Good morning,

We are here today to thank and honor Kristine Marcus for her significant contributions to health-systems pharmacy and OSHP. I have known Kris, well... for a while. I first made her acquaintance during my residency at OHSU. Kris, herself had completed the pharmacy practice residency at OHSU just 3 years before. She provided my training in drug information while serving as Interim Director of the University Drug Consultation Service. Prior to this responsibility, she had already created an outpatient dispensing pharmacy satellite at the Casey Eye Institute, and served as lead pharmacist. Kris next then established an Operating Room Pharmacy Satellite, the first of its kind in Oregon.

Though I departed OHSU at the conclusion of my residency, Kris continued to provide service excellence at the academic medical center for the ensuing 13 years in the capacity of Pharmacist and Project Coordinator for Drug Use Management and Information Services. Kris was well ahead of the curve in advancing the tenets of ASHP’s pharmacy practice model initiative before its 2010 inception. She developed pharmacy technicians into medication assistance experts which resulted in saving patients and the organization valuable resources. Kris then operated as the PGY1 residency program director until her departure from OHSU Hospitals and Clinics in 2007.

Kris continued to contribute to health-systems pharmacy, and the training of the next generation of pharmacists, through the Pacific University School of Pharmacy Drug Information Service. Most recently, she is working as a visiting faculty pharmacist at Providence Portland Medical Center. Kris is held in high esteem within the pharmacy community and is regarded as a national specialist in drug information and residency program education and practice.

Kris’ participation in OSHP is unparalleled. Actively and continuously involved in OSHP since moving to Oregon as a pharmacy resident, Kris has held several elected positions and served tirelessly on OSHP Councils and Committees. Highlights of her involvement include serving as Treasurer from 2005 to 2007, and President from 2012-2015. Kris has served on at least 15 other task forces, councils, and committees which have advanced the education, competence, and professionalism of pharmacists, technicians, and student pharmacists.

For this professional activeness, OSHP has recognized Kris many times in the past, illustrating her ongoing commitment to the Society. She has received the OSHP Board of Directors Award on 4
occasions, an Outstanding Project Award for Oregon Technician Rules in 2006, and the Excellence in Education Award 6 different times.

These last accolades underscore Kris’ commitment to the educational efforts for practitioners and others. *Entering a room of Oregon pharmacists,* you will be challenged to find someone who has not crossed paths with Kris. Her role as student or resident preceptor, mentor or advisor, teacher or trainer, has been rooted not only in her assigned responsibilities throughout her career, but more importantly, her passion for pharmacy and people.

It is easy to detail Kris’ function as pharmacy educator since 2007 through her role as assistant and now associate professor at Pacific University School of Pharmacy. She coordinates and teaches several courses each academic year, including an elective to better prepare students for residency opportunities. She consistently guides assigned advisees and others on a pathway to career development. Kris’ teaching quality was recognized in 2014 with the presentation of the President’s Award for Excellence in Professional Education at Pacific University. And let us not overlook her scholarly contributions to the community: 10 journal articles, books, or book chapters; 7 peer-reviewed presentations; 18 posters; and *about a zillion* CE presentations.

Kris has always been passionate about technician teaching and training as well. She worked with technicians at OHSU Hospitals and Clinics to develop clinical practices, which led to the revitalization of the OSHP Technician Chapter, and serving as this chapter’s liaison to the OSHP Board of Directors. Kris continues to work with developing residency programs, serving as a catalyst for residency expansion in the region. Most recently deserving of our congratulations are Providence Health & Services Oregon Region, and to Kris Marcus for her role and assistance in the winning of the 2015 ASHP Residency Excellence Award. This is the first PGY1 program based in a non-academic medical center to win this competitive and prestigious national award. Kris’ faculty practice site is at Providence; her goals being to teach pharmacy technicians, student pharmacists, post-doctoral trainees, and preceptors the principles of drug information, drug policy, and administrative practice.

Kris has moved the profession of pharmacy forward, while at the same time having had rich involvement with her family, Matt and Sophie. I have lost count of how many US cities Kris has ventured to for ballet competitions. We thank Matt and Sophie for their patience and understanding when we have kept Kris at a Board meeting... or two, until well after dark.

Congratulations to Kris Marcus for her induction into the 2nd class of Fellows of OSHP.