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Scholarship Award
Dr. Zbigniew Witczak received the Scholarship Award. This new award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commendable success in the area of research and scholarly activity that influences Wilkes University and its students. Witczak’s research is in the area of thio-sugars and carbohydrate syntheses including Levo-glucosone and L-Arabinose as templates for carbohydrate-based therapeutics. Pictured: Professor Zbigniew Witczak (left), Dr. Scott Stoike, Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy (right).

Outstanding Advisor Award
Dr. Ka Lok Hong, assistant professor, received the Outstanding Advisor Award, which is a is a student-nominated award that recognizes one academic advisor from each college who demonstrates excellence in academic advising based on load, advising philosophy and testimony by advisees. Dr. Hong was nominated by his research student, Kevin Abraham, who graduated with a Master’s degree in bioengineering.

Quarterly Colonel Award
Mrs. Theresa Rule, administrative assistant, received the Quarterly Colonel Award, which recognizes staff who exceedingly contribute to the University/Departmental initiatives or special projects that significantly impact:
- Student Centered Improvements
- Customer Service
- Innovation Productivity/Efficiency
- Expense Reduction/ Cost Savings

Mrs. Rule was nominated by the department, and chosen to receive the award by the University Staff Advisory Committee (USAC). Pictured: Mrs. Theresa Rule (left), President Patrick Leahy (right)

School of Pharmacy-Level Awards
The School of Pharmacy recognizes excellence in teaching each year through the student-selected Teacher-of-the-Year awards.

Overall and P3 Teacher of the Year
Dr. Ajay Bommareddy (left), associate professor, was selected by P1, P2, and P3 students as the Overall and P3 Teacher of the Year

P1 Teacher of the Year
Dr. Marie Roke-Thomas (middle), associate professor, was selected as the P1 Teacher of the Year

P2 Teacher of the Year
Dr. Zbigniew Witczak (right), professor, was selected as the P2 Teacher of the Year

NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
Mary McManus, Ph.D., RPh, and Marie Roke-Thomas, Ph.D., have designed a new certificate program in Public Health. Coursework in their program covers the foundation of public health, giving students a full spectrum of public health topics. This program is designed this way so students can make an easy transition to a master’s program, even if they had no prior background in public health before earning the certificate.

Students can complement their Doctor of Pharmacy degree with a Concentration in Public Health and help to make a positive impact. Pharmacists are increasingly called upon to promote the health and wellbeing of patients and communities as a vital link to other health care providers and agencies. A Public Health Concentration as part of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree will help students to develop new insights and innovations in health care delivery and enable them to meet the dynamic issues and challenges of providing medical care to your community and to others around the world. There are five required Public Health Concentration courses, and can be completed within the scope of the Pharm.D. program.

The benefits of incorporating the Public Health Concentration into a Pharm.D. curriculum include:
- Courses can be taken as part of the Pharm.D. program and won’t require extra semesters
- Credentials that give you an extra edge in competitive career environments
- 500-level courses that can be transferred to other graduate-level programs
- A capstone project that gives opportunities for experiential travel to other countries

A Public Health Concentration with a Pharm.D. will dramatically widen career opportunities, including:
- Leadership in government health agencies
- Key roles in health policy development
- Emergency and humanitarian response organizations
- Global health agencies
- Hospitals and clinics
- Insurance and managed care organizations
- Universities

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- PHA 564: Clinical Research and Design Honors - P1 spring semester
- PHA 563: Public Health and Pharmacy - P2 fall semester
- PHA 562: Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health - P2 spring semester
- PHA 561: Principles of Environmental Health for Public Health Practice - P3 fall semester
- PHA 596: Public Health Independent Research Capstone - P3 spring semester

SEMINAR SERIES
Our seminar series, the brainchild of Dr. Witczak, has been successfully running since he was elected chairman in 2013. Since our previous issue we have had several experts visit to share their knowledge.

- Professor Koteswara R. Nalamolu from the Department of Cancer Biology and Pharmacology at U. of Illinois College of Medicine presented on the “Preclinical Evaluation of Novel Treatments to Attenuate Post-Stroke Brain Damage and Facilitate Neurological Recovery”
- Professor Stanislaw F. Winuk, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education for the College of Public Health at Florida Intl. University, presented on “Gemcitabine Analogues with Silicon-Fluoride Acceptor: Application to 18-Fluorine Radiolabeling for In Vivo PET Imaging”
- Professor Karim M. Letwinsky (Ed.D.), Chair of Doctorate Education at here at Wilkes, presented on “Designing Multiple Choice Questions for Exams to Promote Critical Thinking”
- Professor Katherine A. Stumpo from the University of Scranton presented on “Characterization of N-Glycan Moieties in Plasma Igf from Dumetella Carolinensis Using Ion-Trap Mass Spectrometry”
- Technical expert Daniel J. Garrison from Waters Corporation presented on LC/MS Fundamentals