Real World
The BSPS mentorship program gives students a new perspective. Jennifer Bairam, a junior in the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) program, was eager to get real-world exposure to potential career paths in the pharmaceutical industry. The BSPS mentorship program gave her the opportunity she wanted. It pairs students with alumni who are well established in their fields, says Erin Edmonds, BSPS experiential education coordinator.

Bairam was matched with Jeff Cehelsky ’87, vice president of clinical operations at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass. “I couldn’t ask for a better mentor,” Bairam said. “We talk about the industry and his work, regulations for clinical trials and drugs we’re in production.”

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Mentors can be anything from the current number of 50 mentors, Edwards of quantity makes to retain 50. As he says, “The mentors have been interested in participating because they can see the impact on students in real time.”

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Wednesday, July 5
Medication Therapy Management Training

Friday, July 28
2017 SURF Conference (pictured)

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July 31-August 2
5th Annual Transporters Workshop

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Ocean State Tour de Cure

Events Vary • URI Pharmacy Building, Kingston, RI
Choose one of five scenic routes to benefit the American Diabetes Association.

9 a.m.–5 p.m • URI Pharmacy Building, Kingston, RI
AphA’s certification training prepares pharmacists to deliver MTM services in a variety of practice settings.

8 a.m.–noon • URI Pharmacy Building, Kingston, RI
Undergraduates in the biomedical, behavioral, environmental, and life science fields present their summer research findings.

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The three-day course will focus on Transporters in Drug Discovery and Development: Driving Knowledge from Laboratory to Label.

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Forward Thinking
The future begins now.

We often talk about the future of health care. At the College of Pharmacy, we believe that a strong future depends on a solid education in science, one built daily through leadership in education, research, and community engagement. In the issue of our newsletter you will see evidence of this leadership in the work being done by the Institute for Integrated Health and Innovation to foster research collaborations across the university; in the ongoing commitment of our current students through professional mentorships and the achievements of students such as Brenna Kury ’17, about to begin her pharmaceutical degree. For the past five years, the College has found the national average in national recognition. We are proud of innovators like Dea Balca ’01, who is leading the way to the future of pharmacy, and Jay Simon ’83, whose own belief in a strong educational foundation inspired him to help create the same for generations to come.

As our graduating seniors begin their next chapter, we look forward to their futures and celebrate their accomplishments. They are the greatest testimony to the culture of excellence our alumni have established.

Congratulations, Class of 2017.

– E. Paul Larrat, Dean
Positive Outlook

For Iman Aberra ’17, the future looks bright.

"It’s really cool that I can work with the Medical College of Wisconsin, where I have the opportunity to gain experience through a range of rotations," she says. "It feels like working in several hospitals at the same time."

Aberra initially drew to URI in part because of its "rt, open environment," and she says the "opportunities to work with students as a preceptor," especially the residency program at Froedtert, "gave me the opportunity to talk with patients and preceptors." After graduation, Aberra says she hopes to "gain experience and make contributions to patient care."