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College of Pharmaceutical Sciences Collection

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College of Pharmaceutical Sciences Collection, 1878-1967

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The College of Pharmaceutical Sciences was founded as the College of Pharmacy of the City of New York by a group of apothecaries, physicians and wholesale drug merchants in 1829 for the education of apprentices; it was the second college of pharmacy to be organized in the United States. Instruction began in December 1829 and the first diploma was awarded in 1831.

The College had a checkered existence throughout its first fifty years. It moved frequently, suspended classes twice in the 1840s, and came close to foreclosure in 1857. The purchase of its first building in 1878, a former chapel on East 23rd Street, signaled the start of a more stable era.

In 1894, the College constructed a modern facility on West 68th Street near Columbus Avenue where it remained for the rest of its existence. In 1904, it entered into an affiliation agreement with Columbia College (Columbia University after 1912), which allowed it to retain its corporate and financial independence while issuing its degrees under Columbia's name. The College never became an integral unit of the University.

Graduate instruction began as early as 1897 and a four-year course leading to the B.S. was instituted in 1913, though shorter courses for alternate degrees remained available into the 1930s. In 1966, the institution's name was changed to the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Though the post-World War II years brought relative prosperity and increased enrollment to the College, it was unable to find the funds to upgrade and expand its facilities and was placed on probation in 1967 by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. The College staved off further action until 1973 when the Council notified the College that it would lose its accreditation. Unable to find funding or a merger partner, the College graduated its last class in May, 1976.

SCOPE & CONTENT: Includes publications and ephemera documenting the College before and after its affiliation with Columbia University, such as charters and by-laws; histories; Columbia University bicentennial programs; student, alumni and development office newsletters; and other publications.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Open without restrictions.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Archives & Special Collections holds the records of the College of Pharmaceutical College, Board of Trustees minutes, and Faculty minutes, along with incomplete

sets of yearbooks, catalogs, alumni magazines, annual reports, diplomas, commencement programs, and inaugural theses.

The University Archives holds a small collection of records including faculty and trustee minutes: http://findingaids.cul.columbia.edu/ead/nnc-ua/ldpd_6947663

Additional material is found in the Columbia University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences records, 1829-1976 <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/173700103>, along with the records of Steven Gross, last Dean of the College, in the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy collection <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/173699463>, both at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives in Madison.

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SUBJECTS

Columbia University. College of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Columbia University. College of Pharmacy.

College of Pharmacy of the City of New York.

Pharmacy – Study and teaching.

Pharmacy colleges – New York (State) – New York.

Schools, Pharmacy – New York City.

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1	1	Anniversary programs, 1954
1	2	<i>Anodyne: a student publication of the College of Pharmacy, Columbia University</i> , 1965
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1	4	Charters and by-laws, College of Pharmacy of the City of New York, 1885, 1896, 1900
1	5	Charters and by-laws, College of Pharmacy, Columbia University, 1908, 1909, 1916, 1925
1	6	Course announcements, 1960-1965
1	7	<i>The Graduate: Bulletin of the Alumni Association</i> , Columbia University College of Pharmacy, 1961, 1965-1967
1	8	Histories by Henry H. Rusby, circa 1895, 1923
1	9	Publications, miscellaneous, 1923, 1928