



From the Executive Dean

The semester is rapidly drawing to a close with commencement exercises for both campuses within a month. The USC College Commencement will be May 9th at 9:30am and Dr. Julian Fincher will be recognized as the Outstanding Alumnus and will be the invited speaker. The MUSC Hooding Ceremony will be May 17th at 6:30pm at the Omar Shrine Center.

In the meantime there is much to do in preparation for the ACPE visit May 1st through 3rd. The full schedule for their visit will be sent out as soon as it is finalized.

We recently formed an Experiential Oversight Committee to work with experiential program Directors and College faculty members. It is important that the experiential program has sufficient input and oversight from a variety of stakeholders including representatives from typical pharmacy settings, students, and faculty and administration. In addition to Chairs, Peter Edwards and Lewis McKelvey, the Committee will include preceptors, students, and faculty members. The Committee is charged to 1) review the College experiential curriculum and recommend modifications to the Curriculum Committee that may improve quality, increase relevance to the future of pharmacy practice, or assure compliance with ACPE standards, 2) identify opportunities to expand experiential sites, 3) review metrics regarding student performance in experiential courses to determine that overall performance meets acceptable standards, 4) recommend changes in metrics and performance indicators to the Assessment Committee as needed to assure that ACPE standards are met and that quality improvement is occurring, and 5) recommend methods to increase preceptor involvement and enhance preceptor teaching effectiveness. This group's input will be important in the years ahead.

We are finalizing appointments of MUSC faculty on the USC campus. MUSC campus faculty will be receiving a letter shortly indicating a USC faculty appointment. **To initiate the appointment you will need to sign the letter and return it as directed.**

Congratulations to the following faculty members who were recognized by the MUSC classes at the Spring Banquet:

P1 class: Dr. Ed Soltis

P2 class: Dr. Philip Hall

P3 class: Dr. Wayne Weart

P4 class (preceptor of the year): Dr. Wendy Bullington

Golden Mortar and Pestle: Steve Brown

As well, staff member Faye Ratliff was honored by the Class President for her commitment and service to the students.

Congratulations as well to Dr. Holly Watson who was recognized as the favorite teacher by the USC P3 class.

In case you missed it:

- The USC Golf tournament is April 16th at the Cobblestone (formerly the University Club)
- The end of semester faculty meeting is May 10th at 2pm (in classrooms).
- The ACPE Team will be in Columbia on May 1st and 2nd and Charleston on May 2nd and 3rd.
- Alyssa Smith, PharmD was appointed as the Upstate Regional Director and started last month. Dr. Smith will be based at the Greenville Hospital System and will coordinate College programs in Greenville, Spartanburg, and other areas of the Upstate. She comes to the SCCP with over 10 years of distinguished experience in community and clinical pharmacy. Most recently she was the clinical director for Myers Park Anticoagulation Services of the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina and a clinical assistant professor at the UNC School of Pharmacy. She is a writer for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
- Sarah J. Ball, PharmD, R.Ph., began her duties as Program Director of the Medicaid Academic Detailing Program on February 16. Dr. Ball comes to the SCCP with over 20 years of distinguished experience in project management, data analysis, and improving patient care, most recently as Product Manager of Pharmacy Network Services for Per-Se Technologies. She will travel across the state in managing the Academic Detailing project.
- Karen Smoak has been hired on the USC campus to assist John Williams with classroom support, and DaQurta, "DQ", Riley has been hired for the MUSC campus to assist Jeff Osmer.



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