Mission

The mission of the University of the Pacific’s Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is to prepare students for lifelong success in health careers by providing an excellent, student-centered learning environment. We aspire to develop leadership skills in our students and a strong commitment to their professions and to society. These efforts are assisted by linkages across the University’s professional and liberal arts programs. We support outstanding professional and graduate teaching, research and other scholarly activity, and services as a means of achieving our mission.

Vision

From the School’s founding over fifty years ago, our vision has been its greatest strength and surely a source of inspiration for its faculty, staff, and alumni. Central to that vision are two unwavering and interwoven commitments:

- the first is to affirm the individual worth and foster the unique talents of every student
- the second is to connect the efforts of the School to the needs of the patients our students will care for, and to the health professions.

These commitments underscore the fundamentally unique dimensions of Pacific, a humanistic approach to education. The strengthening and nurturing of these foundation principles is the central commitment of the faculty and staff of the School.

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Social Entrepreneurship is a hybrid innovation that applies business and management skills to tackle chronic societal problems with sustainable solutions. The Global Center is part of the School of International Studies. The mission of Pacific’s Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship is to actively engage the University in all aspects of this transformative new field: combined academic and practical curriculum, enterprising internships and apprenticeships, applied research, local and global community outreach, and career opportunity development. At Pacific we are creating a whole new generation of solution-minded pragmatists that are pioneering practical, inventive, and sustainable approaches to address the world’s most pressing social issues: poverty, disease, malnutrition, environmental degradation, injustice and illiteracy.

Council of University Social Entrepreneurs

The Council is the student arm of the Global Center and promotes practical hands-on involvement of its members in a wide range of student-initiated activities that advance the emerging field of Social Entrepreneurship on campus. It is composed of an active membership of over 50 students representing seven Pacific Schools: Business, Education, Engineering, Pharmacy, International Studies, Law, and College of the Pacific. It was voted the Outstanding Student Organization in 2009. One of its signature programs is the Ambassador Corps which provides fully paid fellowships for student interns to work with the leading Social Entrepreneurship organizations throughout the world. This program is sponsored by private contributions from members of the Global Center Advisory Board.
Victoria Hale, Ph.D.

Dr. Hale is a pharmaceutical executive and social entrepreneur. Her passion is the development of important new medicines for all of humanity, with the specific goal to reduce health inequities.

Dr. Hale is Founder and Chair Emeritus of OneWorld Health, the first nonprofit pharmaceutical company in the US. She founded the company in 2000 and served as its first CEO and Chairman (2000-2008). Under her leadership the organization demonstrated that a nonprofit pharmaceutical company can develop a new medicine: paromomycin for visceral leishmaniasis. Recently, her team successfully developed a disruptive technology to reduce the cost of antimalarials by 10-fold globally (artemisinin).

Presently, Dr. Hale is Founder and President of Medicines360, the second generation nonprofit pharmaceutical company. Medicines360 will be self-sustaining, and independent of philanthropy after initial funding. It is a mission-driven pharmaceutical company dedicated to developing important new health care products to reduce global health inequalities. Current programs include women’s health; future programs will focus on maternal and child health. Medicines360 will control sales to ensure access & affordability; revenues will be generated from global sales, particularly in the US and Europe.

Dr. Hale established her expertise in all stages of bio/pharmaceutical drug development at the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and at Genentech, Inc. She earned her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from University of California San Francisco. She presently maintains an Adjunct Associate Professorship in Biopharmaceutical Sciences at UCSF. She lives in San Francisco with her husband and two sons.

Her recent honors include being elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the US National Academies of Science (2007), and being granted the MacArthur “Genius” Award (2006). She received the President’s Award of Distinction from the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. She is internationally recognized as a senior social entrepreneur by the Skoll Foundation, Schwab Foundation, and Ashoka. The Economist named Hale the recipient of its Social and Economic Innovation Award (2005) and she was named Glamour magazine Woman of the Year in 2007.

Mission

Medicines360 is a non-profit pharmaceutical company that addresses unmet needs of women and children by developing innovative, affordable and sustainable medical solutions.

Social Enterprise

Medicines360 is a Social Enterprise and was founded to address the unique medical needs of women and children through a sustainable and innovative social business model. It will develop affordable, new and important healthcare products for women, pregnant women and young children.

Each therapeutic unit will be created with a sustainability strategy that engages both commercial and public sectors. Profits generated through sales of its products in the commercial sector will be returned to Medicines360 and applied to the mission of the organization. Tiered pricing will subsidize sales to individuals who would otherwise be denied access. Medicines360 aspires to become independent of philanthropy -- a self-sustaining non-profit pharmaceutical company.