Let's take a step back to January 2009: We distinctly remember eagerly checking our cell phones for missed calls and opening our email accounts with restless anticipation. We were anxiously waiting to hear if we had secured fellowship positions with Rutgers, the nation's leading pharmaceutical industry program, and would begin our path to a successful career in the industry.

Taking a step forward to August 2010, it is hard to believe how much we have accomplished in such a short period of time. In a span of one year, we have developed friendships that we will never forget, built relationships that will help us advance our careers, and grown professionally to better understand our strengths and weaknesses. To our second year fellows: Congratulations on everything you have achieved so far. We hope you are finding this experience to be as meaningful as we are. As the senior leaders in the fellowship, we look to you to help us provide continued guidance and support for our incoming group to ensure the program continues its tradition of excellence. To our first year fellows: We would like to welcome you to the program. The journey you have in store is sure to be one you will never forget. We are excited and humbled to be walking along with each of you every step of the way.

During the 2010-2011 year, it is our goal to successfully oversee this fellowship program, which has been functioning as a “well-oiled machine” for 25 years. We believe that every process and committee has room for improvement, and encourage all of our committees to not only continue doing exceptional work, but to be innovative and challenge the status quo. The talent and enthusiasm that we have seen from committee members thus far is truly inspiring, and we do not anticipate anything less than a successful year.

Throughout the upcoming year, we would like to showcase the large network of alumni the RPIF program is so proud of. We can all recognize the power of networking, especially as professionals just starting our careers. With the help of the Alumni Mentorship program, CDC events, and the 25 Year celebration, we hope to engage our alumni and provide our fellowship class with the opportunity to cultivate relationships with other pharmacists who were once in their shoes. We encourage all of you to take full advantage of these opportunities and continue to build your professional network.

While all of us recognize the tremendous opportunity this program provides us to grow professionally, the opportunity to grow personally is equally as impressive. We encourage you to develop your leadership and teamwork abilities by participating in committees. We ask that you challenge your ability to serve as a mentor and educator by teaching and/or precepting students. We expect you to take the lessons you learn from our PDD presenters and guest speakers and apply these new ideas to your daily work and to your personal lives. Above all, we ask that you continue to challenge yourself and the rest of the fellowship class each day that you are a part of this program. What we get out of this experience will be a direct result of the efforts we have put in, and so we ask you all to put your best foot forward as we begin this new fellowship year.

Your Co-Chiefs,
Payal and Todd
If Dr. Kay Chitale, a 2001 Alumna of the Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program, has one bit of advice for the current Fellowship Class, it is, “Don’t be afraid to take the road less traveled. You will be surprised as to what possibilities unfold before you!”

Dr. Chitale graduated with her Pharm.D. from the University of Maryland at Baltimore after completing a degree in Art History from Smith College in Massachusetts. She began her career in the industry doing an internship in Clinical Pharmacology at Glaxo Wellcome in North Carolina between the 3rd and 4th years of the PharmD program. She immensely enjoyed the work, the people, and the culture; it became an avenue she wanted to further explore. Dr. Chitale heard about the Rutgers Fellowship Program at Midyear while applying for various other industry positions. She liked the possibility of getting hands-on experience and working in different departments within a company. Today she is struck by the size that the program has grown to, and happy to see that it remains popular among aspiring candidates.

Dr. Chitale started her Fellowship experience at Novartis Pharmaceuticals in Regulatory Affairs, Oncology and rotated into Clinical Development, Neuroscience for her second year in the Program. Her career commenced when she was hired full time by Novartis in the department of Clinical Development, Oncology. After spending another two years at Novartis, she decided to move to the FDA and became a Senior Consumer Review Analyst at DDMAC (Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications.) Early on, it was not unusual for her to be asked why she switched from industry to government, instead of the other, more common way around. Her curiosity and strong desire to experience the agency from the inside were her main motivators. As a review analyst, she worked primarily in the DTC (Direct to Consumer) group and was involved in many different agency initiatives. “I was 1 of 4 reviewers, reviewing sponsors’ promotion and communications materials. It was a great experience as my work was across all therapeutic areas from Infectious Disease, to Women’s Health, to Oncology. It also was in all different media, including TV, radio, and newspaper ads, just about anything you would see in the consumer world. It was a complete 180 from being in the industry. I was literally on the other side of the table.” Dr. Chitale was also at DDMAC during the Vioxx withdrawal in 2004. “The FDA was very busy with what communications to put out to the public and what to do with the existing promotions. It was a good time to be there.”

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“If you look at my career, I’ve done a lot of different things and haven’t necessarily followed a straight path,” says Dr. Chitale. “I’ve taken side roads and detours to get specific experience and follow my interests, instead of just going for the next title. One of my favorite writers once wrote, ‘Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one’s courage.’ This sums up what I believe. You have to have the courage to make any big decisions, especially those that might be considered unconventional. My life is richer personally and professionally because of the chances I have taken.”
CURRENT PHARMACY ISSUES

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT REMS**

- REMS stands for Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies
- FDA has the authority to require the submission and implementation of a REMS document according to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 if the FDA determines that this document is required to assure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks.
- Components of the REMS include medication guides, patient package inserts, requirements of those who use, dispense or prescribe the drug and a communication plan for health care professionals.

**PROBLEMS FDA IS INCURRING WITH REMS**

- Learning as they go: FDA began implementing REMS before they had given clear guidance on what is required. FDA is currently working on a REMS guidance document.
- Patients not receiving meds: Some REMS involve certified prescribers and/or pharmacies. Patients have seen a delay in obtaining their emergency and maintenance drugs.
- Other stakeholders want a say: Many pharmacist groups believe pharmacists should have REMS input since they are often the responsible party for distribution to the patient. However, confidentiality concerns cause problems here.
- Does anyone read the MedGuide?: This is a question many stakeholders are pondering.
Kelley Bradley (nee Piper), an alumna of the fellowship, passed away on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. She was 37 years old and resided in Chatham Township, N.J. with her husband and four children. Kelley was a graduate of the University of Missouri in Kansas City where she received her Pharm.D. degree. During her Rutgers Fellowship, she not only made lasting friendships, but also met her future husband, Jack Bradley, another fellow at that time. She completed her Rutgers fellowship in 2000 and was hired by her partner company, Novartis.

Kelley was a self-employed medical writer, and owned and operated Broadmeadow Consulting in Chatham Township. She is survived by her beloved husband, Jack; her loving children, Max, Luke, Emma, and Jake; her devoted parents, John and Mary (Murphy) Piper, and her dear sister and brother, Alyson Haefner and John Piper.
WHEN I THINK OF KELLEY

Memories as compiled by Soma Gupta & Angela Browne and contributed by Laura Babcock Hamway, Jack Bradley, Deb Fong, Shamita Gupta, Sauzanne Khalilieh, John Martin, Maria Pryor, Chris Robertson, Charlene So Hall, Kate Svendsen Schumm, Susan Trieu, and shared by so many more.

"Kelley was an amazing companion and roommate and always brought the bright side to any issue of the day...and on the bad days we always agreed that lemon bars were a remarkably good solution. Thank you Kelley for bringing so much light and sunshine to my fellowship years."

"I think of the times we spent and the fun we had at midyear, parties and other events doing anything other than work. She always had a smile on her face, was always in a good mood, and was someone that really made new fellows feel welcome. Anyone who spent more than 5 minutes with Kelley is bound to miss her now that she’s gone - I certainly will."

“I remember how stunning she looked on her wedding day, in that gorgeous gown set against rich red roses. She was such a good sport, even in the face of a severe snowstorm! Kelley was always smiling, always positive, and always generous with her great spirit.”

“...her bright shining spirit and wide embrace of all life has to offer for us. I still remember her excitement and anticipation about the birth of her first child, Max. It was this absolute joy and sense of anticipation that’s been fun to share with Kelley and Jack as they welcomed Max and then Luke, Emma and Jake into their family.”

“Her ability to manage motherhood while working from home was amazing. She continues to inspire me as I struggle daily with these very same responsibilities”

“She had a lovely spirit and a pure heart. It was a real treat to know her.”

“I remember her beautiful smile! Kelley had a way of walking into a room and lighting it up with sunshine just by smiling. Her patience, kindness, and compassion. I remember seeing her with her children for the first time and hoping that I could be as wonderful of a mother as she is!”

“I remember how graceful she was under pressure. Whether having her passport stolen in Spain or dealing with a major blizzard on her wedding day she always remained calm and in control. Other mere mortals would crumble under the pressure and panic.”

“I see her beautiful smile that would light up a room and a friend that was kind, sincere and honest. I knew Kelley in Pharmacy school and always thought she was a sweet girl but when I moved to New Jersey and we lived together I learned how amazing she was. I miss you Kelley and thank you for your friendship.”

“Kelley and I met during our fellowships and subsequently spent 10 blissful years with each other. We loved one another with an intensity and devotion we always dreamed existed. In the wake of the fellowship, Kelley established a career, built her own business, cultivated eternal friendships, established a life with a loving and devoted husband, and brought four beautiful children, Max, Luke, Emma, and John Kelley "Jake", into the world. Her radiant smile and eyes will be remembered forever.”

- JACK BRADLEY
**SEEN AND HEARD**

**Fellowship Picnic/ROPES course and Delaware River Canoe Trip**

By: Breanne Donohue

The annual fellowship picnic and ROPES course on July 9th was a lot of fun and a great event for all the fellows to reconnect or to make new friends. The ROPES course is a great team building activity that provides the fellows the opportunity to interact with fellows from different companies and for the first year fellows to get to know the second years. Drs. Barone and Alexander and Kim Bicknell also participated this year. Though the weather was not perfect, a downpour of rain did not ruin the event and all the new memories made.

The best way to spend a beautiful Saturday afternoon is canoeing down the Delaware River; at least that is what the fellows thought on the canoe trip on July 24th. There was lots of sun and swimming. Everyone enjoyed a relaxing day in the sun and is already looking forward to next year’s trip!

**RPIF Program 25th Anniversary**

As the program celebrates a remarkable 25th year anniversary, the Institute for Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships and Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey will be hosting a celebratory event on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at The Hilton Short Hills in Short Hills NJ from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM.

All current fellows and program alumni will be invited to join one another for an evening to include sumptuous Hors d’oeuvres and a cocktail reception.

The event is by invitation only, open exclusively to program alumni who successfully completed the program and earned a certificate of completion. If you have any questions please free to contact Kim Bicknell or Amber Griffies.
Music Venues
Maxwell's - Washington St., Hoboken
This intimate bar/restaurant/concert venue features established indie acts as well as hometown heroes.

The Wellmont Theater – Seymour St., Montclair
This historic gem has hosted some of the biggest names in music history. Concert-goers will enjoy several bars, a balcony and classical architecture.

Places to Eat
Hobby’s Delicatessen– Branford Pl., Newark
This Newark mainstay has been thrilling the downtown crowd with deli classics for over fifty years. Check it out after a Devil’s game for a pastrami sandwich as big as your head.

Mesob - Bloomfield Ave., Montclair
Featuring Injera, Tibs Wat and Butcha and other tasty Ethiopian varieties. This atmospheric gem encourages diners to dive in and eat with their hands (though silverware is available for the faint of heart). Mesob is vegetarian and vegan friendly.

Sporting Events
New York Red Bulls- Harrison
Cheer on the your hometown team from the comforts of the brand new Red Bull Arena. Tickets start at $25. Home games include 9-4, 10-2, 10-9 and 10-21.

New Jersey Devils - Newark
Watch the bad boys take the ice in the Prudential Center. Home games include 10-8, 10-11, 10-15, 10-16 and 10-23.

Cultural Events
9-4 Red Bull Flugtag - Camden Waterfront
Experience hundreds of jumpers flinging themselves from a pier in homemade flying machines. Sure to see crazy costumes, contraptions, and collisions!

9-11/12 Union County Music Festival - Clark
This two day music spectacular features musical acts such as Spoon, Train, The Bravery and The Zombies. This easy on the wallet event (FREE) also incorporates a circus side show and games for the kids.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra - Newark
Experience the Grammy winning ensemble perform favorite classics in the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Their schedule includes multiple performances in September and October.

9/27 Hoboken Fall Arts & Music Festival
Free!! Three stages of live music and plenty of art and food to feed the soul. Starts at 11 am

Send your favorite spots and upcoming events to the newsletter committee.
Congratulations to Wilson Liu and Lynn Zhang on their recent engagement!

Recent Engagements!
Congratulations to Jiten Rana and Swetha Basani on their recent engagement!

Welcome Baby Everett
Everett Kendrick Hall
Born on 20th July 2010
Weighing 3 pounds 6 ounces
Charlene (So) Hall and Emery Hall

Recently Engaged!
Congratulations to Narin Ahmed and Nayeem Hussain on their July 3rd wedding!

Time to Celebrate
Happy Birthday to you:

8/6 Arpit Gandhi
8/9 Justin Dennie
8/9 Anjali Gupta
8/11 Ann Howell
8/13 Roshni Patel
8/14 Sweta Shah
8/18 Anna Beryozkina
8/19 Erica Hosek
8/24 Josin James
8/30 Katherine Carter
9/7 Vrunda Patel
9/21 Narin Hussain
9/15 Payal Patel
9/16 Ashley Johnson
9/26 Suzanne Thomas
10/16 Dana Huang
10/26 Raj Patel
10/28 Elbert Chang
11/10 Sergio Gatoulis
11/10 Mary Liu
11/10 Todd Okamoto
11/10 Jennifer Poon
11/11 Lindsay Bohlander
11/14 Wendy Hong
11/20 Bijal Pandhi

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