinal chemistry over many years. We have a great foundation for research with our Institute for Structural Biology, Drug Discovery and Development and our Center for Biomarker Research and Precision Medicine. This year, we add to our research portfolio by opening a Center for Pharmacy Practice Transformation.

There is more big news. In January, we will open the Center for Compounding Practice and Research; we are searching now for a director. Our Department of Pharmaceutics is building a pharmaceutical engineering program in collaboration with the VCU School of Engineering. Our faculty continue to demonstrate national leadership. In addition to many national awards, three faculty members will be moving into national presidential offices this year: APhA (Dr. Kelly Goode), ACCP (Dr. Marcia Buck) and AACP (the dean).

If you have not been on campus lately, please come to visit us. While there are many new developments and improvements here, much remains the same. We still use McGuire Hall, and I think you will find that we still have a student focus in all that we do.

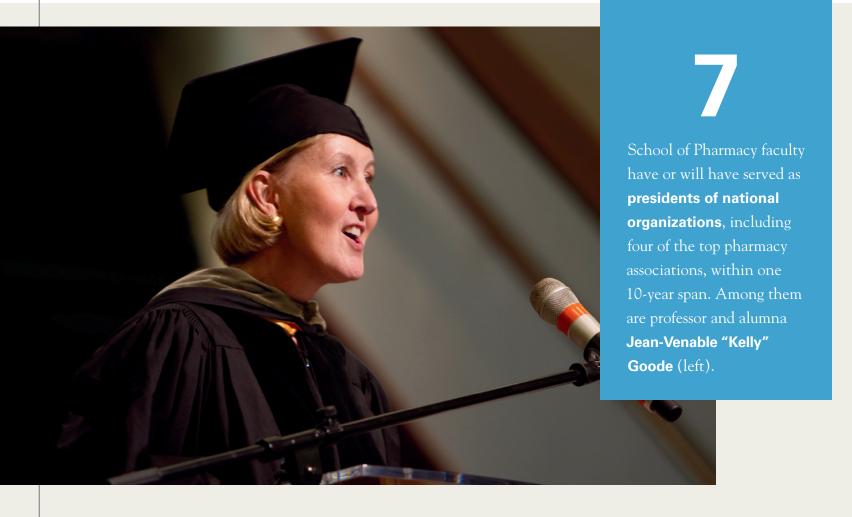
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With best regards,

Joseph T. DiPiro, Pharm.D.

Dean, VCU School of Pharmacy Archie O. McCalley Chair

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NATIONALLY SPEAKING

Pharmacy Faculty Lead the Way

Remarkably, three of the country's top pharmacy associations—the American Pharmacists Association, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy—will be helmed by VCU School of Pharmacy faculty next year. Watch for us in 2016!

As a matter of pride, note that SOP alumna Janet Silvester served as 2007–08 president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Although not on faculty, she is past chairwoman for the school's National Advisory Council.

VCU School of Pharmacy faculty hold major decision-making roles that have influenced the pharmacy profession and pharmacy education and will continue to do so for years to come.

Gretchen Brophy 2017–18 president *Neurocritical Care Society*

Marcia Buck 2016–17 president American College of Clinical Pharmacy

Jeffrey Delafuente 2013–14 president American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Joseph T. DiPiro 2016–17 president American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Jean-Venable "Kelly" Goode

2016–17 president

American Pharmacists Association

Gary Matzke 2007–08 president American College of Clinical Pharmacy

Victor Yanchick 2008–09 president American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

Garnering Major Recognition

At the same time they are educating the next generation, pharmacy faculty are conducting cutting-edge research and serving the community. Along the way, many of them—far too many to mention—have been recognized with national awards and fellowships. Here are a few of the most recent:

Gretchen Brophy: 2015 fellow, *Neurocritical Care Society*

Joseph T. DiPiro: 2014 Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy, *American College of Clinical Pharmacy*

Dave Dixon: 2014 New Investigator Award, *American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy*

Dave Dixon, Evan Sisson and Veronica Shuford: 2014 Innovations in Teaching Award, *American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy*

Malgorzata Dukat: 2015 Kosciuszko Foundation Collegium of Eminent Scientists **Sharon Gatewood:** 2015 fellow, American Pharmacists Association

Richard A. Glennon: 2014 Division of Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame, *American Chemical Society*, and Fifth Annual Philip S. Portoghese Medicinal Chemistry Lectureship Award

David Holdford: 2015 Rufus A. Lyman Award, *American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy*; 2015 Wiederholt Prize, *American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science*; and 2014 Outstanding Adherence Educator Award, *National Community Pharmacists Association*

Cynthia Kirkwood: 2015 Academic Leadership Fellows Program, *American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy*, and 2014 Judith J. Saklad Memorial Award, *College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists*

Gary Matzke: 2015 fellow, *American Association for the Advancement of Science*

Patricia Slattum: 2015 Henry W. Elliott Distinguished Service Award, *American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

Benjamin Van Tassell: 2015 fellow, American College of Clinical Pharmacy

Endowed professorships and chairs provide the support to give faculty the margin of excellence needed to bring their research to the next level and to offer the support necessary for graduate student success. Please consider supporting an endowed professorship or chair.



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School of Pharmacy full-time faculty members and dozens of postdocs, residents, fellows, affiliates and adjuncts dedicate themselves to ensuring that students get the best education possible. In addition to external recognition, associate professor Benjamin Van Tassell (right) received the School of Pharmacy's 2015 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.



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class of 2019!—and 13 new graduate students began classes in August at the MCV Campus, the Inova Campus and the University of Virginia Division. High-achieving current students include Kalyann Kauv (left), president of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association at VCU.

STUDENTS PERSONIFY SUCCESS

In and Out of the Classroom

Despite a rigorous academic schedule, VCU School of Pharmacy students excel when it comes to participating in or leading school organizations on the local, regional and national levels. Members of Phi Delta Chi are on track to have raised a total of \$50.000 for their charity, St. Jude Research Children's Hospital, in the last six years. Phi Lambda Sigma recently signed up 60 potential bone marrow donors in one day via a Be the Match event. American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (formerly the Virginia Academy of Student Pharmacists) co-hosted the Region 2 Midyear Regional Meeting in Richmond in October.

A two-student team sponsored by the Student National Pharmaceutical Association placed second in its division during the national Clinical Skills Competition, and a four-member graduate student team placed second in the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Student Research Competition. Other student accomplishments, all within the past year, range from awards to scholarships to national offices:

Sarah Barden: Good Government Student Pharmacist-of-the-Year Award, *American Pharmacists Association*

Kisha Grigsby: regional facilitator for Region 1, *Student National Pharmaceutical Association*, and member of National Executive Board

Ben Iredell: chairman, National Remember the Ribbon (HIV and AIDS awareness for patients), *Student National Pharmaceutical Association*, and member of National Executive Board

Nellie Jafari: Boyle Family Scholar, American Pharmacists Association Foundation **Kalyann Kauv:** RESPy (Respect, Excellence and Service in Pharmacy) Award, *Pharmacy Times in conjunction* with Wal-Mart

Mengyao Li: Presidential Trainee Award, *American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

Julie Patterson: Rho Chi-American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education First Year Graduate Fellowship, *American Pharmacists Association*

Tien Truong: Express Scripts Foundation Scholarship, *American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy*; and Dr. Sreedhar Nair Memorial Scholarship, *National Emphysema Foundation*

Many students have been recognized on the regional and local levels, as well. For example, five of the nine students selected to receive VCU's inaugural Student Interprofessional Recognition Awards were School of Pharmacy students. The future of pharmacy is in good hands.

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endowed scholarships now are available to School of Pharmacy students. Dan Nichols (at right), 2015 recipient of the William Garnett Scholarship, said, "I aspire to be a pharmacy professor one day, shaping the minds of future generations of pharmacists just as Dr. Garnett (left) did for 36 years at MCV."



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gifts That Keep on Giving

Providing scholarships for deserving students is one of the best ways to support the next generation of pharmacists. Each year, the School of Pharmacy's generous alumni and friends who have endowed scholarships make it possible for students to move forward with a smaller financial burden than they'd otherwise have experienced.

Scholarships also serve as motivation and inspiration. Just ask Ashley Street, class of 2016.

"Having worked in an independent pharmacy for a number of years," she says, "I've seen how much of an impact these pharmacies have on their communities. I've seen how much potential exists with the expansion of the profession.

"Receiving the Berkowitz Scholarship renewed my passion for independent

pharmacy, and it truly motivated me to be a voice and advocate for the value of independents."

The Berkowitz Independent Community Pharmacy Endowed Scholarship was established in 2006 by Fran and Lance (B.S. '65) Berkowitz of Boynton Beach, Fla. The scholarship recognizes third- and fourth-year students, in the top third of their class, who plan to practice independent community pharmacy.

Dan Nichols, also a member of the class of '16, recently wrote to tell retired SOP professor William Garnett (B.S. '69) how he felt about having received the William Garnett Scholarship.

Nichols wrote, "Receiving your scholarship is truly special to me because of all that you have done for the School of the Pharmacy and the creation of the Pharm.D. program."

The scholarship came about in 2012 when Tony Coniglio (Pharm.D. '86) heard of his former professor's impending retirement. He quickly set events in motion that resulted in Coniglio, along with Gene Cefali (Pharm.D./Ph.D. '87) and William Fitzsimmons (Pharm.D. '85), issuing a challenge asking fellow alumni, faculty and friends to support a scholarship in Garnett's name.

Student scholarships have been endowed by alumni, pharmacy organizations and companies, faculty and friends of the school. Whether they are named in memory or honor of individuals, classes or corporations, they are a tribute students appreciate and remember as they enter the profession themselves.

More than \$700,000 in scholarships were awarded to pharmacy students in 2014–15, significantly reducing debt load for nearly 150 students, but it is not enough. Student debt at graduation is, on average, \$120,000 per student. This debt burden limits our graduates' choices regarding practice after graduation. Please help us support our pharmacy students with a gift to the Pharm.D. scholarship fund.



\$6 million

in NIH funding translates to more research. Associate professor Martin Safo (above) and colleagues were honored with VCU's 2014 Billy R. Martin Award for Innovation for developing Aes-103, a treatment for sickle cell disease that is in clinical trials.



RESEARCH FUNDING

Numbers on the Rise

In line with VCU President Michael Rao's vision for a major research university, the School of Pharmacy's research funding has continued on an upward trajectory over the last few years, attracting nearly \$8 million in total funding in FY14.

With NIH funding accounting for nearly \$6 million of the total, the school's 2013–14 National Institutes of Health ranking climbed four notches, bringing it up to No. 14 of 130 pharmacy schools nationwide. The funding responsible for this increase was anchored by large awards made to principal investigators Umesh Desai (\$2.2 million) and Edwin van den Oord (\$1.6 million).

According to the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research rankings, median FY14 NIH funding for pharmacy schools and colleges was \$2.6 million. VCU's funding put it ahead of the Universities of Minnesota, Southern California, Texas-Austin, Michigan, Florida and Arizona, along with Ohio State University and the University of Southern California.

The trend continued into FY15 and on into FY16: Faculty member Yan Zhang received word in March that one of his lab's NIH grants had been renewed at \$1.9 million. This summer, Umesh Desai, Martin Safo and Masahiro Sakagami were awarded \$2.1 million in NIH funding. Desai, Safo, Don Brophy and Adam Hawkridge received a grant for \$613,220 and Brophy received another for \$443,025.

As part of its commitment to growth in research, the School of Pharmacy welcomed its first associate dean for research and graduate studies,

Aron Lichtman, this summer. With a background in pharmacology and toxicology, his lab focuses on drugs of abuse, with an emphasis on investigating the psychological functions of the endogenous cannabinoid system.

Also, clinical/translational scientists Joseph McClay and Shanaka Wijesinghe joined the Department of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science, where they will share their expertise in genomics, lipidomics, metabolomics and phenomics as part of Hawkridge's Proteomics Group.

The applied research made possible by the School of Pharmacy's increasing NIH grant portfolio will go far toward improving quality of life and establishing the school as a transformational leader.

A FIRM FOUNDATION

Fostering Meaningful Research

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major research centers

are launching or evolving at the VCU School of Pharmacy.



Center for Biomarker Research and Precision Medicine:

Ongoing focused research groups include the CBRPM, which has accrued more than \$20 million in federal grants since its inception in 2006. Director Edwin van den Oord notes that the ultimate aim is to alleviate the tremendous personal, familial, and societal burden of mental illness by using state-of-the-art genomic technologies to identify molecular markers that can be used to develop new medications and to tailor treatment.



Center for Pharmacy Practice Transformation: The CPPT has been approved by the school and launched at the end of October. Its mission is to develop innovative health care models that integrate pharmacists into the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective collaborative care. Directed by Leticia R. Moczygemba, the center also will promote the development of new business enterprises by graduates of the school.



Center for Compounding Practice and Research:

Scheduled to open in spring semester, the CCPR was created to advance the science and practice of extemporaneous compounding through professional education training, continuing education programs and collaborative research. As genetic research expands, the need for personalized, or precision, medications—as well as trained pharmacists and technicians—will continue to grow.



Institute for Structural Biology, Drug Discovery and

Development: The ISB3D has re-engineered its mission, placing a higher level of emphasis on drug development. "We used to discover interesting molecules," said director Umesh Desai. "Now we will try to discover promising drug candidates." The institute, which was founded nearly 20 years ago, currently includes investigators from the School of Pharmacy and the School of Medicine.

The School of Pharmacy also houses a number of department-based research programs, labs and groups. Among them are the VCU Coagulation Advancement Lab, the Bioanalytical Laboratory, the Pharmacokinetic-Pharmacodynamic Research Laboratory, the Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Program and the Community Pharmacy Practice Program. As scientists with a variety of expertise expand the faculty ranks, groups have been formed to focus on Aerosol Research, Biopharmaceutical Analysis Research, Drug Transporters Research and Proteomics.

A pharmaceutical engineering graduate degree and research program, to be developed in cooperation with VCU School of Engineering, is in the planning stages.

In order to secure federal funding, faculty must demonstrate initial success in research endeavors.

Funding to start up research, bridge research programs and pilot new data is essential to the continued success of our research initiatives.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Benefits Extend From Partners to Patients

Seventeen faculty members, 37 residents and more than 600 students have participated in the Pharmacist Collaborative Care and Outreach in the Community program, making a difference in people's lives while providing invaluable experience for current and future pharmacists.

As impressive as these statistics is the fact that the PCOC program has won two national awards in the past year: the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award.

Both awards recognize the school's work in establishing pharmacist-led collaborative practice models in a plethora of organizations, in particular the Center for High Blood Pressure, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, Daily

Planet, Goochland Free Clinic & Family Services, Imperial Plaza, Richmond Area Compassionate Care Pharmacy and Richmond Health & Wellness Program. Most important, these models are demonstrating improved health outcomes for the patients receiving care.

The Virginia Department of Health has identified chronic disease and its prevention and management as a critical need in the Richmond area. These community-academic partnerships collectively address medication reconciliation during transitions of care; diabetes, lipid and hypertension management and medication counseling for high-risk patients; assisting patients in gaining access to prescription medications; and more.

The school works closely with VCU's public school and pre-health student pipeline initiatives, including the Summer Academic Enrichment

Program. Students volunteer for any number of clinics and health fairs.
Partnerships have been established outside the area with HOMBRE (Honduras Outreach Medical Brigade Relief), MOM (Mission of Mercy), RAM (Remote Area Medical) and Virginia State University Cares.

In March—having won the Magrath Award and awaiting confirmation on the Weaver—the School of Pharmacy treated representatives of the Richmond community partners to a special appreciation breakfast and split the remainder of the \$20,000 prize among them.

Cathy Howard, vice provost for VCU's Division of Community Engagement, thanked attendees for what they do daily. "You are saving lives," she said. "You are teaching our students to save lives. And because of this community engagement, you'll continue to do so."

Support for PCOC and other community engagement initiatives at the School of Pharmacy can extend the service reach of our clinicians who are implementing innovative practice models in the community. Alumni gifts put more students in pharmacist-led collaborative care models, touching more patients and improving health outcomes.

33,000

patient care encounters have been provided since 2001 under the auspices of the School of Pharmacy's PCOC program. Students Archana Raghavan (left) and Chantal Ing volunteered at the 2015 VCU Wellness Block Party.







5,000

School of Pharmacy alumni have the opportunity to assist their alma mater in a variety of ways. They include Patty Slattum (left) pictured with Dean Joseph T. DiPiro and Gary Cupit (above) with Tana Kaefer.

THE TIES THAT BIND

Alumni Community Stays Connected

Alumni support the school not only financially but also with the gift of time, whether recruiting new students, precepting them or returning to campus to serve in an advisory capacity.

About 40 percent of the school's approximately 1,000 preceptors are alumni. They provide an invaluable service in helping to equip up-and-coming pharmacists in areas ranging from acute and ambulatory care to academia, from community pharmacy to management.

Alumna Rebeccah Collins, pharmacy practice residency director for Bon Secours Regional Medical Center, was named the school's 2014–15 Preceptor of the Year. Collins enjoys paying it forward by helping others achieve their goals. "I hope to continue to be able," she said, "to inspire students and pharmacists early in their careers to go the extra mile."

A number of SOP alumni participate in the prospective student interview process.

Alumna Becky Snead, executive vice president and CEO of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, has spoken to members of school organizations several times this year. And alumna Chun-Chun "Lilly" Li recently traveled from Taiwan to visit campus—for the first time in 20 years—to talk to students about drug development and clinical research in Asia.

Alumnus Preston Hale, national manager of strategic accounts for QS/1 Data Systems, served as guest speaker for last fall's White Coat Ceremony. Alumna and School of Pharmacy professor Jean-Venable "Kelly" Goode addressed the class of '15 at its Hooding and Diploma Ceremony.

Many alums over the years have served on the school's National Advisory Council and Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Programs Advisory Board. A number have contributed their time and career expertise to the school's annual Research and Career Day as well as to the P4 Employment and Residency Fair.

During Reunion Weekend 2015, Gary Cupit, CEO of the New Jerseybased Somnus Therapeutics Inc., received the Distinguished Pharmacy Alumni Award; and SOP professor Patty Slattum was presented the Pharmacy Alumni Service Award. Last fall, the university recognized three SOP alumni volunteers: Ellen Byrne received the VCU Alumni Service Award, Marianne Rollings, the MCVAA Outstanding Alumnus Award, and Al Schalow Jr., the MCVAA Hodges-Kay Service Award.

Whether their efforts are formally recognized or not—and whether their gifts are time and expertise or scholarships and estate plans—SOP alumni keep giving back for all the right reasons.

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Generous Contributors

Following are the names of alumni and friends who supported the School of Pharmacy between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015. Without you, none of the accomplishments we've shared with you here would be possible.



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Opposite page: SOP associate professor Leticia R. Moczygemba and alumna Michelle Herbert Thomas (B.S. '90) attended the APhA 2015 Annual Meeting & Exposition.

Left: Tommy Thompson (B.S. '80) and his wife Janet caught up with Tom Reinders, associate dean for admissions and student services, at last year's Senior Awards Banquet.

Below: Returning to celebrate her 50th School of Pharmacy reunion, Marsha S. Allen (B.S. '65) was accompanied by husband Maurice.

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"I feel it's important to help fund the school's ongoing scholarships and programs. But I also enjoy the opportunity to work with current students. In addition, I served proudly as a preceptor for over 25 years."

Becky Snead (B.S. '85)

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Above: Karanita Fuller congratulated a classmate on their graduation in May. Right: Aziza Dang is a fourth-year student at the school's U.Va. Division, helmed by alumnus Rafael Saenz (Pharm.D. '03).





Their Hooding and Diploma Ceremony gave Pharm.D. students Kalpesh Patel and Paul Singh reason to jump for joy.

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Top: SungHo Park, class of 2019, enjoyed his White Coat Ceremony with sister MinYoung Park and mother Mihi Park.

Left: Associate professor Malgorzata Dukat and Richard A. Glennon, Alfred and Frances Page Burger Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, attended a VCU investiture ceremony in honor of endowed chairs, professors and donors.

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Top: Peter Ramsey (left) and Nikhil Parekh (right) presented pharmaceutics graduate student Gopichand Gottipati the Pfizer Consumer Healthcare R&D Leading for Innovation Award. Above: Keith Hodges (B.S. '89) spoke at VPhA's 133rd Annual Convention.

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