

Regional Coordinators

for the *Office of Experiential Learning*



By Dannel Boatman, Program Coordinator, OEL

The School of Pharmacy Office of Experiential Learning (OEL) is delighted to introduce two new additions to the team: **Karen Famoso, R.Ph.**, and **Joseph “Joe” McGlothlin, R.Ph.** Karen and Joe are the first two regional coordinators for the OEL’s pilot program to promote outreach and support to WVU preceptors.

Regional coordinators will serve as an extension of the OEL in areas of the state not in close proximity to the Morgantown campus. The coordinators will maintain regular contact with the preceptors in their areas to facilitate open lines of communication. Coordinators will visit rotation sites, disseminate information, offer continuing education opportunities, and answer questions regarding the experiential learning program. They will also bring important information, ideas, and questions directly from the preceptors to the Directors of APPE and IPPE programs. The regional coordinator pilot program will focus on the Charleston/Huntington and the Wheeling/Weirton areas.

Karen Famoso is the Wheeling/Weirton Regional Coordinator. She currently serves as the Corporate Director of Pharmacy for Ohio Valley Medical Center and East Ohio Regional Hospital. She oversees pharmacy department operations at each location. Karen is a 1985 graduate of WVU School of Pharmacy and has certification from the American Pharmacists Association in Pharmaceutical (APhA) Care for Patients with Diabetes. Currently, she is a candidate for a Master in Business Administration degree from Wheeling Jesuit University. She expects to graduate in May 2013.

Karen has been a preceptor with WVU for over 12 years. In addition, she is a registered preceptor with the University of Charleston, Ohio Northern University, and The Ohio State University. Her desire for greater interaction and collaboration with fellow preceptors drove her initial interest in the regional coordinator position.

Joe McGlothlin is the Huntington/Charleston Regional Coordinator. He currently serves as the President of T&J Enterprises, doing business as The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy. He also serves as a pharmacy consultant at Cabell Huntington Hospital Surgery Center.

Joe is a 1981 graduate of WVU’s School of Pharmacy and holds a certificate in Community Pharmacy Management from the University of Rhode Island College of Business and Pharmacy. In addition, he has completed APhA certification in immunization and medication therapy management. Joe served as President of the West Virginia Pharmacists Association in 2001.

He has been a preceptor for approximately 20 years with schools such as WVU, Ohio Northern University, The Ohio State University, and the University of Charleston. It was his desire to become more involved with the education of the next generation of pharmacists that initially drew him to this position. He thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to hone his teaching abilities as well as give back to his alma mater.

Both Joe and Karen are very excited to work with WVU preceptors, students, faculty, and staff. You can reach Karen by e-mail at klduscifamoso@hsc.wvu.edu. You can reach Joe by e-mail at jmcglath@hsc.wvu.edu.

