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Pharm.D. Student Spotlight

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Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2015

Hometown: Toongabbie (Sydney), New South Wales, Australia

Honors & Awards: Professional Programs Scholarship

Participation in Organizations: Phi Lambda Sigma, Society of Nuclear Pharmacy, APhA-ASP

Hobbies & Interests: Spending time with my wife and dogs, traveling, brewing beer, and cheese-making

Post-graduation plans: A postgraduate industrial fellowship, and eventually (and hopefully) a job within the pharmaceutical industry

Experience as a PharmD student: There are times when you can sleep, and pharmacy school is not that time.

"I was born and raised in Sydney, Australia, attending local schools before being accepted into the Royal Military College. At the college, I was one of a few selected to participate in a foreign academy exchange program and was chosen to visit the Indonesian military academy (AKMIL), where I was fortunate enough to visit their countryside, monuments, and local people outside of work.

Upon leaving the military, I moved to London, then Edinburgh for a year. I worked at Edinburgh Zoo in the koala enclosure even though I had no experience working with animals (I guess being Australian gave me an advantage). At every opportunity I traveled Europe, and was fortunate enough to meet my now wife.

I moved to North Texas to start my pharmacy prerequisites, then Houston to complete them. Upon acceptance to Purdue, I knew I wouldn't be able to travel as much while in the professional program, so my wife and I backpacked through Africa in the summer before starting. The best experiences I had in Africa was summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro, visiting Victoria Falls, and going on safaris in the Serengeti and Kruger National Park.

Although I have traveled to over 90 countries, having lived in four of them, there are two things I have noticed since moving to Indiana. The first is that Purdue is a remarkable school with an even more amazing alumni network. The second is that I don't like cold weather. The College of Pharmacy has been an incredible place where I have further developed myself both professionally and personally, and this I could not have done without the expertise and generosity of our alumni.

I love being a Boilermaker, and I hope to be able to continue the high standards set by the College of Pharmacy alumni."



David and his wife pose in front of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe



David, shown with his wife, prepares for a camel ride in Egypt near Giza