Early in the morning on March 2, 2015 a family of three from the mountain villages of Matagalpa, Nicaragua wore their best clothes and walked to the American clinic in their local community center. The children walked with a breathtaking view of the mountains alongside their mother to stand in the line that was building up. Most people stayed the whole day at the clinic – partly to wait to receive the free healthcare and partly to socialize with the community. Finally when the family saw one of the physicians, they complained of headaches, stomach pain, and rashes on the children. This family represented a majority of the health complaints we heard that week; the excessive intake of coffee and spicy foods combined with insufficient water contributed significantly to the people’s ailments. Another big portion of patients had high blood pressure or were diabetic while a select few qualified for surgical procedures which the physician performed right there. The insufficient healthcare of the villages arises in part because there are not enough adequate doctors that come to the mountain villages and because the people must travel down to the city to receive their medications which is rarely feasible. I consider myself lucky to have witnessed the work of five full clinic days in which we saw over five hundred patients and gave everyone vitamins and at least some type of medication; medication such as Ibuprofen, metformin, or antibiotics that were not at all easily accessible otherwise. Something I will always remember about my mission trip is the spirit of the people, how the children were so happy and the people were tough and learned to be content with what they had. I look forward to the next trip my future has for me.
The Florida Legislative Days held on March 9th and 10th this year provided a chance for pharmacy students from every pharmacy school in Florida to come to the capital to advocate for our rights as interns and future pharmacists. Our goal during the two days was to interact with legislators in order to receive their support for two bills: HB 279 and HB 555. HB 279 gave pharmacy interns the privilege to immunize patients under the supervision of a pharmacist under a 1:1 ratio. The afternoon of March 10th proved very significant as my fellow classmates and I witnessed HB 279 pass a committee hearing. We heard what the committee members who are not pharmacists thought about our profession; it was very nice to hear a general support and appreciation for pharmacy. HB 279 passed all the committees and is now awaiting approval from the house to come in effect. HB 555 was also favorable during the same committee meeting. This bill will change policies followed by pharmacy benefit managers and prevent the financial losses that independent pharmacies suffer from maximum allowable cost procedures. The most memorable defense of the bill came not from a pharmacist, but from a dentist who said simply that a professional should know what payment they will receive for their service before performing that service. Apart from the committee hearings, all the pharmacy students also hosted a health fair on Monday to screen legislators for blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar. Although divided by school, everyone that came contributed to the mass of white-coated students flooding the capital and we were united in our passion to improve the future of our profession.

Florida pharmacy students in the state senate.

APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition

By Hana Cho, APhA-ASP Professionalism Co-Chair

The local APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition was held on Thursday January 15th at the Gainesville campus. Students from all academic years were invited to participate in a 5-minute patient scenario to showcase their counseling and communication skills. Prior to the day of the competition, each participant was provided a potential drug list that they could research. During the competition, each participant was given the scenario and 5-minutes to look up any information they required. Then they were given another 5 minutes to interact with the “patient” and provide counseling.

The top 3 counselors from the Gainesville campus were Anthony Phan, Anthony Pierre and Amy Shook. They advanced to the second, all-campus,
round of judging. The winner of the all-campus round was Kacie Clark, 3PD from the Jacksonville campus. Kacie will be representing the University of Florida College of Pharmacy at the National Patient Counseling Competition at the APhA-Annual Meeting and Exposition in San Diego, CA in March. Congratulations Kacie!

SOAR Agents of C.H.A.N.G.E

By Tina Nguyen, 1PD

SOAR 2015 brought together UF pharmacy students from all the campuses for a weekend of team-building, leadership growth, and professional development. We worked together in teams based on our strengths and weaknesses in order to solve problems and overcome challenges. Each of the teams learned to communicate and collaborate in various activities. In one of the most memorable activities, we bonded over the struggle of creating a 3-foot structure made from plastic straws. In addition to the team-building exercises, we had the opportunity to attend leadership and professionalism workshops sponsored by Target. The workshops inspired me to focus on my personal values and think about how my future pharmacy career reflects those values. Overall, the most valuable part of SOAR weekend was sharing the leadership experience with inspiring student leaders from all UF College of Pharmacy campuses. I highly recommend all UF pharmacy students to participate in SOAR next year!

FSHP Mentor Night

By Solomiya Virstyuk, FSHP Treasurer

On the night of January 26th, pharmacy students rushed into the atrium of HPNP wearing their best professional attire eager to attend FSHP Mentor Night. Sponsored by the Gainesville FSHP chapter this annual event allows students to interact with clinical pharmacists in a “speed dating” roundtable type of setting.

This year Mentor Night attendance was limited to twenty-four students (first come first serve basis) at a small charge of five dollars for FHSP members and ten dollars for FHSP non-members. This event was open to all years, ranging from 1PD’s to 4PD’s. Featuring seven mentors, this event gave students an opportunity to network with clinical pharmacy professionals with concentrations ranging from health systems to ambulatory care. All of this happened over a professionally catered dinner!

Each distinguished mentor was stationed at one round table while groups of three to four students rotated between these tables. Students had a little over twenty minutes at each table to interact with the mentor at the table and ask any pertinent questions about their career.

The tables features some of our professors such as Dr. Katherine Vogel-Anderson, Dr. Richard Segal, Dr. Kenneth Komorny, Dr. Denise Klinker, professionals from the Gainesville A such as Dr. Laura Smoot and Dr. Ashley McGee and VA residents as well. Overall the event was a success and students were even send home with some delicious left-overs.
PhD Spotlight: Alexander Voelkner, PharmD

By Alexander Voelkner, PharmD

Hi, my name is Alexander Voelkner, a pharmacist, hailing from Leipzig in Germany. Currently, I am a PhD candidate working with infectious diseases at the Department of Pharmaceutics. I also have the pleasure to be a teaching assistant for the University of Florida’s College of Pharmacy.

So, how did I become a Gator? Five years ago, Dr. Derendorf, my supervisor gave me the opportunity to do an internship with the Pharmaceutics Department. It has been a truly life changing event! From the first day at UF, I was welcomed with arms wide open, and it did not take too long to feel at home in Florida. I love the people here, the diversity, the school spirit and the endless opportunities UF is providing.

I went on to apply for the PhD program, got admitted and since spring 2012, I have called Gainesville my home (which I really miss whenever I travel to attend conferences to present my research). Being part of the Gator Nation is genuinely amazing. It is not only the fact that I have gained a vast array of knowledge in infectious diseases and clinical pharmacology, and that I am pursuing a PhD degree from a top Pharmacy school. But also getting to know so many different people, with diverse backgrounds, from all over the world, and being able to collaborate with great minds. And sports! Have I mentioned sports before?

As a born and raised German, soccer is huge! However, when I was younger, I remember staying awake at night to watch the Super Bowl. It was the 90s and the Dallas Cowboys were at their prime and a certain Mr. Emmitt Smith was piling up records. Little did I know he was a Gator. My first real Football experience was actually Tim Tebow’s last home game, against FSU. Again, I had not a single clue how big of a game that was. But I also did not know I would become a Gator. I am truly blessed. GO GATORS!

APhA-ASP Annual San Diego

By Aaron Overton, APhA-ASP VP of Policy

San Diego, California home of some of the most unique culture, cuisine, and this year’s APhA-ASP Annual Conference. More than 30 student pharmacists from the University of Florida were able to fly out to San Diego for a four-day convention for one of the largest pharmacy organizations in the United States. While in San Diego, participants were able to network at the pharmacy expo with potential employers, physicians, and major manufacturers showcasing new medications. In addition to the fantastic networking opportunities, this conference was designed to bring APhA-ASP chapters closer together by highlighting the efforts across the U.S. of the individual operations. This was a particularly exciting time for the University of Florida as we were recipients of several awards including first place for professionalism, overall winner of “Back-the-PAC Campaign”, and first runner up for Operation Heart, Generation Rx, and the Policy Postcard Challenge. We were also awarded with several individual awards for our student’s efforts. The recognition of our efforts allows for increased respect for the pharmacy program at the University of Florida. During the convention, APhA-ASP also offered continuing education opportunities for pharmacists on pressing topics such as opioid-induced respiratory depression, technology’s role in the healthcare system, leadership in the pharmacy profession, and many more. This experience served as a platform for connectivity amongst the profession like no other. From the rich culture of San Diego to the enriching seminars, this year’s APhA-ASP Annual Convention amazed.

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The Rho Chi Society was first recognized in 1922 at the University of Michigan, Alpha Chapter. The Greek letters “Rho Chi” (R X) were selected due to the symbolism of a “prescription sign”. The purpose of Rho Chi is to recognize excellence in intellectual achievement in pharmacy. Once elected as a member of Rho Chi, you are a life-long member and expected to uphold your position by continuing academic and intellectual leadership in the profession of pharmacy as well as promoting scholarly fellowship amongst the profession, students, and academic institution. There are currently over 100 chapters of Rho Chi societies across the U.S. The University of Florida belongs to Region 3 and has been recognized as the Iota Chapter of the Rho Chi Society since its induction in 1928. Dr. Reginald Frye is the current faculty advisor for the University of Florida’s Rho Chi Iota Chapter.

Each year pharmacy students’ academic achievements are evaluated for inclusion into Rho Chi. Currently, UF considers students who have completed at least half of their academic course work and are amongst the top 20% of their graduating pharmacy class for induction into Rho Chi. A formal induction ceremony is held each year, wherein new members pledge to uphold the mission and objectives of the Rho Chi Society. This year, University of Florida Iota’s Chapter had a total of 56 inductees from all 4 campuses. These inductees are now the intellectual leaders and will be offering free tutoring services to pharmacy students on their prospective campuses.

This achievement came after an arduous year and a half of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Help me to welcome and congratulate the newest members inducted into the Iota Chapter of Rho Chi!

Elizabeth M. Amador
Omid Armoon
Javier Baez
Paige Alyssa Bishop
Catherine Blanco
Erica Nicole Bobb
Melissa Sinying Campo
Ashley Nicole Caplin
Francesca N. Corsini
Stacey D. Curtis
Kathleen Anne Deichen
Brandon James DeLucca
Brian Paul Forgino
Kristine Brittany Friedel
Scott Gavin Garland
Jessica A. George
Jade Laurenne Hefler
Aklil A. Hiruy
Alexis E Hochstetler

Lauren Ali Holliday
Rachel V. Huhn
Mark Alan Hutchinson
Joanna Alexandra Isidro
Sally Kassem
Mark B. Kennedy
Sadia Humayra Khan
Rafa Zaman Khundkar
Eric Joseph Lee
Iva Margjoni
Dmitriy Matev
Brooke Leigh Matsanka
Aisha Merchant
Stephanie Ann Molchan
Geraldo Neziraj
Angel Nguyen
Lindsey Ann Osterfeld
Marlo Dawn Pagano
Michelle E. Palmer

Alicia Patel
Liliana Raquel Pimentel
Kelsey Alexandra Poling
Laura Viviana Robayo
Michelle Rae Rowland
Austin McCord Saacke
Taylor R. Schenley
Kristen Nicole Schwartz
Karlyn Anitra Scott
Stephanie Nichelle Shore
Connie T. Suen
Kayla Marie Suskauer
Tavish Tiet
Jesse Dylan Unum
Sherin Varikatt
Ashley Kristina Whytas
Laurence R. Wright
Nicholas A. Zajac
SNPhA’s First Annual Lip Sync Battle
By Melissa Sandler, 1PD

SNPhA hosted its first annual Lip Sync Battle on the evening of Thursday February 5th, 2015 in the UF Communicore building. Anh Le and Melissa Sandler (1PD), who are the Fundraising Chairs for SNPhA, brainstormed to come up with innovative fundraisers to help fund the organization and their upcoming trip to Atlanta for a regional SNPhA conference. With the help of President Taylor Schenley and Vice President John Gidney (1PD), they worked together to create the Lip Sync Battle. Anh and Melissa wanted to create an original fundraiser to attract participants to something new. They hope the Lip Sync Battle will become an event that the students in the College look forward to each year. To advertise for the event, SNPhA shared the event on Facebook, posted flyers around the HSC library and HPNP building, and sent e-mails to the college. Before the event, there was a lot of hype about performances and song choices, which made SNPhA excited about the potential for a really successful event. After feasting on popcorn and soda and brief introductions to the rules of the new event, the performances began! Groups of students, who bravely signed up to show off their lip syncing abilities, hopped on stage and showed off their routines. Although this was a lip sync competition, performers were judged on appearance of costumes and choreography as well. Anh and Melissa judged the performances on those three criteria and gave constructive feedback after each act, but the role of the audience was not forgotten. Audience members who showed up to support and laugh with the performers had the opportunity to vote for their favorite performance. The performers’ scores were based on two things: half, on the judges’ scores and half, on the audience vote. In the end, duo Taylor Schenley and Ivana Milian stole the show with their rendition of Taylor Swift’s “You Belong to Me,” complete with synchronized dance moves and costumes representing the competing girls in the music video. Other performances featured an all-male trio with “Because of You” by Kelly Clarkson and a duo performed “Hips Don’t Lie” by Shakira ft. Wyclef Jean. Over twenty students showed up to support SNPhA allowing the organization to raise over $80, which will help cover travel expenses for their upcoming regional conference in Atlanta. SNPhA is proud of the turnout for this first annual Lip Sync Battle and considers it a success! SNPhA looks forward to watching the Lip Sync Battle grow as it continues to host this entertaining fundraiser each year.

SNPhA’s Annual Walgreens Health Fair
By Lacey Nilles, SNPhA Diabetes Initiative Chair

The Gainesville chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) had its sixth annual Walgreens Health Fair on February 7th, 2015. The fair brought together organizations such as SNPhA, APhA-ASP, FSHP, and SNDA to provide free health services and education to the Gainesville community. Over 100 people from the community received testing and counseling on the prevention of chronic and infectious diseases. Some of these services included blood glucose testing/diabetes screening, blood pressure testing, and cholesterol testing. Education on health...
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topics included men’s, women’s, and geriatric health, immunizations, HIV/AIDS, Stroke, Chronic Kidney Disease, Asthma, antibiotic resistance, Cancer awareness, smoking cessation, and self-care/OTC awareness. A first-year pharmacy student reflected on her impact on the community: “we performed glucose tests on patients with varying levels of awareness. Some were diabetic and some didn’t even know the importance of blood glucose. It was a great experience for patient interaction and counseling.” Advocacy for provider status was also a large part of the health fair. Participants were educated on the accessibility of pharmacists as healthcare providers and they experienced firsthand the services pharmacists can provide. Participants signed post cards to state legislators, supporting the recognition of pharmacists as healthcare providers. Overall, when pharmacists are involved with the community, public education and health benefit greatly.

Professor Spotlight: Dr. Stacy A. Voils, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS

By Jason Li, 2PD

If you could choose any career in life besides being an academic professor, what would you be? Professional baseball player or chef (love to cook).

How many children do you have and what are they doing now/where are they now?
I have twin boys who are 8, and a 10-year old daughter; all in elementary school.

If you had to the choice to be a drug, which drug would you be and why?
Not sure, but I would recommend that students think about an answer to this question since I’ve heard some people like to ask this during interviews!

What are some of your favorite hobbies?
Running (I have done 4 half marathons in the past year), playing piano, and watching University of Kentucky basketball games.

If you could trade places with someone for a week, living or dead, real or fictional, with whom would it be?
I honestly wouldn’t trade places with anyone since I consider myself truly blessed to have a great family and would not want to spend a week away from them!
Gaming for the E.A.C.

By Carla Figura, 1 PD

Grad Cup is a competition between the Colleges of Pharmacy, Law, Dentistry, and Medicine in the sports of Softball, Flag Football, Basketball, Soccer, and Volleyball. Games are played in a bracket-style tournament system, and broken into a male and female bracket. The games were an awesome way to spend the afternoon, playing sports and being surrounded by supportive friends. In total, the games had about 200 players and fans coming together. In addition to the games, there were multiple fundraising events, notably team t-shirts and a Social at Bank, which drew out approximately 200 students throughout the colleges. The funds raised were divided amongst the teams, so each school raised over $805 for the cause of their choice; the College of Pharmacy is putting those funds towards Equal Access Clinic (EAC). There was also an associated blood drive, in which 105 students donated blood.

Overall, the Pharmacy team placed 4th in the competition, combining game outcomes and fundraising. Not only was Grad Cup a great way to step away from school work for a few hours and have a little fun, but also supported a great cause. We can’t wait for Grad Cup 2016!
APhA-ASP Operation Diabetes 6th Annual Pens and Pumps Learning Class

By Stephanie Shore, Operation Diabetes Co-Chair

APhA-ASP Operation Diabetes hosted the 6th Annual Pens and Pumps Learning Class on January 30th. The class was designed to teach students about the ins and outs of diabetes management, with a special focus on topics that often get glossed over in the curriculum. This year, we were thrilled to have more than 80 students in attendance, with strong interdisciplinary support from nursing, dentistry, and medicine students. Operation Diabetes would like to thank our three fantastic speakers: Kathryn Parker, Diane Thompson, and Dr. Karen Sando. Each speaker was a certified diabetes educator and represented three different backgrounds—dietetics, nursing, and pharmacy, respectively. They presented on topics ranging from carbohydrate counting to the evolution of the insulin pump. Dr. Sando taught students how to inject an insulin pen, using demo supplies. We were also grateful for the support of the UF Students with Diabetes chapter. Several students with type 1 diabetes were available to offer their personal perspective on the topics covered. Stay tuned for next year’s class. We are hoping to add a new topic: the latest developments in type 1 diabetes research! Thanks again to everyone who attended Pens and Pumps.

Student Spotlight: Marry Vuong

By Marry Vuong, 1PD

When people meet me, I am always asked, “Why are you doing pharmacy school and fashion at the same time?” It’s pretty intriguing how people are so bewildered by the fact that I have two completely different passions. I’m just a really passionate person. Growing up, I always had an interest in designing. My grandmother taught me to hand sew at 9, and my mom taught me how to use the machine at 12. I started making my own handbags, which transformed into my first business, Totally Made by Mary Designs on February 4th, 2006. I enrolled in my high school’s fashion program where I entered local competitions and participated in many fashion shows. This is when this hobby became a passion. Originally, I had dreams of attending Parsons in NYC. With the rough economy and my other dream of becoming a pharmacist, I decided to get a stable degree first. My freshman year at UF, I was asked to hold my first fashion show at the VSO Tet Show. Since I felt my line was more mature, I rebranded it as the Lucy Tran Collection. It’s all been history since then. Lucy Tran has grown to something more beautiful than I could have ever imagined. It gives me sanity in times of stress and some of the best experiences of my life Social Media.

Blog: www.lucytrancollection.wordpress.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/lucytrancollection
Etsy: https://www.etsy.com/people/lucytrancollection

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Lucy Tran is my dream.

Instagram: @lucytrancollection
On the evening of January 31, 2015, the 7th Annual Mr. College of Pharmacy (Mr. COP) Pageant took place. As well as a chance for raising funds for APhA-ASP’s “Back the PAC,” Mr. COP serves as a unique opportunity each year for the men of the Gainesville campus to showcase their talents and entertaining abilities. The contestants are judged by members of the COP faculty on their talents, professor impersonations, and responses in the question and answer (Q&A) session. This year’s event certainly did not lack in talent or entertainment! After resolving the sound issues in the HPNP auditorium (by moving the entire audience to a new auditorium), the night went off without a hitch. Each of the six contestants strutted their stuff to their favorite song as they were introduced by the fabulous emcees, 1PDs Jessica Pu and Amit Patel. The fun really started right after with the professor impersonations. The audience was treated to some very informative and accurate lecture reenactments including Jared Roth’s dinosaur lecture in the style of Dr. Frasier, Ryan Bootle’s entire lecture on one picture of the lungs as Dr. Meldrum, and Brent Lovato’s “Palmerisms.” Next, the audience was treated to a wide variety of talents by each of the contestants. Rich Royster opened the talent portion with his multitasking abilities of patient counseling and pill counting while doing a handstand. Other talents included Josh Levine’s incredible artistic abilities, and Oliver Ruiz’s karate chopping skills. It was discovered that the talents of the young men of pharmacy ranged far and wide with other talents, spanning from dancing to singing to shooting golf balls into the audience. Each contestant was then evaluated as they were asked a series of questions ranging from ‘state your idea of a perfect date’ to ‘name all of the Spice Girls.’ Each question was answered with charm and charisma as the gentlemen strived for their final points from the judges. Our lovely panel of judges included Dr. Peris, Dr. Vogel-Anderson, Dr. Sando, and Dr. Whalen, who tallied up the final scores as the audience was treated to a special performance by last year’s Mr. COP winner, 4PD Justin Desiongco. Justin serenaded the audience with his performance of Ed Sheeran’s “Thinking Out Loud”, which showcased exactly why he took the crown in 2014! The results were in, and the suspense was building. After his creative answers in the Q&A, spectacular guitar medley, and quite accurate impersonation of Dr. Palmieri, Mr. Brent Lovato was crowned Mr. College of Pharmacy 2015! Brent won the crown, sash, and bragging rights until the next pageant. As fundraising co-chairs, Tina Nguyen (1PD) and I had a blast putting on the pageant and watching all of our hard work pay off with the laughter of the audience. We were able to raise over $300 for “Back the PAC”, which would not have been possible without the support and participation of our fellow classmates. Thank you to all of the audience members and everyone involved for making this such a successful night.
The Gamma Sigma Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc. from the Gainesville campus of the UF College of Pharmacy had its most recent Province Assembly on February 20-22, 2015 at Nova Southeastern University. 15 brothers, ranging from first year students to fourth year students, represented our Chapter and the UF College of Pharmacy in meetings and fellowship events with over 300 brothers and students from other campuses and Chapters. The weekend began with communion of all the brothers at Bokampers Sports Bar & Grill. Here the older brothers were able to catch up with old colleagues while meeting the new brothers throughout the Southeast province. We had our own area reserved for us in order to mingle and feast at the same time. This fellowship is important, as it allows students to discuss the similarities and differences of the profession of Pharmacy in different states and at different schools. Here, we are able to see how pharmacy schools are preparing their students in comparison to ours and what fundraising and different activities are being done throughout the graduate chapters. The next morning Nova held the first meeting of the year where changes were made to our legislation in addition to electing our new Province Executive Committee. Finally, to close out the Assembly, we had a banquet to install our new officers and we were privileged to have a keynote address from one of our graduate brothers. He spoke of his experience in his chapter over 35 years ago and how much has changed. It truly was an amazing experience to see how Pharmacy and our Fraternity have changed throughout the decades. We invite the coming changes in the future and anticipate what new ideas will be bestowed upon us.

Rotation Spotlight: Bibidh Subedi

By Bibidh Subedi, Critical Care Rotation

I completed my Critical Care Rotation in the Surgical-ICU at UF Health Shands Hospital, which was one my favorite rotations in the 2014-2015 Shands Block Clerkship Program. I had several responsibilities in this rotation, including participating in daily rounds, providing pharmacokinetics consultation, performing medication reconciliation, and preparing for patient presentations. The highlight of my rotation was daily morning rounds with the multidisciplinary surgical-ICU critical care service. The team consisted of an attending physician, medical residents & students, pharmacist & pharmacy student, physician assistants, and a nurse practitioner. We worked together to treat the patient population that was critically ill and required immediate intervention. Every morning during rounds, there were countless opportunities to learn. Physicians and other health practitioners would request assistance from the pharmacy team, such as providing evidence-based pharmacotherapy recommendations, optimizing patients’ medications, and educating patients regarding their medications. It was a great feeling being part of the team and working together to treat our patients. Taking care of critically ill patients required immediate plan and prompt interventions; the experience was challenging, yet rewarding. Throughout this experience, I saw the significant impact pharmacists can have by being part of the service. After completing all of my rotations, I confidently believe that practicing in Critical Care is my niche. I recently matched at Columbus Regional Hospital to complete my PGY-1 residency and my plan thereafter is to pursue a PGY-2 specialty residency in Critical Care. The field of pharmacy has been growing immensely in the past decade, and I am happy and proud to participate in this evolution.
What a success! For twelve hours beginning on April 10th at 6:00pm, relayers from 100 teams gathered on the Flavet Field lawn to help the American Cancer Society fundraise. The University of Florida raised $168,507 to support cancer research, patient care, awareness campaigns, and so much more. The efforts of our participants will help finance the Hope Lodge for cancer patients to stay free-of-charge when they need advanced treatment here in Gainesville. The cancer fund also offers transportation assistance for people that need a ride to the doctor’s office. $4,000,000,000 has been invested in research for lifesaving drugs since 1946.

Speaking of drugs, the UF College of Pharmacy team ranked #5 out of 100 teams by meeting our fundraising goal of $4,000. Being a top five team would not have been possible without the cooperation of our many student organizations across all four campuses. Our team attendance throughout the night easily exceeded 100 people including volunteers, students, and professors. We sold coffee to go with the team’s Colombia theme, and operated $1 games including PLINKO and Golf Challenge.

Aside from fundraising, Relay For Life events are always a great time to get out and have some old fashioned fun. There were no video games or TV screens to consume everyone’s attention. Instead, innovative amusements and obstacle courses lined the track. Beach balls, footballs, and Frisbees filled the air. Old friends were reunited and new friends were made. Whatever your favored pastime may be, there was something for everyone at Relay For Life. Thank you to all involved and we welcome everyone to Relay with us next year!
Global Gala 2015 - What A Wonderful World was a night full of cultural celebration that took place on Friday, February 6th. There were over 150 students and faculty in attendance as we enjoyed watching cultural performances from students both in our college and at the University of Florida at large, and a wonderful silent auction made possible by the generosity of our donors. The coordinators began preparing and fundraising back in October to make the event as successful as they could. I’d have to say it paid off - we raised nearly $7,000 for Global Health Outreach Trips thanks to the support of our college and a generous grant from Publix. In addition to that it was an amazing night to just step away from school work and appreciate the world around us and the talents we were all given. Everyone played a huge part in making it happen, the wonderful coordinators I had the pleasure of working with, the College of Pharmacy for supporting this event year after year, and of course our peers and faculty, because without their support in attendance and participation, this event would have never been possible.

Global Gala was a wonderful night that emphasized that we really do live in A Wonderful World.

Students perform at Global Gala - What A Wonderful World.