



On behalf of Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Dr. Milton receives the Walgreen Diversity Ambassador Scholarship funds. The scholarship is awarded to students who assist the college in raising awareness of diversity and participate in community outreach activities that promote diversity. We remain thankful to the Walgreens corporation for its many years of support of our students.

### **Walgreens Diversity Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to all pharmacy students enrolled at the Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy who meet the eligibility requirements below.

\$1,000 scholarships.

Eligibility Requirements Applicants must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Represent a diverse group or underrepresented minority.
- Not be a previous recipient of the Walgreens Diversity Scholarship.
- Have an interest in community pharmacy.



# College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

## Office of Clinical and Administrative Services



### **January 23, 2018 – UTMB IPE<sup>2</sup> Practice Day**

Over 120 students from the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the College of Liberal and Behavioral Sciences participated in the UTMB Interprofessional Education Day in Galveston, Texas. TSU students from the pharmacy program and dietetics/clinical nutrition program interacted with UTMB students from medicine, physician assistant, nursing, clinical laboratory sciences, nutrition studies, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory care, social work, medical humanities, and chaplain services. Each discipline had to recognize the role their discipline was responsible for in the case and identify other healthcare disciplines that would be involved in the care of the patient. Following consultation with other disciplines, an interprofessional debriefing was conducted to discuss the case and each discipline answered key questions that were asked by other disciplines. The entire event included over 900 students from 13 healthcare disciplines. Thank you to the faculty facilitators: Dr. Willie Capers, Dr. Creaque Charles, Dr. Rodney Hunter, Dr. Sondip Mathur, Dr. Ellis Morrow, Dr. Kimberly Pounds, and Dr. Edward Stemley. Thank you to Kit Shelby, who facilitated the motorcoach transportation and on-site activities, and Tyrone Scott, who took pictures and videos. Thank you to Dean Shirlette Milton and Dean Merline Pitre for supporting the students, staff, and faculty involved in this event!

### **January 27, 2018 – Alpha Kappa Alpha Mu Kappa Omega Chapter ASCEND Program**

The Office of Clinical and Administrative Services hosted the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Mu Kappa Omega Chapter ASCEND program in the Interdisciplinary Health Professions Simulation Center. ASCEND focuses on Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking, and Development Skills. Program participants include high school male and female students (grades 9-12) with emphasis on academic, life, career and character-building skills. The ultimate goal is to motivate, engage and assist these students in reaching their maximum potential. ASCEND enrichment experiences emphasize exposing participants to SMART careers (Science, Math, And Related Technologies,) college preparation and vocational and professional career opportunities. Over 20 students attended a simulation activity that exposed them to healthcare careers and basic anatomy and physiology of the circulatory system and respiratory system. Student worked with high-fidelity mannequins and performed vital sign assessments.

# College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences



## COPHS Participates in TMC Health Policy Course

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences hosted a panel discussion entitled, “How Health Policy is Made” on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 5:30 – 7:00pm at the Texas Medical Center headquarters as a contributing TMC institution in the inaugural year of a collaborative TMC Health Policy course. The session was well attended with approximately 60 attendees in-person and virtually who provided positive feedback at its conclusion.

Dr. Aisha Morris Moultry moderated the discussion between TSU faculty and staff and external participants who brought varying perspectives on the policymaking process: Dr. Edward Stemley brought perspective as an organizational and institutional advocate from a local, state, and federal level, Ms. Chonya Davis-Johnson brought perspective from a federal level, and Mr. Brad Shields was able to provide insight as a Texas pharmacy lobbyist. Some of the topics addressed included:

- Various stages of health policy development.
- Roles of various interest groups in healthcare public policy
- Difference between presidential, congressional, and state roles in health care public policy
- Changes seen in the policymaking process as a result of changes in presidential administration
- Strategies/tactics used by interest groups to influence public policy

The 2018 TMC Health Policy Course is a first-of-its-kind collaboration between the Texas Medical Center’s academic institutions. The course teaches students the fundamentals of U.S. health policy and provides them with the background and context they need to analyze the most pressing health policy challenges facing the country today.

# College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences 2018 Highlights

## Staff Highlights

COPHS Team Center, hires two distinguished professionals to gear up for students' academic success. The team members, combined bring over 20 years of higher education experience. We are pleased to welcome our new team members.

- Executive Director Dr. China Jenkins, a graduate of Texas A&M University. She maintains an active research agenda focused on teaching and learning, culturally responsive pedagogy and faculty development.
- Instructor Ms. Karen Stewart, a graduate of Texas Southern University and she serves as the National Training Director of National Tutoring Association.

COPHS Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Health Sciences hires two proud alumni.

Dr. Creaque Charles (c/o 2000) and Dr. Hong Mei (c/o 2016). Dr. Charles has experience in clinical pharmacy with a focus on geriatrics. Dr. Charles will be coordinating the first professional year pharmacy practice courses.

Dr. Hong Mei Wang comes to us with research knowledge from the Molecular and Cellular Oncology Department at the University of Texas Medical Center. Dr. Wang will coordinate the third professional year Integrated lab course.



## Student Highlights

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Texas Southern University (TSU) and University of Houston (UH) partnered for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Residency Mentoring Social. This networking event invited residency directors, residents, and pharmacy students from the Houston area. Students engaged in timed conversations with residency programs at their designated tables. After each timed round, students alternated to a different program to ensure fair and multiple interactions. Keynote speaker and TSU Alumni Dr. Anjanette Wyatt provided an impactful speech about pharmacy advocacy and the profession's growing potential in healthcare. Entry and food were free for attendees. Opening remarks were given by the Deans of each sponsoring school- Dr. Shirlette G. Milton, Interim Dean, TSU College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and Dr. Lamar Pritchard, Dean, University of Houston School of Pharmacy.



Julian McKnight was one of 5 students interviewed and selected to participate in the FAMU/Bristol-Myers Squibb APPE Rotation Program. Bristol-Myers Squibb is a global BioPharma company firmly focused on its mission to discover, develop, and deliver innovative medicines that help patients prevail over serious diseases. We concentrate our research efforts in four core therapeutic areas: Cardiovascular, Immunoscience, Oncology and Virology. Julian is set to rotate with a team of Cardiovascular Medical Strategist during his 6 week experience.