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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Here we are at the start of a new semester, and I am looking forward to what 2022 has in store! On Friday, January 14, 2022, the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees [selected Dr. Michael Amiridis as the university's 30th president](#). Dr. Amiridis is currently Chancellor of the University of Illinois Chicago, but he is no stranger to our university. In fact, he previously served as dean of the College of Engineering and Computing and as the university's executive vice president for academic affairs and provost from 2009 until he left for Chicago in 2015. We will welcome Dr. Amiridis back to Columbia permanently as president of our university this summer. What an exciting time to be a Gamecock and a Gamecock Pharmacist!



Julie M. Sease
Interim Dean



Pharmacy student receives prestigious scholarship

For first-year pharmacy student Chancellor Nguyen, becoming a community pharmacist is a goal he has dreamed of for many years.

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Continuing education conferences scheduled

Ready to jump start your year by checking off some CE requirements? Register now for the 2022 Continuing Pharmacy Education Conferences.

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Virtual pharmacy career expo returns February 4

It's time again for the annual career expo, providing alumni an opportunity to share their wealth of knowledge with current pharmacy students.

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Welcome 2022: A new year brings new resolutions

As we usher in a new year, University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy faculty, staff and students share what they aim to accomplish in 2022.

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IN MEMORIAM



Hammie Joe "Dr. Joe" Smith ('49)

The UofSC College of Pharmacy sadly announces the passing of alumnus Hammie Joe "Dr. Joe" Smith, 93, of Peak, who died Sunday, January 23, 2022, at his home. Smith was a proud graduate of the University of South Carolina and supported the school in many ways since his graduation. He was named Outstanding Alumnus in 1994. In 2013, Smith founded the H. Joe and Imogene Smith Scholarship endowment to the UofSC College of Pharmacy.

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AROUND THE COLLEGE

- ["Leadership program puts pharmacists on forefront of improving health care"](#) | UofSC News feat. alumnae **Donna Walker ('79)** and **Meg Freiter ('19)**
- ["Vaccine Myth Buster: Nephron's Michaela Almgren Gets to Work"](#) | National Association of Manufacturers feat. Assistant Professor **Michaela Almgren ('10)**
- Ph.D. student **Sarah Davis** and Professor **Jun Zhu** publish a chapter on substance abuse and neurotransmission in [Advances in Pharmacology](#).
- Ph.D. student **Youwen Zhang** named a [2022 Breakthrough Graduate Scholar](#) by the Office of the Vice President for Research
- Ph.D. student **Zachary Mack** awarded a [2021-2022 SPARC Graduate Research Grant](#) for his proposal, "Preventing adaptive therapeutic resistance to CDK4/6 inhibition with CDK8/19 inhibitors"

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [4th Annual Gamecock Pharmacy Career Expo](#) - Pharmacy alumni, employers, and friends of the college are invited to participate as career mentors at this year's virtual event on **February 4**.
- [Annual Continuing Education Conferences](#) - Each day will provide 6 unique hours of live CE with both in-person and virtual attendance options. Register now for **January 29** or **February 26**.
- [Need a free update on Pneumococcal Vaccinations?](#) - The Office of Continuing Education is offering a written home study activity for **1 hour of free CE**.
- Save the Date: The College of Pharmacy will again host **Cocktails on the Congaree** for alumni on **March 24** at Stone River in West Columbia. More details to come soon. We hope to see you there!



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