



Get Ready to Celebrate

UW School of Pharmacy observes 125 years of excellence

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The year 2008 marks an incredible milestone in the history of the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy . . . our 125th anniversary! Classes began in drafty, uninviting South Hall on Bascom Hill in the fall of 1883, under the leadership of pharmacist and phytochemist Dr. F.B. Power, armed with an annual budget of \$11,000. The idea for a school was initiated by a group of visionary pharmacists throughout the state who were inspired by the birth of the new Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association two years before and immediately recognized the value of formal, rigorous education to advance the profession.

The University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy is very proud of its long history and tradition of excellence. That history is absolutely full of “firsts” in the world of pharmaceutical education: the first BS degree in pharmacy in the United States; the first American PhD degrees in pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and the history of pharmacy; and pioneering programs in pharmacy administration, social studies in pharmacy, and pharmaceutical extension. Plus ground breaking research in the pharmaceutical, social, and clinical sciences of pharmacy; an extraordinary array of continuing professional development opportunities for practitioners and scientists; innovative, life-saving patient care activities; cutting-edge curricula in undergraduate, graduate and professional education — all driven by an incredible collection of faculty, staff and students — build on the triumphs of yesterday and add up to the UW School of Pharmacy of today and tomorrow.

Several events are being planned throughout 2008 to celebrate our history and tradition of excellence in research, teaching, service, outreach and practice.

Special events will include a kick-off open house in January; an extraordinary Student Spring Bash in mid-April coupled with the Kremers Lecture featuring our four emeritus deans; the U.S.-Thai Pharmacy Consortium meeting in mid-July, where we will host visitors from schools of pharmacy in Thailand along with representatives from a dozen or so U.S. schools; a two-day scientific symposium, including the annual Rennebohm Lecture, in early October; and the best ever Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA) Reunion Weekend in November. In addition, we will be doing our best to make everything we do in 2008 special, like graduation, the white coat ceremony, the PAA golf outing, etc.



I'll be out and about around the state even more than usual, and there will be special publications, clothing, commemorative items and more! Even a new Babcock Hall ice cream flavor in our honor.

I invite you to reflect on the tradition of excellence and impact that has character-

ized the entire 125-year history of this great School of Pharmacy and to travel with us as we move boldly forward into our bright future of ground-breaking discovery and new “firsts” targeted, in one way or another, at improving the health and life of the residents of the state, the nation and the world.

On Wisconsin! ●

A Twist on Trick-or-Treat



Students from the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy found a way to have fun and benefit an important cause. On Halloween, members of the Wisconsin Student Pharmacy Association organized a “drug drive,” asking people to bring unopened, unexpired over-the-counter medications to the UW Health Pharmacy at Hilldale Mall in Madison and swap them for candy. The donated medicine went to MEDiC, a free clinic for those in need in the Madison area.