



In the spirit of giving back this Thanksgiving holiday, we asked some of our student organization leaders why it is important to be active within the community and what it means to them. [Read more...](#)

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

We have so much to be grateful for as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year! This month's newsletter features stories that are sure to remind you of the importance of giving back, and you'll hear about our students, faculty and alumni who are donating to their communities in so many ways. Along with our faculty and staff, I want to wish you and your family many blessings as we enter the holiday season. We appreciate the support you continually show the College of Pharmacy. **Happy Thanksgiving!**



*Stephen J. Cutler*

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### Gamecock Pharmacy Alumni Serving our Nation's Veterans

In recognition of Veteran's Day, we highlight the efforts of our alumni across the country who have dedicated their careers to serving those in the military.

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### Hastings looks at ways to improve usage of immunization databases

What's preventing some pharmacists from recording and recommending vaccines using this data? Could simple workflow changes solve the problem?

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### COP Researcher Receives Alzheimer's Association Grant

With a recent grant, Associate Professor Kevin Lu aims to investigate the effect of anti-hypertensive drugs in lowering the risk of dementia in susceptible populations.

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### Alumni Q&A with Devin Drummond ('18)

Growing up in Travelers Rest, Devin never imagined his career would take him to the northernmost end of the globe. Learn how he got there in our alumni Q&A.

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## AROUND THE COLLEGE

- Pharmacy student Alexandria Coleman participates in the live virtual finale of the 2022 [SCInnovates](#) Student Pitch Competition, November 16.
- Assistant Professor Alessandra Porcu explores [blue light's effects on the brain](#) with a \$750K, three-year NIH grant.
- Alumna and USC PGY1 community pharmacy resident Tate Cook ('22) presents research on pharmacist-prescribed birth control at the [SC Board of Pharmacy meeting, November 16.](#)
- Current and former Tandem Health-USC PGY1 residents Kaitlin Phillips and Carrington Royals share how pharmacists help patients understand the importance of each of their medications in the [Sumter Item.](#)
- Alumnus Jonathan McFall ('12) plays a [dual role in military medicine.](#)



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## CE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Office of Continuing Education's annual Needs Assessment Survey has arrived! Let us know what you would like to see as we plan CE / professional development activities for the new year.

Submit by December 12.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)



## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### South Carolina Pharmacy Reception

**December 5, 2022**

Mark your calendar and join us for a South Carolina Pharmacy Reception at the ASHP Midyear Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. RSVP on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

### Virtual Career Expo

**February 3, 2023**

Save the date for the next Virtual Pharmacy Career Expo. Whether you are a new graduate or seasoned alumni, we would love to have you participate. Details coming soon.

Alumni: Submit information or updates



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