The first annual Florida Residency Conference (FRC) was held May 17 & 18th, 2012 in Gainesville. The event drew pharmacy residents statewide to present results of resident projects and research in a collaborative symposium similar to the Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC) but much closer to home.

Prior to 2012, residents and preceptors made a family vacation out of the trip to Athens, Georgia for SERC. The road trip provided ample opportunity for networking, professional development, and memorable social events. However, despite the success and growth of SERC, long drives, high expenses, and extended work absences became prohibitively expensive and eventually marginalized residency programs in the far locations of its expanse, including southern Florida. The logical progression to a Florida version of SERC came to fruition when in early 2012, the FRC steering committee planned the first meeting in Gainesville.

The inaugural meeting was a great success, with no sacrifice in quality or quantity compared to its regional counterpart. FRC drew 248 total registrants, 142 resident presenters, and offered 4 continuing education sessions spanning 13 different practice areas. An opening session, “Pearls for the New Practitioner,” provided a great prelude for current residents, focusing on professional development and strategies for a successful career.

Attendees experienced a warm Gator welcome. The University of Florida College of Pharmacy lent its modern facilities, which provided a great venue for presentations. A downtown dinner at Jolie restaurant provided an exceptional atmosphere for networking and socializing with new and old colleagues. The department of pharmacy even worked with Shands to offer free parking to FRC attendees. The hard work of the steering committee and contributions from Gainesville locals made the city a wonderful candidate to be the annual host location.

Shands residents made a wonderful showing, with all eight residents presenting research project findings. Prepared by the fine-tuned Shands presentation review process, all provided stellar performances. Shands preceptors also represented the program, serving as speakers in the opening session and session moderators and evaluators. Pharmacy students on rotation at Shands provided registration assistance as well.

The SERC concept has influenced similar conferences throughout the nation and is an annual tradition for many residency programs. With the original planning of the first SERC by a committee including Shands’ own Bob Lantos, the establishment of FRC brings the residency conference paradigm full circle and back to Gainesville, Florida. In addition to the superb planning of the FRC steering committee, the efforts of Shands residents, preceptors, and pharmacy students contributed greatly to a successful start of a new tradition.

Ryan Rodriguez
This year, the residents packed up and headed out to the Big Easy for ASHP’s Midyear Clinical meeting. Accompanied by Alan, Amy, Aimee, Jim, and Shands newcomers Carrie Cannella and Matt Jenkins, we enjoyed gumbo, remoulade, beignets, jazz, and of course, exceptional pharmacy education and networking.

The five PGY2s presented posters at the UHC poster session. Julie and Liz presented case studies on *Dexmedetomidine for Use During Ventriculostomy Placement and Strongyloides stercoralis Infection in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) Patients* respectively, Brian and Kathryn presented data from their PGY1 resident projects on *Aztreonam for Febrile Neutropenia in Patients with Beta-Lactam Allergy* and *Medication Error Detection by Hospitalized Patients from a Daily Medication List* respectively, and Ryan presented MUE data on *Enforcement of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Actions in Computerized Order Entry Environments*.

Dinner in N’awlins was always top notch. It seemed that no matter which place we went, we were always met with great Cajun food with a laid back New Orleans atmosphere. The jambalaya, shrimp and grits, and even fried catfish were stellar!

If you are planning on attending Midyear 2012, make sure to stop by the Gator Reception and find out what’s happening with our next group of residents!

*Brian McCullough*
**Recruitment Wrap-up!**

We have successfully completed another recruitment season and have matched some outstanding candidates. We are happy to announce we are expanding the residency class to a total of 9 residents. For the 2012-2013 residency year we will welcome 5 new PGY1s and 3 new PGY2s. In addition, a current PGY1 will be staying on to complete a specialty residency. The new PGY1 class is Janet Arrazcaeta, Derrick Weddle, Matthew Wright, Ji Lee, and Sola Apena. Both Dr. Arrazcaeta and Dr. Lee graduated from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Weddle graduated from the South Carolina College of Pharmacy and Dr. Wright graduated from Florida A & M University. Dr. Apena graduated from the University of Florida and has been working at Shands in the IV center for the last 2 years.

We also have a great PGY2 class for the upcoming year. Current resident Jessica Cope will continue her training at Shands as the Critical Care resident. Joining her will be Christina Carracedo specializing in Oncology, Lyn Villanueva specializing in Pediatrics, and Kate DeSear specializing in Infectious Diseases. Dr. Carracedo and Dr. Villanueva are completing their PGY1 Residency at Wolfson Children’s Hospital/Baptist Health System in Jacksonville, FL. Dr. DeSear is finishing her PGY1 Residency at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System in Bay Pines, FL.

Congratulations to our new residents and thank you to those who served on the selection committee and participated in the interview days. We look forward to another great year!

_Brianna Franklin_

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**Ralphie’s Take...**

Hello everyone! Glad to make an appearance in the newsletter once again. We are now winding down the 2011-2012 residency year in the residents’ office and I have to say, I am sure going to miss this class. We have had some good times in that office, from late night data collection, to last minute seminar prep-work, and of course catching up on daily gossip. Aside from all of the good times in the office, I’ll let you in on a little secret...there have been a few close calls with the office microwave. I heard there was some confusion between minutes and seconds on the timer. I have already advised a few of the PGY1’s that cooking classes are in order.

It is crazy to think a full year has passed since I met this nutty bunch. I am sad to see them go, but I am excited for their future endeavors. Elaine Speed will be headed off to see the gateway arch in St. Louis, Brianna Franklin will be re-locating to the busy city of Atlanta come July, and Jessica Cope will be lucky enough to stay on another year here with me at Shands. And for myself, well, I will be kicking off my PGY5. They just can’t seem to get rid of me!

As for the PGY2’s, Elizabeth Dimaggio will be headed north to New Hampshire, Brian McCullough will be heading out west to Boise, Idaho to get his fill of potatoes and Ryan Rodriguez will be traveling up north to Chicago. Go Cubs! Lastly, Kathryn Hernando and Julie Cash will be hanging around town with their good ole buddy Ralphie! Congratulations to all of our graduating residents – just don’t forget about your favorite stuffed gorilla. The incoming residents will have some big shoes to fill ;)

_Ralphie G. Rilla_
Passing the Torch – 
Welcome Our New PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Directors

It is a somewhat bittersweet time for the PGY1 program as Amy Rosenberg and Lisa Thames have stepped down as co-directors and passed the torch to the very capable hands of Carrie Cannella and Jennifer Bushwitz. The spring has been a transition time as the outgoing directors have been priming the new directors for their first year of a residency class. By imparting their experience and insight to Carrie and Jen, there is no doubt that the new class is in great hands.

Over the past, 10 years, Amy Rosenberg has been the PGY1 pharmacy residency director. She has said the most rewarding aspect of being the residency director has been getting to know our residents closely and watching their professional growth over the residency year and beyond. She said she will miss getting to know the residents so well in the first few weeks of the residency. She still hopes to get to know each of our residents very well but it might take her a little longer since she won't get to spend as much time with them in the early weeks of their orientation.

Lisa Thames joined Amy as the PGY1 pharmacy residency director in 2009 and is stepping down to focus on our PGY2 residency program in Pediatrics. She has said the most rewarding part of being the PGY1 director is watching the residents grow into confident, competent, and professional pharmacists. What she'll miss most though is the regular interaction with our residents and the ability to be a mentor for the residents throughout the year.

Carrie Cannella, PharmD, BCPS, our clinical resource utilization coordinator, graduated from Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health in Omaha, Nebraska and continued with a PGY1 in pharmacy practice at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, followed by a PGY2 in Infectious Disease and Critical Care at University of Missouri – Kansas City. She recently joined the Shands pharmacy team in August 2011 and formerly worked in clinical pharmacy specialist roles at the University of Kansas Hospital. She was also their PGY1 pharmacy practice residency director at the University of Kansas Hospital. She's most looking forward to watching the residents develop over the course of the year. She states it is so fun to see how much someone can grow in a year, both personally and professionally.

Jennifer Bushwitz, PharmD, our neurointensive care clinical pharmacy specialist, is a former Shands PGY1 pharmacy practice resident and has come full circle as now one of our co-directors of the program. She is a University of Florida College of Pharmacy graduate and completed her PGY2 in Critical Care at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Since completion of her residency she has worked at Shands at UF as one of our pharmacy clinical specialists. As director, she's most looking forward to having the opportunity to positively impact the careers of our next generation of practice leaders.

The top tips from the outgoing residency directors to the new directors are to enjoy getting to know the residents and enjoy watching their professional development over the residency year and throughout their careers. Continue to evaluate the program each year with a critical eye in order to provide continued growth and strength for our program.

The current PGY1s and whole residency class have enjoyed the benefit of these four great directors and mentors this year!

Elaine Speed

Looking Forward to the Future...

It is hard to believe, but it is just about time to say goodbye to our current residents as we welcome in a new class. It has been a tough, but rewarding year (or two!) for our residents and their hard work has certainly paid off with excellent employment opportunities.

Don't say goodbye too quickly as Julie Cash (PGY2 Critical Care Resident) has accepted the position of Clinical Pharmacist in Critical Care here at Shands. In this role, she will provide critical care coverage for evenings and weekends. She is excited to stay in Gainesville especially since she will be able to attend the South Carolina-Florida football game. Go Cocks!

Elizabeth DiMaggio (PGY2 Oncology Resident) has accepted an Oncology Clinical Staff Pharmacist position at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at
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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. It is one of only 40 cancer centers in the country—and the only in New England—to have earned the National Cancer Institute's Comprehensive Cancer Center designation. In her new position, Dr. DiMaggio will be rounding with the bone marrow transplant and solid tumor inpatient teams, working in investigational drug services, and staffing in both inpatient and outpatient oncology areas. Since she grew up in Rochester, New York she is looking forward to moving back to New England to be closer to family and experience the seasons again.

Kathryn Hernando (PGY2 Infectious Diseases Resident) will be staying nearby, as she has accepted an Infectious Diseases Clinical Specialist position at North Florida Regional Medical Center right here in Gainesville. NFRMC is a 325-bed community hospital, one of the largest in the HCA network, and is currently expanding to nearly 450 beds including additional ICU and cardiac units. She will be tasked with developing an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) alongside Dr. Robert Yancy as the ASP physician director. Dr. Hernando is very excited to use her experience from the antimicrobial management program at Shands to build a new program and help ensure the best possible care of patients in the Gainesville community.

Brian McCullough (PGY2 Infectious Diseases Resident) will be moving out west to become the Antimicrobial Stewardship Coordinator for St. Luke’s Health System in Boise, Idaho. In this role, Brian will be starting and heading up a stewardship program in 2 area hospitals, St. Luke’s Boise and St. Luke’s Meridian. Founded in 1902 as a six-bed frontier hospital, St. Luke’s Boise now contains 400 beds and is Idaho’s largest health care provider, and the flagship hospital of St. Luke’s Health System. Dr. McCullough is looking forward to moving west with his wife, who will be starting as a Family Medicine medical resident. He is also excited about learning how to fly fish!

Ryan Rodriguez (PGY2 Drug Information Resident) will be moving north to the Windy City as a Clinical Pharmacist/Assistant Professor of Drug Information at the University of Illinois Chicago. UIC is the largest university in the Chicago area and serves as the state's principal public medical center, educating the majority of Illinois’ physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and other health-care professionals. In his new role, Dr. Rodriguez will be providing drug information services to clinicians as well as teaching and precepting students and residents. He looks forward to the excitement of big city life, including checking out some authentic live Chicago blues bars.

Jessica Cope (PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Resident) is one resident we won’t have to say goodbye to as she will be staying on in the role of PGY2 Critical Care Resident at Shands. In this position, she will be able to get a more in-depth experience as she rotates through the numerous critical care areas and focuses her efforts on the sickest of patients. She is excited about staying in Gainesville for another year and cheering on the Gator football team for another season.

Bianna Franklin (PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Resident) will be staying in the Southeast as she has accepted a PGY2 Internal Medicine position at Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia. Grady is one of the largest public health systems in the US, with nearly 1,000 beds in the main hospital. Dr. Franklin will be building upon the knowledge gained at Shands while rounding with the numerous internal medicine teams and on a variety of other patient populations. She looks forward to meeting new people at Grady and to begin planning her wedding!

Elaine Speed (PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Resident) will be moving on to complete a PGY2 Medication Safety Residency at BJC HealthCare Center for Clinical Excellence and St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri. BJC HealthCare is one of the largest non-profit healthcare organizations in the US and is the parent organization of Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital, among others. In her residency, Dr. Speed will be working from a system-wide level to analyze adverse drug events and attempt to correct system flaws, as well as finding ways to institute best practices across the 12-hospital organization. She is looking forward to many exciting projects and experiences she will have during her final year of residency training.

Kathryn Hernando
Recent Publications


Sussman D, Kubiliun N, Chao JD, Mulani P, Gillis CA, Yang M, Lu M, Abreu MT. Comparison of Medical Costs Among Patients Using Adalimumab and Infliximab: A Retrospective Study (COMPAIRS). Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. January 2012 (on-line).

Where Are They Now?

Resident Updates

In professional news…

Bob Oakley (class of 1980 – 1982) was recently named FASHP, Jennifer Bushwitz (class of 2008 – 2009) has been newly appointed as the PGY co-residency director at Shands Hospital along with Carrie Cannella, Abigail Dee Antigua (class of 2008 – 2009) is serving as the NCFSHP president for this year, Danielle Lazear (class of 2009 – 2011) has accepted a new position as a transplant ICU clinical specialist with additional dedication to the nephrology department at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. She was also recently awarded her BCPS, as was Brian McCullough (class of 2010 – 2012)! Last but not least, Morgan Mace (class of 2008 – 2009) has recently been awarded her BCOP. Congratulations to all of you!

On a more personal note…

Congratulations to Candice Morris (class of 2008 – 2009) who just bought her first home in Orlando,

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Florida, and Danielle Lazear (class of 2009 – 2011) who recently became a new home owner in Ohio. Let’s everybody welcome Lisa Thames’ (PGY2 Pediatric Pharmacy Residency Director) new baby girl, Ava Christine! Also, best wishes to our current residents, residency directors, and alumni who have gotten engaged: Brianna Franklin (class of 2011 – 2012), Jamie F Shapiro (class of 2004 – 2005), Jenny Ashton (class of 2008 – 2009), and Carrie Cannella (current PGY1 co-residency director).

Presentations: Highlighting Both Past & Future!

May 2012
NCFSHP Meeting
Jennifer Bushwitz
“Tips and Tricks for Managing Hyponatremia”

June 2012
June 19th 5:00 pm: NCFSHP Resident Research Forum
Ryan Rodriguez
“Hospital Reimbursement for Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) Therapy”
Julie Cash
“Pharmacologic Options for Drug-Induced Hypertension in Acute Ischemic Stroke”

August 2012
August 3rd through 5th: FSHP 46th Annual Meeting
Katie (Smith) Conrad, Fri, Aug 3rd, 8:40 am
Preventing Pediatric Medication Errors: Small Steps to Prevent Big Errors
Betsy Bickert Poon, Fri, Aug 3rd, 8:40 am
Medication Error Pearls – Oncology
Marlena Fox, Sat, Aug 4th, 3:00 pm
Pulmonary Hypertension Panel
Amy Rosenberg, Benjamin Staley, Sun, Aug 5th, 10:30 am
Medication Safety: A Tale of Three Hospitals

If there is any news you would like to share, personal or professional, please let us know.
Email your update to shandspharm@shands.ufl.edu

Please send any recent publications or presentations you have completed to shandspharm@shands.ufl.edu Share your successes with others!
Can you guess the year of this residency class?

Director’s Corner

The pharmacy department and accredited residency programs at Shands UF were surveyed last fall by the ASHP Accreditation Survey team. The team interviewed pharmacy residents, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and executive leadership of Shands UF during their visit. Based on findings, the Commission on Credentialing has the option to deny accreditation, provide conditional accreditation, or allow 1 to 6 years of additional accreditation to the program. Over 200 residency programs were reviewed at the March 2012 ASHP Commission on Credentialing meeting and less than 25% of the programs received a 6-year accreditation. We are very proud that all three of our residency programs surveyed (PGY1, PGY2 Critical Care, and PGY2 Pediatrics) received a full 6-year re-accreditation by ASHP. The full 6-year accreditation reflects the survey team’s high degree of confidence in our residency training program and the pharmacy department.

In addition, our PGY1 residency program was recently selected as a recipient of the 2012 Pharmacy Expansion Grant from the ASHP Research and Education Foundation. We are excited to expand our residency program with a record nine total residents this upcoming year (five PGY1’s, one PGY2 Critical Care, one PGY2 Pediatrics, one PGY2 Oncology, and one PGY2 Infectious Diseases).

We will also be collaborating with Julie Johnson, who is offering a PGY2 residency in Personalized Medicine and Drug Information this upcoming year; in future years this residency may be jointly offered by Shands UF and the College of Pharmacy.

Great things are happening at Shands UF! -Lisa Thames
Residents and Preceptors Having Fun!
Are you a Shands at UF Pharmacy Residency Alum? We would like to hear from you!

In an effort to highlight the Shands at the University of Florida Pharmacy Residency’s long history of producing successful pharmacists and leaders in the profession, we are compiling information about the current location and employment of our alumni. We invite you to contact us to let us know where you are now and what you are doing. This information will be featured in the “past residents” section of the residency website. Each edition of the newsletter will include updates on past residents, so please keep us informed of your personal and professional achievements, so we can proudly share the good news about recent accomplishments, awards and honors, publications, promotions, and the wide variety of careers that our alumni are currently pursuing. E-mail your current information and future updates to shandspharm@shands.ufl.edu with the subject heading “Shands Alumni Update.” Please include your name, PGY1 and/or PGY2 Shands UF graduation year(s) and current position and location.