

## MEET THE PRESIDENT



Patricia A. Chase, PhD  
AACP President

The 2014-2015 President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) is Patricia (Pat) A. Chase, PhD, a professor and the Gates Wigner Dean at the University of West Virginia School of Pharmacy in Morgantown. Dr. Chase received her bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from the Albany College of Pharmacy, a master of science in hospital pharmacy degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a PhD in administration, supervision, and curriculum design from the University of Colorado. She is a fellow of the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists. Dr. Chase started her career as the Director of Pharmacy Services at the Houlton Regional Hospital in Maine (at that time, an 86-bed facility), served as a clinical pharmacist at the Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina, and then worked as the Assistant Director for Administrative Services in the Pharmacy Department at the Montefiore Medical Center located in Bronx, New York. Her first academic position was as an associate professor and director of pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and the Oklahoma Medical Center. Dr. Chase was also a professor of pharmacy at the School of Pharmacy University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and director of the Pharmacy University Hospital System in Denver. She later worked as

a professor of pharmacy in conjunction with serving in numerous administrative positions at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy in Pomona, California. She became a professor and the Edward J. and Margaret F. Rowe Decanal Chair of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2000. She assumed her current position at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in 2006.

Dr. Chase has extensive college and university service over the years and has also had leadership roles for the Maine Society of Health System Pharmacists, the New York Council of Hospital Pharmacists, the Oklahoma Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the Colorado Pharmacists Society Academy of Health-System Pharmacists, the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the Indiana Pharmacy Association. Dr. Chase is currently a member of the West Virginia Pharmacy Association Board of Directors and West Virginia Health Improvement Institute.

Over the years, Dr. Chase has been an active leader within AACP. She served as the secretary and chair of the Council of Deans. She also served as the chair of the Women Faculty Special Interest Group in 2004, as a member of the PharmCAS Advisory Committee from 1999-2001, as a member of the 1998 Academic Affairs Committee, and as a member of the planning team and facilitator for the AACP Institute on Curriculum and Pedagogy from 1997-2000.

Dr. Chase's scholarly interests are in the areas of (1) developing future leaders in the academy, (2) designing longitudinal approaches to teaching wellness and preventative medicine across the curriculum, (3) improving the health of the uninsured and underinsured, and (4) encouraging the use of a portfolio approach in managing resources in academia. She has a long and distinguished record of publications including books, book reviews, Web-based materials, articles and chapters, and numerous presentations at local, national, and international meetings. She was 1 of 3 editors of the book *The Dean's Compass: Practical Advice for Achieving Excellence*, published by AACP in 2008.<sup>1</sup> She has been the recipient of numerous teaching and practice awards throughout her professional career including the AACP Innovation in Teaching Award in 2006. Dr. Chase was recognized by the Rural Underserved Network for her work in securing medications for the working poor in Indiana in 2004.

Dr. Chase's success as a leader, mentor, and friend is a result of her caring heart, which has impacted patients, pharmacists, students, and faculty members throughout her career. Individuals who have worked with Pat know that she is a caring and compassionate person and that these

interactions result in a friendship that continues over the years. She has mentored many young leaders through the Bolman and Deal's four frames of structural, human resources, political, and symbolic leadership.<sup>2</sup> She has been a positive force in the academic and personal life of many individuals whom she mentored and worked with over the years. What individuals enjoy about her - regardless of personal or professional circumstances - is that she clearly loves what she does each and every day. Dr. Chase is without a doubt a selfless leader who has enjoyed incredible success and is committed to paying it forward in her work with students, faculty and staff members, patients, and others in the pharmacy academy.

Dr. Chase has a very rich and full personal life. She has been married to her husband Jim for more than 40 years.

She has 3 grandchildren, Porter, Miles and Lila and 3 children Julie (deceased), Adam and Alison. Her hobbies include entertaining, gourmet cooking, adventuring, traveling, and gardening.

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