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The mission of Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy is to educate, create knowledge and provide service for our students, the pharmacy profession and the public.

We will accomplish this by:

- Creating a culture that fosters excellence in pharmacy education, research and service
- Creating innovative curricula and experiences that produce pharmacists who are essential providers of health care
- Educating scientists to become innovators and leaders within their disciplines
- Recruiting and retaining quality faculty, staff and students
- Establishing partnerships, collaborations and strategic alliances to advance our mission
- Ensuring adequate resources to create a successful environment that supports the mission



On behalf of the faculty, staff and students, I would like to thank you for your financial support of the School of Pharmacy for the 2010–11 fiscal year. This report reflects the broad-based support that we continue to receive from our alumni and friends of the school.

As was true of the VCU Rams' trek to the Final Four last year, it is, indeed, the School of Pharmacy's time. Right now!

DEAN'S MESSAGE

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Renovations to the R. Blackwell Smith Building continue to progress. Several conference rooms have seen a makeover, including the installation of state-of-the-art technology that allows our students and faculty to interact live with distant sites. Our third-floor computer laboratory has been totally renovated, and new computers and computer stations have been installed. We are in the process of setting up the technology that will allow us to communicate with our University of Virginia campus and the 10 students who, beginning in August, will be completing the last two years of their Pharm.D. programs at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

This past June, the School of Pharmacy sponsored an invitational Pharmacy Practice Transformation Conference in Richmond. More than 90 Virginia pharmacist leaders, School of Pharmacy faculty, preceptors and students heard from national leaders in pharmacy practice. Proceedings of the conference will be published in the Journal of Pharmacotherapy and distributed to pharmacists and student pharmacists later this spring.

Last year was a banner year for the School of Pharmacy, particularly as it related to the success of several of our young faculty. Drs. Leticia Moczygemba and Benjamin Van Tassell were two of the four VCU faculty to receive K12 awards to pursue their research agendas. Dr. Mary Jayne Kennedy was named one of six Blick Scholars. These young faculty competed with other faculty from across the entire university. We are extremely proud of the young talent that we continue to recruit for our school.

Our senior and former faculty also continue to be successful in securing federal grant funding and being recognized for outstanding service to their profession. As an example, Donald Abraham, former chairman of the Department of Medicinal Chemistry, was inducted into the American Chemistry Society Division of Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame.

We saw two of our faculty retire last year: Bill Smith, executive associate dean and professor of pharmacotherapy and outcomes science, and Ron Polk, professor and former chairman of the Department of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science.

Lastly, our university has unveiled a new strategic plan called the Quest for Distinction. This plan focuses on establishing us as a premier, urban, comprehensive university. Your School of Pharmacy is in step with the goals of this Quest for Distinction, and we look forward to another very productive year.

Again, thank you for your support of the School of Pharmacy. I continue to be honored and privileged to serve as your dean.

Sincerely,

Victor A. Yanchick, Ph.D.
Dean and Archie O. McCalley Chair

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy on the Medical College of Virginia and Inova campuses experienced a productive, busy year. Allow us to share just a sampling of our major accomplishments.

YEAR IN REVIEW

DEVELOPMENT. In fiscal year 2010–11, the School of Pharmacy received 687 gifts totaling \$648,355. The annual fund received 527 gifts from individual donors, totaling \$94,270. The Galen Society (individual donors of \$500 and above) increased by four members; the society's 88 members contributed \$239,362. The School of Pharmacy increased in ranking to the second highest percentage of alumni giving across the university—44 percent—which represents an increase of .16 percentage points for this constituency group.

SPACE AND RENOVATIONS. In addition to a refurbished student computer lab, conference room and technology work space (see “Technology” on next page), plans and fundraising continued for the school's proposed Center for Compounding Practice and Research as well as a Heritage Room to showcase donated artifacts. The school's 2010 renovation of three floors in the Smith Building was designated a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver project by the United States Green Building Council.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY. Community engagement—be it local, national or international—continued to be a priority, from student participation in the annual VCU/MCV Community Health Fair and Virginia Pharmacists Association's Legislative Day...to missions in Wise County, Va., the Honduras, Dominican Republic and El Salvador ... faculty collaborations with partners such as Imperial Plaza Pharmacy, CrossOver Ministry's Free Clinic, the Daily Planet and Richmond High Blood Pressure Clinic...Peter Byron and Joanne Peart's organization of Respiratory Drug Delivery Europe 2011 in Berlin, Germany...Thomas Karnes' co-organization of the 23rd International Symposium on Pharmaceutical

and Biomedical Analysis in Brazil in 2011...to the first School of Pharmacy-hosted conference, “Pharmacy Practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia: The Practice Transformation Conference,” reaching out to practice leaders, student pharmacists, preceptors and faculty regarding which priorities Virginia pharmacists should pursue to advance pharmacist services. Gary Matzke delivered the keynote address. A number of students participated in the RxIMPACT Legislative Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C.

RESEARCH. Sponsored program awards totaled \$5,974,570. Research initiatives ranged from Umesh Desai's work with the chemistry and biology of heparan sulfate...to David Holdford and Dipen Patel's research calculating the high cost of treating food allergy reactions in the United States...to Masahiro Sakagami's identification of new excipients and delivery methods that improve drug deposition in the lung without producing toxicity...to Shijun Zhang's research on bivalent multifunctional ligands targeting A β oligomers, oxidative stress, biometals and cell membrane/lipid rafts as potential treatment for Alzheimer's disease...to Douglas Sweet's work on naltrexone derivatives with improved oral absorption and other pharmacokinetic properties...to Ben Van Tassell's research on inflammatory signaling in cardiac dysfunction and Patty Slattum's project aimed at helping science students and teachers better understand the clinical trials process.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS. The Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program enrolled more than 90 students, who pursued M.S., Ph.D. or combined degrees: Pharm.D./Ph.D., Pharm.D./M.S., Pharm.D./M.B.A. or Pharm.D./M.P.H.

The graduate program's 14th annual Research and Career Day attracted more than 100 participants, offering students the opportunity to network while allowing alumni to interact with up-and-coming scholars. R&C Day's featured speaker was Jogarao Gobburu of the Division of Pharmacometrics Psychiatry Team in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Clinical Pharmacology. Graduate faculty mentored Pharm.D. students interested in research via the Summer Research Fellowships program, and the newly established Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program Advisory Board made plans for the first in a series of pharmaceutical sciences workshops and worked on a Career Resource Network for graduate students.

SCHOLARSHIPS. During the academic year, pharmacy students received more than \$600,000 in scholarships from the school. Scholarship funds were provided by endowments as well as gifts to the school's Annual Fund. Two of the most recent new scholarships were established by friends and families in honor and memory of Paul Heron (Pharm.D. '09) and Neil Van Pelt, class of 2012.

STUDENTS. Members of the class of 2015 secured their white coats at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in August 2011. The class enrolled 140 full-time students, with the female-male ratio remaining 70 percent-30 percent. Incoming students ranged in age from 20 to 35, with a mean age of 23. Ninety-three percent were Virginia residents, and 99 percent arrived with earned degrees. Students again scored well above state and national averages in NAPLEX testing, with a first-pass rate of more than 98 percent. A number of students participated in or were recognized by professional organizations, including Lindsey Madures, who received a Virginia Pharmacists Association Research and Education Foundation Student Award. Also, Madures and Erika Stiene won the 2011 Jennifer E. Stallings College Bowl at the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists Fall Seminar. Natalie Nguyen, named one of 15 Virginia Governor's Fellows, worked with the state's health and human resources secretariat during summer 2011. Deborah Jackson was elected national recording secretary for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, and Gayle Tuckett was appointed Region 1 facilitator, overseeing 17 chapters. Graduate student Urvi Desai served as 2010-11 chairwoman of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research's Student Network.

TECHNOLOGY. The school's Pharmacy Technology Team updated the technology on the Inova Campus, outfitting two classrooms and a conference room with digital high-definition videoconferencing systems...designed classroom space and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011:

EDUCATION AND GENERAL	\$13,799,871
OVERHEAD	\$264,894
RESTRICTED	\$770,126
SPONSORED PROGRAMS	\$5,974,570
HOSPITAL	\$362,658
OTHER	\$203,872
TOTAL	\$21,375,991

selected similar digital HD technology for two classrooms on the new University of Virginia campus...renovated the MCV Campus Smith Building's sixth-floor conference room as well as the third-floor student computer lab, adding new Dell and Apple computers...installed new student print management software along with six high-end Dell printers throughout Smith...began Phase III of a three-part overhaul of the Business Office's financial system, moving to a more modern and flexible Web-based application...built and configured a new CourseMill Learning Management System to support e-learning and host Web-based continuing education courses...fully integrated the Mac OS X operating system into the managed network environment...was the first MCV Campus school to implement an active directory to manage VCU eID account synchronization solution (single sign-on)...transitioned, along with Schools of Medicine and Nursing, to a new classroom audio-response system (clicker technology)...upgraded and renovated technology working space to include improved monitoring method for pharmacy classrooms...purchased a poster-printing solution and devised a systematic process to accommodate printing requests for large-format presentation posters.

Lauren Marston Caldas (Pharm.D. '11) attended her first pharmacy class long before most students do. It was 2004, she was 16 and on her summer break when she decided to visit her older sister, Lisa Marston (Pharm.D. '08), and sit in on her classes at the VCU School of Pharmacy. Caldas left the campus thinking that “pharmacy seemed to have all the answers.” She left knowing she needed to consider pharmacy as a career.



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PHARMACY'S FUTURE IS...DYNAMIC

She would continue on her path toward pharmacy by entering the guaranteed admission program on VCU's Monroe Park Campus, transferring to the School of Pharmacy with a group of nine other students. As part of the class of 2011, Caldas held nine different professional memberships or leadership positions within student organizations and received more than 10 scholarships and awards.

While her desire to practice pharmacy has never wavered, Caldas' goals have changed from day one of pharmacy school to now—mainly because of whom she has met along the way. When asked whom she sees as a mentor or model, she immediately mentions a certain group of people. “Henry Addington (B.S. '51) is amazing in the way the he promotes pharmacy, and he's done such a great job of raising up individuals. Ron Davis (B.S. '73) of Buford Road Pharmacy has great innovativeness and operates amazing pharmacies,” she says. She also includes faculty Kelly Goode (B.S. '89, Pharm.D. '94), Amy Rudenko (Pharm.D. '98), and Sharon Gatewood (Pharm.D. '02) among former professors who made a strong impact. “One characteristic that stands out is that they are pillars of the community, but they maintain an amazing balancing act of still being very approachable. I don't know how they do it!”

When Caldas initially decided to study pharmacy, her goal was simply to obtain her degree and work “a simple 9 to 5. I saw others doing amazing work, and there was a spark ignited in me to do that, too. With a little success and a little good luck, I began to think that I could,” she says. With this motivation, she began to make her own transformative changes at the school and found that she loved the process of creating new programs within the pharmacy community.

As a student, Lauren Caldas participated in myriad student organizations and activities, including the annual MS Walk team sponsored by the Student Association of Community Pharmacists.

Caldas has some advice for students and new graduates. “Too many pharmacists are discontent in their career, and I really think they are victims of feeling like they don't have a say in their profession,” she explains. “You have to become active—early and often. Being a part of professional groups and surrounding myself with different types of people have given me new ideas that I never would have thought of without their influence.”

Caldas is currently completing her PGY1 community residency at Kroger Pharmacy, which has turned out to be exactly what she wanted. “It's a combination of clinical, professional and teaching,” she explains. If everything works out, she hopes to create the position she wants to fill within Kroger—or even at the School of Pharmacy.

She knows that her timing is very fortunate. “With all the change that is taking place in the profession, it's not out of the realm of possibilities for this to become a reality. That's how life goes—you're somewhere at the right time, and you jump on it. You don't say, 'Oh, I'm not ready.' If it doesn't work, you try something else.”

If you would like to play an important role in pharmacy's future by helping support students like Lauren Caldas, please return the business reply envelope inserted in this report. Thank you! To read more about Caldas and her path, as well as other stories, visit www.pharmacy.vcu.edu and click on “Pharmacy's Future.”



The School of Pharmacy is home to many student organizations. Many of our students participate in a variety of fraternities, honor societies and associations, most of which are affiliated with national organizations. To learn more about a particular group, visit www.pharmacy.vcu.edu and click on “Current Students,” then “Student Organizations.” The following students are among those who held leadership roles in academic year 2010–11.

STUDENT LEADERS

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The team of SVSHP President Lindsey Madures (left) and Rho Chi President Erika Stiene won the 2011 Jennifer E. Stallings College Bowl at the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists Fall Seminar. Stallings, the 1997 School of Pharmacy graduate for whom the competition is named, died in 2008.

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Vidya Moorthy

The Capsule student newsletter editor
Lauren Cox

Since the last School of Pharmacy donors report, faculty have received numerous awards and held many local, regional, national and international positions. Following are a few recognitions representative of each department. For more honors and awards, plus faculty publications and grants, visit www.pharmacy.vcu.edu.

Left: Ronak Gandhi's faculty advisor, Shijun Zhang, hooded him during the school's 2011 graduation ceremonies.

Right: Evan Sisson (far right) annually leads a group of pharmacy students to the Remote Area Medical mission in Wise, Va.

FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

Umesh Desai: chairman, American Chemical Society's Alfred Burger Award Committee; Center for Scientific Review's Thrombosis and Hemostasis Study Section; interim director, VCU Institute for Structural Biology and Drug Discovery

Malgorzata Dukat: Certificate of Appreciation, peer review of manuscripts for American Chemical Society journals

Shijun Zhang: editorial board, Medicinal Chemistry; A.D. Williams Award

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICS

Peter Byron: co-organizer, Respiratory Drug Delivery Europe 2011 in Berlin, Germany

Phillip Gerk: 2011 VCU Presidential Research Incentive Program award; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations grant

Thomas Karnes: chairman, American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences' Analysis and Pharmaceutical Quality Section; co-organizer, 23rd International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis in Brazil; director, Bioanalytical Core Laboratory

Joanne Peart: co-organizer of Respiratory Drug Delivery Europe 2011 in Berlin, Germany; International Pharmaceutical Aerosol Consortium on Regulation and Science's AIM-EDA Satellite Conference Planning Committee

Douglas Sweet: vice chairman, American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences' Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Drug Metabolism Section; 2011 VCU Presidential Research Incentive Program award

Jurgen Venitz: chairman, Standing Review Panel, NASA Human Resource Program in Pharmacology; Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; VCU School of Pharmacy's Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOTHERAPY AND OUTCOMES SCIENCE

Donald Brophy: National Institutes of Health Working Group on Whole Blood Assay Development; Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society; A.D. Williams Award

Gretchen Brophy: Presidential Citation, Society of Critical Care Medicine; board of directors, Neurocritical Care Society; chairwoman, Biannual Satellite Conference for the Carolinas/Virginias Society of Critical Care Medicine

Jeff Delafuente: vice president, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Sharon Gatewood: American Pharmacists Association's Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Innovative Practice Merit Award; Executive Committee member-at-large, APhA-APPM

Jean-Venable "Kelly" Goode: American Pharmacists Association's 2011 Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award; trustee, APhA; Community Champion, APhA Foundation's Project IMPACT: Diabetes



Spencer Harpe: editorial advisory board, Journal of the American Pharmacists Association

Mary Jayne Kennedy: Blick Scholars Award, George and Lavinia Blick Research Fund

Craig Kirkwood: secretary, Virginia Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists

Gary Matzke: American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Agency for Health-care Research and Quality Effective Health Care Program Pharmacy Workgroup; founding co-director, Interdisciplinary Health Policy Internship program; United States Pharmacopeia's Medicare Model Guidelines Expert Committee

Sallie Mayer: Community Champion, APhA Foundation's Project IMPACT: Diabetes

Leticia Moczygemba: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research's Best New Investigator Podium Research Presentation Award; American Pharmacists Association representative, 2011 Pharmacy Quality Alliance MTM and Care Transitions Workgroup

Tom Reinders: chairman, United States Pharmacopeia's Expert Committee for Nomenclature, Safety and Labeling

Brigitte Sicat: American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Council of Deans-Council of Faculties Joint Task Force on Professionalism; director of education, VCU Institute for Women's Health

Evan Sisson: editorial board, Diabetes Health magazine; American Association of Diabetes Educators' Professional Practice Committee Workgroup Tracking Practice Trends

Patty Slattum: 2011 VCU Presidential Research Incentive Program award; chairwoman, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission; Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

Tyler Stevens: Chapter Advisor of the Year, National Phi Delta Chi Grand Council

Ben Van Tassell: International Cytokine Society's Young Investigator Award, fourth place; vice chairman, VCU Office of Research's Institutional Review Board; VCU Institute for Women's Health Building Interdisciplinary Bridges in Women's Health Research Award

Susanna Wu-Pong: American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Academic Leadership Fellow; founder, AACP Graduate Education Special Interest Group

Victor Yanchick: special recognition award, 130th Virginia Pharmacists Association Convention

Nancy Yunker: chairwoman, American College of Clinical Pharmacy's Adult Medicine Practice and Research Network; Adult Medicine PRN Mentoring Award, American Association of Clinical Pharmacy



The first thing you notice about Gretna Drug in rural southwest Virginia is how orderly, bright and clean it is. Shiny floors run down the wide aisles; an inviting bench awaits at the entrance.

This is a business that has become integral to the surrounding community. It is, without doubt, a family pharmacy...on more than one level.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT Henry Chapman Brown Jr.: all in the family

First there's the immediate family. Henry Chapman Brown Jr., his wife of 53 years, Emily, and their sons Henry Chapman III and Carlton form the board of directors.

Then there's the extended store family. Currently Brown, who graduated from MCV School of Pharmacy in 1956, works alongside three fellow alumni: Tom Morris ('86), Brandon Dalton ('06) and Bryan Dalton ('08).

Also—and just as important—is the preceptor family. Brown has served as a VCU School of Pharmacy preceptor for the last 15 or 20 years, giving back to his alma mater with the time, talent, knowledge and leadership needed to shepherd student pharmacists into their new careers. He also has mentored a number of recent graduates—including the three working there now—who have chosen Gretna as their first job location. And, Brown's wife points out, several of Gretna Drug's former pharmacists have gone on to own their own stores.

School of Pharmacy alumnus Bill Morris is among the latter. "I went to work for him in 1980, right out of school," he recalls. While visiting a friend who was clerking for Brown, he says, "Chapman and I got to talking. I guess I must have impressed him because he called [when I was about to graduate] and said, 'I want to talk to you.'"

Brown hired Morris to work at one of his current store's former locations; within a couple of years, he opened another store in Madison Heights, and Morris divided his time between the two. "He was a great mentor," says Morris. "A good businessman and very progressive. He was definitely ahead

of the curve as far as his thinking and on the cutting edge in areas such as keeping patient profiles."

In fact, Morris helped Brown implement one of the first pharmacy-based computer systems in the state.

Brown originally studied accounting at Lynchburg College, which might help explain his business acumen. But, like many of his contemporaries, he ended up volunteering for three years in the Navy and was "invited back" an extra year because of the Korean War. Returning to Lynchburg—having worked previous summers at Patterson Drug there—he decided to try his hand at pharmacy school.

When the class of '56 graduated, the field was wide open. Aware that he could make more money pursuing a career in Northern Virginia, Brown chose instead to go home. His first job out of college, at a Lynchburg hospital pharmacy, paid \$100 for 60 hours a week. "We had five delivery trucks, and 12 pharmacists filled 800 prescriptions a day...we did a lot of compounding."

Despite the demands of the job, he found time to fall in love with and marry Emily, a student nurse at the time.

Brown's various career moves included opening United Drug in Amherst and working 10 years back at Patterson Drug. By 1967, he had saved enough to buy the store in Gretna. "It had a little soda fountain," he reminisces, "a bus



Left: School of Pharmacy alumnus Henry Chapman Brown Jr. and his wife Emily have made working at Gretna Drug a rewarding experience for a number of SOP students and alumni.

Center: Bryan Dalton, who began working for Gretna Drug at age 15 “when he was just big enough to see over the counter,” earned his Pharm.D. degree in 2008 and now has returned to work with the Browns. His wife, Julie Siegel, graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 2009.

Right: A pharmacy customer asks advice of Henry Chapman “Chappie” Brown III.



station, a Trailway depot. And Coke was 6 cents a glass!” Emily Brown had stayed home to raise the boys, but she also volunteered at the pharmacy.

At home or at work—or on the farm the family bought several years ago and stocked with black Angus cattle—“You have to give 110 percent,” she says.

That 110 percent explains how the Browns were able not only to purchase several hundred acres of nearby land but to create and maintain a successful “program breeding” business as The Brown Family Farm LLC. That’s what has enabled them to expand into a larger store not once, but twice, since their first Gretna location. And that’s why their former employees and interns remember them with such fondness.

“Mr. Brown was a wonderful mentor and a good businessman who was committed to the profession and the community,” says 1982 School of Pharmacy alumnus S. Chris Jones. Jones’ mother had been diagnosed with cancer; he was working a community rotation so he could commute from the family home in Chuckatuck.

“He totally understood my situation,” Jones says of Brown. “He still worked me hard and was a very good preceptor. It didn’t change his expectations of me. But it meant everything to me and spoke volumes about him as a person.”

Today, Brown keeps the books, works with inventory, does some compounding and helps with refills when the pharmacy is busier than usual. He’s witnessed a

great deal of transformation in his 56 years in the field: computerization; major shifts in how insurance works (and major amounts of additional paperwork); plus increases—and decreases—in medications’ availability and cost.

“Patients are much more aware now,” he comments. One thing he enjoys about working in a smaller town is being able to work closely with patients. When the family first moved to Gretna, there were no rescue squads in the area. “We did all the first aid. I have patched up I don’t know how many kids and sent them where they could get more help.”

Some of his most satisfying experiences have involved the students he has precepted, many of whom were on rotation from the MCV Campus and many of whom began working at Gretna Drug in their teens. As they have gone on to “do great things,” Brown says, “it’s a pleasure to watch them.”

That includes son “Chappie,” who began working for his dad at age 13 and who now serves as Gretna Drug’s pharmacist-in-charge. With the exception of required out-of-state rotations during college—he’s a 1983 graduate of the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy—his entire career has been built around the store.

Talking about the business and what he’s learned from his father, he smiles, echoing the sentiments of myriad students Brown has mentored. “It really has been a family thing.”

The VCU School of Pharmacy needs and welcomes gifts of all types and sizes. The school's development office is ready and willing to work with you and your financial adviser to maximize the impact of your contribution: your investment in the future of pharmacy.



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ANNUAL FUND

While endowment funds help ensure long-term financial stability, the annual fund is the school's only renewable source of unrestricted dollars – dollars that are dedicated to scholarship support. The annual fund contributes to excellence in pharmacy education at VCU School of Pharmacy by making scholarship dollars available to current students.

In 2011, a donor wall featuring the names of individuals and companies that have made significant contributions to the School of Pharmacy was installed in the Smith Building lobby. To see a series of short videos inspired by the wall, the school's mission and its alumni, faculty, students and friends, visit <http://www.youtube.com/vcu> and search the word pharmacy.

THE GALEN SOCIETY

The Galen Society is composed of alumni and friends who support the School of Pharmacy at the leadership level of \$500 and more. Galen Society members are invited to an annual reception and dinner in their honor. Membership is based on annual outright contributions to the School of Pharmacy, regardless of designation, between July 1 and June 30.

Galen Society levels of giving

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To find out more about ways to make a gift to the School of Pharmacy—or if you have questions—please contact our development office at (804) 828-3016.



School of Pharmacy Dean Victor Yanchick (left) and alumnus John Beckner (B.S. '78) congratulated P1 Nicole Bui during the 2011 White Coat Ceremony. Beckner was the featured speaker at last year's event.

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