

# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Residency Mentoring Social

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# COPHS QUARTERLY *Checkup*



“ If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

-An African Proverb



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# DEAN'S MESSAGE

## Welcome to the inaugural issue of the COPHS Quarterly Checkup!

I am proud to be entrusted to continue the legacy of pharmacy and health science education at TSU. For many decades TSU has educated some of the best and brightest African-American and other minority students. I will work to assure TSU's continued leadership in pharmacy and health science education for minorities in Houston and all across the nation.

I am happy to be in Houston, the most diverse city in the United States. However, my administration and I will work tirelessly to create awareness of our mission around the country. Colleges and universities have significant responsibility to the communities in which they operate. Therefore, it makes perfect sense to continue recruiting and educating a group of

students whose diversity mimics the diversity of our city and our state.

I am excited to introduce to you the inaugural issue of the COPHS Quarterly Checkup. Its purpose is to allow you to checkup on the great work that our students, alumni, faculty and staff are doing at the College, State and National Level.

I encourage you to share this newsletter with friends and colleagues. COPHS Quarterly Checkup belongs to you so please tell us what you've been up to so that we all can checkup on it! Lastly, don't forget to visit our website and social media and follow us so that you don't miss out on any COPHS updates.

*-Rashid Mosavin*



Follow Dean Mosavin on LinkedIn:  
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Dr. Mosavin accepting the Walgreens Diversity Scholarship Check.

## ALWAYS TEST YOUR ACTIONS BY ASKING:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

*-The 4 Way Test  
Rotary Club International*



# MEET THE DEAN



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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Come out and

- Meet the Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Dr. Rashid Mosavin
- Reconnect with the Alumni Association
- Meet our Alumni President, Christy M. Ware

We will have light bites, live music, and a photo and video slide show to highlight student success!



## “Join Us!”

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**  
**6:30PM to 8:30PM**  
**TSU Student Center**  
**Tiger Room**



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# COPHS NEWS & EVENTS

1. The **TSU COPHS Office of Experiential Training** participated in the *TSU Annual International Recruitment Fair*. Our P4 students who participated in the study abroad during summer 2019 shared their experience in efforts to recruit other students to become involved for summer 2020.



2. The **Office of Experiential Training**, in partnership with **Walgreens Company**, sponsored a *COPHS Flu Clinic* that was geared toward providing the convenience of onsite influenza vaccinations for students, faculty and staff. This event was targeted to our students preparing for their internship placement to meet the immunization requirement. Free shots were made available to the 1st 70 students.



Left to right: Dr. Randall Flores (COPHS Community Practice Resident), Charles Ezedu (P2), Walgreens Store Manager, Dr. Chidi Amadi (COPHS Alum 2012), along with P4 students Joy Anuyah and Chris Cruz.

3. The **COPHS Simulation Center** hosted an *Interdisciplinary Health Professions Simulation Center Fall 2019 Open House*. Faculty received informational and interactive tours of the Center and attended a presentation by **Dr. Portia Davis** about the Center and the opportunities available to Basic Science Faculty in the Center.

4. 2019 brought **TSU's Homecoming** back to campus with the theme "*Back on the Yard, No Place Like Home.*" This was the first home game to be played at TSU's Durley Stadium in 11 seasons. COPHS participated in the homecoming events and thanks to the hard work of our homecoming committee, COPHS placed 2nd in the both the Float and Walking Unit categories for the parade. Our tailgate was well attended by faculty, staff, students and alumni. Dean Mosavin got the opportunity to ride the float and participate in his first TSU homecoming. Alumni had the opportunity to take pictures with and "Meet the Wiz."



5. The *Annual San Jose Clinic - CHI St. Luke's Health Fall Speaker Series Luncheon* is a fundraising event hosted to benefit San Jose Clinic. This year was the 9th annual event, themed "Resiliency and Expansion". The featured panelists were Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of Direct Relief, a non-profit humanitarian medical organization, the Dispensary of Hope, a non-profit wholesale pharmaceutical distributor for charitable clinics and pharmacies, Project HOPE, a global health and humanitarian relief organization, and the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. The panelists discussed their organization's response to **San Jose Clinic** in support of their patients and the greater Houston area following Hurricane Harvey in 2017. **Dr. Rashid Mosavin** was recognized as a Bronze sponsor for the event, and **Texas Southern University** was highlighted as an affiliate of the clinic whose faculty and staff and students contribute to the care of patients served by **San Jose Clinic** and **Catholic Charities**.



Left to Right: Dr. Uche Ndefo, Dr. Rodney Cox, Dr. Flora Estes, Mr. Lance Henderson, Dr. Rashid Mosavin, Dr. Aisha Moultry, Ms. Kit Shelby, Dr. Portia Davis, Dr. Nourhane Badawi, Dr. Randal Flores, Ms. Cynthia Johnson



6. The *CCE Scholarly Writing Workshop* took place with 28 participants (faculty, staff, and graduate students) in attendance. Dr. Bonner, the first guest speaker, taught the participants how to develop and maintain a research agenda and how to increase publication productivity. The second speaker, Dr. Salihu, trained the participants on clinical research methodology.

7. The *CCE Mentorship Program* hosted a *Scholarly Writing Retreat*. Dr. Salihu, taught 16 participants how to develop a writing club, how to rapidly create a clinical manuscript and then led them in a writing activity that will result in a publication on cervical cancer among HIV-Positive patients. The participants wrote the first part





of the manuscript during the writing retreat. Dr. Salihu's team will provide data analysis, and then participants will reconvene to draft the last portions of the document for submission to a journal.

8. **Past Interim Dean Dr. Shirlette Milton** passed the torch to **Dean Mosavin** as he spoke at his first *TSU Induction & White Coat Ceremony*. The Dean read excerpts from *"The Alchemist"* by Paulo Coelho. He encouraged the 1st year students to read this book and begin to reflect on the journey they are about to undertake.

9. *ASHP Mid-Year Conference* was held in Las Vegas. 3rd and 4th year students attended and presented posters. The TSU reception was well attended by alumni.

10. **Systemx America**, a leading manufacturer of clinical diagnostic Hematology and Coagulation analyzers, is donating a Hematology analyzer to the **Clinical Laboratory Science program** in COPHS through their "Systemx Partnering with Education" initiative. The instrument (XN-450) performs a fully automated CBC (complete blood count) in addition to a white blood cell differential and reticulocyte count. Having the analyzer will impact the Hematology and Body Fluids laboratory courses so they will align with practices that are currently used in clinical diagnostic laboratories.

- **CAHME Candidacy Status for MHCA:** Under the leadership of Program Director **Dr. Sonnice Estill**, the **Masters in Healthcare Administration Program** received program candidacy states with the **Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare management Education (CAHME)**. CAHME works to ensure that graduates entering the healthcare field have undergone an educational process meeting rigorous, measurable standards for effectiveness.

- **HCA Affiliation:** The **Health Administration Program** is pleased to announce a new affiliation with **HCA Healthcare**, one of the nation's leaders in health care services. They have more than fifteen health care entities in the greater Houston area. This partnership was initiated through two alumni, one internal and the other external to the HCA organization. The partnership includes internship opportunities, as well as our Annual Health Administration Professional Development Excursion! We look forward to finalizing our College Job Fair in March or April!

- **Faculty Mentoring Program:** **Drs. Omonike Olaleye, China Jenkins and Ya Fatou Njie-Mbye** have developed and are piloting a faculty mentorship program that capitalizes on the strengths and values of COPHS. The **COPHS Collaborative Experience - Partnering for Excellence Mentoring Program** aka CCE Program is a structured program that aims to better position all COPHS faculty, especially early stage faculty, to easily navigate through the increasingly complex demands of their careers, to thrive professionally, and to be active members of the COPHS community. The program provides support for faculty excellence in the following key areas: Teaching, research and service, developing collaborative networks, understanding the criteria for promotion and tenure, and achieving career goals.

- **HBCU Faculty Development Network:** The **COPHS TEAM Center** successfully managed and hosted the Opening Reception of the *HBCU Faculty Development Network Annual Conference*. The reception was held at the new Library Learning Center and accommodated faculty and administrators from HBCU's nationwide.

- **Great American Smokeout:** **Respiratory Therapy** students held the *Great American Smokeout* in the TSU Student Health Center to inform participants of resources and tips to help them quit smoking. Free lung capacity screenings were also provided.



11. In celebration of the partnership between **Texas Southern University** and the **March of Dimes**, faculty and staff from the COPHS attended the *Unspoken Stories: A Birth Equity Luncheon*. The luncheon benefited the Greater Houston March of Dimes and its Greater Houston Birth Equity Initiatives including funding for Supportive Pregnancy Care programs.

12. During *Winter Graduation*, **COPHS** was pleased to celebrate 1 PHD student, 5 Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Students, 4 Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health students, 28 Bachelor of Science in Health Administration students and 21 Doctor of Pharmacy Students.

# COPHS *Student* ACHIEVEMENT



## **Alma Mendoza**, PharmD, P2 Student

**Alma Mendoza** has been accepted into the *The Cancer Prevention Research Training Program (CP RTP) Summer Research Experience* which is a 10-week summer program offered by the **University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center**. Awardees are selected and required to participate in educational activities such as research, competitions, and informative conferences. Additionally, students are required to complete a scientific poster and a 90-second elevator speech presentation. One of the many benefits of this program is to prepare students with adequate skills to establish working relationships through interprofessional collaboration. The CP RTP is ideal for students who are interested in the field of oncology and in prevention research. As a pharmacy student, programs like the CP RTP are essential to understand how research findings are transcribed into daily clinical practice to deliver the highest quality of patient care. Her faculty advisor is will be **Dr. Veronica Ajewole** who was the 1st TSU COPHS student to participate in this program in her P2 summer in 2013.



## **Jamalena Thompson**, PharmD, P4 Student

**Jamalena Thompson** has accepted the *U.S. Oncology Medical Communications/Field Medical Fellowship* with **Bristol-Myers Squibb** in conjunction with the **Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship (RPIF) Program**. This 2-year fellowship provides an opportunity to develop an understanding of the functional areas of Medical Communications and Field Medical. Fellows will be afforded the opportunity to build a strong foundation from their first year experiences in medical communications, as well as through early exposure to field rides, that can be leveraged as they transition into a field-based role during the second year of the fellowship. Throughout the course of this fellowship, individuals will not only acquire disease state knowledge, but also master clinical data regarding Bristol-Myers Squibb and competitor oncology products. Fellows will collaborate within a cross-functional matrix (e.g. Legal/Regulatory, Marketing, Medical, and R&D) through leading fellow-driven projects with demonstrable business impact.

## TSU SNPhA Named 2-Time National Winners!

### ***TSU SNPhA: 1st Place National Winners of the Ready Set Action Initiative***

TSU SNPhA has been named the national 1st place winners of the *Student National Pharmaceutical Association's 2019 "Ready Set Action" Initiative* purposed to display the diverse roles pharmacists play in the respective communities they serve!

The Texas Southern University Chapter of the **Student National Pharmaceutical Association** was privileged to interview TSU's very own Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice **Dr. Portia N. Davis** at San José Clinic on the profession of pharmacy's current impact and its potential to change the landscape of patient centered care. "We want [patients] to think of us as your champion for your personal health goals...We aren't going anywhere." -**Dr. Portia N. Davis**

As the national competition winners, the winning submission was featured on the National SNPhA Homepage and is linked on the COPHS Facebook and LinkedIn.

### ***TSU SNPhA: 1st Place National Winners of the Remember the Ribbon "Red Ribbon Campaign"***

TSU SNPhA has been named the 1st place national winners of the *2019 SNPhA Remember the Ribbon HIV/AIDS Advocacy Competition* purposed to educate on and eliminate the stigma of HIV and AIDS in local communities. Chapters around the nation were tasked to create a replica of the HIV/AIDS ribbon that represents SNPhA's commitment to raising awareness. Out of the 105 chapters around the nation, TSU's ribbon photo was named the best in the country!

## SNPhA Prescription for Service Competition Recipients

COPHS Students Andre' Phillips, Mehrdad Gorek, Tamar Hicks, Kenley Miller and Todd Strayhorn Jr. recently competed in the 2019-2020 SNPhA Prescription for Service Competition sponsored by Walmart & SamsClub. The submitted proposal was focused towards Music Therapy for the homeless youth of The Covenant House-Texas located here in Houston. The winners of the competition are given a \$2,500 grant to implement their proposal within their community, and will advance to compete nationally for a \$10,000 scholarship. It is with pleasure that we announce that amongst Pharmacy Schools across the nation, the COPHS team has been selected as one of five recipients for this \$2,500 grant and will advance to the National Competition, representing Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy.

We are proud to represent this university and are eager to share this accomplishment with you as you have been a positive influence towards our professional success and encouragement. The video is linked on the COPHS Facebook and LinkedIn.

## Collins Enwerem

PharmD, P4 Student



Collins Enwerem was the only TSU student selected to participate in the highly competitive *Houston Methodist Hospital Longitudinal APPE (LAPPE)* program and the FAMU/Bristol-Myers Squibb APPE Rotation Program in New Jersey. Way to go Collins!

## Houston Methodist Cancer Symposium 1st Place Poster

Congratulations to **Oyinkansola Akindele** and **Collins Enwerem** for their 1st place win in clinical category for poster titled "Development and Implementation of Electrolyte Replacement Protocol in the Outpatient Oncology Infusion Center of a Large Academic Healthcare System" at *Houston Methodist Cancer Symposium* on August 16th, 2019. TSU Faculty mentor: **Veronica B Ajewole**, PharmD BCOP.



## ASHP/SSHP Practice Advancement Initiative Video 1st Place

The *Practice Advancement Initiative (PAI) Video Competition* for our **Student Societies of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP)**. The competition calls for quick informational and inspiring videos that will be an imaginative and popular way to educate and advocate for the future practice of pharmacy. This is a way for student pharmacists to showcase their professionalism while also expressing their creativity. The COPHS student chapter video won 1st place and was recognized at Midyear. In the video the TSU students explain the way the Practice Advancement Initiative transforms us into the superheroes we really are. View the video on the COPHS Facebook or LinkedIn.

## Drug Formulary for the Mars Spaceship Collaboration with NASA

The TSU College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences was the only school in the nation chosen to assist the **NASA** medical scientists in developing a list of medications to be on board the spaceship for NASA's first trip to Mars. Students will work on this project with leadership from **Dr. Uche Ndefo**. This collaboration also resulted in two paid summer internships for pharmacy students.



## SSHP Residency Mentoring Social

**SSHP** chapters at UH and TSU College of Pharmacy hosted the *15th Annual Residency Mentoring Social*. This event was a unique opportunity for students to interact with several PGY1 & PGY2 residency programs from the Houston/Galveston area. Students were able to participate in round-robin discussions with residents as well as program directors. Featuring Dr. Jeffrey Wagner, the assistant Vice President of pharmacy operations at Texas Children's Hospital as our keynote speaker, the event highlighted the importance of professional development, networking and leadership among professional peers, and was inspiring to all that attended.





**Joan M. LaFleur graduated from the TSU College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 1972. She passed away in 2016 and bequeathed the College a gift of \$3.1 million dollars. This is the single largest gift in TSU history.**

# Joan M. Lafleur

Joan Marie Lafleur received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy at Texas Southern University in 1971. She moved to the state of Illinois and practiced Community Pharmacy with Walgreens Corporation. Joan passed away in 2016 and bequeathed \$3.1 million to the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences to be used for student scholarships and infrastructure improvements. This generous gift is the single largest gift in the history of Texas Southern University.



To honor this gift, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has been renamed the  
**Joan M. LaFleur College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.**



## OBITUARY

### *Joan Marie Lafleur Jennings*

Joan Marie Lafleur, 74 years of age, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at her home in Chicago, Illinois.

Joan was born on August 24, 1942 in Basile, Louisiana to Albert and Rose Arceneaux Lafleur. She was the eldest of four children. Throughout her childhood, in Jennings, Louisiana, Joan excelled in school, maintaining an A average in all of her school work.

She was also an avid reader and absorbed information from every book she read.

She graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in 1959, and then moved to New Orleans, Louisiana where she enrolled in Xavier University and later relocated to Houston, Texas where she enrolled in Texas Southern University.

In 1964, she received her bachelor's degree in Biology and began her career at Exxon Mobil as an intern in the Research Department. It was during her time at Exxon that Joan made the decision to apply to the Pharmacy Program at **Texas Southern University**. While working on her degree in Pharmacy, Joan became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sorority, making many lifelong friends. She was also an active member of St. Mary's of the Purification Catholic Church.

Joan received her degree in 1972 and accepted a pharmacist position at Jewel-Osco in Chicago, Illinois and continued to work there for the next 35 years. Joan joined St. Felicitas Catholic Church where she regularly attended Mass. She eventually took another position as a registered pharmacist at Walgreens Corp., where she remained until her time of rest.

# ALUMNI CONNECTION



**Adrian Judie, RPh**  
Class of 2001, Pharmacy

Mr Judie is the Pharmacy Manager at the new HEB Market on MacGregor. Adrian has earned many company honors while working at H-E-B including Excellence in Pharmacy, Preceptor of the Summer and Manager of the Year.

H-E-B opened its eagerly awaited MacGregor store in December bringing much needed options such as fresh food, pharmacy and grocery selection to the Third Ward.



**Chinwe Dike**  
Class of 2019, Health Administration

Ms. Dike was selected to complete Blue Cross Blue Shield's post graduate internship. She is the second student (in two years) from TSU's HA program to participate in the program.

TSU's health administration program partners with BCBS to increase students' awareness of careers in the health insurance industry. The partnership was initiated by two of our program's board members who are TSU HA alumni and work for Blue Cross Blue Shield.



**Christy Ware, PharmD**  
Class of 2001

Dr. Ware is a Health Outcomes Pharmacist with over 25 years of service. Christy serves as an advisor for the Study Abroad Program, Preceptor, Proctor and Evaluator for the COPHS

***Christy is the President of the COPHS Alumni Association.***



**Rodney Cox**  
Class of 2007, Pharmacy

The Thomas F. Freeman Honors College will honor Mr. Rodney Cox at the Spring Luncheon.

Mr. Rodney Cox is Director of Pharmacy at Memorial Herman Memorial City Medical Center, a 440-bed community flag ship hospital for the Memorial Herman Health System in Houston. Mr. Cox also serves as the Residency Program Director for their Pharmacy Administration and Leadership/MS PGY2 Residency Program, a charter member of the Houston Program in the Texas Medical Center.

Mr. Cox received his BS degree in Pharmacy from Texas Southern University in 2007 and MS in Pharmacy Administration from the University of Houston and he continues to serve as adjunct faculty at both Universities. He is an alumnus of the Frederick Douglass Honors Institute, class of 1999.



Visit [www.tsu.edu/alumni](http://www.tsu.edu/alumni) to join the TSU National Alumni Association and select COPHS as your chapter!

# COPHS ALUMNI *Association*

Greetings Tigers!

I am the President of the COPHS Alumni Association and I am pleased to announce the Alumni Connection. It doesn't matter if you are a graduate or student, this network is just for you. Within the Alumni Connection, you will have access to support, scholarships, unique opportunities, information and events. Please take advantage of all this network has to offer. We have amazing people involved who have already made great professional strides. You should be extremely proud to be a Tiger. I certainly am! Stay tuned for more to come.



*-Christy Ware*



# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

- **MACAULEY AKPAFFIONG:** Prof. MacJohn Akpaffiong has just returned to Texas Southern after a semester of sabbatical leave at Obong University, Nigeria. While at Obong University, Prof Akpaffiong conducted seminars on Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus, Erectile Dysfunction in different churches and on Natural Medicinal Plants Research at Obong University. The Natural Medicinal Plant Seminar yielded two important results: (1) The Herbalists agreed to work with the two universities, (Obong and TSU) in revealing the sources of the medicinal plants, and the different diseases for which each plant is indicated. (2) The university scientists agreed to protect the sources of the plant, work in collaboration with the Herbalists in every aspect of the research.
- **CREAQUE CHARLES:** Dr. Creaque Charles has been appointed to The Trust Liaison Committee of Lambda Kappa Sigma. Lambda Kappa Sigma provides lifelong opportunities for women in pharmacy through professional excellence and personal growth. Creaque joined the organization in 1998 as a pharmacy student while at TSU. Since then she has held the position of Regional Supervisor for 6 years. She was recognized as and awarded the Young Distinguished Pharmacist Award in 2006. When Dr. Charles returned to TSU, she joined the ranks as a faculty advisor for the student chapter.
- **CHINA JENKINS:** Dr. China Jenkins gave a number of presentations at various conferences including the Inclusive Excellence Symposium where she presented *Critical Components for Inclusive Teaching* and the POD Writes Pre-Conference where she co-led a writing team for the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network, the national organization for educational and faculty developers. POD Writes is a collaborative research and writing project where scholars to work collectively to create a manuscript for a special anniversary edition in *To Improve the Academy*, the POD Network's journal. Dr. Jenkins co-led a workshop for the POD Network Annual Conference. Her session was entitled: *Interrogating the Hiring Process for Educational Developers*; she was also selected as a POD Network scholar-mentor for 2019-2020. In this role, she led a workshop entitled: *Connecting To and Through the Scholarship of Educational Development* will provide mentorship for group of junior faculty developers as they produce research on diversity and educational development. Dr. Jenkins also gave the first keynote address for Faculty Development Day at University of Houston-Clear Lake and also gave a presentation on culturally responsive teaching.
- **RASHID MOSAVIN:** Dr. Mosavin has a chapter in the textbook *Pharmacy Management: Essentials for all Practice Settings* 5th Edition. Dr. Mosavin has been the author of a chapter on accounting and financial reports since the 2nd edition in 2009.
- **UCHE NDEFO:** Dr. Ndefo was promoted to full professor. Dr. Ndefo has been with the university for 12 years.
- **OMANIKE OLALAYE:** Dr. Olalaye, Professor of Pharmacology, has been promoted to Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research at TSU.
- **ADEBAYO OYEKAN:** Dr. Oyekan has been invited to deliver the Seventeenth Convocation Lecture of Igbinedion University Okada. His lecture topic will cover the theme: *21st Century Graduates in the Global Space*. Convocation lectures belong to the most esteemed category of distinguished University lectures and are reserved for scholars, thinkers, development experts and such other acclaimed persons.
- **KIMBERLY POUNDS:** Dr. Pounds was appointed to serve in the Office of Research's Transformation Action working Group which is a part of the University's collaborative research initiative. Dr. Pounds will serve in the public health group.
- **KASTURI RANGANNA:** Dr. Ranganna was promoted to full professor. Dr. Ranganna has been with COPHS for 25 years.

- **KAREN STEWART & CHINA JENKINS:** Dr. Jenkins and Ms. Stewart were selected as the newest members of the HBCU Faculty Development Network Board of Directors. The HCBU FDN is the national organization for faculty development and teaching and learning enhancement among HBCU's.
- **WILLIE CAPERS, CREAQUE CHARLES AISHA MOULTRY:** Dr. Capers, Dr. Charles and Dr. Moultry were awarded a subcontract through the South East Texas Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (SETx-GWEP) at Baylor College of Medicine. The grant was funded through Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the time period of July 2019 – June 2024. The role of the program is to establish an interprofessional geriatrics education and training consortium to engage primary care providers and the full spectrum of healthcare and community health professionals in a highly targeted integrated geriatrics and primary care training model to improve health outcomes for older adults. TSU-COPHS will engage learners through simulated activities in the Interdisciplinary Health Professions Center.
- **CHINA JENKINS, AISHA MOULTRY, KAREN STEWART & HEATHER VOTAW-MAGEE:** Drs. Moultry, Jenkins, Votaw-Magee and Ms. Stewart led a session at the HBCU Faculty Development Network Annual Conference and discussed the successes and the challenges in cultivating an academic support center in their presentation: Making the TEAM...The Development of a Student and Faculty Support Unit.

# FACULTY

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## ***CDC continues to respond to the global outbreak of COVID-19.***

Alex M. Azar, Health and Human Services secretary, has declared a public health emergency for the United States.

Corona viruses belong to an extended family of viruses and are common in many species of animals. On rare occasions corona viruses can infect humans and spread rapidly. Other examples of corona viruses we have encountered in the past are SARS and MERS.

Symptoms of the coronavirus may appear 2-14 days after exposure and include fever, shortness of breath and cough.

There is no vaccine to prevent the coronavirus disease and the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure and to:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash
- Stay home when you are sick.

The CDC website contains detailed information and updates regarding the spread of COVID-19 in the US with the recommended precautions and guidelines for US citizens.

## ***E-cigarette, or vaping, product use associated with lung injury (EVALI)***

CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), state and local health departments, and other clinical and public health partners are investigating a national outbreak of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI).

Symptoms of EVALI include respiratory issues such as cough, chest pain and shortness of breath, GI symptoms including nausea, vomiting, stomach pain and diarrhea and other symptoms like fever, chills and weight loss.

As of February 2020, more than 2700 hospitalized EVALI cases have been reported from all 50 states. Sixty-eight deaths have been confirmed in 28 states. While emergency room visits related to e-cigarette and vaping use continue to decline, the CDC and FDA continue to recommend that people not use THC containing e-cigarette or vaping products.

If you need help quitting tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, please contact your healthcare professional.



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10:30AM College Picnic

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If you are interested in contributing an article, especially one related to pharmacy and health sciences news, current issues and policy, please contact us.



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# Dr. Kantilal G. Bhansali

Dr. Bhansali retired in 2002, after serving the College for 37 years, teaching Biochemistry and Medicinal Chemistry. Students under his tutelage held him dearly and he fondly remembered many of them well into his retirement. His colleagues knew him as "Kanti" and his contributions to the College included numerous publications, and a notation as obtaining the first Patent in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for a new chemical entity to fight prostate cancer.

Dr. Bhansali earned his B.S. in Pharmacy from Gujarat University and M.S., Ph.D. from The State University of Iowa. Prior to joining the College as faculty, he worked for Warren-Teed Pharmaceutical Company in Columbus, Ohio and Wyeth Laboratories in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He departed this life January, 2020.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Carolyn, twin daughters, and three grandsons, as well as The TSU College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences faculty, staff, alumni and friends.



# Timothy Simpson

On Thursday, December 19, 2019, Timothy "Tim" Simpson, loving father, son, brother and friend, passed away at the age of 46. Tim was born in the Philippines on December 21, 1972. He joined his forever family at 9 weeks old. He grew up in Abilene, Texas and graduated from Cooper High School in 1992. Right after graduation, Tim joined the United States Army until he was discharged in 1993. He attended culinary school for a time but finally found his passion when attending Texas Southern University. He would have been graduating with his B.A. in Health Services Administration in May of 2020.

Tim loved cooking. He would often cook for family and friends and loved to share his passion for good food. He was a friend to so many and known for his laugh and his smile. He always wanted to help anyone who needed it whether you were a friend or stranger. His heart was as big as Texas.

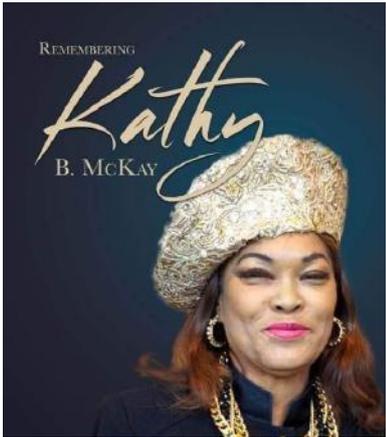
# Sunny Sunhee Song

Sunny (Sunhee) Song passed away, age 42, passed away on Wednesday February 19, 2020. Sunny was born December 5, 1977 to Mr. Moo Kwang Kim and Mrs. Book Ok Yu in Pusan, Korea.

She graduated valedictorian from Pusan Jin Women's High School in 1996. Sunny attended Pusan University for two years, then came to Rice University in Houston to study English. Sunny transferred to the University of Houston and obtained a Bachelor's degree in biology. She then attended Texas Southern University and obtained a PharmD degree in 2009, graduating number one in her class.

Sunny worked at Edinburg Regional Medical Center and Costco in Edinburg, Texas for almost 10 years. Sunny and her family moved to Houston in 2019. Sunny is survived by her husband, and sons. She is also survived by her parents, her older brother and younger sister.

Sunny loved to play the piano and earned gold medals in Korea as she grew up for her performance skills. She was very smart and strived to be number one in education. She was loved by others for her outgoing personality. She loved to make others smile. She also loved to spend time with her two sons.



Kathy McKay graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1972 and had a long pharmacy career of 48 years working for Winn Dixie, National Pharmacy, Walgreens and more.

# Kathy McKay

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is sad to share the passing of a faculty member, a student and two alumni.

*In Memoriam*

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The mission of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (COPHS) at Texas Southern University (TSU) is to provide quality academic programming to produce an ethnically diverse population of health professionals, especially African Americans and underrepresented minorities, who are transformational leaders in the delivery of interdisciplinary health services while addressing critical and urban issues.



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- Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health
- Bachelor of Science in Health Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy

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### MASTERS DEGREES

- Master of Science in Healthcare Administration
- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Science
- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences (PhD)

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