From the College of Pharmacy:

Kudos on accomplishments
Dr. Eric Gupta has been elected Grant Regent to Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity. This is indeed an honor- this is the top position in Kappa Psi, which is the world's largest pharmaceutical professional fraternity.

Please join me in congratulating the following Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty on their recent accomplishments:

- Arezoo Campbell, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, MSPS Student Shyang (Tony) Lung, and her collaborator at UC Irvine published the article: Lung S, Li H, Bondy SC, Campbell A. Low concentrations of copper in drinking water increase AP-1 binding in the brain. Toxicol Ind Health. 2013 May 29. PubMed PMID: 23719850. Abstract Here

- Dr. Kabir Lutfy, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and collaborators at Charles Drew, presented an abstract titled “PC2 Null Mice Show Up-Regulation of the Mu Opioid Receptor in Key Brain Regions Related to Nociceptive Information and Addictive Behaviors” at the Endocrine Society’s 95th Annual Meeting & Expo in San Francisco, CA on June 15-18, 2013. This abstract received some press, including Newswise and ScienceDaily.


- Arbi Nazarian, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and his collaborators published the following articles:

I am pleased to announce the following activities of PPAD faculty at the recently held American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, July 13-17, 2013:

School poster presentation: Karl M. Hess and Mary Hudson-McKinney (from CAHP). Teaching Durable Medical Equipment to Student Pharmacists: An Inter-Professional Approach Utilizing Student Physical Therapists.
Poster presentation: Anne J. Kugler, Hyma P. Gogineni, Bik-Wai Tai, Anandi V. Law, Eunice P. Chung. Student Pharmacists’ Perceptions and Preferences Regarding the Flipped Classroom.

Jacob Arlsanian (PharmD 2013), Cynthia Jackevicius, Olivia Phung, Janice Hoffman. Student Pharmacists Perspective of the Pairing of a Live Geriatric Patient Interview with an EBM Project.

Dr. Janice Hoffman was the WesternU delegate for the College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Hess and Dr. Hoffman also conducted a Mini-session: “Developing and Implementing A Collaborative Leadership Initiative.”

Dr. Emmanuelle Schwartzman represented WesternU as the chapter adviser at the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society strategic planning meeting.

Dr. Anandi V. Law presented a report as Chair of a Joint Councils Task Force on Faculty Mentoring at the Council of Faculties and Council of Deans.

The following mini-session was attended by nearly 200 registrants at AACP: Scott Helf, Sunil Prabhu, Daniel Robinson. The Academic Progress Portal - Catching Students Before They Fail.

Dr. Cynthia Jackevicius completed a certificate course at Nova Southeastern University in Florida on “Physical Assessment in Patient Care Management,” which is extremely relevant and important as we move forward with provider status.

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- Arezoo Campbell and her collaborators published the article: Guerra R, Vera-Aguilar E, Uribe-Ramirez M, Gookin G, Camacho J, Osornio-Vargas AR, Mugica-Alvarez V, Angulo-Olais R, Campbell A, Froines J, Kleinman TM, De Vizcaya-Ruiz A. Exposure to inhaled particulate matter activates early markers of oxidative stress, inflammation and unfolded protein response in rat striatum. Toxicology Letters S0378-4274(13)01136-3 Link to Article

• Dr. Kabir Lutfy was awarded a $35,000 subcontract from Astraea Therapeutics, LLC, to study Nociceptin Receptor Agonists for Alcohol Use Disorders (2013-2014)

From the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy held July 13-17 in Chicago, Ill.:

• Dr. Jeffrey Wang graduated from the year-long Academic Leadership Fellows Program (ALFP).

• Dr. Steve O'Barr was recognized for his service as Chair of the Graduate Education Special Interest Group and was inducted as their Immediate Past Chair (2013-2014)

• Dr. Arbi Nazarian was installed as the Chair Elect for the Biological Sciences Section (2013-2014)