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We're #1! Students Win ASHP Clinical Skills Competition

For the third consecutive year, students from CU's Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences carried on a legacy of winning during the ASHP (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists) Clinical Skills Competition in Las Vegas, Nev. P-4s Chelsea Mitchell and Jillian Bishop took home the gold in the annual competition that hones problem-solving skills using patient-case scenarios. A group of students, faculty and alumni were in attendance to witness the two compete against teams from 131 schools of pharmacy throughout the nation and bring home the win. This is the third year in a row that our students have proven themselves to be among the best in the nation. In 2014, Ashley Huntsberry and Joselyn Benabe placed first; followed by a second place win in 2015 by Jillian Dann and Kailynn DeRonde. Congratulations Jillian and Chelsea. We are so proud!



P-4s Jillian Bishop and Chelsea Mitchell (L-R) share a smile after winning the Clinical Skills Competition at Midyear.

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Congratulations!

Our faculty had three of the top 10 most read articles in Pharmacotherapy in 2016! Danielle Rhyne Fixen, Sarah Anderson and Laura Borgelt for the [Effects of Medical Marijuana on Migraine Headache Frequency in an Adult Population](#); Allison Blackmer for [Management of Sleep Disorders in Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders: A Review](#); and Cindy O'Bryant and Ashley Glode for [Antibody Drug Conjugates: A Clinical Pharmacy Perspective on an Emerging Cancer Therapy](#). Laura Borgelt and Kari Franson's paper entitled "[The pharmacologic and clinical effects of medical cannabis](#)" published in 2013 was Pharmacotherapy's most downloaded paper in 2015 and is on track to be the most downloaded paper in 2016! Faculty member John Carpenter was recently awarded the rank of National Academy of Inventors (NAI) Fellow. Carpenter was selected because he has "demonstrated a highly prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society." He will be inducted April 6, 2017. In addition to this honor, Carpenter was recently notified that he will be recognized by APhA as "Giants in the Pharmaceutical Sciences" and will be honored,

together with CU-Boulder Professor Theodore W. Randolph, with a dedicated issue of JPHARMSCI (Jan. 2020).



In the News

For patients living with epilepsy, it is often difficult to predict the onset or progression of chronic seizures. Thanks to a newly published study led by Drs. Manisha Patel and Li-Ping Liang and recently published in *Redox Biology*, their discovery of a redox biomarker could be a game changer in epilepsy. [Read the study now](#). Toby Trujillo, PharmD, was spotlighted in the November 2016 issue of ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists NewsLink electronic newsletter. Robert Valuck, PharmD, was interviewed by [9NEWS for a piece on the rising cost of prescription drugs](#) that aired Nov. 12. Former Director of Development for SSPPS, Sheldon Steinhauser was recently honored for his dedication to diversity at a reception hosted by Arlene and Barry Hirschfeld and Dean Ralph Altieri. During the reception the school announced the establishment of the Sheldon Steinhauser Diversity Scholarship and Governor John Hickenlooper declared Nov. 17 Sheldon Steinhauser Day. The event was highlighted in [the Denver Post](#).

Learn How to Apply Pharmacogenomics to Patient Care

A new, eight-week [Pharmacogenomics Certificate](#) from SSPPS will help you apply pharmacogenomics to patient care. Taught by Christina Aquilante, PharmD, a recognized expert in pharmacogenomics, the online program includes videos, discussions, live video chats, weekly feedback and real-time access to expert opinions. Geared toward practicing pharmacists, the course includes the fundamentals of pharmacogenomics; the impact of it on drug clinical pharmacology; interpretation of pharmacogenomics test results, literature and use of evidence-based guidelines; case-based scenarios, as well as clinical implementation of pharmacogenomics in different health settings. Knowledge gained from this program will enhance a pharmacist's ability to apply genetic information to pharmacy practice and select the most appropriate therapeutic interventions. [Learn more now](#).

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Recent graduates Drs. Havan Truong and Jennifer Kwon grace the cover of the latest edition of *Pharmacy Perspectives*.



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