



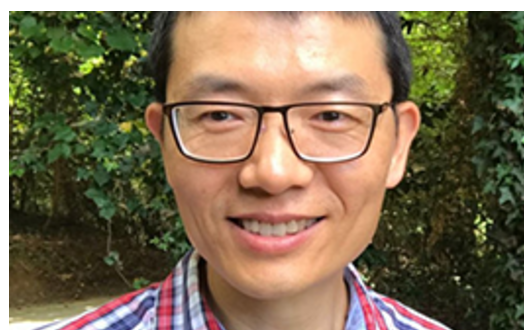
**"Challenge Accepted"** 🧑‍🎓 | A student research team from the UofSC College of Pharmacy won first place in a recent SCBIO Student Video competition. [Read more](#)

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

February is a month to celebrate those things for which we are passionate. One of my great passions is seeing our students develop as leaders and includers. In early February, the Walker Leadership Scholars hosted Dr. Kerry Fierke from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, who shared her experiences in identifying passions and strengths that grow and develop our leadership identity. Our Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists hosted Dr. John E. Clark, advocate for the creation of culturally competent systems to address racial and ethnic disparities in health care. And we 'passed the mic' to students and faculty members in celebration of Black History Month to impart their experiences about diversity and inclusivity. I am so appreciative of our students who continually strive for learning opportunities focused on developing their skills as leaders and champions of diversity, equity, and inclusivity. Please mark your calendars for March 24th when we will once again hold Cocktails on the Congaree. I look forward to greeting our alumni and friends at this live event next month!



**Julie M. Sease**  
Interim Dean



### **Ph.D. Student Earns Breakthrough Award**

Ph.D. candidate Youwen Zhang has been recognized as a 2022 Breakthrough Graduate Scholar by the Office of the VP for Research.



### **College of Pharmacy hosts Fourth Annual Career Expo**

Students had the opportunity to talk with alumni and industry leaders from a wide array of pharmacy fields at the Virtual Pharmacy Career Expo.

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### How Holistic Pharmacy can Impact Patient Care

Alumni Zoom Heaton and David Foreman help patients find a better quality of life by combining natural therapies with traditional medicines.

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### Q&A with Alumna Lewis McKelvey ('84)

Lewis McKelvey is always on the move - from driving his motorcycle across the country to establishing a consulting firm. Learn more in our Q&A.

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## AROUND THE COLLEGE

- ["Russell House's Interfaith Meditation Chamber opens, offers space for religious prayer and meditation"](#) | The Daily Gamecock feat. pharmacy student **Farehaa Hussain**, Class of 2024
- ["Oncology Drugs With Accelerated Approval: Is It Time for a Reset?"](#) | The ASCO Post feat. Professor **Charles Bennett**
- Clinical Assistant Professor **Carolyn Banister** discussed the importance of timing when taking at-home COVID-19 tests on News Radio 560 WVOC. [Listen here](#)
- Alumna **Ranarda Jones** ('03) named a [2021 NASPA Excellence in Innovation Award](#) recipient by the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations
- Alumna **Donna G. Avant** ('85) and Ehrhardt Pharmacy recognized as official [ambassadors of Bamberg County](#).
- **The Gamecock Pharmacist has landed!** The Winter 2022 edition of our alumni magazine hit mailboxes this month. Email us at [alumni@cop.sc.edu](mailto:alumni@cop.sc.edu) if you didn't receive your copy. [Browse the digital edition here](#)

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [Cocktails on the Congaree](#) - Join our mix and mingle with Interim Dean Julie Sease and fellow pharmacy alumni on **March 24** at **Stone River**. Enjoy cocktails, appetizers and a spectacular backdrop of downtown Columbia. Purchase tickets online by March 18.



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