

# PharmTox Fights COVID-19

## Week of October 26-30, 2020

### Department Holds Virtual Fall Reception

The department held its annual fall reception on Friday, October 30. Due to virus precautions, this year's event was virtual. Dr. Rusch presented her annual "Year in Review" slide show. Second year graduate students, Lance Benson and Brian Parks, also gave short presentations to formally introduce themselves to the department.



### Joel Vazquez Passes Oral Qualifying Exam



Congratulations to graduate student, Joel Vazquez. Joel passed his oral qualifying exam on Monday, October 26 and is now officially a PhD candidate. Joel's mentor is Dr. Mitch McGill. Joel is also a second year trainee on the Systems Pharmacology and Toxicology T32 Training Grant. Joel's research interests are the identification of biomarkers for liver injury. Way to go, Joel!

### Stocked and Reddie

Stocked and Reddie, the UAMS food pantry, is looking for volunteers and donations of food and money. You can go to their [website](#) to give online.

