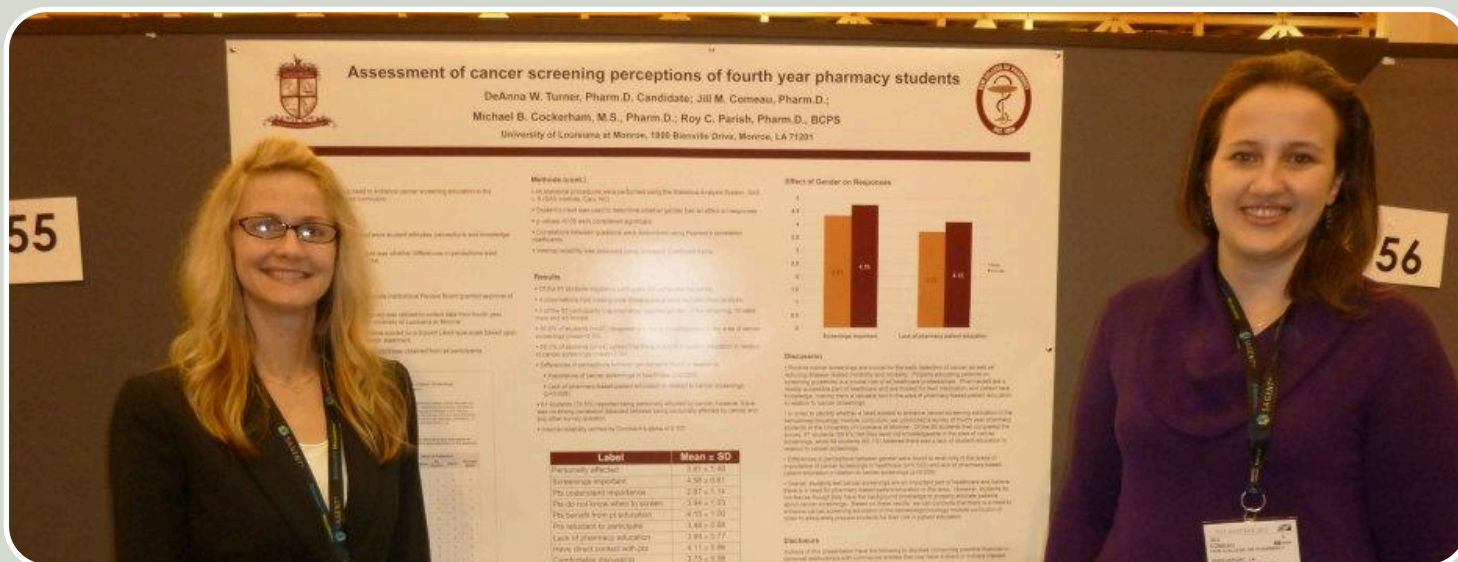


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ULM COLLEGE OF PHARMACY STUDENTS AND FACULTY PRESENT RESEARCH AT ASHP MIDYEAR MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

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Congratulations to the Rho Chi Class of 2013 initiates. Starting with the back row: Bryan Bordelon, Ryan Burke, Monica Hartman, Nick O'Connell, Michael McCauley, Anthony Alpha, Verlencia Jordan, Kacie Keith, Tina Melancon, Logan Thibodeaux.

• Faculty Meeting Schedule

A schedule has been established for regular faculty meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at noon. We will continue to have Tuesday retreats during University Week and will have mid-semester and end-of-semester formal faculty meetings. The remaining monthly meetings will be informal “college chats.” Faculty can submit questions or topics for discussion but college chats will also be open forum. Distance faculty will connect from Shreveport and Baton Rouge classrooms. The first “college chat” is scheduled for Thursday, January 26th at noon.

• Mandatory Tutoring

In Fall of 2010, Dean Blaylock instituted mandatory tutoring for students making less than “Cs” on exams. Faculty set tutoring times for students and worked with them individually and in group settings. Non-progression rates improved from a high of 17.39% in Fall of 2009 to a high of 5.49% in Fall 2010. The highest non-progression rate was 7.58% in Spring 2011. However, this policy was not strictly enforced during the Fall 2011 semester and non-progression rates have increased to a high of 10.89% while P1 student confidence to progress has dropped from 80.85 in Fall 2010 to 62.25 in 2011. Faculty are encouraged to enforce the mandatory tutoring policy and to report student noncompliance to OSPA.

• Fall 2011 Progression Report

All P3s progressed. For P2s, non-progression was one student in PHRD 4058 (Neuro/Psych) and two students in PHRD 4056 (Biopharm/Kinetics). For P1s, five students did not progress in PHRD 4012 (Pathophysiology I). Eleven students did not progress in PHRD 4004 (Calculations) resulting in a 10.89% non-progression rate, the highest for the semester. PHRD 4000 (Medical Microbiology) had one D; PHRD 4002 (Drug Action I) had five Ds; PHRD 4008 (Pharmaceutics) had one D; and PHRD 4014 (Top Drugs) had one D.

• Faculty Activities Database

For the past two years we have been asked to provide reports of non-credit teaching to ULM Administration. Associate Dean Cockerham has collected this data through department heads. For CQI, he is requesting that all faculty enter this data in the Faculty Activities Database (FAD) and for the next report, we will run the report from FAD.

• Faculty Development Resources

If you missed Dr. Sandra Yancy McGuire’s presentation during University Week, you missed an amazing speaker. She was so amazing that we are inviting her to address students at bootcamp and faculty at our Fall Retreat. Dr. McGuire is Assistant Vice Chancellor for Learning, Teaching, and Retention and Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University. She is also past director of the Center for Academic Success. During her address, she referenced a free online book and highly recommends it, *Bransford, J.D., Brown, A.L., Cocking, R.R. (Eds.), 2000. How people learn: Brain, Mind, Experience, and School available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=9853#toc*. Dr. Deanna Buczala, Director of ULM’s Office of Course Redesign, also recommends an article and videos on metacognition available at http://chronicle.com/article/.MetacognitionStudent/130327/?sid=ja&utm_source=ja&utm_medium=en

• ULM Course Evaluation Results

Fall 2011 online course evaluation results are available at https://webservices.ulm.edu/EES/reports/faculty_login.php. You may also access past semester results at that website.

• Kudos Corner

Dr. Brice Mohundro passed her BCACP exam and Dr. Jennifer Smith passed her BCPS exam. Dr. Beverly Walker, completed her PharmD at Shenandoah University’s Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy. Congratulations ladies!