

An Open Letter to Auburn Pharmacy Alumni

Hello and War Eagle! It was truly a great time to be an Auburn Tiger during the 2010 football season, and I am excited to discover what our coaches draw up for the coming season. We have lost experienced players at key positions, but we have a highly regarded group of young players coming up through the ranks, including the son of one of our HSOP alums!

One of my favorite duties as APAA President is speaking at graduation. In May, I had the opportunity to address the class of 2011. As a faculty member, I get to know the personality that a class develops. As I described at graduation, the class of 2011 will be remembered as the class that was *involved*. They truly set the standard for what it means to be active in the school, the university, and the profession. I am excited to see what our new graduates do in their future practice lives. And, I hope that they all find a way to be involved with APAA.

Speaking of involvement, the APAA recently elected Lynne Butler and Becky Sorrell as new Board members and offer a heartfelt “thank you” to Charlie Perry and Ken Prickett for their years of service on the Board. The APAA also thanks Sandra Clay, who recently left the HSOP’s Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, for her work supporting APAA. Hunter Peak has returned to the HSOP, serving with Jimmy Harris and Amy Parker in the development and alumni affairs office. Many of you know Hunter from his previous time with the school. The HSOP also recently welcomed Amy Weaver as a communications specialist. Amy focuses on getting the word out about the HSOP and its alums through news stories, publications and the school’s website. If you have news to share, please let Amy know at amy.weaver@auburn.edu.

One of the most visible events that Amy will be spreading the word about is the annual scholarship golf tournament on Sept 9. This year, the location has changed to the Auburn University Club. I have never played the “AU Club” but I understand it is a narrow course. So, you may want to spend extra time at the driving range this year. As for me, I am stocking up on golf balls. Also in the fall, please stay tuned to the HSOP’s website to find tailgate news. Alumni frequently tell me that they value the opportunity to see old friends at our tailgates. We hope to see you there.

News of Note:

- I want to thank each of you who renewed your membership dues and donated to the HSOP and/or APAA. Your support keeps this group moving forward and supports initiatives like you see below.
- The Board recently voted to officially establish the “APAA Legacy Recognition Award” that will go to one student-pharmacist each year. Children and grandchildren of alums will be eligible to receive this award and will apply for it through a brief application form. More information will be forthcoming.
- The Board also voted to grant Mr. James I. Harrison, Jr., an honorary membership in APAA in recognition of his years of service to HSOP. Congratulations, Mr. Harrison!
- At the annual meeting of the Alabama Pharmacists Association in June, APAA recognized two individuals for their contributions to the HSOP and to APAA. HSOP accountant **Laurie Newton**

received the APAA Distinguished Service Award for her years of service to APAA. **JT Leatherwood** ('96), director of College Relations & Professional Recruitment with Rite Aid Pharmacy, was given the APAA Distinguished Alumnus Award for his years of dedication to the HSOP. Thank you Laurie and JT!

- The Board is busy planning a fall gathering for female alums. The goal of the event will be to provide opportunities for networking and relationship building. Please stay tuned for more information.
- The HSOP unexpectedly lost one of its own earlier this year. Scott Arledge passed away surrounded by friends and family. I had the opportunity to get to know Scott through the Dean's Advisory Board. Scott was an advocate for the profession and the HSOP. He will be missed by family and friends.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. My email address is below.

You can now find us on Twitter at, @HSOP_Alum, and on Facebook by searching for "Auburn Pharmacy Alumni Association."

War Eagle!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent J. Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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