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## Governor Signs Bill to Establish Substance Abuse Prevention Center

Gov. John Hickenlooper signed Senate Bill 17-193 to fund the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention at the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy. The law, sponsored by State Senators Cheri Jahn and Kevin Lundberg and State Representatives Brittany Pettersen and Bob Rankin, creates a Center for prevention, research and treatment to tackle opioid and prescription drug abuse problem with a \$1 million appropriation from the marijuana tax cash fund. Faculty member Rob Valuck, PhD, was instrumental in getting the law passed and the Center established.

## Pharmacy Perspectives

The spring edition of [Pharmacy Perspectives](#) is now available. In this issue, travel to exotic lands with faculty and students as they spread the word about clinical pharmacy, be transported into the world of impressionism by one-of-a-kind artwork that was on display at the Anschutz Medical Campus, and learn how a new law has the potential to transform the pharmacy profession in Colorado.

## Graduate Stories

Learn more about those who earned doctorates in our [graduation edition of Pharmacy Perspectives](#) -- from PhD grad Ross Osgood who's off to a fellowship at Harvard to working pharmacist Maumi Villarreal who earned her PharmD while working as a Medical Liaison for Novo Nordisk, Inc., and Whitney Pittman who was influenced to pursue pharmacy because of a childhood friend's battle with cancer.

## Commencement 2017

Nearly 200 doctorate degrees (7 PhD and 189 PharmD degrees) were conferred May 26 at the 2017 Commencement ceremony at the Anschutz Medical Campus.

FREE PHOTOS



*2017 graduate Dr. Phuong Bui smiles as she is hooded by Drs. Jarvis and Kiser during the 2017 commencement ceremony.*

## Kudos

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Post-doctoral Fellow Yasmeen Nkrumah-Elie was recognized by the American Society for Nutrition as an Emerging Leader in Translational Research for her work titled: "Foodomics Application: Analysis of Dietary Components of the DASH Diet Pre and Post Consumption."



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