

Tin đăng trên DDDK hôm 25 tháng 2, 2005.

Thưa quý Thành Viên và Quý Bạn,

Ngày 26 tháng 2, 2005 đánh dấu ngày thành lập Diễn Đàn Dược Khoa năm năm trước đây.

Xin cảm ơn Chị DS Trịnh Nguyễn Đàm Giang vì gửi những lời chúc rất có ý nghĩa như sau:

Dù là một DS không lệ thuộc vào bất cứ một chương trình nào trong việc huấn luyện và giúp đỡ của quý Thầy để học lại Dược và hành nghề từ năm 1975, tôi nhận thấy Hội Dược Sĩ Việt nam tại Hoa Kỳ đã mang lại nhiều thành quả tốt đẹp trên nhiều lãnh vực và rất đáng hãnh diện.

Hội DSVN tại Hoa Kỳ cũng đã giúp tôi có lại được mối thân tình với đồng nghiệp VN ở khắp thế giới qua những buổi họp và Diễn Đàn Dược Khoa.

Xin chúc Hội DSVN tại Hoa Kỳ vẫn mãi mãi vững mạnh trên con đường tiếp nối truyền thống một nhà - một gia đình Dược hải ngoại đến thế hệ các em, các cháu.

Trịnh Nguyễn Đàm Giang

Dear Members and Friends,

February 26, 2005 marks the 5th Anniversary of the formation of the Vietnamese Pharmacy Forum, a medium of communication for Vietnamese Pharmacists residing in many countries around the world.

The Forum was initiated by several members of the Vietnamese Pharmacists Association in the USA, and came to existence thanks to the technical expertise of Mr. Thien Ho on February 26, 2000. Since then, it has expanded to include more than 220 members, discussing on professional topics as well as cultural and general interest questions.

For the past several years, the Vietnamese Pharmacists Association in the USA has had the privilege to work with the Western University of Health Sciences School of Pharmacy in Pomona, California on many occasions, notably the 4th International Convention of Vietnamese Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists in 2002 in Anaheim, California, in 2002, and the 5th Convention in Sydney, Australia, in 2004.

The School has a Mid-career PharmD Program for graduates of Pharmacy Schools outside of the USA who would like to get a PharmD degree from WUHS.

Please see below the report of Dr. Sam Shimomura, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at the WUHS School of Pharmacy, relating about the achievements of students at the California Association of Pharmacists (CPhA) Outlook Meeting in San Diego last weekend.

WUHS Students have also participated in Health Fairs and Immunization programs organized by the students at the University of Southern California, with the sponsorship of the VPhA-USA.

Congratulations to the WUHS Faculty and Students as well as VPhA-USA Sponsors and collaborators, and all VPhForum Members and Friends.

Binh Nhung Tran, PharmD
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VPhForum Co-Moderator

From Dr. Sam Shimomura on February 25, 2005

Subject: Western University Triumphs at CPhA Outlook

Western University of Health Sciences (WUHS) students, alumni, faculty and preceptors were highly visible at the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) Outlook meeting held at the San Diego Convention Center on February 17-20, 2005.

Yustine Chai '07, a second year pharmacy student, tied for first in the Patient Counseling Competition. Yustine competed against students from the other 5 pharmacy schools in California. Her coach, Dr. Jack Chen has now had three consecutive WesternU students either place first or tie for first in the statewide competition. Congratulations to Yustine and Jack.

Christina Rongavilla, '06, received the prestigious CPhA "Student of the Year" award and Roger Klotz, a preceptor and member of the Dean's Advisory Council, received the Michellotti Public Health Prize. In addition, Elaine Sien, '06, received the Robert C. Johnson Scholarship.

Dean Max Ray hosted a luncheon at the Harbor House restaurant on Saturday, February 19, 2005, for approximately 40 students, faculty, alumni and friends of WesternU.

Among the VIPs in attendance were Steve Gray, Outgoing President of CPhA and member of the Dean's Advisory Council; Walter Cathey, President of the Institute for Community Pharmacists (ICP) whose organization co-sponsors the GNP/ICP scholarships totaling \$50,000 per year; Sylvia Moore, preceptor and a member of the Board of Trustees of CPhA and Betty Tran of the Vietnamese Pharmacists Association.

Faculty and preceptors in attendance were Eric Gupta, Jack Chen, Sam Shimomura, Hershel Schaffel, Michael Clark, Debby Johnson, Roger Klotz and Natalie Hall. Alumni in attendance were Greg Collins '00, Phong Le, '00, Ryan de Guzman '01, Nancy Nguyen '02, Melanie Luces '01 and Maru Ortega '03.

The CPhA House of Delegates met to debate professional policy issues. Delegates in the House of Delegates from WesternU included student delegates Kasey Le '08 and Amy Liou '08, student trustee Nicole Laurent '07 and faculty members Jack Chen and Sam Shimomura.

In addition, ten WesternU students who participated in the California Student Leadership Conference presented their poster entitled "Drug Re-importation Survey Results" in the exhibit hall. The authors of the poster are: Bill Chen '07, Amy Phillips '07, Karen Lin '07, Jeffrey Ong '06, Jessica Peng '06, Caryn Ramdorsingh '07, Hang Tran '07, Tomy Van '07, Ann Vu '07 and Tatiana Yatsenko '06.

To cap off the excitement of the long weekend meeting, the WesternU students won the Quiz Bowl competition against the other California Pharmacy Schools by a wide margin. The students were quizzed on pharmacy law, drug interactions, drug identification and OTC drugs. Students representing WesternU were: Muoi Gi '05, Bony Ma '05, Samantha Taing '06, Christina Rongavilla '06, Masa Tanaka '06, Rabin Omrani '06, Claire Padunan '06, Jeffrey Ong '06, Bill Chen '07, Ann Vu '07, Caryn Ramdorsingh '07, Kasey Le '08, Amy Liu '08, Arzo Razaq '08, Bow Kawewat '08, Noah Chung '08 and Chen Chen '08.

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