



14th Annual
Northern California
Pre-Pharmacy
Symposium

April 10th, 2021

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Welcome

Dear Honored Guest:

On behalf of the University of California, Berkeley's Pre-Pharmacy Informational Learning and Leadership Society (PILLS), it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 14th Annual Northern California Pre-Pharmacy Symposium (NCPPS). For the past thirteen years, NCPPS has been committed to providing a forum for the exchange of information and resources through a day of workshops, networking, and camaraderie. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to cancel last year's symposium. This year we are so excited to share this amazing opportunity with you over Zoom. We aim to spread awareness of the growing field of pharmacy and to explore the pharmacist's expanding role in healthcare, the community, and public health.

This year's program features a variety of informational workshops led by distinguished speakers as well as panels of pharmacy students and pharmacists of diverse specialties. Representatives of some of the top pharmacy schools in the nation are also here to provide insight into their programs and requirements through informational sessions. A luncheon and a school fair provide a great supplement to the workshops, allowing time to network with fellow peers, professors, pharmacists, current pharmacy students, and recruiters from pharmacy schools across the country. The field of pharmacy is being redefined as technological advances have accelerated in conjunction with reform that has been implemented. With an increase in the number of patients seeking treatment, pharmacists are filling the void for patients needing care by having an expanded clinical role.

We hope that NCPPS highlights the way pharmacists are integral members of the healthcare system that is focused on improving patient outcomes and population health. We also hope that after today, you are able to envision the bright future of the pharmacy field and see past the stereotype of pharmacists simply counting and dispensing pills.

Once again, welcome to the 14th Annual NCPPS. We are honored to have you here with us today.

Sincerely,
PILLS Executive Board 2020-2021



Agenda

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9:00-9:25	REGISTRATION	ZOOM
9:25-9:30	WELCOME	
9:30-10:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Main Room
	10 Minute Break	
10:10-10:55	SESSION 1	
Choose 1 Option	Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Workshop Dr. Nancy Nguyen, <i>University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>	Room A
	Pharmaceutical Industry Medical Science Liaison Workshop Dr. Aileen Chi, <i>Mirum Pharmaceuticals</i>	Room B
	Vaccines and COVID-19 Crisis Workshop Dr. Mohamed Jalloh, <i>Touro University California College of Pharmacy</i>	Room C
	Pharmacy School Information Workshop University of Southern California School of Pharmacy	Room D
	10 Minute Break	
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	Geriatric Pharmacy Workshop Dr. Gail Orum, <i>Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>	Room B
	Pain Management and Opioid Crisis Workshop Dr. Melissa Durham, <i>University of Southern California School of Pharmacy</i>	Room C
	PharmCAS Workshop Cassie Lanier, <i>University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy</i>	Room D
	10 Minute Break	
12:00-2:05	PHARMACY SCHOOL FAIR / NETWORKING LUNCHEON & PHARMACIST AND PHARMACY STUDENT PANEL	
12:00-1:00	LUNCH SESSION A	
	Pharmacist and Pharmacy Student Panel Workshop Dr. Elaine Law, Dr. Stephanie Hsia, Karissa Lapuz, Tiffany Dinh, Jocelyn Peraza <i>University of the Pacific, UCSF, P1 Touro University, P1 UT Austin, P1 WesternU – Respectively</i>	Main Room
1:05-2:05	LUNCH SESSION B	
	Pharmacist and Pharmacy Student Panel Workshop Dr. Tung Le, Dr. Art Dominguez, Dr. Saro Arakelians, Julie Trinh, Mehr Virk <i>Sanofi, Kaiser Permanente, Mini Pharmacy, P3 UCSD, P3 UCSF – Respectively</i>	Main Room
	10 Minute Break	
2:15-3:00	SESSION 3	
Choose 1 Option	Ambulatory Care Workshop Dr. Sharon Wu, <i>University of Washington School of Pharmacy</i>	Room A
	Pharmacy School Information Workshop Cassie Lanier, <i>University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy</i>	Room B
	Pharmacy School Information Workshop University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy	Room C
	Pharmacy School Information Workshop University of Washington School of Pharmacy	Room D
3:10-3:55	SESSION 4	
Choose 1 Option	Oncology Pharmacy Workshop Dr. Asal Azizoddin, <i>Kaiser Permanente and University of California, Los Angeles</i>	Room A
	Pharmacy School Interview Skills Workshop Dr. Eric Gupta, <i>Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy</i>	Room B
	Pharmacy School Information Workshop University of Michigan College of Pharmacy	Room C
	Pharmacy School Information Workshop University of California, San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Room D
	10 Minute Break	
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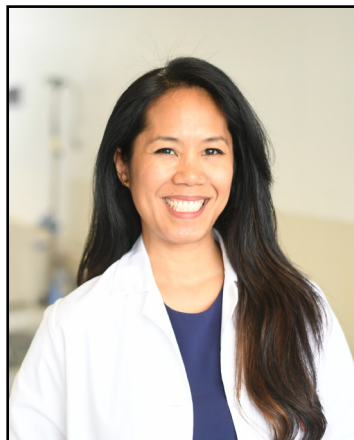
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Keynote Address

Dr. Jennifer Cocohoba
Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
Pharm.D., MAS, BCPS, AAHIVP
UCSF School of Pharmacy

Dr. Jennifer Cocohoba is Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Pharmacy. Dr. Cocohoba obtained her Pharm.D. at UCSF, a PGY1 residency at the UCSF Medical Center, and an HIV/AIDS Ambulatory Care specialty residency at San Francisco General Hospital.

She is Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and American Academy of HIV Medicine Pharmacist. She is a faculty advisor for the Mabuhay Health Center and for the UCSF School of Pharmacy's community service Project HIV. Her academic responsibilities include educating health professional students on HIV pharmacotherapy, on monitoring and improving adherence, and on communication skills. She serves as the clinical pharmacist for the UCSF Womens HIV Program (WHP) where she conducts primary care medication therapy management, HIV regimen consultations, quality initiatives, and research. Dr. Cocohoba's research interests involve antiretroviral pharmacoepidemiology, designing interventions to improve medication adherence (particularly in underserved populations), and novel models of pharmacy care delivery.



EDUCATION:
UCSF, Pharm.D.

UCSF Medical Center, PGY1

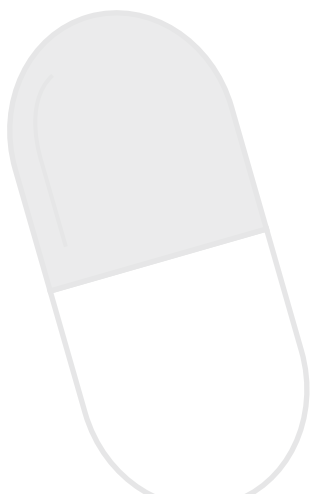
SF General Hospital,
HIV/AIDS Ambulatory Care
Specialty Residency

CURRENT ROLES:
Clinical pharmacist for the
UCSF Womens HIV Program

Faculty advisor for Mabuhay
Health Center

Faculty advisor for UCSF
School of Pharmacy's
Project HIV

RESEARCH INTERESTS:
Antiretroviral
pharmacoepidemiology,
medication adherence,
pharmacy care delivery



Pharmacy Field Workshop

Pharmaceutical Industry & Medical Science Liaison

Dr. Aileen Chi

Clinical Transplant Pharmacist,
Medical Science Liaison
Mirum Pharmaceuticals

Dr. Aileen Chi received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco in 2009. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in 2010. In 2011, she completed a solid organ transplant specialty residency at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

Following completion of her post-doctoral training, Dr. Chi assumed a position as the solid organ transplant clinical pharmacist at UCSF Medical Center. During her tenure at UCSF Medical Center, she had the opportunity to learn more about pharmaceutical industry and its impact on advancement of medicine. The innovation of pharmaceutical industry and the prospect of ongoing growth prompted her decision to make a career change. Dr. Chi is currently a Medical Science Liaison at Mirum Pharmaceuticals and continues to serve as a Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor of Pharmacy at UCSF.

Do you love science but don't love working in a laboratory? Do you thrive on analyzing and understanding complex topics and data but are also extroverted, enjoy networking and are excited to build deep and lasting relationships with people? If your answer is an emphatic "yes" to these questions then the job of a Medical Science Liaison (MSL) might just be for you. MSLs act as a bridge between pharmaceutical companies and the physicians actually treating a disease. Here is an overview of what the life of a MSL might look like.



EDUCATION:
UCSF, Pharm.D.

Board Certification in
Solid Organ Transplant

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Solid Organ Transplant
Pharmacist at UCSF
Medical Center

CURRENT ROLES:
Medical Science
Liaison at Mirum
Pharmaceuticals

Pharmacy Field Workshop

Infectious Diseases

Dr. Nancy Nguyen

Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice;
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, HIV & Infectious Diseases

UOP Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy;
VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Dr. Nancy Nguyen is a Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice and a Regional [Clerkship] Coordinator for the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy since 2004. Prior to arriving at University of the Pacific, Dr. Nguyen received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Western University of Health Sciences and completed both a PGY-1 General Pharmacy Practice Residency and a PGY-2 Specialty Pharmacy Residency in HIV/AIDS at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

Dr. Nguyen is a Fellow of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists, a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and credentialed as an HIV Pharmacist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine. She served several years as a Pharmacist Consultant for the National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center – a telephone-based consultation service assisting U.S. health care providers on preventing and managing HIV/AIDS. Her current clinical practice is at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System in Palo Alto, CA where she is a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in HIV and Infectious Diseases. Her role as a clinician/health care provider include providing patient care services to military veterans as an HIV Ambulatory Care Pharmacist as well as through the inpatient Infectious Diseases Consult Service and antimicrobial stewardship program as one of two Inpatient Infectious Diseases Pharmacists. At present, her clinical research areas of interest include HIV and aging (including the complexities involved in the management of an aging HIV-infected population), HIV drug interactions, and antimicrobial stewardship. With 15+ years of serving as a professor and clinician-teacher, she has taught and mentored hundreds of pharmacy students, residents, and fellows during their didactic, clinical, and research training.



EDUCATION:
Western University of
Health Sciences, Pharm.D.

UCSF, PGY-1 and PGY-2

Board Certified
Pharmacotherapy
Specialist

American Academy
of HIV Medicine, HIV
Pharmacist

CURRENT ROLES:
Provides patient care
services to military
veterans as an HIV
Ambulatory Care
Pharmacist

Inpatient Infectious
Disease Pharmacist

Pharmacy Field Workshop

Ambulatory Care

Dr. Sharon Wu
Clinical Assistant Professor
University of Washington

Dr. Sharon Wu received her bachelor's degree in Molecular & Cell Biology at UC Berkeley and then completed a four-year Pharm.D. program at the University of California, San Diego. Afterwards, she ventured into the Pacific Northwest for two years of pharmacy residency at UW Medicine in Seattle, WA (PGY-1) and Pacific University School of Pharmacy in Hillsboro, Oregon (PGY-2). She stayed on at Pacific University as an Assistant Professor and taught pulmonology and immunology as well as pharmacy skills. In 2019, she transitioned back to Seattle and now work as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, where she has been helping to establish a new pharmacy school curriculum.

In her current role, she works with students to develop skills necessary for patient care in outpatient and ambulatory care settings. She loves being in the classroom and finding creative ways to help pharmacy students understand difficult material, as well as challenging them to think critically. Now that pharmacists are being recognized as healthcare providers, she does believe that the opportunities in ambulatory care will continue to expand, and that patient care skills are essential for all graduating pharmacy students.

Her advice for pre-pharmacy students: When applying to pharmacy schools, be genuine both on paper and in person. Also, identify letter writers who know you personally and can write meaningful recommendations using specific examples to support your best qualities.

Ambulatory care refers to medical care provided in an outpatient setting (e.g. a clinic). Clinical pharmacists who specialize in this area work directly with patients and the healthcare team to optimize medications and health outcomes. This workshop will explore the clinical pharmacist's scope of practice, different sub-specialties of ambulatory care, a typical day in the life, as well as the path that students can take to get there.



EDUCATION:

Majored in Molecular & Cell Biology at UC Berkeley

UCSD, Pharm.D.

UW Medicine, PGY-1

Pacific University School of Pharmacy, PGY-2

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor of Pulmonology, Immunology, and Pharmacy Skills at University of Washington

CURRENT ROLES:

Works with students in developing skills for outpatient and ambulatory care settings

Pharmacy Field Workshop

Geriatric Pharmacy

Dr. Gail Orum

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy
and Health Sciences

Gail Orum, Pharm.D., BCGP, developed an early interest in pharmacy in high school. After completing undergraduate studies at the University of Southern California (USC), she enrolled at USC School of Pharmacy where she graduated with a Doctor Pharmacy (Pharm.D.). She also holds Board Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy. During her collegiate studies, she was involved in a number of co-curricular activities and groups, namely, the Joint Education Project and Minorities Active Now in Medicine (MANIM), and the California Pharmacists Association. While in pharmacy school, her interest in Geriatric Pharmacy began to grow as she worked as an intern pharmacist at a community medical center and a long-term care (LTC) pharmacy. Following graduation, Dr. Orum worked in pharmacy (LTC, retail, and health systems) and academic settings (USC, Charles Drew University, and Keck Graduate Institute (KGI)). Prior to joining KGI, Dr. Orum was the College of Science and Health Dean at Charles Drew University from 2007-2014. Since joining KGI School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2015, she has served in several capacities, and currently serves as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Orum's research interests are focused on medication management for hypertension and diabetes in older medically under-served populations. As the co-investigator on two CMS funded studies, she found that while medication non-adherence demonstrated the greatest risks in patients with hypertension and diabetes and contributed to more frequent hospitalizations, but that educational interventions significantly improved health outcomes.

Increasing the number of students from under-represented groups who pursue health professions education is her passion, resulting in numerous mentees who have become pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and health administrators. In addition to the students at KGI, Dr. Orum currently engages with pharmacy students across Southern California in her role as the Greater Los Angeles Pharmacists Association President, a local chapter of the California Pharmacists Association.



EDUCATION:
USC, Pharm.D.

Board Certification in
Geriatric Pharmacy

WORK EXPERIENCE:
College of Science and
Health Dean at Charles
Drew University

RESEARCH:
Medication
management for
hypertension and
diabetes in older
medically under-served
populations

CURRENT ROLES:
Associate Dean of
Academic Affairs at KGI

Greater Los Angeles
Pharmacists
Association President

Pharmacy Field Workshop

Cannabis User Safety

Dr. Kari Franson

Associate Dean for Academic
and Student Affairs
USC School of Pharmacy

Kari L. Franson Pharm.D., PhD, BCPP is the associate dean Academic and Student Affairs at the University of Southern California. She is a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist in the US, a Certified Clinical Pharmacologist in the Netherlands and received her PhD in Medical Education from Leiden University, the Netherlands.

Dr. Franson is educator with more than 25 years of experience in health professions educational programs around the world with expertise in Interprofessional Practice / Education, curriculum development, and healthcare workforce development in both the US and abroad. She worked with geriatric psychiatric patients for 10 years and has performed a variety of clinical studies spanning those in early-phase clinical pharmacology to post-marketing clinical efficacy studies. She is interested in cannabinoid clinical pharmacologic effects and has guided national and international professional, legislative, media and commercial groups on the wise study and use of cannabis.

Scientifically-trained future health care professionals should be informed about cannabis in order to assist people in their networks to wisely use cannabis.



EDUCATION:
Pharm.D.

Board Certified Psychiatric
Pharmacist

PhD in Medication Education
from Leiden University,

WORK EXPERIENCE:
25 years of experience in
health profession educational
programs

Geriatric Psychiatry

Guided national and
international professional,
legislative, media and
commercial groups on
the wise study and use of
cannabis.

INTERESTS:
Cannabinoid clinical
pharmacologic effects

Pharmacy Field Workshop

Pain Management and Opioid Crisis

Dr. Melissa Durham

Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy &
Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
USC School of Pharmacy

Melissa J. Durham is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Pharmacy. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree, completed a residency in Community Pharmacy Practice, and has earned her Master of Academic Medicine degree, all from USC. Dr. Durham is a clinical pharmacist at the USC Pain Center in the Department of Anesthesiology, where she established a pharmacist-run pain medication management service.

Deaths from opioid overdose is public health crisis in the U.S. At the same time, millions of people suffer from acute and chronic pain. Pharmacists and other health care providers are faced with the dilemma of attempting to relieve the suffering of their patients while not increasing the risks of opioid use. In this session, the role of the pharmacist in pain management and in addressing the U.S. Opioid crisis will be explored.



EDUCATION:
USC, Pharm.D.

USC, Residency in
Community Pharmacy
Practice

USC, Master of
Academic Medicine
Degree

CURRENT ROLES:
Clinical pharmacist,
USC Pain Center
in Department of
Anesthesiology

Pharmacy Field Workshop

Oncology

Dr. Asal Azizoddin

Clinical Pharmacist

UCLA, Kaiser Permanente

Dr. Azizoddin is motivated and grateful every day for the opportunities to better serve and educate patients. She was born and raised in sunny southern California, and she received her undergraduate degrees in Psychology, BA and General Biology, BS at the University of California, San Diego. Following her undergraduate degree, Dr. Azizoddin received her Doctorate of Pharmacy at Midwestern University, College of Pharmacy Glendale Campus. During pharmacy school, Dr. Azizoddin was inspired by an oncology pharmacist when she witnessed the immense contribution a pharmacist can make for patients receiving chemotherapy. As a second year pharmacy student, Dr. Azizoddin quickly learned about chemotherapy side effect management, the complexities of chemotherapy, lifestyle modifications and more when her mother was fighting colon cancer. Despite going through a challenging period, Dr. Azizoddin was fascinated with the field of pharmacy in Hematology, Oncology, and cancer care, and she was driven to be of service for this patient population. In order to do so, Dr. Azizoddin completed her PGY-1 residency at Banner Health Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona, followed by a PGY-2 Oncology residency at Kaiser Permanente – Inland Empire in Fontana, California. Her career continued as an oncology pharmacist at Kaiser Permanente and the University of California, Los Angeles. The opportunities as an oncology pharmacist are vast and the field is thriving. It's an exciting time to be in this particular field as there is always something new to learn.

Advice she would give to current pre-pharmacy students:

- Do your best!
- Don't be afraid. Try, try, and try again.
- Expose yourself to different healthcare related volunteer opportunities.
- Throughout pharmacy school and your career- be a team player. It's a small world.
- There are learning opportunities all around you. Listen and look for them.
- Be curious and ask questions.
- Before every interview, take a few deep breaths and SMILE! Make the most of your experience.



EDUCATION:

UCSD, Psychology, B.A.,
General Biology, B.S.

MWU, Pharm.D.

Banner Health Estrella
Medical Center, PGY-1

Kaiser Permanente
Inland Empire, PGY-2
Oncology Residency

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Oncology pharmacist at
Kaiser Permanente and
UCLA

INTERESTS:

Field of pharmacy in
hematology, oncology,
and cancer care

Pharmacy Field Workshop

Vaccines and COVID-19 Crisis

Dr. Mohamed Jalloh
Assistant Professor
Touro University California



Mohamed Jalloh is a 2014 graduate from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre PA where he completed his pre-pharmacy and Pharm.D. program. In school, he served his fellow students as a member of APhA's National Standings Committee to improve communication efforts nationwide. He also completed a 2-year post-doctoral fellowship in Evidence-Based Medicine at Creighton University.

He is currently an Assistant Professor at a College of Pharmacy in the Bay Area. He learned that practicing pharmacy is comparable to a huge game of solving puzzles, and He has always been obsessed with doing such. He has taken this obsession and started to teach students to express their medical obsessions in pharmacy. He loves seeing students critically think on their own after teaching them the skills to do so—it is truly rewarding. He thinks such thinking will be helpful for the future outlook of pharmacists. He envisions that there will be a larger amount of pharmacists learning key complementary skills like Data Science and Analysis—skills that utilize critical thinking. He strongly advises pre-pharmacy students to reach out to faculty members for greater insight into traditional or non-traditional pharmacist roles.

EDUCATION:
Wilkes University,
Pharm.D.

WORK EXPERIENCE:
APhA National
Standings Committee

Creighton University
Postdoc Fellow

CURRENT ROLES:
Assistant Professor
at Touro University
California

Pharmacist Panel

Dr. Elaine Law

Associate Clinical Professor

Experiential Education

UOP Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy

Dr. Elaine Law is an associate clinical professor of experiential education at the University of the Pacific Thomas J Long School of Pharmacy. At the University, her primary role is managing students in their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) clinical year in the San Jose area, serving in this role for 6 years. Her primary clinical practice areas where she precepts experiential students are in Internal Medicine and ambulatory care pharmacy, specifically in anticoagulation clinic and primary care. Dr. Law also consults for Lexi-comp(R), an online clinical drug database and serves as the section editor for gastroenterology for published online modules through PharmacotherapyFirst(R). Her past experience includes being the lead clinical pharmacist specializing in Adult General Surgery, Surgical Oncology, and Bariatric Surgery at the University of California-San Francisco Medical Center before transitioning into her current academic position.

Dr. Law is also actively involved with state and national professional organizations serving on several committees to advance the practice of pharmacy, particularly focusing on professional development and mentoring students and new practitioner pharmacists. She is currently a member on a national advisory committee addressing precepting and teaching with the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP). She previously served a 3 year elected term as a Board of Directors for the California Society of Health System Pharmacists and has helped shaped policy development as a state Delegate to ASHP.

Dr. Law graduated from UCLA with a B.S. in Molecular, Cell, Developmental Biology and received her Pharm.D. from the University of California San Francisco. She also completed a post graduate residency at the University of California-San Francisco Medical Center.



EDUCATION:

UCLA, B.S. Molecular,
Cell, Developmental
Biology

UCSF, Pharm.D.

UCSF Medical
Center, post-graduate
residency

WORK EXPERIENCE:

State delegate to the
ASHP

Clinical pharmacist in
Adult General Surgery,
Surgical Oncology, and
Bariatric Surgery at
UCSF

CURRENT ROLE:

Manage students in
APPE

Consult for
Lexi-comp(R)

Pharmacist Panel

Dr. Stephanie Hsia

Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
UCSF School of Pharmacy

Dr. Stephanie Hsia is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the UCSF School of Pharmacy. Originally hailing from Los Angeles, Dr. Hsia received her B.S. in Biochemistry from UCLA in 2010 and Pharm.D. from UCSF in 2015. She then went on to complete a first year general pharmacy practice residency and second year psychiatric pharmacy residency at the Veterans Affairs (VA) San Diego Healthcare System. After completing residency, Dr. Hsia joined the UCSF faculty in 2017. She is a course director in the Neuropsychiatric theme and serves as a faculty advisor for the student chapter of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists. In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Hsia practices as a psychiatric pharmacist at VA San Francisco and conducts comprehensive medication reviews of dialysis patients for the Office of Population Health. Dr. Hsia's areas of expertise include educational research, psychiatric pharmacy, and tobacco cessation.

As a faculty member, I work in academia which involves teaching, research, and clinical and professional service. My time is split between teaching at the UCSF School of Pharmacy, conducting research, clinical practice, and serving on school and campus committees.



EDUCATION:
UCLA, B.S.
Biochemistry

UCSF, Pharm.D.

VA San Diego
Healthcare System,
pharmacy residency

CURRENT ROLES:
Course director in
Neuropsychiatric theme

Faculty advisor for
College of Psychiatric
and Neuropsychiatric
Pharmacist student
chapter

Psychiatric pharmacist
at VA San Francisco

Pharmacist Panel

Dr. Tung Le

Cardiovascular Medical Science Liaison
Sanofi

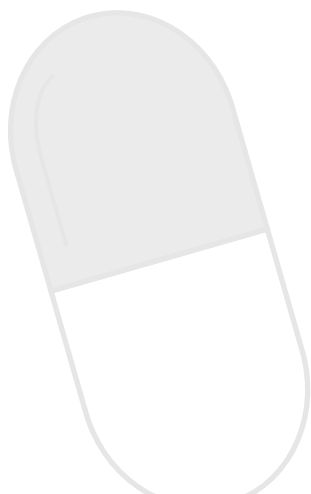
Dr. Tung Le graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in Integrative Biology (Go Bears!). He went on to earn his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. He has been practicing as a pharmacist in various capacities in the retail/community, payer and pharmaceutical industry space for about 16 years. It has been very exciting for him to see the role of the pharmacist evolve and expand to meet the demands and needs of the healthcare industry. He is very excited to share his perspective on where he thinks pharmacy is headed and offer insights from his experiences.



EDUCATION:
UC Berkeley, B.A.
Integrative Biology

University of
the Sciences in
Philadelphia, Pharm.D.

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Pharmacist in
various fields:
retail/community,
pharmaceutical
industry



Pharmacist Panel

Dr. Art Dominguez

Clinical Operations Manager

Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center

Dr. Art Dominguez, Pharm.D. graduated from the USC School of Pharmacy in 1984. Following a residency in Ambulatory Care with the Veterans Administration, he gained experience as a clinical pharmacist in the inpatient hospital setting, managed care, and in the home IV setting. He joined Kaiser Permanente in 1993 as the first Drug Education Coordinator for the Baldwin Park Medical Center. Dr. Dominguez worked closely with physicians on medication programs as the number of prescribers in the Baldwin Park Area grew from 60 to over 600. He oversaw the initiation of the first Baldwin Park ambulatory care clinics, Heart Failure and Nephrology. He is now the Clinical Operations Manager leading 28 pharmacists and 10 assistants who work closely managing patients with diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, congestive heart failure, kidney disease, risk of stroke, cancer and Medicare patients.

Art has lectured widely on the topic of complementary and alternative medicine both within and outside of Kaiser Permanente. He leads the Southern California Kaiser Permanente Apothecary Circle Program, a pre-pharmacy program designed to increase LatinX, African American

Clinical Pharmacy: Oncology, Drug Education, Ambulatory Care
Clinical Pharmacy: Heart Failure, Nephrology, Medication Therapy Management, Rheumatology, Gastroenterology, Neurology.



EDUCATION:
USC, Pharm.D.

VA, Ambulatory Care
residency

WORK EXPERIENCE:
First Drug Education
Coordinator for
Baldwin Park Medical
Center

CURRENT ROLES:
Clinical Operations
Manager

Lectured on
complementary and
alternative medicine

Leads Southern
California Kaiser
Permanente Apothecary
Circle Program

Pharmacist Student Panel

Mehr Virk

P3 Student Pharmacist

University of California, San Francisco
School of Pharmacy

Mehr Virk is a third year pharmacy student at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). She went to UC Berkeley for undergrad where she majored in Integrative Biology and was involved in PILLS throughout her 4 years, eventually served as president during her last year.

She is currently in her final year of pharmacy school completing her Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences in Sacramento, CA. She is interested in pursuing an acute care PGY1 pharmacy residency as well as a PGY2 pharmacy residency in either critical care or emergency medicine. Her long term goals are to be board certified in critical care and to work as a clinical pharmacist at a large academic teaching hospital with a Level 1 trauma center, multiple medical specialties, and the opportunity to work on interdisciplinary teams.

In her free time, Mehr love to hang out with her family and friends, work out, watch Netflix, try new places to eat, play the ukulele, and go on hikes with her dogs. Her advice for pre-pharmacy students is to not be afraid to put yourself out there and seek out shadowing opportunities. If you're interested in learning more about her pharmacy journey, feel free to check out her podcast, Life on the Pharm!



EDUCATION:
Majored in Integrative
Biology at UC Berkeley

PURSUING:
Acute Care PGY1
Residency

PGY2 Residency
in Critical Care or
Emergency Medicine

CURRENT ROLES:
Advanced Pharmacy
Practice Experiences

Life on the Pharm!
Podcast



Pharmacist Student Panel

Julie Trinh

P3 Student Pharmacist

University of California, San Diego
Skaggs School of Pharmacy

Julie Trinh, originally from San Jose, CA, is a third-year pharmacy student at UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences. During her time at UC Berkeley for her undergraduate degree, she double majored in public health and molecular toxicity. Her interest in pharmacy stemmed from being a primary caretaker of her father's medications growing up. These interests progressed as she found that pharmacy was an innovative and multi-disciplinary field where she was able to integrate her passions in teaching, medicine, and serving the community in order to provide holistic care for her patients.

To explore the field, she was an inpatient pharmacy volunteer at Highland Hospital in Oakland, a member of a professional pre-health sorority, Kappa Gamma Delta, and a member of global brigades while attending UC Berkeley. She was also a SLC chem 3b study group leader and interned at Berkeley Food & Housing project where she was able strengthen her teaching skills.

Her favorite aspect of pharmacy school is being able to work closely with her classmates to serve the communities around her. Her advice for pre-pharmacy students is to always keep an open-mind and to allow yourself to try new things as it allows you grow and figure out what you're passionate about (i.e. by working as a pharmacy technician, joining a club not pharmacy related, etc.).



EDUCATION:

Double Majored in
Public Health and
Molecular Toxicity at
UC Berkeley

UNDERGRAD EXPERIENCES:

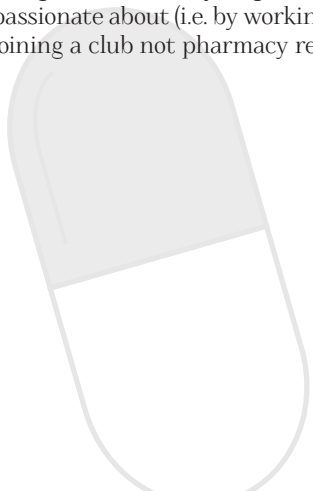
Inpatient Pharmacy
Volunteer

Kappa Gamma Delta

Global Brigades

SLC Chem Study Group
Leader

Berkeley Food &
Housing Intern



Pharmacist Student Panel

Tiffany Dinh

P1 Student Pharmacist

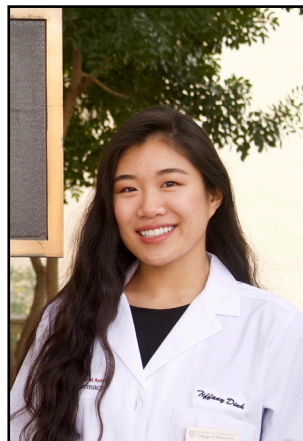
University of Texas at Austin
College of Pharmacy

Tiffany Dinh is first-year student working toward a dual degree in Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Health at the University of Texas at Austin. She is from the island of Alameda, CA. She completed her undergraduate studies from the University of California, Berkeley in 2020 with a major in Nutritional Sciences: Toxicology and minor in Food Systems.

Her interest in pharmacy stems from its versatility as she learns something new and intriguing each day! Her first interaction with an empathetic and knowledgeable pharmacist shaped her perspective about the healthcare world. To gain more experience with patient care, she worked at CVS, participated in PILLS as the NCPPS Co-Chair, and volunteered with the American Red Cross.

At Texas, she is currently a medication therapy management (MTM) intern for MedWiseRx, Power to End Stroke Initiative Chair for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), and member of the Program Assessment Committee for Pharmacy Council.

Her message to students is that pharmacy is a small world, so keep an open mind, explore deeply, and connect with people about all aspects of the field!



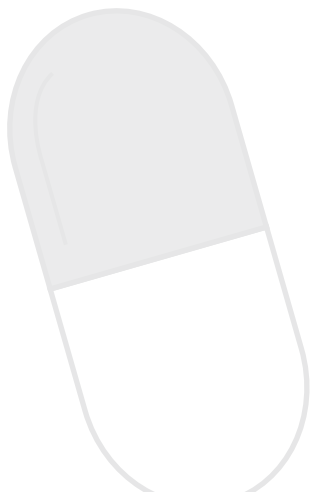
EDUCATION:
Majored in Nutritional Sciences: Toxicology at UC Berkeley

Minored in Food Systems at UC Berkeley

PURSUING:
Dual degree in Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Health

CURRENT ROLES:
Medication Therapy Management intern for MedWiseRx

Power to End Stroke Initiative Chair for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association



Pharmacist Student Panel

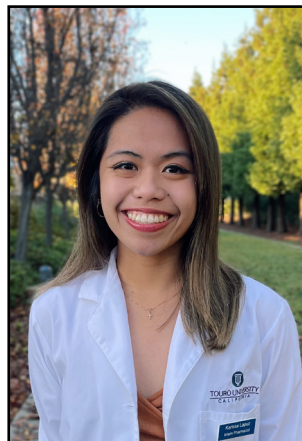
Karissa Lapuz

P1 Student Pharmacist

Touro University California

Karissa Lapuz is a first-year pharmacy and Masters of Public Health dual degree student at Touro University California. She is a Bay Area native, and graduated from UC Berkeley in 2020 with a B.S. in Microbial Biology. At UC Berkeley, she served as Secretary for PILLS and was very involved in NCPPS, was a teaching assistant in the physiology and chemistry lab courses, began a DeCal about Pixar films, and pursued research in public health. Additionally, she volunteered at Valor Compounding Pharmacy and was a member of Berkeley Health Coaching. Throughout these experiences, she found passions in education, treating chronic conditions, and working with under-served communities.

Karissa's favorite aspects of pharmacy school are meeting new people with similar goals, learning from amazing professors, and finding out how to truly optimize patient care in all disease states. Currently, she is an intern at CVS Pharmacy, a P1 Liaison for APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), the pharmacy volunteer coordinator for the Student Run Free Clinic, a member of the California Pharmacy Student Leadership (CAPSLEAD) team, a participant in the local AMCP P&T Competition, and the Vice President of Finance for her class. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a clinical residency. Her advice to pre-pharmacy students is to find your personal connection to pharmacy; your passions are what will help you stand out when applying. Try new activities, reach out to pharmacists, and find a support system along the way!



EDUCATION:

Majored in Microbial Biology at UC Berkeley

PURSUING:

Dual degree in Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Health

CURRENT ROLES:

CVS Pharmacy Intern

Pharmacy Volunteer Coordinator for Student Run Free Clinic

Member of the California Pharmacy Student Leadership

Participant in local AMCP P&T Competition

Class Vice President of Finance



Pharmacist Student Panel

Jocelyn Peraza P1 Student Pharmacist Western University

Jocelyn A. Peraza is a first-year pharmacy student at Western University of Health Sciences. She is a first-generation Salvadoran-American from South Gate, CA. She graduated from UC Berkeley in 2017 with a major in Molecular and Cell Biology and a minor in Nutritional Science. Her interest in pharmacy came about after she attended a medical brigade in Honduras, where she was able to work alongside a pharmacist for the first time and see the impact that pharmacists can make in a patient's life.

When she returned from the brigade, she applied for a position as a pharmacy clerk at CVS pharmacy, and she eventually worked enough hours to obtain her pharmacy technician license. After graduation, she continued working as a technician and began to take classes at community college to fulfill course requirements for pharmacy school. After she finished her prerequisites, she applied early decision to Western University, and she got accepted in 2020. Even though starting pharmacy school online has been difficult, She is very grateful for this opportunity. Her goal is to one day work in communities like the one she grew up in and provide them with the opportunity to get the healthcare they need and deserve.



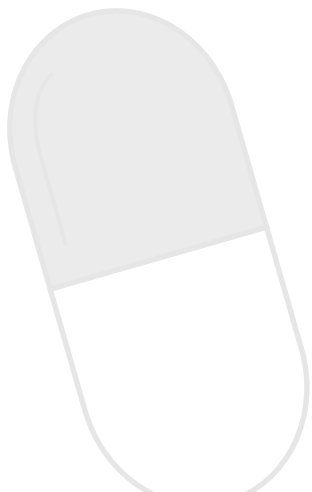
EDUCATION:

Majored in Molecular and Cell Biology and minored in Nutritional Science at UC Berkeley

PAST EXPERIENCES:

Attended a medical brigade in Honduras

Worked as a pharmacy technician at CVS



Pharmacy School Fair: In-State

University of California, San Francisco

Representative: Joel Gonzales

Location: San Francisco, CA

Tuition: Resident: \$53,567

Non Resident: \$65,812 *

*can apply for residence after year 1 and reduce tuition
state prices

Programs: Pharm.D.

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: No

School website: <https://pharmacy.ucsf.edu/>



University of California, San Diego

Representative: Dr. James Colbert

Location: La Jolla, CA

Tuition: Resident: \$45,372.98/year

Non-resident: \$57,617.98/year *

*can apply for residence after year 1 and reduce
tuition to in-state prices

Programs: Pharm.D.; Pharm.D./PhD;

7-Year BS/Pharm.D.

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: No

School website: <https://pharmacy.ucsd.edu/>

UC San Diego

SKAGGS SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

University of Southern California

Representative: Niya Tanyi

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Tuition: \$60,896/year

Programs: Pharm.D.; Pharm.D./

Gerontology Certificate; Pharm.D./

JD; Pharm.D./MBA; Pharm.D./MPH;

Pharm.D./MS Regulatory Science; Pharm.D./MS

Gerontology; Pharm.D./MSGM; Pharm.D./PhD;

Pharm.D./MS HCDA

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: <https://pharmacyschool.usc.edu/>



USC University of
Southern California

Pharmacy School Fair: In-State

Keck Graduate Institute

Representative: Kamika Phillips

Location: Claremont, CA

Tuition: \$48,400/year

Programs: Pharm.D.

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: No

School website: <https://www.kgi.edu/academics/degrees-certificates/doctor-of-pharmacy/>



Touro University California

Representative: Dr. Mohamed Jalloh

Location: Vallejo, CA

Tuition: \$47,650.00/year

\$84,502 (potential cost of attendance)

Programs: Pharm.D.; Pharm.D./MPH

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: http://cop.tu.edu/programs_degrees/pharmd.html



Western University of Health Sciences

Representative: Dr. Eric Gupta

Location: Pomona, CA

Tuition:

P1-P3: \$50,741/year

P4: \$51,091/year

Programs: Pharm.D., M.S.

Pharmaceutical Sciences

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: No

School website: <https://www.westernu.edu/pharmacy>



Western
University
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Pharmacy School Fair: Out-of-State

University of Illinois, Chicago

Representative: Josie Clark

Location: Chicago, IL

Tuition: Resident: \$26,000/year

Non-Resident: \$45,000/year

Programs: Pharm.D., Ph.D.

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: <https://pharmacy.uic.edu/>



UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS CHICAGO

University of Kentucky

Representative: Jason Edwards

Location: Lexington, KY

Tuition: Resident: \$30,000/year

Non-Resident: \$50,000/year

Programs: Pharm.D.

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: <https://pharmacy.uky.edu/>



College of
Pharmacy

University of Texas at Austin

Representative: Patrick Olson

Location: Austin, TX

Tuition: Resident: \$21,000/year

Non-Resident: \$50,000/year

Programs: Pharm.D.

PCAT required:

TBD for Fall 2022

Rolling Admission: No

School website: [https://
pharmacy.utexas.edu](https://pharmacy.utexas.edu)



TEXAS Pharmacy

Pharmacy School Fair: Out-of-State

Pacific University

Representative: Tony Potter
Location: Hillsboro, OR
Tuition: \$49,894/year
Programs: Pharm.D.; M.S.
Pharmaceutical Sciences
PCAT required: No
Rolling Admission: Yes
School website: <https://www.pacificu.edu/>



University of Hawaii

Representative: Tracey Niimi
Location: Hilo, HI
Tuition: Resident: \$24,096/year
Non-Resident: \$41,040/year
Programs: Pharm.D.
PCAT required: No
Rolling Admission: Yes
School website: <https://pharmacy.uhh.hawaii.edu>



UNIVERSITY
of HAWAII®
HILO

University of Colorado

Representative: Alyssa Phannenstiel
Location: Aurora, Colorado
Tuition: Resident: \$32,470/year
Non-resident: \$41,265/year *
*non-resident students can qualify for in-state tuition after a year
Programs: Pharm.D.
PCAT required: No
Rolling Admission: Yes
School website: <https://pharmacy.cuanschutz.edu/>



Skaggs School of Pharmacy
and Pharmaceutical Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

Pharmacy School Fair: Out-of-State

University of Michigan

Representative: Kristin Heinrich

Location: Ann Arbor, MI

Tuition: Resident P1-P3: \$31,892/year

Resident P4: \$47,838/year

Non-Resident P1-P3: \$38,242/year

Non-Resident P4: \$56,292/year

Programs: Pharm.D.; M.S.; Ph.D.

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: <https://pharmacy.umich.edu/>



Mercer University

Representative: Diana Gomez

Location: Atlanta, GA

Tuition: \$19,077/year

Programs: Pharm.D.; Ph.D./M.S. in
Pharmaceutical Sciences; M.S. in
Health Outcomes

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: <https://pharmacy.mercer.edu/>



University of Washington

Representative: Bailey Clem

Location: Seattle, WA

Tuition: Resident: \$33,651/year

Non-Resident: \$55,890/year

Programs: Pharm.D.;

Pharm.D./MBA;

Pharm.D./PhD; Pharm.D./MS

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: <http://sop.washington.edu/pharmd>



Pharmacy School Fair: Out-of-State

University of Minnesota

Representative: Cassie Lanier

Location: Minneapolis/Duluth, MN

Tuition: MN Resident: \$27, 864/year

Nonresident: \$40,800/year

*P4 students pay 50% more in tuition to cover full-time summer term enrollment.

Programs: Pharm.D.; Pharm.D./MBA;

Pharm.D./MHI; Pharm.D./MPH

PCAT required: Optional

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website: <https://pharmd.umn.edu>



UNIVERSITY
OF MINNESOTA

Roseman University of Health Sciences

Representative: Dr. H Stephen Lee

Location: Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT

Tuition: Resident & Non-Resident: \$56,835/year

Programs: Pharm.D.

PCAT required: No

Rolling Admission: Yes

School website:

[https://pharmacy.](https://pharmacy.roseman.edu/admissions/)

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OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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Pharmacy School Information Workshop

University of California, San Francisco
School of Pharmacy

Joel Gonzales
Director of Admissions

Since 2007, Joel W. Gonzales has been the Director of Admissions at University of California San Francisco's School of Pharmacy. Born and raised in California's Central Valley (Modesto), Joel attended University of San Diego where he majored in Speech Communication and Leadership Studies. He then relocated to the greatest city in the world to pursue graduate studies at University of San Francisco (Organization & Leadership in Higher Education), where he also worked for several years in Student Affairs. Joel has been with UCSF School of Pharmacy since 2001.

Please visit his admissions blog at <http://pharmdadmissions.ucsf.edu>



EDUCATION:
Majored in Speech
Communication and
Leadership Studies at
UCSD

Graduate School, UCSF
(Organization and
Leadership in Higher
Education)

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Student Affairs at UCSF

Learn how UCSF's 3-year, year-round Pharm.D. program is preparing ambitious minds for diverse and dynamic careers in pharmacy and beyond. Our program inspire inquisitive students to think creatively from fresh perspectives and to fearlessly approach new challenges in pharmacy and across health care.

Pharmacy School Information Workshop

University of California, San Diego
Skaggs School of Pharmacy and
Pharmaceutical Sciences

James Colbert
Professor Emeritus

Dr. James Colbert, Pharm.D., is a Professor Emeritus and the Founding Associate Dean for Experiential Education at the UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. He is a member of the Admissions and Outreach and Education, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) committees. He was born in Berkeley, and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Richmond, California. He is also a graduate of UC Berkeley (Go Bears!) and the University of California, San Francisco, School of Pharmacy. He completed a fellowship with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Dr. Colbert was influenced by a pharmacist in Richmond to become a pharmacist and is currently in his 40th year in the profession. Dr. Colbert has had numerous experiences in the profession, including pediatric pharmacist, clinical manager, professor, academic administrator (associate dean), and U.S. army officer. Dr. Colbert was a pharmacy officer for 10 years in the military. He completed combat medical and peacekeeping deployments in the middle east (Persian Gulf War, Desert Shield, Desert Storm) and Bosnia.

He has participated in several professional organizations including the California Pharmacist Association, the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the American Pharmacists Association, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He is well published and has delivered presentations at state, national, and international venues. Dr. Colbert enjoys helping patients and being both a teacher and student as a pharmacist. He is currently an Independent Pharmacist Consultant and a member of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists Board of Directors.

Dr. Colbert sees pharmacy continuing to be patient-centered with pharmacists playing more prominent roles as providers. His advice to pre-pharmacy students: Network, Network, Network!



EDUCATION:
UC Berkeley,
Undergraduate Studies

UCSF, Pharm.D.

American Association
of Colleges of
Pharmacy, Fellowship

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Pediatric Pharmacist

Clinical Manager

Academic Administrator
(Associate Dean)

Pharmacy Officer for
U.S. Military

Multiple professional
organizations

Pharmacy School Information Workshop

University of Southern California
School of Pharmacy

Niya Ayindong Tanyi
Admissions Recruiter

Niya Tanyi is an Admission Recruiter for the USC School of Pharmacy's Pharm.D. program. Niya earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern California before joining the recruitment team at the School of Pharmacy. A proud alum, she is able to provide her insights on the benefits of attending USC, and she enjoys helping people on their path to joining the Trojan family. As a recruiter, she connects with future pharmacy students nationwide to introduce them to the opportunities that await them both at USC and within the field.

Learn more about the nation's #1 private pharmacy school! During this session, we invite interested students to get a glimpse into the Pharm.D. program, the application process, student life, scholarship opportunities, and more. You'll also learn about how the USC School of Pharmacy prepares students for professional success within the field of pharmacy.



EDUCATION:
USC, Bachelor's and
Master's Degrees

CURRENT ROLES:
Connects with future
Pharmacy students
across the nation and
introduces them to
opportunities at USC
and within Pharmacy

Pharmacy School Information Workshop

University of Washington
School of Pharmacy

Bailey Clem

Associate Director of Admissions and
Student Professional Development

Bailey Clem is the Associate Director of Admissions and Student Professional Development. She has worked in pharmacy admissions for 5 years and student professional development initiatives for the past year. She enjoys educating prospective students about Pharm.D. programs, assisting with their decision of where to attend and the pharmacy profession as a whole.



CURRENT ROLES:

Five-year experience
with working in
pharmacy admissions

Professional
development initiatives
for students

This workshop will discuss unique qualities of the UW Pharm.D. program and provide overall application tips.

The UW School of Pharmacy is consistently ranked in the Top 10 nationwide, and our faculty, staff, and preceptors are committed to providing students with a rigorous and well-rounded education. The UW School of Pharmacy offers a wide range of elective opportunities, from the Geriatric Pharmacy certificate to the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy Program. The school also offers numerous opportunities for community outreach, leadership development, hands-on training, and research.

Pharmacy School Information Workshop

University of Michigan
College of Pharmacy

Kristin Heinrich
Assistant Director of Admissions
and Recruiting



Kristin Heinrich is the Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruiting for the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Communication from Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI) and a Master of Arts in Higher Education from Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI), and her career has been solely focused on recruiting and admitting students at the University of Michigan.

Her passion in life is to help all students find the best fit for their educational path, and she has been working with pharmacy applicants for the last year. It brings her so much joy to see pharmacy students reach their potential and become leaders in the field. She can't wait to meet you all!

Some advice she'd like to give all pre-pharmacy students is to really take advantage of the essays in your application. At the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, they review their Pharm.D. applicants very holistically. The essays are where they get to know who you are and why you are interested in becoming a pharmacist so don't be shy to share your story!

EDUCATION:
Aquinas College, B.S. in
Business Administration
and Communication

Michigan State
University, M.A. in
Higher Education

ADVICE:
Take advantage of
the personal essays in
applications!
Share who you are and
why you are interested in
becoming a Pharmacist.

The University of Michigan Pharm.D. program is the #3 pharmacy program in the country! Join their workshop to learn more about University of Michigan's small class sizes, over 200 rotation sites, student research, and how their Pharm.D. program has one of the highest residency offer rates in the country. Not only will they be discussing the program, but they will also talk about the admissions process and what can help make you a competitive applicant.

Pharmacy School Information Workshop

PharmCAS

Cassie Lanier

Admissions Counselor
University of Minnesota,
College of Pharmacy

Cassie Lanier is the Admissions Counselor for the University of Minnesota, College of Pharmacy, Pharm.D. program. Cassie grew up in the suburbs of Minneapolis/St. Paul and she holds a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Minnesota Duluth. What Cassie enjoys most about her job is her ability to travel and connect with prospective students from all over the United States. She enjoys meeting with students to discuss their application and help answer questions during the admissions process. Her advice for current pre-pharmacy students is to find work and/or volunteer experiences within healthcare or pharmacy settings!



EDUCATION:
Majored in Applied
Sciences at University
of Minnesota, Duluth

ADVICE:
Find Work/Volunteer
Experience within
Healthcare or Pharmacy
Settings

This workshop will provide information about the PharmCAS application and information about the University of Minnesota Pharm.D. program. There will also be plenty of time to answer questions!

Pharmacy School Information Workshop

Pharmacy School Interview

Dr. Eric Gupta

Assistant Dean of External Relations and
Strategic Initiatives

Western University of Health Sciences

Dr. Eric Gupta grew up in San Gabriel, CA, and joined the 5-year University of the Pacific pre-pharmacy program out of high school. After completing his Pharm.D., he went to VA San Diego for a 1-year clinical residency and a 2-year cardiovascular research fellowship. He later joined Western University of Health Sciences and has been there for 15 years, currently serving as an Assistant Dean of External Relations and Strategic Initiatives. Dr. Gupta teaches outpatient cardiology (lipids, hypertension, and obesity), and runs an interprofessional ambulatory care practice at the WesternU Patient Care Center. He was also a past president of the California Pharmacists Association and is currently on the President-elect of the Pacific Lipid Association, which is a regional chapter of the National Lipid Association.

Dr. Gupta's general advice for pre-pharmacy students is to take advantage of all the opportunities available. The profession of pharmacy is an amazing one with so many different aspects: scientific knowledge, team-based care, patient education, leadership, etc., so developing a robust knowledge-base, learning how to work together in teams, stepping outside of your comfort zone, taking on leadership roles, and developing effective communication skills are very important. As doors open and you walk through them, you never know where you will end up.

The focus of the Pharmacy School Interview Workshop will be to discuss basic components of an interview, do's and don'ts in an interview process, and discuss potential interview questions you may encounter. The goal is to give the participant a glimpse into the interview process to better prepare them when they go out for interviews.



EDUCATION:
UOP, Pharm.D.

VA San Diego, PGY-1

VA San Diego,
Cardiovascular research
fellowship

WORK EXPERIENCE:
President of
California Pharmacists
Association

CURRENT ROLES:
Teaches outpatient
cardiology

Runs an
interprofessional
ambulatory care
practice

President-elect
of Pacific Lipid
Association

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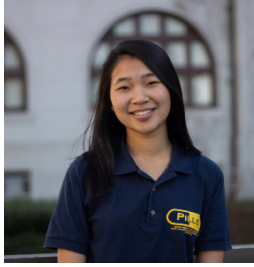
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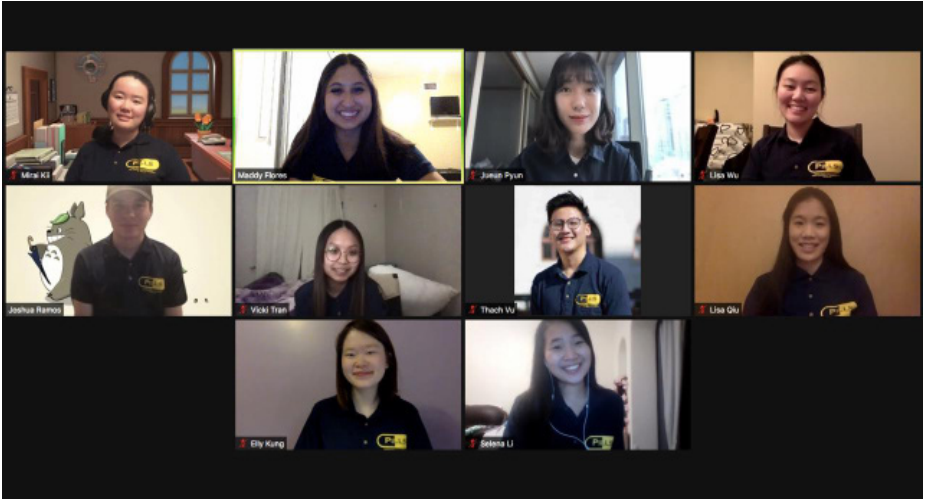


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