

In the Spotlight

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Distinguished Awards presented at Homecoming

Michael Azzolin was named 2015 Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy at Homecoming exercises. The 2002 Doctor of Pharmacy graduate is the chief operating officer and co-founder of PharmD on Demand, a company that serves as an alternative to 24-hour hospital pharmacy coverage.

PharmD on Demand was featured on the UGA Bulldog 100 list in both 2014 and 2015, ranking as #12 and #23, respectively. Azzolin was also recently honored as a member of UGA's 40 Under 40 Class of 2015, which recognizes exceptional young alumni who are achieving great success in their professional and personal endeavors. Azzolin is only the second College of Pharmacy alumnus to receive that award; the other honored Jinali Desai ('07) in 2013, when she was Senior Director of Market Health and Wellness for Walmart.

Aside from his success in business, Azzolin also worked to establish the Spruill-Wade-Cobb Fund for Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy. He continues to give back to the College of Pharmacy as a guest speaker at the continuing education series and its entrepreneurial studies class. Azzolin and his wife Stephanie, who live in Bishop, recently expanded their family when they adopted a daughter from China.

He will be honored as the Grand Marshall at the College's 2016 graduation ceremonies next May.

Athenian **Jeff Jowdy**, who lives in Franklin, Tenn., was recognized for Distinguished Service to the College; he received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia in 1983. Jowdy is the owner and President of Lighthouse Counsel Company, a business that partners with nonprofits to help develop and enforce strategies that increase mission awareness, organizational effectiveness and philanthropic support.

Jowdy has been a dedicated supporter of the College of Pharmacy by serving as an advisor to the Comprehensive Campaign Board and using his business experience to help the College of Pharmacy with assessments of fundraising and alumni outreach. He has supported the College through the establishment of the Millicent McKendry Jowdy Endowed Student Scholarship and represents his family at the annual Jowdy Golf Classic, a tournament named after his father that benefits the Albert W. Jowdy Pharmacy Scholarship.

Andre Mackey ('88), a CVS pharmacist who lives in Avondale Estates, was introduced as the new president of the College's 18-member Alumni Council. He will serve in that position until October 2017.

Some 200 alumni and friends attended the Homecoming event, which included live music by Pseudo and a student dance demonstration. Welcoming remarks were made by Dana Strickland ('81), executive director of External Affairs, and Hugh Chancy ('88), chairman of the Comprehensive Campaign board. Associate Dean George Francisco and Alumni Director Kim Hamby presented the awards.

