

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Class of 2025



School of Pharmacy
*HOODING
CEREMONY*

Doctor of Pharmacy
and

Master of Science in Pharmacy - Health System
Pharmacy Administration degree candidates

The University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy

Pharmacy instruction began at UW–Madison in 1883 with the second university-based program in the country. In 1895, the UW awarded the first Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree in the United States. The first PhD for work in pharmaceutical sciences was conferred at the UW in 1902, marking the beginning of doctoral training in the pharmaceutical sciences in the United States.

The UW also awarded the first PhD degrees in the country in pharmaceuticals (1917), in the history of pharmacy (1952), in pharmacy administration (1954), in social studies of pharmacy (1970) and in the field of continuing education in pharmacy (1973). The first Doctor of Pharmacy degree at UW–Madison was conferred in May 1992.





A Message from the Dean

Graduation is a wonderful celebration of completion and success, but truly represents more of a beginning than an end. Our students have persevered following the most challenging pandemic in modern history to graduate and take their place in the field of pharmacy.

Now you are poised to enter the rewarding world of pharmacy as one of the outstanding members of the Class of 2025 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy. As practicing professionals, trained researchers, and educators, graduates like you are the future of pharmacy.

We look forward to the Class of 2025 continuing our traditions of excellence and innovation and to your new relationship with the School as alumni, professional colleagues, and lifelong friends.

Congratulations and continued success!

Steven M. Swanson, PhD
Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy



Hooding Program

Dean's Welcome

Steven M. Swanson, PhD
Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy

A Message to the Graduates

David A. Zilz, BS '62, MS '64
Director of Pharmacy Services (Retired)
UW Health

Recognition of Graduates

Arash Bashirullah, PhD
Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education
Executive Director of the Lachman Institute of Pharmaceutical Development

Jessica M. Bergsbaken, PharmD
Teaching Faculty, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

Melgardt M. de Villiers, BPharm, MSc, PhD
Distinguished Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Vice Dean, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Bonnie J. Fingerhut
Teaching Specialist, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Karen J. Kopacek, MS, RPh
Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Marina L. Maes, PharmD
Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

Amanda R. Margolis, PharmD, MS
Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

Beth A. Martin, PhD, MS, RPh
Professor and Chair, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research
Assistant Dean for Teaching and Learning

Andrea L. Porter, PharmD
Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

Edward C. Portillo, PharmD
Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

Jack D. Temple, PharmD, MS
Associate Clinical Professor and Academic Program Director,
Master's Program in Health System Pharmacy Administration

Presentation of the Larry Boh Clinical Instructor Excellence Award

Presented to Aaron L. Steffenhagen, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Manager - Patient Care Services
UW Health - Madison, WI

by Mara A. Kieser, MS, RPh
Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research
Assistant Dean for Experiential Education

A Message from the Graduates

Brandon S. Muñoz, PharmD, MS Candidate

Oath of a Pharmacist

Ryan F. Miller, PharmD '07
President, Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin

Pharmacy Alumni Association Welcome

Julie C. Bartell, PharmD '06
President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

Closing Remarks
Jessica N. Fairbanks, PharmD Candidate

Master of Science Candidates Health System Pharmacy Administration

Anna K. Denny – Hudson, OH
Spencer N.R. Elliot – Chickamauga, GA
Brandon S. Muñoz – Middleton, WI
Kyle W. Schomisch – Rosemount, MN

Doctor of Pharmacy Candidates

** Rho Chi Honor Society*

Breanna M. Adkins – Milwaukee, WI
Dyson J. Ahola – Raleigh, NC*
Alan R. Albrecht – Lake Mills, WI
Kachi Anyanwu – Weymouth, MA
Cailyn G. Austin – Janesville, WI
Doha Awad – Greendale, WI
Adrian M. Bak – Norridge, IL
Mathawan Balakrishnan – Green Bay, WI
Sean T. Baltes – Kenosha, WI*
Arsen V. Bedzhanov – Green Bay, WI
Lauren K. Benedict – Prior Lake, MN*
Cole R. Bertrand – Little Suamico, WI
Amy K. Bowles – Elmhurst, IL
Annika M. Brekke – Apple Valley, MN
Lukas J. Burke – Port Washington, WI
Ryan W. Buss – Green Bay, WI
Hannah L. Butler – La Crosse, WI
Inyoung Cho – Seoul, South Korea
Katelyn M. Coffren – Marshfield, WI
Jacob R. Deheck – Port Washington, WI
Steven C. Do – Rockford, IL*
James D. Dreifuerst – Racine, WI*
Kelby A. Drogemuller – Lakeville, MN*
Kaelyn M. Dwyer – Gurnee, IL
Kaitlin R. Eisch – Racine, WI
Luke D. Englebert – Mishicot, WI
Jessica N. Fairbanks – Ridgecrest, CA
Maria K. Ficaro – Ann Arbor, MI
Sawyer J. Fleming – Rosholt, WI*
Ryan C. Gasser – Janesville, WI
Lauren M. Glaza – Grafton, WI
Dejana Gligorevic – Rockford, IL

Lindsey M. Goebel – Sheboygan, WI
Chad M. Golackson – Darlington, WI
Mara N. Gosch – Plymouth, MN
Jessica L. Haase – Jamestown, NY
Emily R. Hagmayer – Greenfield, WI
Jenna N. Harnish – Rome, PA
Alondra P. Harris – Madison, WI*
Cecelia L.M. Hickey – Watertown, WI
Sierra N. Hollister – Milwaukee, WI
Nikki T. Huynh – Palatine, IL
Erika K. Intrepidi – Arbor Vitae, WI
Andrew J. Iverson – Muskego, WI
Kimia Jazayeri – Milwaukee, WI
Alexis Z.M. Johnson –
 Windwardside, Saba, Carribbean*
Nicole H. Kamholz – Juda, WI
Alayna N. Kellam – De Pere, WI
Lukas M. Kelsey – West Salem, WI
Soojin Kim – Daejeon, South Korea*
Yoonsoo Kim – Seoul, South Korea
Courtney R. Koeberl – Green Bay, WI
Lauren N. Komberec – Cedarburg, WI
Haley R. Kroener – Onalaska, WI
Alyssa K. Kuhn – Waunakee, WI*
Amrit Kumar – Oak Creek, WI
Song Kwon – Seoul, South Korea*
Carley R. Laffin – Spring Valley, WI
Alex Lai – Muskego, WI
Emma G. Lauer – Eau Claire, WI*
Jonathan Le – Brooklyn Park, MN
Xiaotong Li – Durham, NC*
Leah C. Lofquist – Union Grove, WI
Gary B. Lu – Whitefish Bay, WI
Carolyn A. Lucca – Genoa, IL
Genita N. Luma – Sheboygan, WI
Alisa L. Mahinay – Round Lake, IL
Alyne M. Majewski – Waukesha, WI
Justin Marin – New Berlin, WI
McKenna J. Matulle – Neenah, WI
Sydney A. McKersie – Middleton, WI
Ireland K. McMahan – Mount Horeb, WI
Jared A. Meister – Darlington, WI*
Michael J. Milani – Appleton, WI
Cole A. Miller – Freeport, IL
Cole B. Miller – Prairie du Sac, WI*
Michael V. Minus – Mequon, WI



Mohamed A. Mohamed – Whitewater, WI
Talha J. Mohammad – Greenfield, WI
Katan D. Moser – Tomah, WI
Hannah E. Moses – Cedarburg, WI
Matthew H. Nguyen – Vernon Hills, IL
Jenna M. Nordin – Marshfield, WI
Blake A. O'Connor – Orono, MN
James A. Oettinger – Beaver Dam, WI
Morgan A. Oettinger – Beaver Dam, WI
Lorraine K. Onchiri – Coon Rapids, MN
Abigail T. Opsal – Eau Claire, WI
Lindsey K. Paul – Colgate, WI
Zachary D. Paulsen – Green Bay, WI*
Nora P. Pecha – Franklin, WI
Lauren S. Pondikati – Oak Creek, WI
David S. Potapenko – Blaine, MN
Tegan L. Quinn – Mount Horeb, WI*
Paul S. Rademacher – Albuquerque, NM
Taylor J. Redfern – Dickeyville, WI*
Justin T. Renaud – Chippewa Falls, WI
Peter P. Rockwell – Kansasville, WI
Gianna M. Santoro – Oak Creek, WI*
Rhiann M. Sato – Honolulu, HI
Cooper L. Scarmardo – Kenosha, WI

Molly K. Schmidt – Milwaukee, WI
Hannah J. Schuh – Menomonee Falls, WI
Leigh Anne Sieracki – Spencer, WI
Evan M. Slonac – Muskego, WI
Jalissa F. Splinter – Mineral Point, WI*
Sydney K. Stampfli – Mazomanie, WI
Asfiya Syeda – Hyderabad, India
Madeline R. Szubert – Bartlett, IL
Sierra R. Szymanski – West Salem, WI
Jacob M. Taylor – Cottage Grove, WI
Lucas T. Thao – Saint Paul, MN
Kelsie E. Tingle – Parkersburg, IA
Malena R. Tonelli – Wausau, WI
Ryan C. Van Blaricom – Cottage Grove, WI
Delilah E. Velez – Milwaukee, WI
William G. Weisensel – Wautoma, WI
Michelle Y. Wu – Eden Prairie, MN*
Gretchen E. Wuerger – Delano, MN*
Shi Nuo Charisse Yan –
 Singapore & Hong Kong*
Chao Yang – Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Choua Yang – Weston, WI
Mariah E. Zietlow – Cedarburg, WI

PharmD Scholars in Pharmacy

The Scholars in Pharmacy program prepares pharmacists to provide outstanding, science-based, patient-centered care and to inspire future leaders who will improve pharmacy practice and health through scholarship and innovation.



Paths of Distinction

Antimicrobial Stewardship

Focuses on the systematic effort to educate and persuade prescribers of antimicrobials to follow evidence-based prescribing, in order to stem antibiotic overuse, and thus microbial resistance.

Adrian Bak
Sean Baltes
Inyoung Cho
Kaelyn Dwyer

Sawyer Fleming
Amrit Kumar
McKenna Matulle
Malena Tonelli

William Weisensel
Shi Nuo Charisse Yan
Mariah Zietlow

Applied Drug Development

Focuses on gaining critical knowledge and an in-depth understanding of principles in pharmaceutical sciences, regulatory requirements, and their application in drug development.

Dyson Ahola
Yoonsoo Kim

Jonathan Le
Xiaotong Li

Talha Mohammad

Leadership Path

Provides leadership training that is theoretical, practical, and experiential. Graduates have undergone mentoring with a professional in the pharmacy field, giving them access to a wealth of knowledge for personal growth and professional development.

Lauren Glaza
Jenna Harnish

Lukas Kelsey
McKenna Matulle

Blake O'Connor
Abigail Opsal

Interprofessional Education

Provides opportunities for students to gain knowledge and skills to improve communication and collaboration across healthcare disciplines to enhance patient outcomes.

Kelsie Tingle

Psychiatric Pharmacy

Provides an understanding of the pharmacologic and physiologic considerations, as well as laws, regulations, and ethical principles surrounding the application of psychoactive pharmaceuticals.

Breanna Adkins

Jessica Haase

Research Path

Develops research skills for pharmacists-in-training and seeks to provide students mentorship and opportunities to integrate pharmacy and research, including basic science, clinical, social, administrative, and translational.

Steven Do
Jessica Haase
Alexis Johnson

Michael Milani
Blake O'Connor
Lorraine Onchiri

Rhiann Sato
Sierra Szymanski

Dual Degree

Master of Public Health

Provides graduates with the expertise needed to integrate knowledge and skills in the delivery of pharmaceutical care with public health principles. Individuals with PharmD and MPH degrees will be uniquely positioned to influence policy around medication use and define practice and research in response to important health problems, such as heart disease or the opioid epidemic.

Jenna Nordin

Madeline Szubert



Named Options

Operations and Technology Management (OTM)

Involves a unique partnership between the School of Pharmacy and School of Business to provide learning opportunities in healthcare leadership and management.

Alan Albrecht
Steven Do
James Dreifuerst

Alondra Harris
Jared Meister
Michael Minus

Mohamed Mohamed
Evan Slonac
Michelle Wu

Rural Health

Provides opportunities to explore innovative pharmacy practice in a rural setting and serve their rural communities through expanding novel patient care models, collaborating with interprofessional colleagues, and developing a practice model true to the Wisconsin Idea.

Katelyn Coffren
Kaitlin Eisch
Jenna Harnish
Erika Intrepedi
Nicole Kamholz
Carley Laffin

Carolyn Lucca
Cole B. Miller
Morgan Oettinger
David Potapenko
Taylor Redfern
Justin Renaud

Hannah Schuh
Leigh Anne Sieracki
Sydney Stampfli
Ryan Van Blaricom

Certificates

Global Health

Focuses on global health topics and health issues that transcend national boundaries, emphasizing health and disease in developing countries. Through global health field experience, students will be prepared to address health disparities in a context of cultural diversity.

Amy Bowles
Kelby Drogemuller
Jessica Haase
Kimia Jazayeri
Alyssa Kuhn

Genita Luma
Hannah Moses
Nora Pecha
Tegan Quinn
Paul Rademacher

Molly Schmidt
Sierra Szymanski
Delilah Velez
Gretchen Wuerger

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences-Residency Track (APPE-RT)

Students gain skills and experiences to enhance their competitiveness in obtaining a residency upon graduation.

Breanna Adkins
Doha Awad
Adrian Bak
Lauren Benedict
Amy Bowles
Kelby Drogemuller
Kaelyn Dwyer
Mara Gosch
Jessica Haase
Jenna Harnish
Sierra Hollister
Lukas Kelsey

Yoonsoo Kim
Lauren Komberec
Alex Lai
Emma Lauer
Alyne Majewski
Sydney McKersie
Michael Minus
Mohamed Mohamed
Jenna Nordin
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Sierra Szymanski
Malena Tonelli
Delilah Velez
William Weisensel
Michelle Wu
Gretchen Wuerger

Dear Graduates,

It took a lot of hard work and dedication to be here today, so please accept my most heartfelt congratulations!

As of right now, you are all members of the Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA), and I am delighted to be the first to welcome you! The PAA gives our alumni a place to get connected and stay connected with our alumni, student pharmacists, and the broader UW–Madison School of Pharmacy community. As you begin a new phase of life today, I encourage you to take some time to reflect and to be proud about all you have accomplished these past few years in school. We are excited to welcome you into the alumni base and we cannot wait to see the great things you will do!

Enjoy today and celebrate your achievements with your classmates, friends, and families.

Congratulations again! On, Wisconsin!

Julie Bartell, PharmD '06
Pharmacy Alumni Association President



Stay connected with the School!

You are joining a strong network of 8,000+ School of Pharmacy alumni.

To stay connected with fellow alumni and the School:

- ▶ Sign up for Badger Bridge, the social network just for Badgers at badgerbridge.com
- ▶ Read and submit a class note to **DiscoverRx**, the quarterly publication just for School of Pharmacy alumni
- ▶ Follow the School of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Alumni Association on Facebook @UWMadPharm and @UWPharmacyAlumniAssociation
- ▶ Stay in touch by updating your contact information at go.wisc.edu/updateinfo

We look forward to seeing how far you go!



Give the Gift of Legacy

Support your graduate and School of Pharmacy scholarships by purchasing a legacy brick. These commemorative bricks are a part of the Legacy Walk, located at the front entrance of Rennebohm Hall.

This is a special gift that will be cherished forever! Your \$150 tax deductible donation will help to build the School's legacy by supporting the Pharmacy Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

To purchase a Legacy Brick, please visit: go.wisc.edu/legacybrick

Oath of a Pharmacist

“I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will treat all patients with dignity and respect and will not discriminate against any patient.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.”

Prepared by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy



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