

CAROLINA PHARMACY

Advancing Medicine for Life



Students at the
UNC Eshelman
School of
Pharmacy take
**A GLOBAL
APPROACH**

Find out
how inside.



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Where's Your Pin Been?

We are excited to showcase our alumni around the state, nation and world. Show us where your pin has been by sending a photo of you wearing your Carolina Pharmacy pin or gear to paa@unc.edu.

Teresa Casmus '89
The Medicine Shoppe
Salisbury, N.C.



Dorian Kuropas '10
Charlotte Family Pharmacy
Charlotte, N.C.



James Bowman '04
Moose Pharmacy
Kannapolis, N.C.

Sara Dawson Cowan '09
CMC Rx Pharmacy NE Gateway
Concord, N.C.



Class Notes —

Stay up-to-date with your UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy classmates and share your own personal and professional updates by visiting the Class Notes section of our website: pharmacy.unc.edu/alumni/stay-informed/class-notes

Dean's Message

With a *Global* Perspective



Dear friends,

This month marks my first 100 days as Dean. While still on my listening tour, I am so energized by the aspirations you have for the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. It is obvious to me how much our students, faculty, staff and alumni love this School. I want to ensure we are doing everything we can to love this family back—so everyone who walks, or has walked our halls feels valued and connected.

My first priority is taking care of our people. For our students, this means providing the experiences they need to develop into tomorrow's healthcare leaders. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, it is critical for our students to embrace, experience and exercise their cultural competency, global awareness, and service learning.

Our **Global Pharmacy Scholars** (GPS) program gives students an exciting opportunity to complete an international rotation during their fourth year of pharmacy school. As you will read, these experiences are life-changing for our students, opening their hearts and minds to the rich diversity of people and cultures around the world. It helps them think globally and act locally to transform patient care in their own communities.

As an HIV researcher and Director of Clinical Pharmacology in the UNC Center for AIDS Research, I have been able to travel the globe to visit with collaborators and research programs. My trips have impressed upon me a strong appreciation for the beauty and history of various cultures, and an understanding that we all face many of the same problems no matter where we live. I have also experienced first-hand how bringing people together of diverse backgrounds can lead to creative and innovative solutions that can be implemented widely. Each of these experiences have shaped who I am and how I work and live on a daily basis. My hope is that our students will have the same transformative experiences through the GPS program.

I believe a global education can no longer simply be an option—it must be integral to every student's experience. Together, we have the opportunity to fulfill this global guarantee and continue ***Advancing Medicine for Life***.

All the best,

Angela DM Kashuba, BScPhm, PharmD, DABCP, FCP
Dean, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy
John A. and Margaret P. McNeill, Sr. Distinguished Professor



Dean Angela Kashuba with her daughter Skylar Naderer on a trip to Norway.

Global Pharmacy Scholars Program



Gives students a life-changing experience that opens their mind to new ways of thinking

Positions students as global leaders who can thrive and adapt across diverse settings and patient populations

Supports students to think globally and act locally to transform patient care in their own communities.

GLOBAL PHARMACY SITES AROUND THE WORLD



2014

Program launched
with 2 GPS scholars



GPS students
complete a
ONE-MONTH
international rotation

55

GPS scholars
in 2020-21
academic year



GLOBAL GUARANTEE:

100% of Carolina pharmacy
students graduate with the skills
and experience to think globally
and act locally



Michael Chargualaf
(center), one of
the first two GPS
students, on rotation
in Malawi in 2014



“I don’t think I was prepared for the first day, really the first week in Malawi, a foreign country with limited internet access, multiple blackouts per week, and no way for me to travel around the city upon arrival. I felt overwhelmed, a bit homesick, and unsure what kind of experience I would have in a country so economically and medically challenged. Yet by the end of the rotation those thoughts had all changed. I had the experience of a lifetime, made friends that will last forever, and hope I can return to Malawi with funding to implement sustainable systems to improve pharmacy practice.”

-KEVIN STRAUGHN, MALAWI



“This was an experience like no other. It provided me with an opportunity to learn about myself, grown as a healthcare professional, challenge my perception of other cultures and grow as a global citizen of the world. Every student should have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a different culture.”

-ROMAN TIMOSCHENKO, JAPAN



“In its entirety, this global rotation has amplified my love of travel and heart for people. This month has continued to augment my passion to care for people, no matter their geographic location, race, economic status or setting. I will carry this inspiration with me throughout my career and will make it my priority to serve my patients with this same level of enthusiasm.”

-TAYLOR DENNISON, AUSTRALIA



Global Pharmacy Scholar Reflection:

Sarah Shockley, Moldova

One month before my trip, I was sitting in my bedroom surrounded by piles of packing cubes and mini toiletry items trying to figure out what I would need to survive 30 days in a foreign country.

"You know Sarah," my father looked at me as we drove to the airport. "I was thinking on the drive up here – it's really brave of you to go on this trip. You're going to pack up your things and move to a country for an entire month where they don't speak English. Are you scared?" It's funny because I had asked myself the same question. But no, I was not scared. I had a whole team of people between my family, the staff at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy and the staff in Moldova who were looking out for me. I was ready to go.

So as I arrived in Moldova ready to speak the language of pharmacy, I was surprised to learn that pharmacy has multiple dialects.

Our first pharmacy-related visit was to commercial pharmacy run by the University that also specialized in compounded formulations. I looked at the shelves of medications and I could understand the cognates easily. We discussed vancomycin, pseudoephedrine, and insulin. We then went into the compounding lab which I thought would also be similar. Instead, I learned that their prescriptions (or 'recipes' as they told me) were written in Latin (and cursive Latin at that) so they could be filled in any country in Europe. For all of the medication calculations I had practiced over the years, I could not understand the notation of the products I was supposed to make. Our instructor only spoke Romanian, so we communicated mostly through 'show and tell' methods. I learned that even when you think you are mastering your field, there will always be more to learn through new experiences.

In my future career, I will use these experiences to help me better understand patients who are coming from foreign countries. It can be scary to be offered a treatment that is unfamiliar to you and in another language. It can be confusing to navigate, but now I can help bridge the gap by understanding when more explanation could be beneficial.

Looking back on my month abroad, I had no idea what was coming. But I knew that no matter what came my way I would get through it, and I would be stronger for it.

GiveUNC to support our #GlobalGuarantee

On March 31 during GiveUNC, the University's third annual day of giving, help the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy fulfill our #GlobalGuarantee. Your dollars will go further with these exciting challenge gifts:

- Dhiren and Kailas Thakker will give \$250,000 if 100 people make a gift to the *Dhiren and Kailas Thakker Global Pharmacy Scholarship Fund*
- Steve McCombs '74, will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000
- Tony Hickey and Leslie Marson will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000

Learn more at giveunc.unc.edu/pharmacy.



Pharmacy Flashback

One hundred years ago, Haywood Maurice Taylor, of Tarboro, North Carolina, traveled abroad while a student at Carolina—not for an international rotation but rather to serve his country in World War I. Following his service in the war, he completed his undergraduate degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. Taylor went on to earn a PhD and worked at the University as an instructor of chemistry and pharmacy. He also taught science at Chapel Hill High School. Later in his career, the toxicologist and biochemist worked for E.R. Squibb and Sons in New York, Johns Hopkins Hospital and Medical School, and Duke University Medical Center. He also served as a consultant to the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation, the North Carolina Medical Examiners Systems, and to the state Office of Civilian Defense.



Giving Back: *Advancing Medicine for Life*



Dr. Bryan Haas '95, '97, and his wife Rachel, have generously established the *Bryan A. and Rachel O. Haas Global Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment Fund* to help support fourth-year pharmacy students completing GPS international rotations. "Throughout my pharmacy career, I continue learning invaluable lessons while working with healthcare partners and patients in diverse global practice settings," Haas said. "Global experiences can be transformative to both a practitioner and their practice, which is why my family is honored to support the Global Pharmacy Scholars program and help provide global learning opportunities to future Carolina Pharmacists."

At the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, everything we do begins and ends with a patient in mind. Support from our alumni and friends makes our mission possible. To learn more about ways to give, contact pharmacycampaign@unc.edu or call 919-966-1929.

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