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DEANS' ADDRESS

Our Deans started off PharmAlliance Month with inspirational words, reflecting on the last five years and looking forward to the years to come. Each leader posed a unique challenge and set expectations for the PharmAlliance Month participants.

"We have all learned a lot from each other, and with this strong foundation, now is the time to be looking forward. That's what this month is about." - Duncan Craig, Director, UCL School of Pharmacy

"PharmAlliance is not a club, it's a model, and I for one am very excited about how we are going to evolve it." - Arthur Christopoulos, Dean, Monash Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

"There has never been a better time for us to be in this alliance. Over this month, you will define what our international leadership role will look like." - Angela Kashuba, Dean, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Barbara Stephenson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Vice Provost for Global Affairs & Chief Global Officer



Vice Provost Stephenson began her talk with a warning, "I can quickly get very effusive about PharmAlliance which, throughout all of its domains, delivers on so much of what I am seeking to achieve as Vice Provost for Global Affairs: strategic partnerships that help all partners reach higher and deliver better research and educational outcomes."

Her talk entitled *The Importance of Global Partnerships in Higher Education* highlighted the important part global relationships have played in her past work as a diplomat and global ambassador. One such anecdote celebrated the practical ingenuity of **"driving off the road"** to achieve a common goal. Again and again, Vice Provost Stephenson commented on the value of different perspectives that come with global partnerships.

Vice Provost Stephenson emphasized the reality and the reward of international relationships saying, **"There is nothing inevitable about these partnerships. They take time, they take commitment, but they are worth it!"**

Tuesday, 29 September & Thursday, 1 October 2020

GRADUATE E-SYMPOSIUM

The second annual Graduate E-Symposium started off the PharmAlliance Month programming. Forty-three students pursuing their PhD at a PharmAlliance school shared their cutting edge research in lightening-style presentations over two days. Presentation topics were diverse, highlighting ongoing research in areas such as global health, neuroscience, and cancer. Stay tuned for an announcement of the top 3 presenters next week!.



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