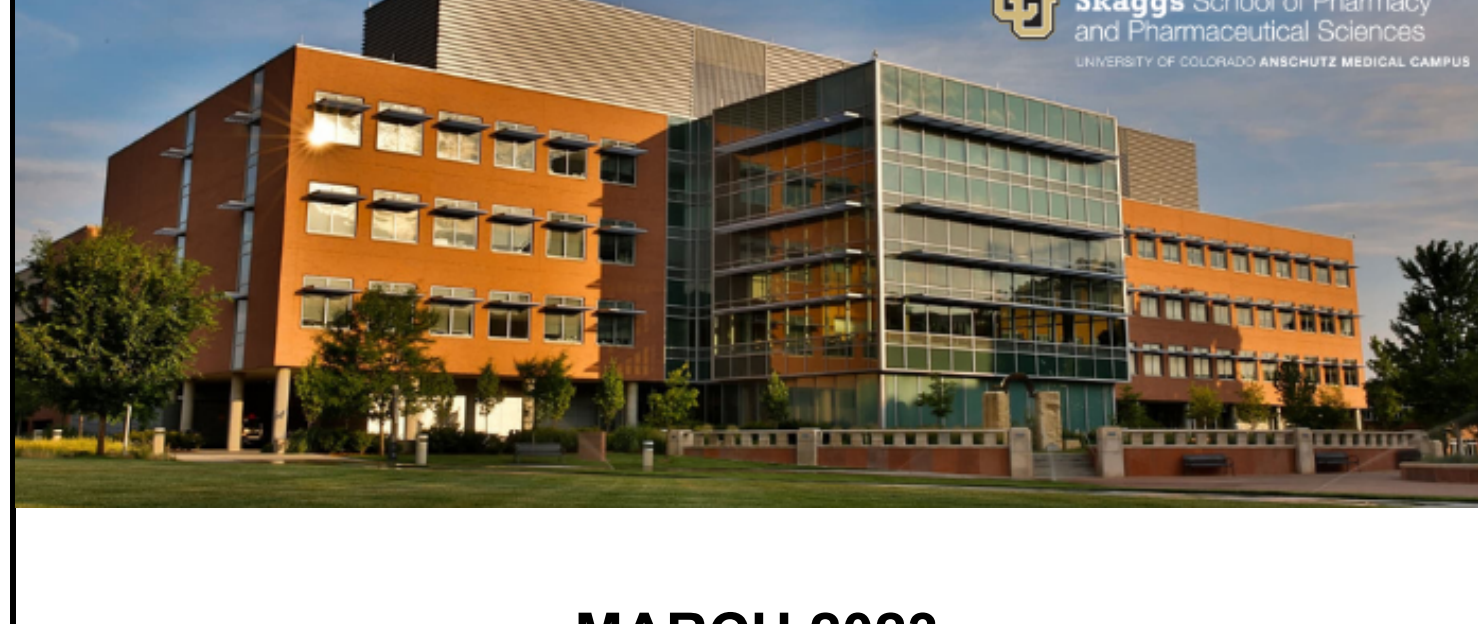


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Welcome New Assistant Dean for DEI



Dr. Erika Freitas (she, her, hers) is excited to join CU Pharmacy as the founding Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. With almost 20 years of experience in higher education, Dr. Freitas has dedicated her career to preparing culturally responsive healthcare professionals. She holds a PhD in pharmacy education and she is a certified Anti-Defamation League trainer and a diversity consultant with extensive experience in promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in academic and professional settings. As the Assistant Dean for DEI in our school, she will be responsible for developing and implementing programs and initiatives, in partnership with faculty, staff, students, and other campus leaders, to foster the sense of belonging and ensure that all members of our community feel valued, supported, and included.

O'Bryant Named New Chair for CU Cancer Center



Dr. Cindy O'Bryant, PharmD, was named the new chair of CU Cancer Center's Protocol Review and Monitoring System, which reviews cancer-related clinical trial applications to make sure they demonstrate scientific merit and support the CU Cancer Center's institutional mission. Dr. O'Bryant was previously deputy chair of the office that approves cancer-related clinical trial applications.

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Lee Testifies for Insurance-Covered Testing



In a collaborative effort, Drs. Yee Ming Lee, PharmD, along with Colorado Pharmacists Society executive director, Emily Zadvorny, PharmD, testified at the state legislature in support of insurance-covered pharmacogenomic testing. P4 students (L-R) Caitlin Hart and Dorothy Agyemang got to see pharmacy advocacy in action. The bill passed Committee.

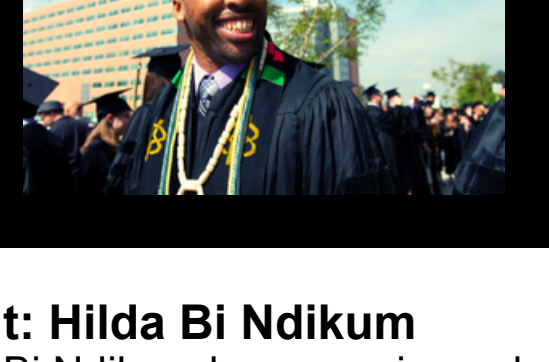
Pharmacy Research Roundtable Highlights Diverse Careers



The Pharmacy Research Roundtable highlighted discussion on everything from pharmacogenomics to pediatric HIV treatments, drinkable chemotherapy to epilepsy advances, and inspired current students to consider the diverse pathways and careers in research. The panel featured recent PharmD grad and current PhD student Madison Ricco, P2 Anna Figueroa, and faculty members Kristina Brooks, PharmD, Manisha Patel, PhD and event organizer Yee Ming Lee, PharmD.

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Alumni Zone
Look here for the monthly alumni spotlights, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved!



Alumni Spotlight: Hilda Bi Ndikum
2003 alumna Hilda Bi Ndikum has experienced several transitions in the growth of the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. As a student in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, she first took pharmacy courses when the School was located on the University of Colorado campus at 9th Ave. and Colorado Blvd. She joined the faculty when the School relocated to the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, operating out of the Academic Office Building. She continues in her faculty role today with the School now in its own dedicated building at Anschutz.

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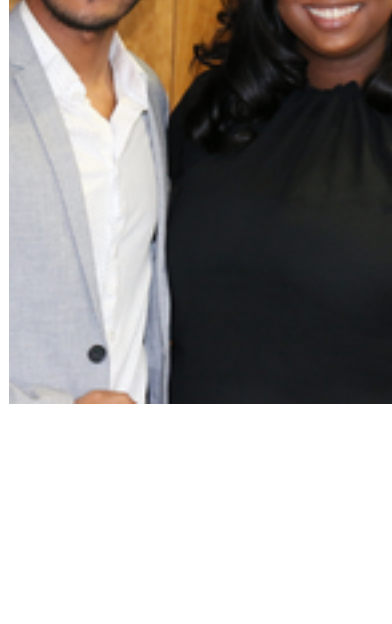
See you in Phoenix at the APhA Breakfast!



Get energized over breakfast in Phoenix with your CU Pharmacy friends during the annual APhA Conference on Sunday, March 26 at 7 AM (MST). Gather with alumni, faculty, students, and other CU Pharmacy friends at Ingo's Tasty Food - Downtown Phoenix, 101 E Washington St, Suite A, Phoenix, AZ 85004. This event is free but with limited capacity, so register by March 22.

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Recap: Alumni Black History Month Lunch & Learn



On Thursday, Feb. 23, CU Pharmacy transformed its regular lunch and learn into an Alumni Association panel discussion for Black History Month. Hosted by the CU Pharmacy Alumni Association, in collaboration with the Career Services Office and the School's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, the event provided the opportunity for students to network with alumni and ask questions about their journey in the pharmacy profession.

Look at photos, watch the video, or read more

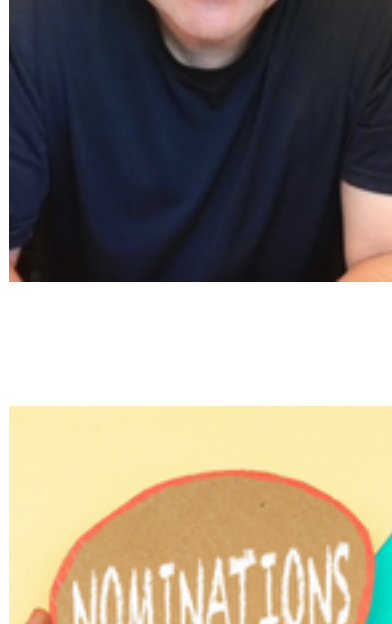
In Memory of Don Vecchio



Alumni Relations celebrates the life of 1954 alumnus Donald (Don) A. Vecchio, who passed away February 8, 2023. Don is remembered for his longstanding pharmacy expertise and his devotion to his family, and service to country.

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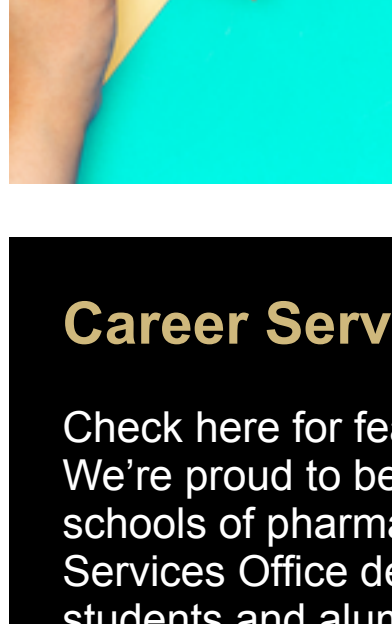
In Memory of Roy Brunson



Roy Dean Brunson, PharmD, class of 2006, passed away on January 15, 2023. He was a tireless advocate for his patients and prided himself on immunizing hundreds of individuals even before the COVID-19 pandemic. When COVID-19 immunizations became available, Roy traveled to nursing homes around the state of Colorado to ensure the most vulnerable patients were vaccinated.

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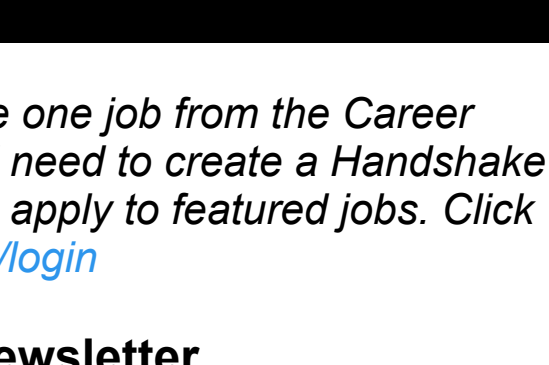
Alumni Nomination Season



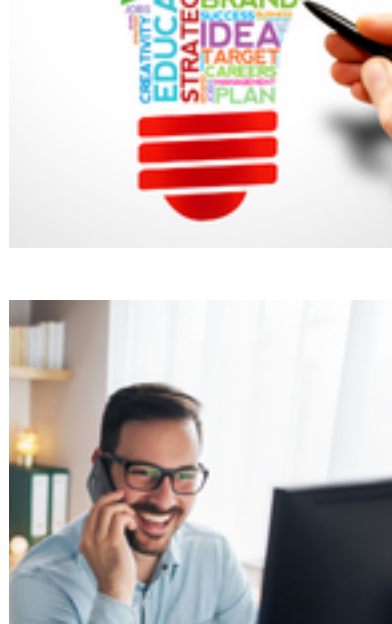
It's nomination season for CU Pharmacy alumni. Here are two ways to show your School pride by nominating a fellow alumna/alumnus for either an alumni board position or for an alumni award.

Alumni Award Nominations: bit.ly/3kF9jns
Alumni Board Nominations: bit.ly/3lWEAID

Career Services
Check here for featured job postings. We're proud to be one of the few schools of pharmacy with a Career Services Office devoted to helping students and alumni obtain employment.

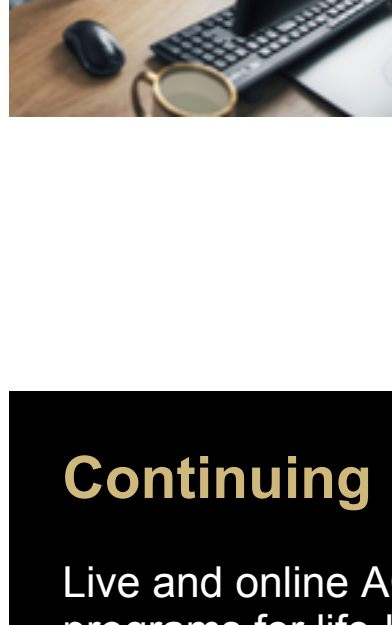


New to eScripts, each month we will feature one job from the Career Services Department. Students and Alumni need to create a Handshake account. If they do not already have one, to apply to featured jobs. Click here to join: <https://app.joinhandshake.com/login>



Career Watch Newsletter
Have you started receiving the new Career Watch Newsletter through the CU Pharmacy Career Services Office? Take advantage of this new resource to help meet your career search needs. For more information, contact Career Services Manager Laurie Sein at laurie.sein@cuanschutz.edu.

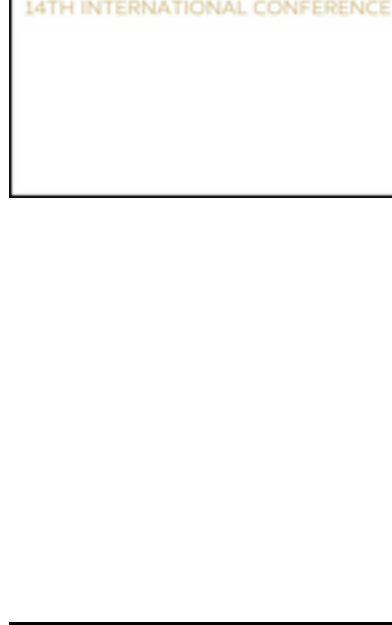
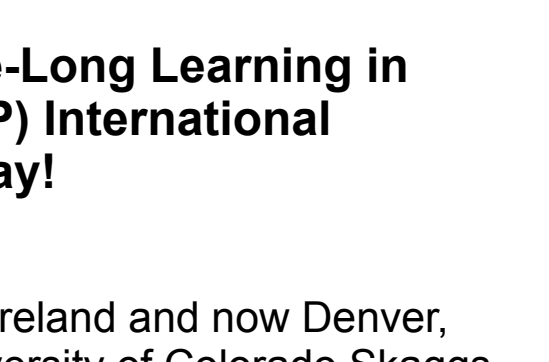
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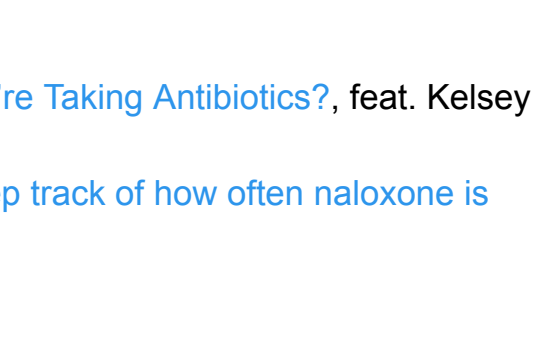


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