MISSION STATEMENT

The College of Pharmacy fosters the development of its students, faculty and pharmacists into practitioners who positively influence the health outcomes of the people of Michigan, the Great Lakes region, the nation and the global community.

In achieving its mission, the College of Pharmacy is guided by the Vision and Core Values of Ferris State University and is committed to:

- Providing the highest quality pharmacy professional education to students and practitioners
- Promoting the delivery of patient-centered care by pharmacists that are committed to the safe and appropriate use of medications
- Developing and maintaining relationships with alumni, professional associations and the health care industry, which advance the goals and objectives of the college and the profession
- The personal and professional development of each faculty member to meet the pedagogical, scholarship, research and service demands of a dynamic curriculum and profession
- Creation of a professional community that embodies the principles of ethics, fairness, honesty, civility and respect for people’s diversity in ideas, beliefs and cultures.

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Revised December 2010
Dear Alumni,

As the 16th Dean of the College, I am honored to have the opportunity to guide the College through its next chapter. Although I served as the Interim Dean for more than a year, my appointment as the permanent Dean in December 2011 has provided me with the opportunity to look to the future and begin planning strategically for the College’s next 10 years.

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Pharmacy Magazine, there are significant opportunities for upgrading on-campus facilities. We have started down the pathway of building renovation with our immediate attention devoted to renovation of a second-floor laboratory. Preliminary results have been encouraging, and Dr. Kim Hancock, interim department head, has played a key role in organizing the effort. Beyond the upgrade of a single lab, the College will work with architectural and engineering firms to develop a master planning document which will provide the College with needed upgrades, particularly in the scripts/simulation laboratories. The Alumni Board also has recognized the need for upgrading the current facilities and will launch an initiative to provide financial support for the renovations. We feel that the College will continue to be a significant recruitment tool for Ferris State University in years to come as these state-of-the-art changes are completed.

In January, the College moved into its new Center for Innovational Learning and Research at 25 Michigan St. The facility will provide students with a contemporary instructional facility in the heart of Grand Rapids’ “Medical Mile.” With the assistance of the University Advancement and Marketing office, a dedication ceremony was held on Feb. 3. It was rewarding to visit with the hundreds of alumni who attended the program. In the keynote address, Dr. Lucinda Maine, CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, challenged the College, in its new location, to move forward with its efforts to develop inter-professional education opportunities. Efforts are underway with the College of Health Professions (formerly the College of Allied Health Sciences) to explore educational programming across the colleges. It’s remarkable to see the changes in pedagogy that have occurred as a result of the 25 Michigan facility.

These efforts and several others within the College cannot be undertaken without considerable long-term planning. With the assistance of a nationally-recognized consultant group, the College is developing a comprehensive strategic plan to guide decision making for the next three to five years. A similar effort was completed by the College Alumni Board last summer, allowing it to broaden its mission and membership. The board’s mission statement, “To engage the alumni to promote and advance the College of Pharmacy to benefit alumni, students, and faculty” will guide the board’s efforts as they seek to engage a greater number of alumni in the College’s operations.

In all aspects of its operation — curriculum, admissions, facilities, students, faculty and alumni — the College is undergoing significant change. I am confident that the plans we develop now will ensure our continued recognition as one of the country’s premiere pharmacy programs. I look forward to your engagement, at all levels, in the College’s endeavors.

Again, it is an honor to serve the College and its alumni, as its 16th Dean.

With sincerest best wishes,

Stephen Durst, B.S. (’81), Pharm.D.
Dean
A Note from the President on the Appointment of Stephen Durst as Dean

Greetings!

As Associate Dean, Dr. Stephen Durst was a strong and dedicated leader for the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy. It is a reflection of Steve’s remarkable abilities and commitment to excellence that he was the clear choice as the next dean for our college. This is a very exciting time for Ferris’ College of Pharmacy with the opening of the new Center for Innovational Learning and Research at 25 Michigan St. in Grand Rapids. Dean Durst is working hard to attract fresh attention for the college and form partnerships made possible by the new facility. Dr. Durst is promoting real-world collaborations — such as the college’s work with Cherry Street Clinics in Grand Rapids — that will continue and deepen that tradition. I am delighted to have this strong leader as Dean of our college and very much look forward to working with him. I am confident that even greater accomplishments are ahead for this outstanding program under his leadership.
After 37 years of service to Ferris State University and the College of Pharmacy, professor Robert Krueger retired in Fall 2011. Specializing in pharmacognosy, the study of medicines derived from natural sources, Krueger joined the Pharmacy program at Ferris State in 1975 and will continue to work to advance the college and program as an emeritus.

Krueger’s Ferris colleagues were quick to praise his extensive, varied knowledge of pharmacognosy and botanical compounds. His honors and fellowships include honorary membership in American Society of Pharmacognosy, presidency of the Wild Flower Association of Michigan and appointment to the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly’s Sustainability Plan transition team, as well as multiple awards for distinguished instruction from within the University.

Krueger developed and expanded Ferris State’s Karlis K. Kazerovskis Pharmacy Greenhouse and Medicinal Plant Garden, the Michigan Indian Medicinal Plant Garden, and the College of Pharmacy Herbarium collection, and has issued an annual index for each since 1975.

Professor of Biological Sciences Robert Friar, with whom Krueger co-presented an international lecture series on the pharmacological properties and pathophysiological effects of plant compounds, described Krueger’s knowledge of his specialty as “encyclopedic.”

“Bob Krueger was a fantastic person to present with because I knew that he knew his stuff,” explains Friar, who went on to describe how Krueger’s extensive knowledge of plants and their properties often astounded audiences. The pair also appeared as experts on local news and science television programming.

Krueger’s path to his expertise began at an early age when, as a high school student, he became fascinated with the medicinal qualities of plants. After earning his Bachelor of Science with honors in Pharmacy and emphasis in Pharmacognosy at the University of Connecticut, he completed his Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry/Pharmacognosy at the University of Iowa. Soon after, he and his wife, Beth, also recently retired from her position as Ferris Human Resources director, moved to the Big Rapids community to begin work at the university.

Known for his high academic standards and challenging course work, Krueger avidly published and presented his work.

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“As an instructor, Bob was always rigorous. He was challenging, and I think, because of that, he really helped us all to be a little better as pharmacists,” says Pharmacy Dean Stephen Durst. “He is knowledgeable in a very unique area, and it’s going to be very hard to replace him. He has great perspective on and insights into pharmacy and pharmacy education.”

Krueger was quick to praise Ferris and the opportunities for professional growth it provided him.

“What I have enjoyed the most at Ferris is that I was free to get involved in a whole lot of different projects and collaborate with other professionals.”

Krueger plans to keep close ties to the Ferris community after retirement and is excited about the opportunities his new role as an emeritus presents to continue his life’s work and to further opportunity for students at Ferris State.

“I have been blessed that I found something early-on that I was passionate about,” he says, “You can be as knowledgeable as you want about anything in the world, but what’s important is what you do with that information.”

Early in his academic career Dr. Krueger weighs an important ingredient for his research. During his tenure at Ferris, Dr. Krueger’s research focused on a variety of areas related to plant cell cultures and plant cell culture techniques.
Pharmacy students and staff visit Eli Lilly and Company facilities in Indianapolis.

Dr. Krueger and his colleagues pose in the model pharmacy, circa early 1980s.
Ferris State University officially opened its College of Pharmacy Center for Innovational Learning and Research in a ceremony on Feb. 3, 2012. The center is located on the seventh floor of the complex at 25 Michigan St. NE, better known as Grand Rapids’ “Medical Mile.”

The facility is designed to serve as a central hub for students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program while they study and perform clerkships away from the University’s main campus in Big Rapids. During its third and fourth years, the program emphasizes collaborative and clinical experience.

“This is a very important project for our College of Pharmacy, increasing the University’s presence in Grand Rapids while providing excellent learning and research opportunities for our pharmacy students,” said Ferris State President David L. Eisler. A large turnout for the opening ceremony reflected the Ferris Pharmacy program’s growing profile at the dawn of what Eisler called an “extraordinary next chapter of Ferris’ efforts to meet the health care needs of West Michigan.” The warm welcome from Grand Rapids’ “Medical Mile” community included such attendees as

- Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell
- 35th District State Senator Darwin Booher
- 76th District State House Representative Roy Schmidt
- Ferris State University Board of Trustees member and College of Pharmacy alumnus George Menoutes
- Ferris Pharmacy Alumni Association President Andrew Young
- Michigan Pharmacists Association CEO Larry Wagenknecht
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy President Dr. Lucinda Maine
- Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners President and CEO Dr. Peter Coggan
- Infusion Associates Medical Director and Chair of the Grand Rapids African American Health Institute Dr. Khan Nedd
- Spectrum Health Director of Healthier Communities Dr. Erin Inman.

The celebration of the new facility held special significance for Ferris Pharmacy alumni and friends, explained Young.

“Our focus as alumni is on the students and on the faculty,” he said. “It truly is ‘congratulations’ that we’re able to say ‘it’s done.’ It’s a state-of-the-art building.”
For Innovative Learning and Research

Ferris State has put its students in the heart of Grand Rapids’ “Medical Mile” to create engaging opportunities for them to experience health care environments and connect with practicing professionals. The center’s location near the Spectrum Health System’s Butterworth Hospital, Meijer Heart Center, Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital and the Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion will provide abundant opportunities for Ferris Pharm.D. students to connect with experts in the field for specialized studies and practical experience.

Students at the 25 Michigan facility also will be in close proximity to other research and academic leaders, such as the Van Andel Institute, the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Secchia Center, the Grand Valley State University Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences and the Grand Rapids Community College Calkins Science Center.

“The new facility positions students in a very contemporary academic health care setting, which enriches the curriculum,” explained College of Pharmacy Dean Stephen Durst.

The center houses instructional and computer lab space, office space for 10 to 15 faculty and staff members, and a series of smaller study areas that allow students to work in groups on case studies and other coursework. The center was designed by URS Corp. and furnished by Custer, both of Grand Rapids. The Christman Company of Lansing provided construction services.

The facility also will become a destination for students of Ferris State’s other health care sciences programs, creating opportunities for interprofessional education and putting Ferris at the leading edge of health care instruction. Featuring ample classroom and lab space, as well as a series of smaller study rooms, the facility offers students 24-hour access to resources, including course materials and texts, all of which are digital.

A New Tradition of Excellence

The development of the center is timed with the College of Pharmacy’s introduction of a new curriculum that, in line with national shifts in pharmacy instruction, emphasizes pharmacists’ close collaboration with other pharmacists and health care providers such as physicians and nurses for more comprehensive care.

The potential advantages of the new curriculum and facility have energized and excited the program’s students.

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“Bringing Ferris to the ‘Medical Mile’ is a notice to everyone that we are ready for this change in our future,” said third-year Pharmacy student Jordan Newman. “The facility itself is indeed set up perfectly for the changes in the way that we are learning this year.”

The new curriculum also focuses on the perspective of patients who, especially in an aging population with rapidly-advancing health care technology, may be dealing with complex diagnoses and treatment information. By preparing its students with a collaborative and patient-centered approach, the Doctor of Pharmacy program stays at the leading edge of pharmacy education and provides future pharmacists with key tools to create better health care experiences for the communities they will serve.

“Excellence in Pharmacy education is synonymous with Ferris, and this results from Ferris’ decades of dedication to both the profession and the professionals that it helps create,” said fourth-year Pharmacy student and Senior Class President Ryan Greenley.

“With the opening of this new facility, Ferris has established what I view as a promise to its current and future students, and to alumni, that it will continue its dedication. It’s a promise that also extends to the entire health care community as a whole, a community that has moved toward a collaborative approach, with no better example of this than the ‘Medical Mile’ that exists here in Grand Rapids,” Greenley added.

In addition to making Ferris State first in pharmacy instruction on the “Mile,” the center reinforces the University’s commitment to excellence in preparation of pharmacy professionals, who will play an increasingly important role in the future of community health care and in the success of local economies.

“It’s all about job growth and economic vitality. It’s job growth in what has become for us a very, very significant sector: that interface between education, health care and health research, typified by the environment that we’re in here on what we call our ‘Medical Mile,’” said Heartwell in his remarks at the ceremony. “We are training people for the careers of the future, in health care, pharmacy and nursing.”

One of only three Michigan colleges to offer the Pharm.D., Ferris is focused on instilling a strong sense of leadership in its graduates. Approximately one-half of all Michigan pharmacists are Ferris graduates, and the sense of responsibility for providing high quality health care is strong among its current students.
“A facility like this establishes that the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy will continue for many more decades to be dedicated to providing the best education possible, to produce some of the best pharmacists, and to play an important role in creating the best health care that we can,” said Greenley.

Conscious of its 116-year tradition of success and the mandate of a new era in health care, the College of Pharmacy is poised to have its most significant and positive impact yet.

“Our new location puts us in a better place to serve as a portal for health care for all of the communities we touch,” adds Durst. “Many of our students return to their home communities or stay in Michigan. They’re going to use the skills we’ve helped them develop throughout their career, resulting in better patient care.”
The 2011-12 academic year already has seen a series of new developments within Ferris State University’s College of Pharmacy. In addition to its new Grand Rapids instructional facility and new dean, the College of Pharmacy has implemented a new Pharm.D. curriculum designed to keep it at the leading edge of pharmacy instruction.

The new curriculum integrates course work and emphasizes interprofessional collaboration and practical experience, in line with recent national shifts in pharmacy studies. In Fall 2009, the College of Pharmacy welcomed its first class under a new curriculum that provides all of these benefits.

“Pharmacy is in a period of transition right now — going from a product-centered profession to a patient-centered profession where we’re much more concerned about optimizing medication therapy for the individual patient,” explains Pharmacy professor Curtis Smith. “The changes to Ferris’ curriculum are designed to support graduates as they enter practice settings in the future, where the pharmacist in a pharmacy is responsible for reviewing and monitoring patients’ drug therapies for appropriate dosing and drug interactions, as well as administering vaccinations and providing preventative health information.”

The updated Pharm.D. program integrates material from once-separate courses to more directly connect their concepts. Classes such as Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacology have been combined to create a new course, Drug Action. New Infectious Disease courses, which students begin in the second year of the Pharm.D. program, combine information from foundational areas of study including microbiology, pharmacognosy, chemotherapeutics and pharmacotherapeutics, so that students learn interrelated information about diseases, their causes, drugs and drug therapy in a more concentrated way.

The new curriculum also integrates topics across multiple courses to help students retain information and strengthen critical thinking skills. The Infectious Disease courses are
presented in a structured, two-course sequence so that students have the opportunity to relate concepts between the two courses and connect them to their other work in the program, a feature which promotes retention and active learning.

“We intend to deliver course material with a lot more active learning — getting the students engaged,” says Dean Stephen Durst. “Active learning keeps students more interested.”

Changes to instructional style also reflect this aspect of the new curriculum. Courses such as pharmacotherapeutics, once lecture-based, consists primarily of group work that encourages
problem-solving and critical thinking, so that graduates are better-prepared not only to help address a patient’s health problem but to help identify it in the first place.

“It’s problem-solving, but it’s also problem recognition, and that’s of equal importance,” explains Durst. “Many times, a patient may not even know what the problem is. Pharmacists need to be able to tease that out and then help develop a solution.”

In addition to helping students acquire the necessary critical thinking skills, active learning methods such as group work foster the collaborative approach that modern pharmacists need to provide the best possible care. When Pharm.D. students engage in course work as a group, they develop the attitudes and skills that will enhance their future interprofessional interactions with the physicians, specialists, nurses and others who, together, form a patient’s health care team.

“With a team-based learning experience and perspective, students gain stronger problem-solving skills and work together better, which will help them in the future, in practice,” adds Durst.

Another facet of the curriculum designed to help students gain perspective is the two-year Longitudinal Patient sequence, designed to help students relate to the experiences of their patients. Most Pharm.D. graduates are young adults, and many have not experienced serious illness first-hand. The course, taken in the second and third years, helps students relate to patients and families facing difficult diagnoses and increasingly complex medical information. Equipped with a more personal understanding of patients’ experiences, Ferris Pharm.D. graduates are prepared to communicate with and serve them more effectively.

Expanded practice experience is another benefit of the new Pharm.D. curriculum. Students complete newer, earlier practice experience in community pharmacies and hospitals during the summer of the program’s first and second years. The experience provides a frame of reference for courses such as the Longitudinal Patient and are another new area of special emphasis for the Pharm.D. curriculum.

“Early practical experience allows students to compare the information they’re learning in the classroom to what they have seen in a practice setting,” says Smith. “Instead of just book knowledge, something they have read on paper, they have experienced it first-hand and are much likelier to learn it in greater depth.”

Traditionally, students performed practice experiences and clerkships in their third and fourth years of Pharmacy studies. Practice experience in the program’s first and second years gives greater relevance to students’ subsequent course material and clinical experience.

“It introduces students to more practical components of Pharmacy earlier and better prepares them for the early experiential work that they do now in the curriculum,” Smith adds.

With its new curriculum in place, the College of Pharmacy is ready to provide new generations of pharmacists with the preparation they need to have fulfilling professional careers and to make a significant impact on the patients and community they serve.
“Lasting Effect” of the Ferris Experience Prompts Two Couples’ Generous Giving

In 1927, Kenneth Rumsey left his Pharmacy studies and the football team at Ferris State University — then known as the “Ferris Institute” — at the end of his freshman year. Ken’s connection to Ferris’ College of Pharmacy easily might have ended there, and that it did not is a curious reflection of the spirit of giving and Ferris’ unique power to transform lives.

Proud as Ken was of his position as quarterback and his prized possession, his crimson and gold Ferris letter sweater, he also was deeply missing the love of his life, Alma Nellis, who was back home in Lansing, Mich. Though Alma visited campus that year to accompany Ken to the yearly Pharmacy dance, Ken soon found that he could not stand being apart from her and ended his studies at the College of Pharmacy to return to Lansing, marry Alma and take a job in a furniture store.

Many happy years later, Ken and Alma met George and Patricia Walsh, a young Lansing couple with whom they became close, lifelong friends — so close, in fact, that the Walshes came to consider the Rumseys a second set of parents and ultimately played a key role in preserving their ties to Ferris State.

“Patricia was a daughter to them, and I was a son,” said George Walsh, who first got to know the Rumseys when, as a young professional, he rented a room from the couple and helped take care of their property while they were out of town. George’s early care for Ken and Alma’s interests foreshadowed his later advocacy for the couple, seeing through their estate plans after their passing and even adding to an already generous gift that became the Kenneth A. and Alma L. Rumsey Endowed Scholarship.

Strong supporters of higher education throughout their lives, the Rumseys had made planned giving provisions to benefit Michigan State University in their hometown. However, their plans did not seem complete until, with the Walshes’ help, Ken and Alma included the Ferris College of Pharmacy in their plans, endowing the scholarship that today bears their names.

Ken often spoke very fondly of his experience at Ferris but had never continued his studies there — making his and Alma’s generous gift, while most welcome, a little mysterious. After all, Ken had spent a short time at the University.

“The gift is an incredible testament to the lasting effect that Mr. Rumsey’s involvement in the College had on him,” said College of Pharmacy Dean Stephen Durst. “There was something very positive in that experience, a sense of belonging, a connection to the College.”

Certainly, Ken would have appreciated the supportive academic and vibrant social environments at Ferris in the late 1920s. The Ferris Institute had recently seen founder Woodbridge N. Ferris proudly serve as a United States senator and two terms as Governor of Michigan, and the year marked the school’s first official homecoming celebration. It was a time of exciting changes for Ferris and its students.

On the other hand, the Rumseys also were thoughtful and giving by their very natures. The Walshes recall how Ken and Alma brightened the days of a seriously ill child in their community, taking him on a fishing trip at their cabin on Higgins Lake. Perhaps their gift was simply a product of their natural goodwill.

“Ken was a dynamo who never stopped moving,” said George Walsh. “He couldn’t do enough for other people.”

What is certain is that the Walshes’ friendship with the Rumseys and profound respect for their commitment to helping others led them to help coordinate a gift that will meaningfully honor the couple for years to come.

“It’s remarkable, the Walshes were committed to carrying out the Rumseys’ desires. They followed through with this gift and enhanced it,” added Durst, who noted that the exceptional gift has been made at a time when the definition of a ‘typical donor’ to the Pharmacy program is changing.

“In the past, we’ve thought that there would always be a few select, successful alumni who would be the donors. Now, when we look at the changing demographics of pharmacists and Pharmacy students, we see a really different picture. For the
pharmacists, we see many more who may be donating at a middle level — maybe not in a way that names a building after them, but in a way that really recognizes what they’ve gained from their studies here,” said Durst.

“Ferris has a unique story, in that donors give because, in addition to helping someone become a pharmacist, they might also be helping someone become a college graduate for the first time in his or her family. This is still a school of great opportunity, in Pharmacy as well as throughout the University. To me, the rewarding part of that is that we are working with a group of very knowledgeable, committed, enthusiastic students, and the difference that we’re making in their lives is perceptible and significant.”

The Rumseys’ and Walshes’ wish to leave a legacy at Ferris may be owed to the University’s brief but profound impact on Ken in his freshman year — after all, he did insist on being buried in his Ferris letter sweater — or on the two couples’ inherent kindness and philanthropy. Their gift is sure to have a positive impact on deserving Pharmacy students and their patients for years to come.
John Lower (P’63) recently moved to Mason, Mich., while continuing practice at Olin Health Center at MSU.


S. Bert Kasven, DPM, R.Ph (‘69) is at Community Foot and Ankle Clinics in Denver, Colo. "Working life is good." Bert and his spouse are also enjoying scuba diving around the world.

Fred Ghannam (P’88) is a community pharmacist at Guardian Pharmacy in St. Johns, Fla.

Dr. Scott Mark (P’93) accepted the position of Corporate Vice President at the West Penn Alleghany Health system in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Amy (Curtiss) Bolthouse (P’00), Spring Lake, Mich., and husband, Adam, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Betsy Ruth, born Oct. 15, 2010. She joined her sister, Brook, 4, and brother, Brandon, 2.


Heather Schalk (P’06), Holt, Mich., received the Michigan Pharmacists Association’s Distinguished New Pharmacist Practitioner Award during the association’s Annual Convention and Exposition, held Feb. 25-27 in Detroit. To be eligible for this award, sponsored by Pharmacy Services Inc., a Michigan pharmacist must be licensed to practice for fewer than 10 years; be an MPA member; and participate in pharmacy associations, professional programs and community service. Through her involvement with the Capital Area Pharmacists Association executive board, she had spearheaded multiple events, including hosting a pharmacy health event at the Lansing City Market. She is currently a clinical pharmacist with Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

Losses
Burton Wetmore (P’42) Merrill, Mich., 4/24/11
Richard Green (P’49) Traverse City, Mich., 6/14/10
Francis Loughrin (P’49) Grand Rapids, Mich., 4/9/11
Robert Brandes (P’50) Coldwater, Mich., 2/22/11
Francis Forrester (P’50) Beulah, Mich., 12/23/10
Edward Szumowicz (P’50) Davison, Mich., 12/29/10
James Erspamer (P’52) Marquette, Mich., 6/17/11
Richard Moblo (P’52) Lakeview, Mich., 6/11/11
Charles Claffey (P’54) Grand Blanc, Mich., 5/2/11
Robert Bennett (P’56) Scottville, Mich., 12/27/12
Barbara Curtis (P’58) Charlotte, Mich., 8/1/11
Donald Tasker (P’58) Coopersville, Mich., 7/4/11
Ronald Conn (P’59) Saginaw, Mich., 6/14/11
Charles Richter (P’62) Saginaw, Mich., 7/18/11
Steven Olmstead (P’75) Inkster, Mich., 9/24/10

Share Your News
New baby in the family? Recently married? Promotion at work? Send us your updates and stay connected! Send in your information to Andrea Ruggles at ruggless@ferris.edu or send to Alumni News, College of Pharmacy, Ferris State University, 220 Ferris Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307-2740.
One of the College of Pharmacy’s most distinguished alumna, Dr. Jolaine Draugalis, was honored at this year’s May commencement with an Honorary Doctorate of Business and Industry. Dr. Drauglis, a 1976 Graduate of the then School of Pharmacy, has many fond and significant memories of her years at Ferris, including meeting her husband, Paul, a 1974 School of Pharmacy graduate. Her return to campus to receive the honor provided an opportunity to visit many of the locations that were significant during her years as a student.

Through her many Ferris connections, Draugalis still keeps in touch with her roommate and contemporaries in the pharmacy field.

Draugalis, who also holds a Master of Education degree with a major in Educational Psychology and a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Pharmacy from the University of Arizona, has served as dean of the College of Pharmacy, The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, since 2007. She also holds the David Ross Boyd Professorship.

She is recognized for her extensive work in educational program design, administration and evaluation. Her research program is concerned with determining how resources, curricula and academic programs are administered in pharmacy education as well as reward structures of the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Dr. Draugalis has been honored for both her teaching and research. Her many honors include the American Pharmacists Association’s Gloria Niemeyer Francke Leadership Mentor Award, the University of Arizona’s Henry and Phyllis Koffler Prize for Teaching, and the American Pharmacists Association’s Research Achievement Award in the Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Receiving the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award is her point of pride.

“I was the first woman to ever receive it and also the first associate professor,” she said. “It meant a lot to me.”

Her service to her profession includes serving on the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006 and as its president from 2004 to 2005.

During her studies at Ferris, Draugalis was appreciative of faculty and staff members who made earning her degree enjoyable.

“Whether it was taking the time to visit during office hours to have a discussion, or if they were an impressive lecturer, they made an impact,” she said.

She continues to meet many people in her field with Ferris connections.

“A lot of people in pharmacy, whether they’re in industry, practice or academia, are Ferris graduates,” Draugalis said. “My degree has taken me a long way. I’ve always felt very proud of my pharmacy education. It’s a fine degree in and of itself, but it also prepares you well for additional pursuits.”
College of Pharmacy Alumni Advisory Board — Call for Nominations

Board members are alumni who volunteer their time and efforts to advance the vision and mission of the College through advocacy, alumni engagement and philanthropic outreach. Members serve as an advisory board for enrichment of the curriculum and alumni-based activities of the College of Pharmacy. They remain current on College activities and affairs, respond to alumni opinions and concerns, serve as ambassadors for the College and University, and support outreach efforts to the alumni and friends of Ferris.

Members serve a term of office of four years, with an opportunity for a one-term renewal. The board meets up to four times each year. Additionally, members serve on several working committees to accomplish the mission and goals of the College of Pharmacy.

The board works to have a broad representation from our diverse alumni. Interested college alumni are invited to nominate a friend or themselves; particular attention will be given to alumni from the 1990s, currently a less-represented era.

Please submit your name, a brief explanation of why you or your nominee would be an asset to the College of Pharmacy Alumni Advisory Board, and resume/vitae to Cheryl Kondziolka, assistant to the dean, at CherylKondziolka@ferris.edu by July 20, 2012.