

Happy Holidays

from the
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
College of PHARMACY

Dear UH College of Pharmacy alumni and friends,

It's hard to believe that four years have passed since I assumed the position of dean of this 57-year-old College of Pharmacy. I would like to seize this opportunity to thank members of faculty, alumni, staff and students for your unflinching support since my arrival here in Houston. Because of your support, we have been able to accomplish the following:

- Increased total research funding by 135 percent to \$3 million in FY06, with research funding from the National Institutes of Health alone growing by more than 300 percent to \$2.4 million in FY06;
- Increased the total number of faculty by 35 percent, including the appointment of the college's first John & Rebecca Moores Professor;
- Created two new degree programs currently pending official approval, the Pharmaceutical Sciences undergraduate program and the doctorate in Pharmacy Administration, as well as the combined Pharm.D./M.S. that began enrolling students this fall;
- Developed two new research institutes, the PharmacoInformatics Research Center recently approved by the university and the Institute for Community Health (pending university approval);
- Established 18 new student scholarship endowments, representing a 40 percent increase;
- Completed more than \$500,000 in classroom, office and laboratory space renovations in the Texas Medical Center campus and UH main campus buildings; and
- Received full re-accreditation from the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education through 2011.

During the past four years, we also have had many noteworthy individual achievements by the college's alumni and students, including the recent awards bestowed on several alumni by the Texas Pharmacy Association and its Houston chapter; the first-ever consecutive student wins in the American Pharmacists Association National Patient Counseling Competition; and election of a UH pharmacy student to president of the APhA-Academy of Student Pharmacists.

As I enter the fifth year of my tenure, it's rewarding to see the college poised to build upon our recent success by achieving even higher levels of excellence in teaching, research and service. I am excited about the challenges and opportunities before us in the New Year, including pursuing new partnerships, expanding existing relationships, and initiating curriculum and technology improvements to ensure our students receive the best-possible education. Once again, thank you for your generosity and support of my administration and our College. May you and your family have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sunny E. Ohia'. The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish.

Sunny E. Ohia, *Dean*

2006 Year in Review

- * First place in the TSHP Clinical Skills Disease State Management and Student Poster Award competitions
- * Best Poster Award in the ACCP Spring Practice & Research Forum
- * Third place in the NCPA National Business Plan Competition and the TPA Innovative Pharmacy Project
- * Hua Chen received AACP's New Investigator Award and grant; Vincent H. Tam collected Young Investigator awards from both ACCP and SIDP; and Rosa F. Yeh accepted ASHP's Junior Investigator Research Grant
- * Welcomed two new PPS faculty members: Malavosklis "Liz" Bikram, Ph.D., and Romi Ghose, Ph.D.; and three new CSA faculty members: Rajender Aparasu, Ph.D., Stephanie Mallow Corbett, Pharm.D., and Michael Johnson, Ph.D.
- * Launched the combined Pharm.D./M.S. degree program
- * UH students exceeded state and national averages on NAPLEX and MPJE
- * Received new scholarship endowments, including Sunny Chin, Bhagavan Jandhyala, Kelsey-Seybold and Red, White & Blue, as well as doubled the existing David & Rosemarie DeVido scholarship
- * Graduated 105 Pharm.D., one Ph.D. and two M.S. students in Class of 2006
- * Admitted 125 Pharm.D., 15 Ph.D. and 15 M.S. students in Fall 2006
- * Welcomed 10 new full-time staff members: Nekesa Berkley, Joan Cain, Autana Hogan, Chip Lambert, Kimberly Ledesma, Shari Mauthner, Shana McCauley, Norvia Remo and Vandana Singh
- * Faculty appointees to journal editorial boards included: Karim Alkadhi – Journal of Pharmacology and Toxicology; E. James Essien – AIDS and Behavior; Russell E. Lewis – Pharmacotherapy; and Vincent H. Tam – Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy