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Dear Friends,

Thank you sincerely for your gifts of your treasure and your time. Your gifts make it possible for students and faculty to extend their impact in ways that would otherwise not be possible. The School of Pharmacy's goal is to provide the innovators—and the discoveries—to solve the complex medication-related problems of today and tomorrow. The School is committed to improving health through excellence, innovation, and leadership.

With your support, students are learning to become innovators and leaders. This publication features several scholarship recipients and showcases a few of their accomplishments. With your support, our faculty members are working to solve the complex medication-related problems that face us. Together, we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Kroboth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia D. Kroboth  
Dean



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## **Education of Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Scientists**

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Your support makes it possible for  
students to learn through experiences.

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EDUCATION OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENTISTS

**Indrani Kar** outlined an interprofessional curriculum to expand and enhance wellness and health promotion education among students of the health sciences.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

**Brahim Shettima** and **Kyle McCormick** worked with faculty to design a peer evaluation process for student portfolios.

HOWARD W. JEFFREYS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

GARY P. STOEHR SCHOLARSHIP

**Natalie Capozzolo** evaluated approaches to facilitate use of an online diabetes education program by pharmacists in Brazil.

LARRY AND LEE ANN MERLO STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

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Indrani Kar



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Scott Drab



Melissa McGivney



Randall Smith



Lindsay Ferguson

EDUCATION OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENTISTS

**Drs. Scott Drab** and **Randall Smith** have reached over 15,000 pharmacists and student pharmacists through DM Educate, an online curriculum to enhance the care of diabetes patients.

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**Dr. Melissa McGivney** explored cutting edge practice opportunities in community pharmacies, which led to the development of the Community Leadership Innovation and Practice Program that is now developing faculty experts at other universities around the nation.

CXXV ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT

**Dr. Lindsay Ferguson** is learning to develop drug formulations as a PhD student through her HIV/AIDS prevention work with her mentor, Dr. Lisa Rohan.

RANDY AND RENÉE JUHL CLINICAL SCIENTIST AWARD

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## Research and Scholarship

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RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

**Nick Wytiaz** evaluated drug dosages in over-and underweight patients in the cardiac intensive care unit and assessed outcomes associated with prescribed dosages.

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**Erin Resetar** studied the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of inhaled rGM-CSF in infant mice to help develop treatments for respiratory syncytial virus in infants.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

**Tony Amos** compared risk-adjusted models for 30-day readmissions in a general medicine population.

JOHN P. AND CONSTANCE A. CURRAN PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Nick Wytiaz

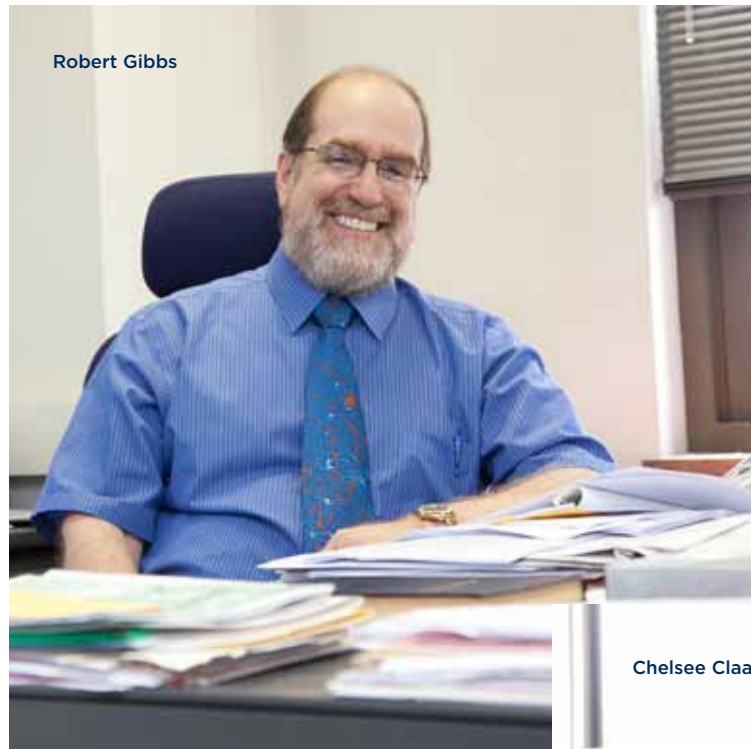


Erin Resetar



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Robert Gibbs



Wen Xie



Chelsea Claar

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## RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

**Dr. Robert Gibbs** discovered new estrogen effects on brain function and cognition through the hypothalamic peptide, orexin.

DAVID AND BETTY BRENNEMAN FUND

**Dr. Wen Xie** is discovering new roles for nuclear receptors that may lead to novel approaches for preventing or treating diabetes.

JOSEPH P. KOSLOW ENDOWED CHAIR IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

**Chelsea Claar** evaluated hemoglobin levels prior to hepatitis c genotype 1 treatment as an indicator of anemia development.

LARRY AND LEE ANN MERLO STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD





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## Care of Patients

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Your support makes it possible for faculty and students to impact the lives of patients through pharmacist-provided patient care.

**Thank you.**

CARE OF PATIENTS

**Aaron Dailey, Amanda Johnson, Andrew Clark, and Anastasia Sidor** worked with faculty to create their own special topics course in health quality improvement; they developed safer and more efficient medication management for a family medicine practice.

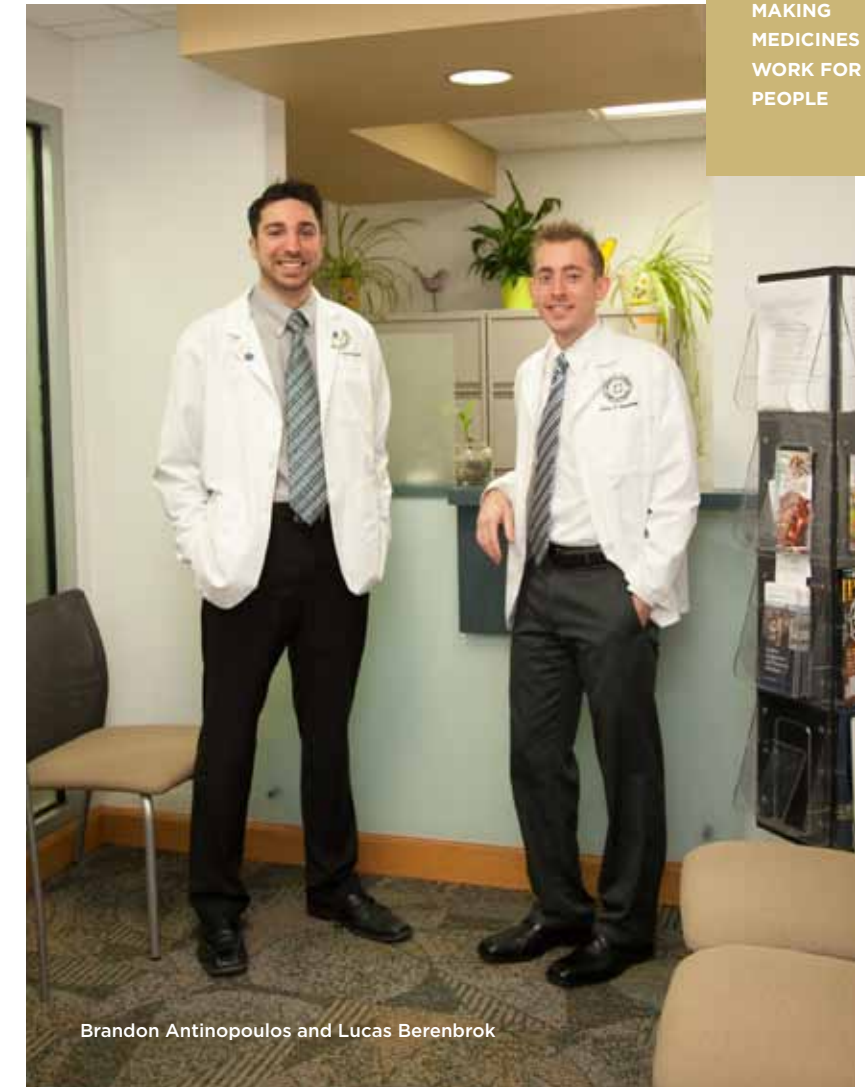
SAMUEL T. AND HERBERT S. SHEAR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP  
REUBEN HELFANT PHARMACEUTICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
STAN COHEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Brandon Antinopoulos** and **Lucas Berenbrok** led a special project to implement a reimbursement mechanism for pharmacist-provided patient care in independent and chain pharmacies.

J. HENRY AND IRENE LOWE KLINGENSMITH SCHOLARSHIP  
SAMUEL T. AND HERBERT S. SHEAR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Lucas Berenbrok** was a Top Ten Finalist in the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists National Patient Counseling Competition.

LOUIS WEINBERGER ENDOWED FUND SCHOLARSHIP



Brandon Antinopoulos and Lucas Berenbrok

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Nicole Pezzino



Alisa Snyder



Desiree Kosmisky and Chelsea Fitzgerald

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CARE OF PATIENTS

**Nicole Pezzino** began developing specialized expertise in the care of diabetes patients in her first year of the PharmD program. Now in her fourth year, Nicole has established longitudinal relationships with patients and learned to make personalized therapeutic decisions individualized to patient-specific needs.

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**Alisa Snyder**, working in rural Honduras with Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh-San José on a P4 rotation, is providing vitamin A supplementation and anti parasitic medications to local school children.

ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD

**Desiree Kosmisky, Chelsea Fitzgerald, Oriyomi Alimi,** and **Melissa Ruminski** developed and implemented a student-pharmacist based medication reconciliation program in an outpatient hemodialysis clinic.

CVS SCHOLARSHIP

DARBAKER SCHOLARSHIP



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## Service to our Communities

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Your support makes it possible for faculty and students to serve in the communities in which we live and work.

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SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

**Kyle McCormick** and **Eric Abanquah** led the development of a plan to create a health and wellness zone for the Oak Hill community in Pittsburgh.

GARY P. STOEHR SCHOLARSHIP

JOHN P. AND CONSTANCE A. CURRAN PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

**Sarah Krahe Dombrowski** formed a student diabetes screening team and, through a Schweitzer Fellowship, educated and empowered seniors to take active roles in their health care.

RALPH R. KARTUB (MR. RALPH) SCHOLARSHIP

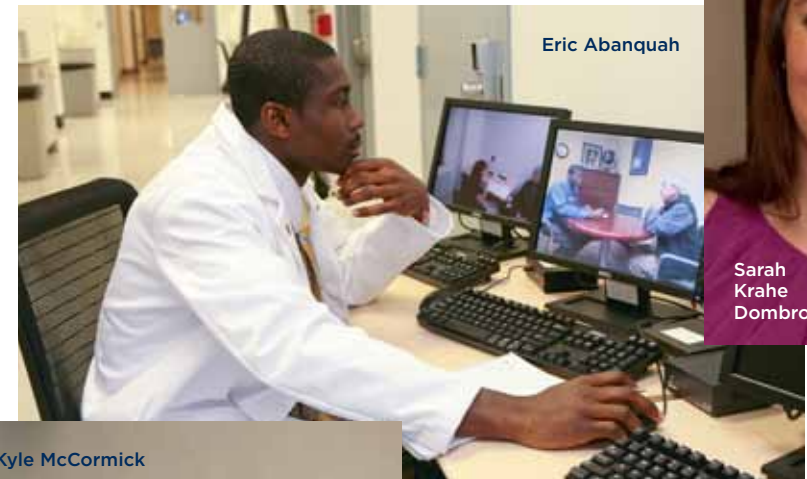
**Jessa Koch** plans and leads an evening health program each week for men recovering from substance abuse at the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center.

WILLIAM H. GERDES MEMORIAL AWARD

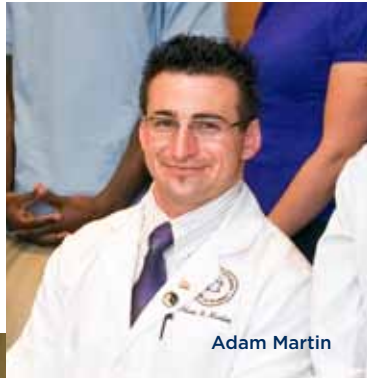
**Sarah Rindfuss** led RxPrep, which is a student-run organization that engages pre-pharmacy students with the profession prior to their application to the PharmD program.

CARL AND VIRGINIA STOEHR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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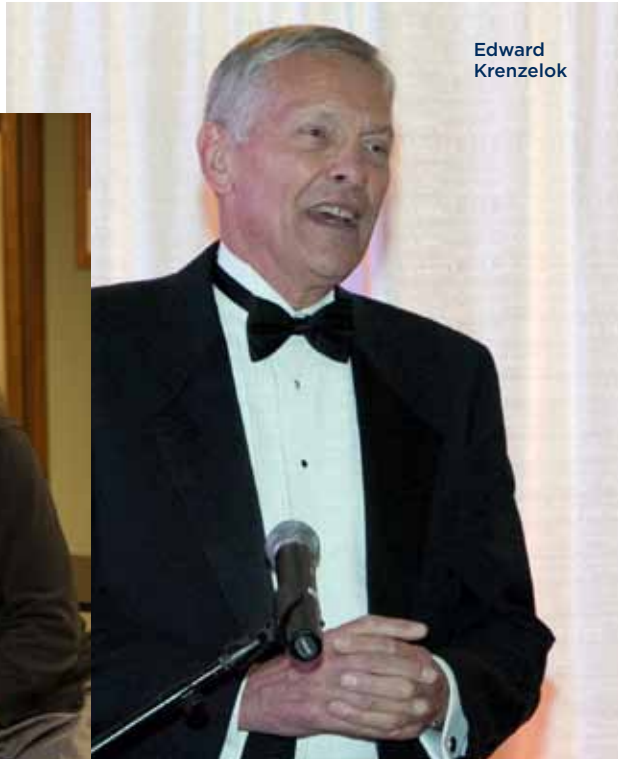


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Edward  
Krenzelo



Lauren Jonkman  
and Sharon Connor



Yardlee  
Kauffman

SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

**Adam Martin** led the Student National Pharmacists Association in providing patient care and outreach to underserved patients and in winning the National Award for Small Chapter.

SAMUEL T. AND HERBERT S. SHEAR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Dr. Edward Krenzelo** developed a program to stem the serious and tragically debilitating problem of lye ingestion in young children in Liberia.

DR. GORDON J. VANSCOY ENDOWED CHAIR

**Yardlee Kauffman**, a PGY2 Global Health resident was working in San José, Honduras, helping the team to paint fluoride treatments on young children during well child checks.

ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD

**Drs. Lauren Jonkman and Sharon Connor** created a smoking cessation program and provided nicotine replacement for underserved patients.

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