



PHARMACY GRADUATION AWARDS BREAKFAST

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AT&T Lounge, Pyle Center
University of Wisconsin–Madison

Welcome

Steven M. Swanson, PhD

Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy

Awards Presentation

Karen J. Kopacek, MS, RPh

Associate Professor

Associate Dean for Student Affairs



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

GRADUATION AWARDS

American Pharmacists Association- Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Senior Recognition Award

Recognizes a graduating PharmD student who has made the greatest contribution to their APhA-ASP chapter.

Jennifer A. Velikodanov

Inspiring Excellence in Managed Care Award

Sponsored by Navitus Health Solutions & Lumicera Health Services
Honors a combination of positive attitude, aptitude, and commitment to managed care and specialty pharmacy.

Joseph A. Jimenez

McKesson Leadership Award

Recognizes a graduating PharmD student who has demonstrated involvement and leadership experience in professional pharmacy organizations.

Grace C. Klubertanz

Merck Award

Recognizes students graduating in the PharmD and BS Pharmacology & Toxicology programs who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement in pharmacy studies.

Quinlan D. Chesak

Caroline M. Mork

Emily A. Phillips

Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Student Achievement Award

Recognizes a PharmD graduate who has made significant contributions to the professional development of fellow students, who has been an integral part of student organizational leadership activities, and who has served as a role model of high achievement in the graduating pharmacy class. This student also has a record of service to the profession and community, and participation in PSW-sponsored student activities.

Annabel P. Bochat

School of Pharmacy Awards

Academic Excellence Award

Recognizes graduating PharmD students who have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement.

Davina G. Gerber

Allison G. Hofacker

Jeremiah P. Koenig

Academic Mentoring Award

Recognizes a graduating student who demonstrates a commitment to strengthening and supporting the academic success of their peers.

Ethan J. Laferriere



School of Pharmacy Awards (continued)

Division of Clinical Practice, Innovation, and Research Graduation Award

Recognizes graduating PharmD students who exemplify a strong commitment to pharmacy practice and/or translational research and promote a creative and dynamic approach to solving problems.

Kali V. Ramirez
Amber M. Schinneller

Division of Pharmacy Professional Development Award of Excellence

Recognizes strong performance in academics and service.

Riley J. Caracci
Alexa M. Dietsche

Eva Vivian Advocacy Award

Recognizes a graduating PharmD student who exemplifies leadership in the area of promoting diversity within the School of Pharmacy.

Tenzin C. Tadhey

Excellence in Clinical Communication Award

Recognizes PharmD graduates who have demonstrated superior verbal and written clinical communication skills, and have achieved academic excellence in their class.

Dylan C. Erdelt
Ryan R. Smith

Graduation Speech Award

Acknowledges the leadership, communication skills, professionalism, and enthusiasm of one member of the graduating PharmD class. The award recipient is selected by their classmates to speak at the Hooding Ceremony and to reflect on the experiences and accomplishments of the graduating class and share a message to lead fellow graduates into their future career paths.

Reem A. Salah

Legacy Brick

Presented to graduating PharmD and BS Pharmacology & Toxicology class presidents, this Legacy Brick is a gift from the Pharmacy Alumni Association.

PharmD Class Co-Presidents
Annabel P. Bochat & Lily M. Brabazon

BS Pharmacology & Toxicology Class President
Mihini M. Gamamadagedon

U.S. Public Health Service

Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award

Recognizes a student who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to public health practice.

Reem A. Salah

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UW Health Bucky Badger Excellence Award

Recognizes a graduating PharmD student who displays a superior desire to continually learn, develop, lead, and advance the field of pharmacy. This student pharmacist is destined to be a future leader of pharmacy, and exemplifies characteristics that distinguish them from other student pharmacists.

Jacob T. Whitbeck

Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award

Recognizes a student who has indicated an intent to enter pharmacy practice upon graduation and who has exemplified academic excellence and high professional motivation. Preference is given to a student who has demonstrated superior proficiency in the provision of drug information services.

Makenzie A. Hansen

Zeeh Pharmaceutical Experiment Station Director's Award in Science and Technology

Recognizes graduating students exhibiting good academic performance and having completed a 699 (independent study) project, preferably in an area related to pharmaceutical sciences or in the Zeeh Station.

**Sophia M. Castillo
Sophia Melnyk**



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