



**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Asheville NC**

(November 2013) In 2011, the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation provided a grant of \$500,000 for start-up costs associated with the new Asheville satellite campus of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Please note that Phase 2 construction activities were supported by the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation matching grant of \$200,000. Grant funding was essential to the successful completion of this school. This grant support is critical to addressing the deficit of healthcare providers and pharmacists in the western part of the state.

The School now has three classes of pharmacy students on campus and has completed phase 2 in Karpen and Zeis Halls at the University of North Carolina Asheville (UNCA). Below is summary of accomplishments during the last year and a half of operations in Asheville.

- **Students:** A third class of pharmacy students entered in fall 2013, for a total of 61 students in Asheville. The students continue to be predominately from western North Carolina and rural areas. Eighty-two percent of the students have an undergraduate degree.
- **Faculty and Staff:** Five additional positions have been added to bring the Asheville faculty and staff total to nine.
- **Construction:** Phase 2 was completed in September, 2013, and included an additional large classroom, four video technology-ready seminar rooms, two ADA compliant unisex bathrooms, a student leaders office, a video technology-ready student office hours suite, a student lounge/kitchen, a reconfigured and up-fitted faculty/staff office suite, and an up-fitted conference room. All of the Karpen Hall space received new paint, new carpet and new lighting.
- **Video Conferencing (VTC):** We now have two full-time video technology experts to oversee the daily VTC operations and to ensure class content is delivered seamlessly. Students continue to indicate high satisfaction rates with VTC.
- **Pharmaceutical Care Laboratory (PCL):** Students are divided into small groups for PCL and learn valuable hands-on skills each week, such as patient counseling, drug information, compounding, and intravenous medication preparation. Pharmacy residents from Mission Hospitals and Kerr Drugs continue to serve as teaching assistants, which provides them with valuable teaching

experience and allows them to develop a mentoring relationship with the PY1 students. Asheville PY3 students began serving as PCL teaching assistants fall 2013.

- **Recruitment:** Faculty and staff continue to visit and to work closely with local high schools, colleges and universities to develop relationships with principals, career counselors, guidance counselors, science departments and pre-pharmacy clubs to develop a pipeline of students for the Asheville campus. Pharmacy Fridays are offered multiple times each semester. On selected Fridays, anyone interested may come to the Asheville campus, receive an overview of the program, meet with current students and tour the facilities. The Asheville campus also offers a Leadership Excellence and Development (LEAD) program each summer. The LEAD program is a one-day preparatory and professional development program for students interested in exploring career opportunities in pharmacy and learning how to be competitive in the pharmacy school admissions process. This fall and spring 2014, a professor will visit and meet with faculty at five universities and colleges identified as potential feeder schools (UNCA, Western Carolina University, Appalachian State University, Wake Forest University and Davidson College).
- **Student Organizations:** The Asheville Campus has seven thriving student organizations in place. The organizations are: Carolina Association of Pharmacy Students (CAPS), Beta Mu Chapter of Kappa Epsilon (KE), Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), Taking Action By Service (TABS), Triangle College of Clinical Pharmacy (TCCP), Recruiting Ambassadors Program (RAP) and the Student Asheville Leadership Team (SALT). The student organizations continue to be involved in community outreach activities including MAHEC's Annual Health Careers Education Awareness Conference, Asheville Citizen-Times Half-Marathon, Rise and Shine Family Support Food Drive, and UNCA's Wellabration Fair. All of the student organizations combined their efforts October 2013, to provide a Fall Health Fair at the Asheville Mall.
- **Accreditation:** Spring 2012, American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) extended full accreditation to the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy until June 30, 2020.

UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Carol Folt touring the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy satellite campus where she met with every student, faculty and staff member. She is speaking here in the Holt Karpén Classroom located at UNC Asheville.



Below Robert A. "Bob" Blouin is the Vaughn and Nancy Bryson Distinguished Professor and dean of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He is speaking here in the new lobby of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy Asheville satellite campus located in UNC Asheville's Karpén Hall.



Below, Family Day participants touring the Pharmaceutical Care Laboratory.



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