

In the Spotlight

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Brian Buck Named ASHP Fellow

Dr. Brian Buck, clinical associate professor and director of the Residency Program at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The award was presented to Buck in June at the Society's Summer Meeting and Exhibition in Seattle for his distinguished service to pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems.

The ASHP Practitioner Recognition Program recognizes excellence in practice and promotes public awareness of outstanding pharmacists. Each applicant's credentials are assessed against a rigorous criteria that include contributions to the scientific literature, research, education and active involvement and leadership in professional activities. Applicants also must have practiced pharmacy for at least 10 years. Since the program began in 1988, 587 Fellows have been recognized.

Buck joined the College faculty in 2006 after serving as assistant director of pharmacy and residency program director at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center and Health System in Gainesville, Ga. He earned his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from UGA, completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at Shands Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla., and a Critical Care Specialty Residency at R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Md. Buck then spent seven years at the University of Maryland as a Critical Care Medicine Specialist and Residency Program Director.

Buck is best known in pharmacy practice for his work in promoting, developing, and directing post-graduate residency training programs. He has developed and directed three residency programs, which have produced 31 graduates. The majority of the residents he has mentored now serve the profession in clinical and/or administrative leadership positions. He has worked and continues to work with regional and national organizations to design and advance effective residency training methods and promote patient centered pharmacy.

Buck also has chaired and served as a board member for the Eastern States Conference for Pharmacy Residents and Preceptors, and currently serves on the Advisory Board for the Southeastern States Residency Conference, which he will chair in 2009.

In 2006, Buck served as Alumni Association president for UGA College of Pharmacy, and in 2004 was one of 40 pharmacists invited to participate in the annual Wharton School of Business Executive Management Program for Pharmacy Leaders.

