

Three campuses connecting for pharmacy's future



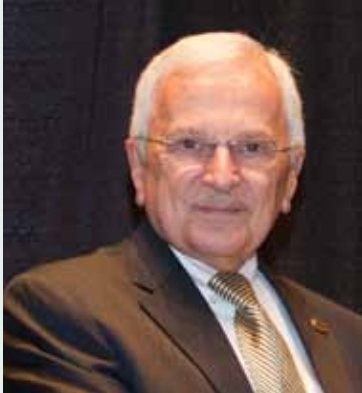
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy is to bring together a diverse student body, faculty and staff to develop excellence in our professional, graduate and research programs that will improve human health, foster exemplary research and provide sustainable contributions to collaborative patient care outcomes.

ON THE COVER

“Three campuses connecting for pharmacy’s future.” In August 2012, VCU School of Pharmacy’s second satellite campus, the University of Virginia Division, made its debut in Charlottesville. Our newest location, alongside the Medical College of Virginia Campus in Richmond and the Inova Fairfax Campus in Northern Virginia, will enable our engagement, interaction, outreach and connectedness to grow as the state, and indeed the world, become just a bit smaller. We—the students, faculty, preceptors, alumni, donors and friends of VCU School of Pharmacy—can almost literally reach out to one another now via state-of-the-art technology. But even more important is the very human touch we bring to the profession, our patients and the health care team. Together, we are working to further and fulfill the school’s stated mission.





DEAN'S MESSAGE

Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a healthy and happy 2013. I know most of you are like me and are amazed as to how quickly the years go by.

I am very pleased to let you know that 2012 was a banner year for the School of Pharmacy. We hired nine new faculty and had one of our most productive years ever in research awards, topping out at more than \$7 million dollars.

Last fall we officially started our off campus program at the University of Virginia. Eight third-year students are in residence at the University of Virginia Medical Center, where they will complete their third and fourth years of the Pharm.D. program. Rafael Saenz serves as assistant dean for the new U.Va. Division. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Saenz serve in this capacity as he is one of our alums and is very familiar with this type of program.

We are in the sixth year of our distant campus program at the Inova Fairfax Health System in Northern Virginia and have been extremely successful with this effort. Most of the third-year classes are simultaneously broadcast from the MCV Campus to both U.Va. and Inova. Faculty at all three campuses have the ability to see and interact with students at all three sites. I am amazed at how technology has changed the way we teach and learn.

We are completing our plans to establish a Center for Compounding Practice and Research and an MCV Pharmacy Heritage Collection, both to be located on the fifth floor of the Smith Building. Construction should begin on both projects in late May, with completion projected to be some time in early January 2014. We will be recruiting for the compounding facility director this spring. I would like to thank Sonny Currin, who is spearheading the campaign for the Compounding Center, and Al Schalow, who is heading up the project for the Heritage Collection. We are hoping both campaigns will be completed by this summer.

Receptions were held in June and in October, respectively, to honor the longstanding contributions of professors William Garnett and Bill Barr. Thanks to all who contributed to the establishment of endowed scholarships in their names.

As most of you know, I have announced my plan to retire, effective Jan. 1, 2014. This decision was a difficult one for me to make. I truly enjoy serving as your dean and, for some reason, still think I am somewhere in my 40s. However, I am in my 17th year as dean at VCU and was dean for 11 years at the University of Oklahoma. So I believe that serving 28-plus years as a dean is long enough, and I will be very happy to pass the baton to someone else.

In looking back at my years as dean of this school, I am so very proud of what we have been able to accomplish. I inherited a school that had a longstanding reputation as one of the premier pharmacy programs in the country. I believe that through the efforts of our outstanding faculty, students, staff and alumni, we have continued that tradition of greatness.

A search committee is being established and will soon take on the task of recruiting my successor. I plan to continue to be involved in our profession and look forward to doing some teaching. I have always treasured my contact with our students but as dean had little time to be with them in the classroom.

I want to thank all of you for the tremendous support that you have given to the school and to me personally, and I look forward to working with you during my last year as dean.

Sincerely,

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

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy on the Medical College of Virginia and Inova Fairfax campuses—and now, at the University of Virginia Division—had a productive year! Allow us to share just a sampling of our major accomplishments:

DEVELOPMENT. In fiscal year 2011–12, the School of Pharmacy received 696 new gifts and pledges totaling \$865,526.32. Cash receipts included 868 transactions for a total of \$919,813.66, of which pledge payments represented \$99,087. The total of new gifts, pledges and cash received for 2012 was \$969,613.32. The School of Pharmacy 2011–12 annual fund received 446 gifts, raising \$101,979.60. The annual fund increased dollars raised by \$7,710.50 (8.17 percent) and decreased by 71 donors (13.7 percent). The Galen Society (individual donors of \$500 and more) increased by five members. The 93 Galen Society members contributed \$219,105.06. In 2011–12, the School of Pharmacy achieved the third highest percentage of alumni participation at the university, 18.16 percent. The School of Dentistry achieved 25.1 percent and the School of Medicine, 18.17 percent. The School of Pharmacy had the highest percentage of undergraduate alumni participation at 17.18 percent and was third with graduate alumni participation at 10.49 percent.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY. Community engagement on all levels was a priority. Annual student events included the VCU/MCV Community Health Fair and Virginia Pharmacists Association's Legislative Day at the State Capitol. Student and faculty participation continued to expand in medical missions here and abroad in conjunction with Remote Area Medical, Dominican Aid Society of Virginia, Honduras Outreach Medical Brigada Relief, Mission of Mercy and Christian Medical & Dental Associations/My Father's House International. Faculty efforts included Sallie Mayer serving as co-director for "Una Vida Sana! Assessing and Improving the Health Status of Richmond's Hispanic Community Through Health Professional Student Service Learning" (which won

the university's Currents of Change Award). Faculty, residents and students partnered with MeadWestvaco in Million Hearts VA to highlight the importance of good blood pressure. A student team advised by Gary Matzke won the 2012 National Association of Chain Drug Stores RxIMPACT "U" Advocacy Award for engagement in pro-patient and pro-pharmacy grassroots advocacy.

RESEARCH. Sponsored program awards for fiscal year 2011–12 totaled \$7,291,952. (Additional school revenue included education and general, \$12,933,138; overhead, \$213,452; restricted, \$886,666; hospital, \$443,891; and other, \$71,877.) Research initiatives ranged from Richard A. Glennon's continued investigation of the actions of various "bath salts" constituents to... Yan Zhang's work with nonpeptide selective mu opioid receptor antagonists... John Hackett's research on resonance raman spectroscopy instrumentation for biophysical studies of heme proteins... Glen Kellogg's bioinformatics research... Gary Matzke, Leticia Moczygemba, Jeffrey Delafuente and Patty Slattum working to train pharmacists in the collaborative pharmacist practice model as part of the Improving Health for At-Risk Rural Patients Project... and much more. Martin Safo and professor emeritus Donald Abraham are involved in the development and patenting of a proprietary compound for the treatment of sickle cell disease. The Bioanalytical Laboratory, headed by Thomas Karnes, was recognized by the university's Office of Research as a VCU Core Laboratory.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS. The Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Programs enrolled about 90 students pursuing M.S., Ph.D. or combined degrees of Pharm.D./Ph.D. or Pharm.D./M.S. The graduate program's 15th annual Research and Career Day offered students the opportunity to network while encouraging alumni to interact with future scholars. F. Ivy Carroll, Distinguished Fellow for Medicinal Chemistry at Research Triangle Institute, was featured speaker for R&C Day. Graduate faculty mentored Pharm.D. students via the Summer Research Fellowships program, and the biennial Lowenthal Symposium focused on "New Drug Targets in Mental Health." The Pharmaceutical Sciences



Brian Canaday (left), Pharmacy Technology Team director, explains to Rafael Saenz, U.Va. Division assistant dean, how his classrooms will interface with the other two campuses.

Graduate Programs Advisory Board produced its first workshop, “Therapeutic Equivalence: Legislative, Regulatory and Scientific Issues in Drug Product Development.” The board also designed and initiated the pilot Personal and Professional Development Program for students.

PHARM.D. PROGRAM. About 70 percent of the class of 2012 began their careers in pharmacy practice; 30 percent enrolled in postgraduate programs. The class of 2016 arrived in August 2012. The female-male ratio of the 140-member class was 73 percent-27 percent. Incoming students ranged in age from 20 to 48, with a mean age of 22, and 88 percent were Virginia residents. Ninety-eight percent hold baccalaureate degrees. Students continued to score well above national averages in NAPLEX testing, with a first-pass rate of nearly 99 percent. Eight third-year Pharm.D. students reported to the new U.Va. Division, and 23 third-year students to the Inova Fairfax Campus. A number of students participated in or were recognized by professional organizations: Derek Mires received a Virginia Pharmacists Association Research and Education Foundation Student Award. David Allen and Tiffany VanDervort won the 2012 Jennifer E. Stallings College Bowl at the Virginia Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Fall Seminar. Lauren Lakdawala was one of four students nationwide appointed to serve on the 2012–13 American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists National Education Standing Committee, and the Virginia Academy of Student Pharmacists received a \$10,000 Project CHANCE Award for its medication management project with a program serving the homeless in Richmond.

SCHOLARSHIPS. Pharmacy students received more than \$600,000 in scholarships from the school. New scholarships were established by alumni in honor of professors William Barr and William Garnett, and the Class of 1962 created a scholarship as part of its 50-year reunion. An auction featuring watercolors by Dean Victor Yanchick raised nearly \$11,000 for scholarships. Scholarship funds were provided by endowments as well as gifts to the school’s Annual Fund.

SPACE AND RENOVATIONS. Two classrooms and office space were made available and renovated at U.Va. Medical Center. In the MCV Campus’ Smith Building, four sixth-floor laboratories were renovated. Smith’s third-floor student multimedia space was retrofitted with counter space mounted with Apple iPads, and Phartech designed a high-level project plan for a renovation and technology upgrade in Smith, Room 103. The Center for Compounding Practice and Research and the MCV Pharmacy Heritage Collection, both of which will be housed on the fifth floor of Smith, are scheduled to “break ground” this summer.

TECHNOLOGY. The school’s Pharmacy Technology Team finalized the technology update on the Inova Fairfax Campus, outfitting two classrooms with digital high-definition confidence monitors and video switchers for videoconferencing systems...provided the U.Va. Division state-of-the-art technology for videoconferencing, collaboration and student use...completed Phase III of a complete overhaul of the Business Office’s financial reporting system, moved this flexible Web-based application into production and provided training to Business Office employees...continued to host and maintain Continuing Education’s online course management and registration presence...designed and implemented a School of Pharmacy custom Intranet within Blackboard (one of two schools at VCU to participate in this pilot program)...worked with VCU Technology Services to migrate from Lotus Notes e-mail system to the Google Apps for Business cloud-based solution...provided 10 training sessions for faculty and staff migrating to Google...designed and implemented an Electronic Absence Request system for Admissions and Student Services...enhanced and re-engineered a Student Peer Evaluation system...worked with VCU to gain access to university-sponsored data that will be used with a GradTrak application designed for Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Programs.

PHARMACY'S FUTURE IS...COMMITMENT



Bronwyn Burnham (center) visited with School of Pharmacy students Mi Jung Lim, class of 2015, and Sarah Kropp Pearce, class of 2014, at the 2012 Galen Society Dinner.

Certain people seem to be everywhere, giving their time in so many ways that one wonders how they have the time. Bronwyn McDaniels Burnham is one of those people. She exemplifies a characteristic common to many pharmacists—commitment—not only to her career but to her community and alma mater.

Burnham was a student on VCU's Academic Campus before the School of Pharmacy had fully transitioned to the Pharm.D. program. When she received notification that she had been accepted into the class of 1989, she decided to step down as president of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. "It was a very difficult decision to let go," she says, "but I knew I could not oversee the operations of a newly colonized sorority while attending pharmacy school."

This would prove to be a good decision. Burnham remembers the first year of pharmacy school as "very challenging. The workload was more than I ever imagined, but I managed to [do well] in my classes. All of the school activities I had participated in while on the Academic Campus had given me valuable time management skills, which were necessary in pharmacy school. I knew my limitations, though, and did not get involved with student government or other groups on campus."

Eventually, she joined Phi Delta Chi. But her primary focus remained on school and building strong friendships that would get her through the tough times.

After graduation, she says, "Life quickly took over." She married, worked in community practice full-time and, shortly after becoming licensed, had her first child.

"John Beckner, Dennis Stanley, David Ringley, Becky Snead and Bob Wampler, just to name a few, mentored me as a young pharmacist," she remembers. Burnham credits these influential pharmacists with her drive to become a better pharmacist and more involved with the profession. Her deeper involvement with the community, both in and out of pharmacy, began in the late '90s. She worked with community groups such as St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond Symphony Orchestra League and the board at Jackson Davis Elementary School.

"I volunteered with these groups for a few years, developing and implementing programs to support their annual goals," she recalls. "I enjoyed working with these groups but felt a greater need to give back to my profession and my alma mater." It was then that she met School of Pharmacy Dean Victor Yanchick and was asked to sit on the MCV Alumni Association board of directors.

Burnham has been working actively with the MCV Alumni Association and the school since 2003. "I have had a front row seat, witnessing the great transformations of the School of Pharmacy, VCU Health System, as well as the entire university," she says. "I feel very privileged to have been involved with VCU at such an intimate level."

She also served on the Virginia Pharmacists Association board of directors and was elected president in 2008–09. Volunteering her time, she says, is her way of giving thanks for the many great opportunities she was given.

She gives credit to her employer, saying CVS/Caremark "has supported and afforded me the flexibility to volunteer at this level. I continued to work full-time during all of these commitments while raising three boys with my husband, Rob. My family knows the importance of professional involvement, which will hopefully influence their professional decisions. It is hard balancing work, family and organizational involvement, but my family is most important."

Learning how to achieve that balance has brought Burnham full circle, as she serves as a mentor and example for current students. "I enjoy the interaction I've had with students over the years," she says. "I continue to be amazed with their commitment, as students, to leadership and the future of our profession."

Bronwyn Burnham commits not only her time but her financial resources in supporting student scholarships through the School of Pharmacy annual fund. If you would like to give the gift of student scholarships, as well, please return the business reply envelope inserted in this report. Thank you!

STUDENT LEADERS 2011–12

The School of Pharmacy is home to many student organizations. Many of our students participate in the 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 > Student Organizations. The following students are among those who held leadership roles in academic year 2011–12:

Student Executive Council president

Rose Salzberg

Student Executive Council vice president

Tien Truong

P4 president

Ashley Savage

P3 president

Tiffany VanDervort

P2 president

Jessica Libuit

P1 president

Shelby Evans

Inter-Fraternity Council president

Brad McDaniel

Kappa Epsilon (KE) professional pharmacy fraternity president

Amanda Walls

Kappa Psi (KY) pharmaceutical fraternity president

Blaine Daugherty

Phi Delta Chi (PDC) pharmacy fraternity president

Lauren Lakdawala

Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) leadership fraternity president

Andi Scott

Rho Chi professional honor society president

David Allen

Student Association of Community Pharmacists (SACP) president

Christine Nguyen

Student Association of Consultant and Geriatric Pharmacists (SACGP) president

Harriet Lesley Smith

Student Chapter of the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SVSHP) president

Catherine Floroff

Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) president

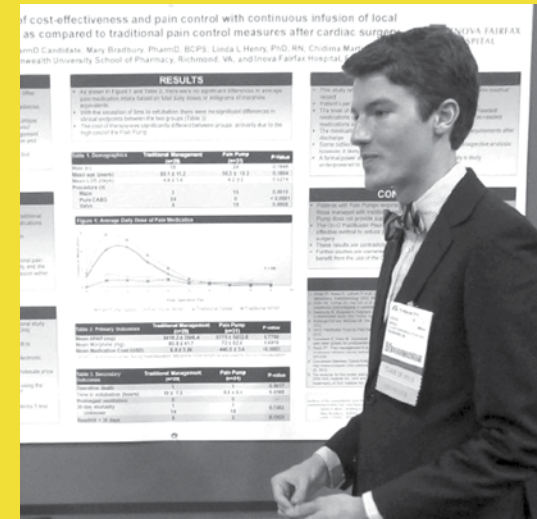
Merid Belayneh

Virginia Academy of Students of Pharmacy (VASP) president

Ashley Higbea

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) president

Will Coleman



Representation at the university level: Derek Mires, pictured at the APhA 2012 Midyear Clinical Meeting, was elected 2011-12 president of the MCV Campus Student Government Association, and four of his fellow pharmacy students served as SGA officers.

VCU-American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (VCU-AAPS) student chapter chair

Aditi Mulgaonkar

Department of Pharmaceutics Graduate Student Association president

Apurvasena Parikh

Department of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science Graduate Student Association president

Maitreyee Mohanty

The Capsule student newsletter editor

Cathy Arnatt

FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS

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.



DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

Umesh Desai: director, Chemistry and Biology of Heparan Sulfate 2012 training camp, University of Utah; ad hoc reviewer for research grants, Research Council for Natural Sciences and Engineering, Academy of Finland

Richard Glennon: featured on PBS Newshour online in fall 2012 and in Richmond Times-Dispatch in summer 2012 for bath salts research

Glen Kellogg: 2012 VCU Presidential Research Incentive Program Award

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICS

Peter Byron: co-editor, 2012 Proceedings of Respiratory Drug Delivery

Michael Hindle: grant review panel, National Institutes of Health Small Business Respiratory Sciences

Thomas Karnes: voting representative, U.S. Pharmacopeia

Joanne Peart: co-editor, 2012 Proceedings of Respiratory Drug Delivery; delegate, U.S. Pharmacopeia

Masahiro Sakagami: featured on American Lung Association's November 2011 online COPD Research page

Douglas Sweet: chairman, American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences' Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Drug Metabolism Section

Jürgen Venitz: U.S. Food and Drug Administration 2010–12 distinguished service recognition

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOTHERAPY AND OUTCOMES SCIENCE

William Barr: William Barr Scholarship Fund created in his honor

Gretchen Brophy: Executive Committee, Critical Care Pharmacotherapy Trials Network; Benchmarking Committee, Society of Critical Care Medicine; organizer, co-chair and faculty, first Women in Neurocritical Care Luncheon at 10th Annual Neurocritical Care Society Meeting

Michael Clarke: board of directors, NOVA ScriptsCentral

Jeff Delafuente: Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow, National Academies of Practice; president-elect, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Dave Dixon: 2012–13 VCU Center for Teaching Excellence Small Grant Award; American College of Clinical Pharmacy committee to update ACCP Position Statement on Collaborative Drug Therapy Management; project leader, National Lipid Association development of Patient Adherence Toolkit

Krista Larson Donohoe: Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist



Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science faculty Patty Slattum, Bill Barr and William Garnett prepare for the 2012 Hooding and Diploma Ceremony processional (far left), along with Douglas Sweet of Pharmaceutics and Glen Kellogg and Malgorzata Dukat of Medicinal Chemistry (left).

Sharon Gatewood: National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation's 2012–13 inaugural Faculty Scholars Program class

William Garnett: William Garnett Scholarship Fund created in his honor

Leigh Anne Hylton Gravatt: VCU School of Pharmacy's Phi Lambda Sigma Excellence in Faculty Leadership Award

David Holdford: American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Academic Leadership Fellow

Cynthia Kirkwood: recertification editorial board, College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists

Leticia Moczygemba: expert member, American Pharmacists Association's MTM Best Evidence Task Force; 2011 Top Reviewer for Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy; recipient, NIH Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program

Laura Morgan: VCU School of Pharmacy's 2012 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

Phylliss Moret: Virginia Pharmacists Association's 2012 Ed D. Spearback Virginia Pharmacists Service Award

K.C. Ogonna: Certified Geriatric Pharmacist; 2012 American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Geriatric Pharmacy Faculty Fellowship; Educational Advisory Committee, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Emily Peron: Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist; Geriatric Pharmacy Researchers Council, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists; Health Disparities Special Interest Group Nominations Committee, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

Ron Polk: Yale-New Haven Hospital Department of Pharmacy Services' first Distinguished Alumni Award

Amy Rudenko: Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist

Evan Sisson: editorial board, The Diabetes Educator

Patty Slattum: AGE Virginia's first Advocacy and Community Engagement (ACE) Award; Alzheimer's Advocate Award, Greater Richmond Chapter, Alzheimer's Association; Campus-Community Leadership Team, VCU Center for Clinical and Translational Research's Community Engagement Core

Susanna Wu-Pong: Virginia Women's Network 2012 Conference Planning Committee

Victor Yanchick: editorial team, Libyan Journal of Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacology

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Respiratory Drug Delivery: supporting research and education at VCU School of Pharmacy



Peter Byron



Richard Dalby



Joanne Peart

Twenty-five years ago, Peter Byron never imagined that his concept for a scientific forum on respiratory drug delivery would become the pre-eminent aerosol conference in the world. The Respiratory Drug Delivery conference has served not only as a meeting place for the best minds in pulmonary drug delivery and as a premier continuing education platform for scientists; it also has supported research and graduate education at the VCU School of Pharmacy.

An assistant professor at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in the late 1980s, Byron's scholarly interests concerned the optimal design and evaluation of aerosol drug delivery systems and pulmonary biopharmaceutics.

"Respiratory Drug Delivery was Peter's brainchild," says Richard Dalby. Dalby, one of Byron's Ph.D. students, also was one of about 70 people who attended the first RDD conference in Lexington, Ky., in 1988.

That same year, Byron joined the faculty at VCU School of Pharmacy, where he established the Department of Pharmaceutics' Aerosol Research Group. By 1990, Dalby was on faculty at the School of Pharmacy and RDD scheduled its second meeting, this time in Keystone, Colo. Byron asked Dalby and a colleague to publish the proceedings.

Respiratory Drug Delivery quickly began to come into its own as a major professional meeting. It attracted growing numbers of academic and industrial scientists involved in the development, investigation, preparation and delivery of therapeutic entities by aerosol systems.

Dalby, Byron and Byron's wife, Sian Byron, organized the third conference, which was held in Williamsburg, Va. In 1994, the fourth meeting published its

first professionally produced proceedings with assistance from Interpharm Press (now Davis Healthcare International).

In 1996, Joanne Peart—who had met Byron while working on her Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Bath—joined the School of Pharmacy faculty and became part of the RDD organizing team. The RDD "dream team" was established: Byron, Dalby and Peart, who to this day serve as co-organizers.

RDD Online was created in 2002 to enable the electronic publication of the proceedings and to act as an interface between participants and conference organizers. Byron explains that the company was established as a partnership between the RDD organizers, or "inventors," and the VCU Intellectual Property Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation responsible for commercializing university discoveries.

Byron, who now serves as E. Claiborne Robins Professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutics, credits the creation of RDD Online with growing the meeting substantially in terms of attendance and international reputation.

As RDD's reputation and influence grew, so did its potential to raise sponsorship for the university, the School of Pharmacy, the Department of Pharmaceutics and the Aerosol Research Group.

Since 2002, funds have continued to increase as the conference has grown, and RDD Online offerings have expanded to include online educational training modules; subscriptions; a textbook, "Respiratory Drug Delivery: Essential Theory

Thanks to smart technology, proceedings for Respiratory Drug Delivery 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz. were available to participants during the meeting as well as after the meeting. (Peter Jordan Photography Inc.)

and Practice,” which has been translated to Chinese; and now the supply of scientific equipment used in aerosol testing.

As the RDD audience became larger and more international, Byron, Dalby and Peart realized there was an opportunity to run RDD meetings in Europe. They partnered with Valois Pharma (now known as Aptar Pharma), based in France. The first RDD Europe took place in Paris in 2005.

RDD continued to evolve with the 2006 creation of the Charles G. Thiel Award. The award, established on the 50th anniversary of the commercialization of the pressurized metered dose inhaler and in celebration of Thiel's foundational work in pulmonary drug delivery, is endowed by 3M Drug Delivery Systems.

And now? Dalby, an affiliate professor at VCU, says, “RDD is considered by many to be the go-to scientific and networking event for anyone concerned with pulmonary and nasal drug delivery.”

It's a year-round operation that encompasses planning and organizing, from arranging hotels and registering participants to creating the scientific program and publishing the proceedings.

RDD 2012 took place in Phoenix, Ariz. “Having Maozhong Li speak was a big deal!” Byron grins. Li is deputy director of the SFDA, the Chinese regulatory authority.

The 2012 proceedings—covering more than 900 pages in three volumes—were available in print and online. The proceedings also were accessible during the meeting, to its more than 600 attendees, on “smart” devices in real time.



Looking back, Dalby says, “Twenty-five years after that modest conference in 1988, we now manage highly professional annual meetings...that I believe VCU can be very proud of.”

“To run our own meetings,” Byron adds, “and to actually bring some of this money home—you have to run a very professional operation and you have to give people what they really want.”

“The Aerosol Research Group at VCU School of Pharmacy continues to be recognized globally for its research and scholarship in respiratory drug delivery. RDD has benefited the university not just in terms of reputation, but in helping financially to develop some of its infrastructure.”

Who could ask for anything more?

RDD Europe 2013 will be held in Berlin, German, in May. Organization is well underway for RDD 2014, which will take place in Puerto Rico. To learn more about Respiratory Drug Delivery, visit www.rddonline.com.

WAYS TO GIVE

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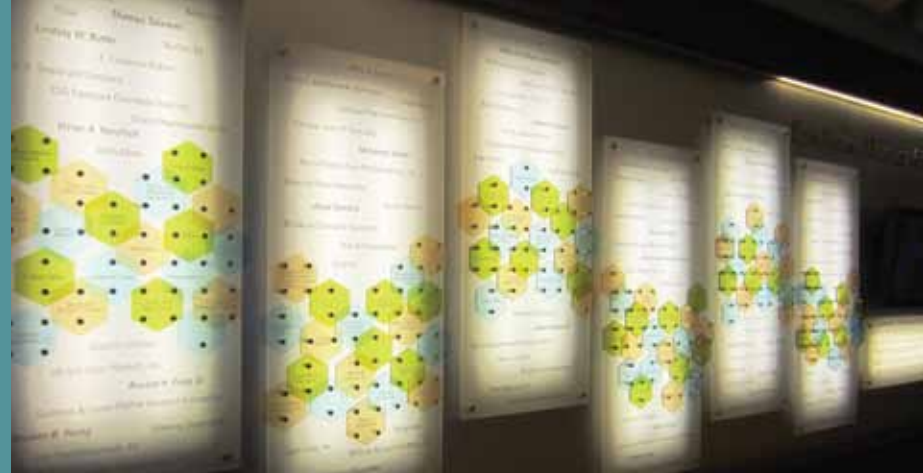
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While endowment funds help ensure long-term financial stability, the annual fund is the school's only renewable source of unrestricted dollars—dollars that are dedicated to scholarship support. The annual fund contributes to excellence in pharmacy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



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.

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