

# UHA News



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## Equipment donations near \$3 million for ACP research institute

The Pharmaceutical Research Institute at Albany College of Pharmacy has received nearly \$3 million in donated lab equipment since it moved into the former Bender Hygienic Laboratory building on the UHA campus in July 2003, including approximately \$500,000 in analytical and formulation-related equipment from Bristol-Meyers Squibb Co. and Merck and Co., Inc., in December.

The latest donations from Bristol-Meyers Squibb and Merck brought the pharmaceutical giants' total equipment contributions to PRI to approximately \$725,000 and \$450,000, respectively. Another industry leader, Hoffman-LaRoche Ltd. of Switzerland, also has contributed about \$625,000 in equipment during the past 18 months to help fuel PRI's development.

The gifted equipment has been the result of relationship-building by PRI Director Shaker A. Mousa, Ph.D., who spent 18 years as a senior research scientist at DuPont Pharmaceuticals Co. before joining ACP in 2002 to lead development of the institute.

"This allows us to use the same equipment that exists in the pharmaceutical industry and gives us greater capabilities as a research institution," Dr. Mousa said.

Along with the equipment donated by PRI's industry partners, the institute also has benefited from \$1 million in equipment Dr. Mousa brought to the facility through his previous National Institutes of Health grants. Dr. Mousa's ongoing research into angiogenesis, thrombosis and vascular disorders is a central component



of PRI's drug discovery development.

The equipment donated to PRI from industry includes large and small products – from gas chromatography and high-performance liquid chromatography machines and an atomic absorption machine down to refrigerators, test tubes and beakers.

"Without these contributions, we would have to go out and purchase all of this equipment ourselves, so you can imagine the benefit to the institute and the college," Dr. Mousa said.



### First Night Albany 2005

#### Downtown Albany's family friendly New Year's Eve celebration

Friday, December 31

2 p.m. - midnight

40 indoor venues in a five-block radius in downtown Albany

First Night Albany button - \$10 (\$12 after December 25)

Children under 5 admitted free

For more information, visit [www.albanyevents.org](http://www.albanyevents.org) or call (518)434-2032

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## **A Tribute to Justice Robert H. Jackson**

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, a 1912 graduate of Albany Law School, was honored at an event held Nov. 15 at the law school.

The tribute, sponsored by the Albany Law Review, marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year since Justice Jackson's death. Among the career highlights the event featured was Jackson's role as chief United States prosecutor before the International Military Tribunal at Nuremburg following World War II.

Among the distinguished speakers at the event were Hon. Victoria A. Graffeo, associate justice, New York Court of Appeals; Phil Neal, Neal, Gerber, & Eisenberg, LLP and former law clerk to

Justice Jackson; and John Q. Barrett, professor of law at St. John's University School of Law, Elizabeth Lenna Fellow at the Robert H. Jackson Center and editor of "That Man: An Insider's Portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt", Jackson's recently discovered memoir of FDR and the New Deal.

Also in attendance were Hon. Melissa Jackson, granddaughter; Thomas Loftus, grandson; William Hook, great-grandson; Karen Ingeman, great-niece; Alma McLay, member of Jackson's Nuremburg staff; and Greg L. Peterson, Esq., president of the Jackson Center in Jamestown, N.Y.

## **Thoughts from the Executive Director:**

As December draws to a close each year I am always startled at how quickly four seasons pass, and slightly distressed at how many projects remain undone. Fortunately, those feelings are fleeting. They are rapidly replaced with pride at all that was accomplished in the past 12 months, and with renewed energy and excitement for the promise of the new year. Thanks to all who have been such loyal supporters; we wish you a wonderful holiday season and a bright and fulfilling 2005!



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