



## From the Dean's Desk

The past month has been the most challenging month of my career. It has also proved to be simultaneously humbling and rewarding thanks to the remarkable response and tremendous support from our faculty, staff, students, preceptors, and donors. I am pleased to share that our fourth-year pharmacy students will graduate on May 8 and will walk the stage later this year. We look forward to sharing some inspiring stories with you in the future. For now, I assure you that our college is doing very well, and our students, faculty, and staff are safe and still succeeding.

For current information and campus-specific resources regarding coronavirus, please visit: [go.sc.edu/coronavirus](http://go.sc.edu/coronavirus)

**Dean Stephen J. Cutler**  
College of Pharmacy



### Pharmacy Student Receives Prestigious Award from USPHS

UofSC Pharm.D. candidate Alexa Swingle has been named a recipient of the U.S. Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award for 2020.

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### Alumnus Balances Teaching and Research in the Face of COVID-19

Brandon Bookstaver is balancing his time between working with students virtually and working with data to help better understand the novel coronavirus.

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### National Academies of Practice Inducts Associate Professor Betsy Blake

College of Pharmacy Clinical Associate Professor Betsy Blake, Pharm.D, has been elected into the National Academies of Practice (NAP) as a Distinguished Practitioner & Fellow.

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### Rho Chi Tutoring Sees Tremendous Success - Transitions to Virtual

First-year students at the College of Pharmacy have seen such success with this year's Rho Chi tutoring program that it is being transitioned to a virtual program for this semester.

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## Around the College

Pharmacy students Melissa O'Neal, Sarah Beth Timmel and Olivia Alewine win South Carolina Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SCSHP) Clinical Pharmacy Challenge

[Associate Professor Kevin Lu and members of the S.C. Chinese-American community donate 10,000 virus protection face masks to local health care providers](#)

Brie Dunn named 2020 Phi Lambda Sigma Outstanding Chapter Advisor

## Events & Opportunities

Class of 2020: A "Garnet" Carpet Premiere  
May 6, 2020 / Join us for a Facebook Live Watch Party recognizing our graduates

College of Pharmacy Convocation  
August 6, 2020 (Tentative) / Koger Center for the Arts



### COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for Students

There's just no family like the Gamecock Family. With so many UofSC students struggling with the financial impact of COVID-19 and campus closure, helping hands have reached out.

**Alumni and Friends** - Learn how you can [provide vital assistance to those who need it.](#)

**Students** - To apply for assistance, please complete the [COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund Application.](#)

### Gamecock Heroes

To our pharmacy alumni and colleagues - Thank you for serving on the front lines, providing essential health care services during this global crisis. So many of you have stepped up, putting your own health at risk to protect the broader community and we couldn't be more proud.

Help us to recognize you - Share your stories, photos, or videos with us at [webmaster@cop.sc.edu](mailto:webmaster@cop.sc.edu). If you have a message of encouragement you'd like to pass on to fellow alumni or current pharmacy students, we welcome those too.



## Let's Stay in Touch

New address? New email? Name change?

Please share your updated contact information with us to continue receiving important communication from the college: [alumni@cop.sc.edu](mailto:alumni@cop.sc.edu)



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