



Fall 2009

Hello Fellow HSOP Alums,

As the recently elected Auburn Pharmacy Alumni Association (APAA) President, I am writing this as we get ready for another school year. It has been relatively quiet in Auburn, except for the numerous construction projects both on and adjacent to campus. If you have not been to campus in the last few years, you will be surprised the next time you visit. If you do find yourself in Auburn, I encourage you to make a stop at the Walker Building to check out all that's going on here.

Many of you recently attended the Alabama Pharmacy Association (APA) meeting in Sandestin and the Alabama Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHSP) meeting in Orange Beach. I suspect that you enjoyed connecting with your colleagues as much as I, and other APAA Board members, did. At the APA meeting, two alums were recognized for their significant service to the profession and the school. David Darby '82 received the Distinguished Service Award and Chris Borden '99 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Give these guys a big "War Eagle" and "Congratulations" the next time you see them.

Speaking of service, I would like to welcome Chris Eickholt '01 and Paul Russell '84 to the APAA Board. Chris lives in Birmingham and is District Manager-Neuroscience at Lilly, USA. Paul lives in Enterprise where he owns Martin Colley Pharmacy (2 locations). They join our existing Board members: Dean Lee Evans; Jimmy Harris '68; Jared Johnson '01, Vice President; Charles Perry '65; Kenneth Prickett '86; Phillip Rigsby '00, Immediate Past President; James O. Walker, Sr. '57; Robin Whitesides '98; and Charlie Thomas '65. We are charged with leading your alumni association and are eager to accept that responsibility. We would like to make a request of you and ask that you take the opportunity to let us know what you would like from YOUR alumni association. How can we serve you? Feel free to contact me (foxbren@auburn.edu), Eva Dyba (dybaeva@auburn.edu), or Jimmy Harris (harri31@auburn.edu).

I want to take a few lines to write about tailgating. Several alums have indicated to me that they were not aware of our sponsored tailgates. This will be the 3rd year that the tailgates are held. The HSOP typically has 3 sponsored tailgates per year and is willing to host others, if sponsors are identified. HSOP's Development Office (Jimmy and Eva) handle logistics to make sure that the food, tables and chairs, tent, and drinks are there when alums, students, and faculty arrive. These tailgates are a great time to reconnect with your friends, visit with HSOP faculty and students, and enjoy fantastic food as we celebrate Auburn football. Please stop by this year – tailgates are located on the lawn behind Miller Hall. I would like to thank this year's sponsors: CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens.

This time of year is very busy for APAA as we prepare for the upcoming academic year. Here are some new and annual events that we have planned.

Free Football Parking Permit. All active APAA members will be entered in a drawing for a Football Parking hang tag. This tag allows you to drive a single vehicle onto campus for home football games and park *directly behind the Walker Building*. Those who donate a minimum of \$1,000 to join the Dean's Club at the Prescription Club level receive the opportunity to purchase a parking permit for football games for \$250. On August 26th, one lucky APAA member will be selected to receive this tag for FREE (it lasts the entire football season). If you are not a member of APAA (or have not renewed), I encourage you to join/renew prior to August 26th.

September 12 – Football against Mississippi State at 6pm AND 30 year reunion. Several 1979 graduates are planning a 30 year reunion for their class. APAA is assisting in the planning process. Contact Barbara Hardwick at tommyhardwick@charter.net or Starr Miller at starrtuskegeerx@yahoo.com for more information.

September 18 – 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Auburn Links at Mill Creek. Visit http://pharmacy.auburn.edu/news_events/2009_2010/hsop_golf_09.pdf for more information. This year, any APAA member who participates in the tournament (through a paid entry fee) is eligible for a complimentary individual entry fee, courtesy of APAA! The winning alumnus will be selected at the tournament. I encourage all of you to participate. This event directly supports student scholarships.

September 19 – Football against West Virginia at 6:45pm AND 10 year reunion. Tailgate at HSOP sponsored by CVS. APAA is organizing a 10 year reunion for the class of 1999. Contact me (foxbren@auburn.edu) if you plan to attend so we can prepare accordingly. Also, feel free to email me for more information. The tailgate begins 3 hours before kickoff.

October 31 – Football against Ole Miss. Tailgate at HSOP sponsored by Walgreens. The tailgate begins 3 hours before kickoff.

November 27 – Football against Alabama at 1:30pm. Tailgate at HSOP sponsored by Rite Aid. The game has been moved to Friday this year. The tailgate begins 3 hours before kickoff. Please join us as we celebrate a return to our winning ways.

Spring 2010 Event. APAA is planning an event specifically geared toward our female graduates and any alums unable to participate in the golf tournament. Please note that this event will be open to all alums. Like the golf tournament, this event will raise money for student scholarships. Stay tuned for more information.

You probably noticed that several of the items above are only available for APAA members. In addition to these items, APAA members also receive:

A hardcopy of the Auburn Pharmacist newsletter

An APAA window decal

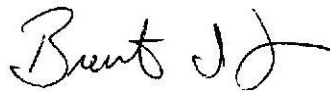
Free breakfast at the APA Annual Meeting

We are currently working on other member benefits, and I hope to be able to share that news with you soon. I encourage you to join if you are not currently a member. In response to comments from your colleagues, we are restructuring our dues levels. The new levels are below. They are effective at your next renewal/first time joining.

- 1st year graduate – free (no change)
- 2nd and 3rd year graduates – \$25/year
- 4th through 30th year graduates – \$50/year
- >30 years graduates – \$40/year
- Affiliates who did not attend HSOP – \$60
- Married HSOP alums – \$10 discount on category above that you fit in (e.g., married couple in their 3rd year of practice - \$40)

Finally, I want to tell you about something that I find very exciting. As you know, APAA and HSOP's Development Office organize the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament to support HSOP's general scholarship fund. Recently, the APAA Board decided to fund a scholarship to benefit pharmacy students who are the children (or grandchildren) of APAA members. We recently had a 3rd generation HSOP graduate and would like to show our support for families who have been so loyal to our beloved institution. We are finalizing the criteria and will pass that along as soon as they are complete.

War Eagle!



Brent Fox
APAA President 2009