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Congratulations

The fifth annual Rocky Mountain Regional Public Health Case Competition was held earlier this month and P-1 Elizabeth Ko was on the first place winning team. Fifteen teams participated, with members representing all health professions. Our of 84 total participants, 25 were from CU Pharmacy. Other CU Pharmacy students who placed in this year's competition include P-1 Angie Kim (second place) and People's Choice awardees Hailee Griffin and Meena Mattamana, both P-1s. CU Pharmacy faculty member Ben Chavez served on the panel of judges along with Kim Ransom and Dafna Michaelson Jenet, two Colorado House Representatives. Collectively, the participants were even able to convince one of the Colorado representatives to draft 15 new bill ideas to combat mental illness in Colorado! To read more, check out our blog.

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Look for Us at Midyear in Orlando

If you're attending Midyear in Orlando, check out student poster presentations Dec. 4, 5 and 6 where 30 CU Pharmacy students will be presenting a variety of topics. Must-see faculty presentations by Christine Aquilante, Ben Chavez, Sunny

Linnebur, Joel Marrs, Scott Mueller and Joe Saseen occur Dec. 3 and 6. And, don't forget about the school's reception on Monday, Dec. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando (Regency Ballroom T) from 5.30 - 7.30 p.m. No R.S.V.P necessary, but you can skip the line if you [pre-register now](#). CU there!



Dean's Leadership Convocation

Mark your calendar for noon on Dec. 6 when David Eisenberg, MD, the Director of Culinary Nutrition with Harvard H.T. Chan School of Public Health presents on **The Role of Herbal Therapies in Modern Medicine Challenges & Opportunities for Pharmacists.**

The convocation will be held in Ed2 South, room 1102.

Alumni Call-a-thon a Success

Thanks to all who assisted with our recent call-a-thon to alumni, we reached 808 alums, which represents 32% of callable alumni for the school! Our crew of alumni, students, faculty and staff were able to connect with hundreds of alums updating them on activities and opportunities to remain involved with the school. We left 405 messages, received 39 updates on contact information, made six referrals to career services, four referrals to the Experiential Office for precepting opportunities and four referrals for Continuing Education programs. Look for this to become an annual Alumni Relations activity.

DOPS Update

The upcoming Research in Progress session is scheduled for Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Seminar Room. Labs that will be presenting are LaBarbera, and Aquilante/Bain.

In the News

The school and its experts are consistently sought out by reporters covering a variety of topics. This month included trade publications and consumer oriented broadcasts.

- Associate Dean Kari Franson, PharmD/PhD, was interviewed for a piece by Lucina Melesio, a science journalist covering Latin America, for a piece for [SciDev.net](#) about the challenges and realities of medical use of marijuana research as a result of a recent law approving its medical use in Peru.
- Former faculty member David Kroll, PhD, was recently interviewed by Westword for an article titled [Inside the War on Kratom in Denver and Beyond](#).
- The November Pharmacist Line9 on the local NBC affiliate featured faculty member Peter Rice, PharmD, Outcomes Research Fellow and alumna Katie Derington, PharmD, and two students Laura Becker and Briana Williams answering consumer questions.
- AACP highlighted CU Pre Health Scholars and pipeline programs that assist students interested in health care careers. The programs were included in the September issue of [Academic Pharmacy Now](#).
- [Aurora 8 and Aurora TV](#) reported on our students who hosted a bake sale to help pharmacy students in hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico.



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