Welcome From the Director

We had another amazing year for our residency program. Our preceptors and residents continue to be recognized by national and local organizations for their leadership, research, teaching and expertise. It has been an honor to be program director for this wonderful program.

Over the past year, we have come together to build and implement a preceptor development curriculum – peer-teach-peer model – offered through a mixture of recorded webinars and live sessions. These offerings are available to preceptors for Board of Pharmacy preceptor credit and we look forward to evaluating this new initiative. Our resident resiliency and wellness curriculum is upon its second year and has expanded to include a fall resident-only retreat. This overnight experience at Camp Friendship was a great success and we are grateful to our chief residents, Kaity Bader and Anjoli Punjabi, for leading this new event.
Welcome from the Director, continued

We are looking forward to 2019-2020 and will continue to monitor and reach out to our network regarding the pharmacy residency landscape. Each year, more of our graduates are considering Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) training, although few have sought out a PGY2 ambulatory care position. Our program will be investing in improved tracking of our residents and graduates, all to help better prepare our graduates and program’s future direction. We also look forward to reporting back to American Society of Health-System Pharmacists on the changes we have implemented since our last accreditation visit.

Sincerely,

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2017-2018 Residents: Where are they now?

**Joelle Ayoub** – PGY2 Resident, OHSU College of Pharmacy, Portland, OR

**Kaity Bader** - 2nd Year Pharmaceutical Care Leadership Resident, Fairview Physician Associates, Apple Valley, MN

**Courtney Christopher** – Community Pharmacist, CareKinesis, Moorestown, NJ

**Eli Eggen** – Staff Pharmacist, West Side Community Health Services, Saint Paul, MN

**Jacob Lenzmeier** – MTM Pharmacist, Genoa Healthcare, Golden Valley, MN

**Dema Mohammed** – MTM Pharmacist, HealthPartners, Saint Paul, MN

**Courtney Murphy** – PGY2 Resident, St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth MN

**Dani Odenthal** – Walgreens Specialty Pharmacist, Walgreens Specialty, MN

**Anjoli Punjabi** – 2nd Year Pharmaceutical Care Leadership Resident, FUHN, Saint Paul, MN

**Kristen Ross** – MTM Pharmacist, Fairview Pharmacy Services, Milaca, MN

**Natalie Roy** – MTM Pharmacist, Neurology, Fairview Pharmacy Services, Minneapolis, MN

**Hannah Schmidt** – Hospital Staff Pharmacist, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, Eau Claire, WI

**Morgan Stoa** – Teaching Specialist, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

**Stephanie Swanson** – Teaching Specialist, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

**Brittany Theleman** – Pharmacy Manager, Thrifty White Pharmacy, Waseca, MN

**Barbara Truskolawski** – Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist, IHA, Ann Arbor, MI

**Lauren Turner** – MTM Pharmacist, Fairview and University of Minnesota Medical and Surgical Weight Management Clinic, Minneapolis, MN

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2018 Inaugural Resident Retreat

This past September, current residents (pictured below) headed to Camp Friendship in Annandale, MN for the first ever Resident Retreat. They had opportunities for team building activities, bonfires, nature walks, and more! Residents left feeling refreshed and inspired and ready to head back to their respective sites to provide excellent patient care and advance pharmacy practice!

![Resident Retreat group photo](image-url)
Meet Our Residents, 2018 - 2019

Kendra Babcock, Pharm.D.
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Kendra grew up in Faribault, MN and completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at South Dakota State University in 2018. She was extremely excited to move back to Minnesota for residency training. Throughout pharmacy school she participated in APhA-ASP, as well as the South Dakota Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, and the Kappa Psi fraternity. In her free time, Kendra enjoys working out, reading, and traveling. She looks forward to pursuing a career in rural health somewhere in Minnesota upon completing of her residency training at Paynesville.

Kaity Bader, Pharm.D.
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Kaity grew up near Belle Plaine, MN and earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at South Dakota State University (SDSU) in 2017. She is in her second year of the Pharmaceutical Care Leadership Residency and is excited about her ambulatory care practice development at Apple Valley Medical Clinic, a Fairview Physician Associates Clinic, this year. As a student, she engaged in direct patient care opportunities in her home community and abroad with a trip to Honduras and two trips to Haiti. In Haiti, she worked alongside providers in the clinic and taught pharmacology to students at the university. Through these experiences and patient education at Lewis (community) Pharmacy, where she interned, she further discovered her passion for direct patient care in many cultures. Kaity explored her interest in academia by developing and teaching a lecture for P2 students at SDSU College of Pharmacy on statistics and understanding evidence-based medicine. She continues her teaching experience at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. After residency, Kaity plans to pursue a career in academia with an ambulatory care practice site. Kaity enjoys singing, hiking with her husband and tent camping in the great outdoors.

Tiffany Cheng, Pharm.D.
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Tiffany's hometown is Richfield, Minnesota. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison for her pre-professional studies. After volunteering abroad for a month in a pharmacy in central Belize, she felt ready to pursue her passion for pharmacy. Tiffany returned to Minnesota to earn her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2018 from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. Throughout pharmacy school on the Duluth campus, she immersed herself in different organizations and community service projects. In particular, she participated in the International Pharmaceutical Student Federation, Health of People Everywhere Clinic, and Minnesota Pharmacy Student Alliance. During first year of pharmacy school, she had a mentor working in medication therapy management, Tiffany knew from that moment medication therapy management was her passion. Tiffany’s passion continued to grow as an ambulatory care intern at Essentia Health. After completely a full year as a Fairview Longitudinal APPE Student, she is ecstatic to continue working with Fairview Health and the University of Minnesota. She is eager to further develop her knowledge and skills in medication therapy management. Tiffany also hopes to expand her interest in pain management and behavioral health within ambulatory care. Outside of pharmacy, Tiffany enjoys spending time with friends and family and staying active, especially hiking, biking, and playing volleyball. On rainy, cold days, she enjoys a friendly, competitive game of Settlers of Catan.

Kristine Conrow, Pharm.D.
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Kristine is from Lee's Summit, Missouri and graduated with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy in May 2018. As a student pharmacist, she was involved with APhA-ASP, Phi Lambda Sigma, ASHP, SSHP, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, SCCP, Honor Council, and Public Health Organization. During her time as the APhA-ASP International Vice President, Kristine established the first IPSF Student Exchange Program at her school of pharmacy. Her past professional experiences include work at Lee's Summit Medical Center, Research Psychiatric Center, and Walgreens, gaining hands-on experience in various aspects of pharmacy.

Her passion for ambulatory care was solidified during her APPE rotations from the fulfillment she found in working directly with patients to meet their health goals. She is looking forward to further developing her patient-care skills in diverse and interprofessional settings during residency at both Walgreens and Bethesda Clinic. After residency, she plans to continue working in an ambulatory care setting and mentoring students. Kristine is excited for her new adventure in the Twins Cities and finding the best places to eat. She also enjoys volunteering at community healthcare events, running, Netflix bingeing, and hanging out with her family and friends.
Haley Countey, Pharm.D.
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Haley earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree with a minor in psychology from Drake University. During pharmacy school, she was heavily involved with Iowa's Monitoring Program for Pharmacy Professionals and the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. Her passion lies in advocating for patients, and she has specifically dedicated research projects towards reducing stigma associated with mental health disorders. Haley believes in emphasizing the importance of pharmacists on interdisciplinary care teams, and wishes to expand their presence in order to improve patient outcomes. She hopes to continue working directly with patients in the ambulatory care setting, with students to find their passions within pharmacy, and within the community to spread mental health awareness. In her spare time, Haley enjoys kayaking, running with her dog, creating art, playing poker, and traveling the world.

George Cullina, Pharm.D.
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George is originally from Tinley Park, IL, a southern suburb of Chicago. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy in 2018 and bachelor's degree in 2014, both from the University of Minnesota. As an undergraduate, George was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and served as its president for two years. During pharmacy school, he was a member of Phi Delta Chi professional fraternity and served as president for one year and graduated with a Leadership Emphasis Area. George has experience working in a retail pharmacy for nine years and hospital inpatient pharmacy for three years. However, it was his multiple MTM and ambulatory care APPE rotations that inspired him to pursue a residency and future career in ambulatory care. He enjoys getting to know people and building relationships to help improve their overall healthcare, so he is confident that he will have a great experience at Cashwise ACMC. In his free time, he enjoys reading, hiking, camping, boxing, and playing board games with his friends and new wife.

Elise Durgin, Pharm.D.
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Elise graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in 2018. She was in the Mental Health Focus Area, worked as an intern at the Hennepin Regional Poison Center, and was heavily involved with interprofessional student organizations during pharmacy school. She is a Minnesota native, and grew up in Andover. In fact, the Goodrich Pharmacy in Andover was her childhood pharmacy. Before pharmacy school, she attended Cornell College, a quirky liberal arts college in Mount Vernon, Iowa. There she met her husband, who is a first year resident in the Emergency Medicine program at Hennepin Healthcare. They currently live in Robbinsdale with two birds and one rambunctious dog. Elise loves to be active. She runs in the summer and cross-country skis in the winter. She competed in her third marathon the month before starting residency and plans to run a 50 kilometer race on the Birkebeiner ski trails in the fall. She also loves to mountain bike, especially up in Crosby, Minnesota. Ideally she would love to live there some day, practicing ambulatory care pharmacy and enjoying the beauty of the old iron range.

Jenna Gullickson, Pharm.D.
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Originally from Center, North Dakota, Jenna attended North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo, North Dakota where she attained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree within the College of Health Professions School of Pharmacy in May 2018. She participated in student organizations such as the North Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy, serving as secretary for one term, and the American Pharmacists Association, Academy of Student Pharmacists. Throughout her education, she worked in various community pharmacy settings. The experience that impacted her most was her involvement as a student researcher through the McNair Scholars Program at NDSU, which provided opportunities to expand her research skill set, collaborate with mentors, and present her oncology research at a national level. Jenna’s passions in pharmacy are ambulatory care, academia, and outpatient oncology. Her love for teaching was confirmed after leading lectures during her P4 oncology rotation. She is looking forward to her upcoming residency year because she will have the opportunity to grow within the areas that she is passionate about, focus on interprofessional collaboration, and ultimately, positively impact patient lives. Following residency, Jenna hopes to obtain her dream career as a clinical pharmacist in the settings of ambulatory care and/or outpatient oncology with a dual role as an assistant professor. In the future, she hopes to develop a research program for pharmacy students to aid in their professional development. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, watching Bison football, and traveling with her boyfriend of 8 years.
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Vu was born in Thailand and immigrated to the forever sunny state of California where he lived in different Southern California cities that shared a common theme - a beach. He moved to Minnesota for pharmacy school in 2014 and experienced snow along with temperatures below 40°F for the first time in his life. As a recent PharmD graduate of the Class of 2018 from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, he is excited to start his ambulatory care residency at CUHCC where patient populations are diverse and require skills beyond that of pharmaceutical clinical knowledge. During his pharmacy school career, he placed a large emphasis with student organizations and was an active member of Minnesota Pharmacy Student Alliance, Phi Chi, Phi Delta Chi, and several state and national pharmacy organizations. His experiences in pharmacy school instilled a passion for ambulatory care in him. As a result of his passion for the underserved community, he created a non-profit volunteer initiative known as a Socks n’ Sandwiches that creates sandwiches and donate socks to the homeless population on a monthly basis. He is a self-proclaimed food connoisseur, loves to travel, plays basketball and golf religiously, and photography. Vu hopes to practice as an ambulatory care pharmacist within underserved communities that have unequal access to health care, more specifically the HIV community.

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Ben graduated with his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota in May 2018. He is originally from Medford, Wisconsin and attended University of Wisconsin-Madison for his undergraduate studies in Biochemistry. Throughout pharmacy school Ben was a member of Rho Chi, Phi Delta Chi, and several state and national pharmacy organizations. His experiences in pharmacy school instilled a passion for ambulatory care in him. Ben is excited build his clinical knowledge and communication skills through residency and hopes to positively impact his patients and medication experience. After residency, he hopes to continue his career in ambulatory care. Outside of pharmacy, Ben enjoys outdoor activities, golf, woodworking and spending time with his wife, baby girl, and dog.

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Stephanie is from Prior Lake, MN. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Iowa State University in 2013. She then moved back to Minnesota, where she graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD) with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2018. As a student pharmacist, Stephanie was involved in a variety of activities that sparked her interest in ambulatory care. The most influential experiences included volunteering at the HOPE Clinic, interning at a community pharmacy as well as with the Indian Health Service, working at the UMD Medication Therapy Management Clinic, and her ambulatory care rotations. Stephanie is excited to continue her relationship with the University of Minnesota while working on an interprofessional team to provide compassionate, patient-centered care within a rural setting. Following her residency, she plans to pursue a career that will allow her to collaborate with other health professionals to optimize patient outcomes and make a significant difference in patients’ lives. Outside of pharmacy, Stephanie enjoys hiking, camping, and spending time with friends, family and her dog, Lexi.

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Sara grew up in Neosho, Missouri. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) in 2018. Throughout pharmacy school, Sara was engaged in many professional organizations and was driven by leadership and professional development. She was President of the UMKC American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Chapter and held national leadership positions in APhA-ASP and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, where she focused on both student development and education. Sara gained interest in academia during her final year of pharmacy school when she worked as a student research assistant and helped develop curriculum maps and assessment strategies at the UMKC School of Pharmacy.
During her first year of residency, Sara will be spending half of her time providing direct patient care at Smiley's Family Medicine Clinic and the other half teaching at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. She is excited to grow as a teacher and preceptor, learn more about ambulatory care practice, and develop strong patient-provider relationships at clinic. After residency, Sara hopes to pursue a career in academia with an ambulatory care focus. For fun, Sara enjoys attending concerts with her friends, traveling to different places, and trying new restaurants around the cities.

**Sarah Medina, Pharm.D.**
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Sarah is a 2018 graduate from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. Originally from East Saint Paul, MN, Sarah is very enthusiastic about starting her year long residency at West Side Community Health Services. Sarah has a very personal connection with the Westside community as her grandparents lived there for many years. She has many fond childhood memories and is grateful to make a difference in a community that she is very connected to. Throughout pharmacy school Sarah was an interpreter at the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic and an active member of Kappa Epsilon. Throughout her residency, Sarah is eager to continue learning more about ambulatory care practice and to begin building relationships with the providers and patients. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys watching her daughter participate in taekwondo, taking walks with her dog, Bubba, and baby-sitting her two adorable nephews.

**Kirsten Miller, Pharm.D.**
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Kirsten earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from North Dakota State University in May of 2018. She is originally from Sartell, Minnesota. As a pharmacy student, Kirsten was involved in a wide variety of patient care activities. Experiences that motivated her to pursue a residency involving ambulatory care include providing medication therapy management services as an intern at a rural community pharmacy and on her ambulatory care rotation. Kirsten is looking forward to beginning her residency at FirstLight Health System, where she is able to continue to build relationships with patients in a rural setting and help them to achieve their healthcare goals. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys golfing, camping and spending time with friends and family.

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Swetha received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in 2018. She completed her undergraduate degree in her hometown at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she had her first pharmacy experience as a technician in a combined inpatient/outpatient role. Here she began to understand pharmacy’s role in the health care system and realized her career goal of being a pharmacist. In pharmacy school, she spent much of her time involved in Kappa Psi and the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic. These organizations gave her the opportunity to develop as a leader, forge interprofessional relationships, and serve an underserved community.

As an APPE student, Swetha’s rotations in primary care clinics solidified her passion for ambulatory care pharmacy and primary care. Her view on patient care is holistic - she understands many factors can contribute to a patient’s health, and that a patient can benefit from the combined expertise of an interprofessional team, including a pharmacist. Swetha is excited to continue her pharmacy training at CUHCC where she can combine her passions for serving an underserved community, interprofessionalism, and primary care. As her career progresses, she hopes to work as a pharmacist in an interprofessional primary care setting where she can also mentor pharmacy students and new pharmacists. In her free time, Swetha enjoys reading, cooking, running, practicing yoga, spending time outside, and growing her indoor plant and herb collection.

**Anjoli Punjabi, M.Ph, Pharm.D.**
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Anjoli graduated with her Doctor of Pharmacy and Masters in Public Health dual degree from the University Of Minnesota in 2017. She is currently a pharmaceutical care leadership resident and completed her first year of residency practicing comprehensive medication management (CMM) at Broadway Family Medicine. This year she will establish CMM services with the Federally Qualified Healthcare Center Urban Network (FUHN). Previously, Anjoli served as a Teach For America corps member, the Minnesota Pharmacy Student Alliance President, and leader of a diabetes prevention program for urban American Indian residents at Little Earth of United Tribes.
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Rebekka is from Cloquet, Minnesota, and stayed in the area to earn her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Biology from The College of Saint Scholastica in 2014. In 2018, she received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree with a Leadership Emphasis Distinction from the University of Minnesota Duluth Campus. Rebekka is passionate about diabetes care, opioid abuse, and interprofessional collaboration. She was highly involved in these areas during pharmacy school, and is excited to continue to work in these areas during her residency at Essentia Health. In the future, she hopes to practice in an interprofessional setting; and, is looking forward to a long fulfilling career in ambulatory care pharmacy. During her free time, Rebekka enjoys spending time outside golfing, hiking, biking, rollerblading, and gardening. She also loves to spend time with family and her two dogs.

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She is passionate about research and programs that advance the role of pharmacists and meet the needs of underserved populations to reduce healthcare disparities. After residency, Anjoli plans to pursue a career in academia as a practice faculty member.

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Kristen grew up on a farm near Courtland, Minnesota. She completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry from Augustana College in 2014 and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from South Dakota State University in 2018. During both her undergraduate and pharmacy school years, she enjoyed tutoring and participating in research. She also took an active role in APhA-ASP as an Operation Diabetes Co-Chair and South Dakota Pharmacists Association Liaison. The highlight of her pharmacy school career was participating in the VALOR internship program at the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System, as this experience introduced her to ambulatory care and showed her that pharmacists can be highly impactful in a variety of areas. Kristen is excited to continue serving veterans at the St. Cloud VA this coming year. She is eager to continue developing her clinical and direct patient care skills throughout her residency and into her future career. In her free time, Kristen enjoys running, traveling, cooking, playing Settlers of Catan, and spending time with her husband, Dan.

Michelle Tran, Pharm.D.
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Michelle graduated with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota in 2018. In her undergraduate years, she studied biomedical engineering also at the University of Minnesota. Originally from Plymouth, MN, she is excited to be staying in the Twin Cities and serving patients at local Fairview clinics. Since the start of her pharmacy career, Michelle has been extremely involved in her community and different professional organizations.
Kyle Walburg, Pharm.D.
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Kyle grew up in Golden Valley, MN. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and graduated with a degree in biology. She worked for four years in a pre-clinical medical device research lab at the University. In 2018 she graduated with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree also from the University of Minnesota. During pharmacy school, Kyle was heavily involved in College Board, Kappa Epsilon, and Rho Chi. She most enjoyed her time spent at the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic. Kyle is passionate about ambulatory care pharmacy and believes pharmacists can make an important impact in the patient's health. In her free time, Kyle enjoys making acoustic covers of rap songs with her guitar, spending time with her two dogs, and exploring the local food scene.

Stephanie Walek, Pharm.D.
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Stephanie grew up on a small dairy farm in Independence, WI. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 2014 and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota in 2018. The concept of ambulatory care was first introduced to Steph during her first year of pharmacy school. Building therapeutic relationships by meeting one-on-one to provide medication education to patients was something that greatly intrigued her.

Rachel Wilhelm, Pharm.D.
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Rachel was born in South Korea and spent her childhood in Minnesota. Prior to pharmacy school she earned undergraduate degrees in psychology and sociology from the University of Minnesota. Rachel worked as a pharmacy technician for many years in both an inpatient and outpatient setting. She is passionate about social justice within the health care system, and is pursuing her Masters degree in Public Health. Rachel is also interested in mental health and serves as a teacher for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She hopes to continue her career in ambulatory pharmacy, working with patients in a clinic setting to meet their medication-related needs. In her free time Rachel enjoys going on walks, reading books, and visiting museums. Her favorite place to visit is Los Angeles, where she lived for 6 years prior to pharmacy school.

Residents showing their lighter side at the 2018 Minnesota Pharmacists Association (MPhA) Annual Learning Networking Event! The event was hosted at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest on October 4th and 5th.
2018 Preceptor of the Year Award

Congratulations to Allyson Schlichte, Pharm.D, MBA, BCACP, the 2018 recipient of the Preceptor of the Year award. Allyson is the MTM operations lead and an MTM provider with Fairview Pharmacy Services and 2007 graduate of the residency program.

The award was presented at the annual residency graduation event celebrating our 2018 residency class. Allyson was nominated by 2018 Fairview residents Kristen Ross and Lauren Turner. Residents were asked to provide a story of how their preceptor personified this quote: “Creative leaders find ways of stepping into the shoes of other people and asking, ‘How would I feel and what would I want if I were this person?’” -Gay Hendricks

An exert from Lauren and Kristen's submission: One of Allyson’s greatest qualities as a preceptor is her caring and compassion towards her residents both personally and professionally. She has an uncanny ability to, no matter how busy she is, make time for us as residents and lend a listening ear. When we experience success, Allyson is there to celebrate with us. When we experience failure, Allyson is there to provide guidance for how to improve in the future. In this year when we have grown so much, exploring and discovering the kind of pharmacist we want to be, Allyson has constantly supported and motivated us. We cannot express our sincerest gratitude for the things she has taught us over this past year. She has been an advocate for us every step of the way and do not think we would be the people we are today without her.

New Dean of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy

Lynda S. Welage, PharmD, FCCP, joined the College of Pharmacy as dean in July 2017. Lynda has held various leadership roles throughout her career, including dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, where she was also a professor of pharmacy practice and administrative sciences. Prior to that she was a professor, clinical pharmacist, and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Lynda has also held many other leadership roles in local, state, and national pharmacy and medical organizations. Lynda currently serves as a member of our Residency Advisory Committee and is continually engaged with preceptors and residents in our program. One of her top goals is to develop new and enhance existing partnerships to further practice transformation and meet the health care needs of all Minnesotans.
Awards and Highlights

Todd Lemke, Pharm.D., CDE, was elected as 2018-2019 chair of the ASHP Section of Inpatient Practitioners Executive Committee. The role of the Section Executive Committee is to provide leadership, guidance, and advice to ASHP on ways to better meet the day to day practice needs of members.

Kajua Lor, PharmD, BCACP, was awarded the 2018 Professional of the Year by the Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce. The Professional of the Year is an award recognizing a professional who has achieved significant milestones in their professional career, elevating the community with their accomplishments. Kajua is the current Chair/Associate Professor in the Clinical Sciences Department of the MCW School of Pharmacy.

In December 2017, Todd Sorensen, PharmD, FAPhA, FCCP, current Leadership residency site coordinator and former residency director, was elected president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the national organization representing pharmacy education in the United States.

2018 MPhA Annual Meeting Awards

Laura Schwartzwald, R.Ph, site coordinator for GuidePoint Pharmacy, received the Bowl of Hygeia award. This award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their own communities.

Alison Knutson, PharmD, BCACP, preceptor with Park Nicollet, was awarded the Excellence in Innovation. This award recognizes innovative pharmacy practice resulting in improved patient care.