

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Class of 2021



School of Pharmacy

*GRADUATION
CELEBRATION*

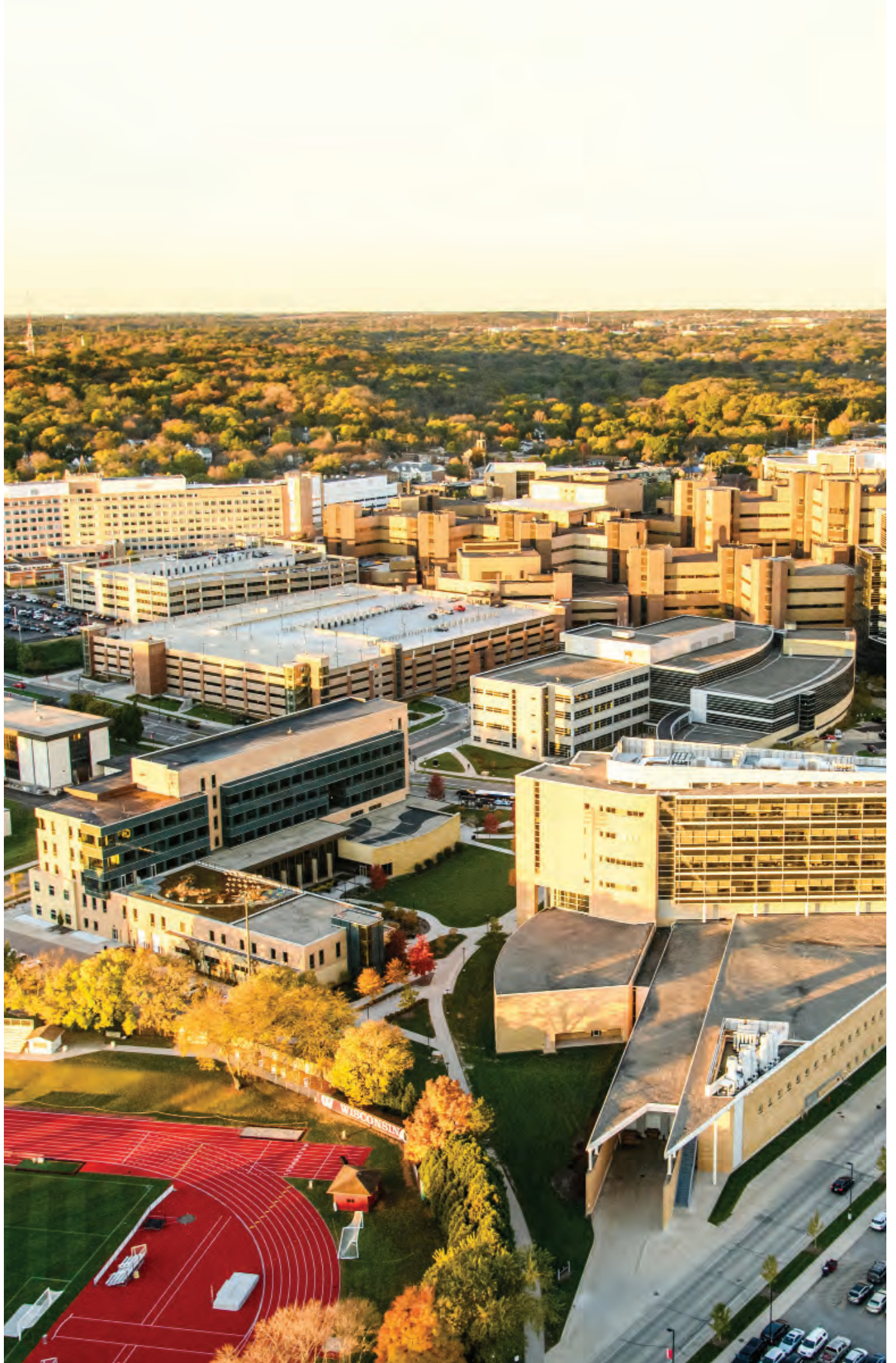
Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Philosophy,
and Master's degree candidates

The University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy

The UW–Madison pharmacy program was instituted in 1883, the second 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 pharmaceutical chemistry (1902), in pharmaceutics (1917), in the history of pharmacy (1953), 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. Despite the unprecedented global pandemic of COVID-19, you persevered to complete your education and have emerged with greater resilience.

Now, you are poised to enter the rewarding world of pharmacy as one of the outstanding members of the Class of 2021 from the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy. As practicing professionals, trained researchers, and educators in the pharmaceutical, social, and clinical sciences, graduates like you are the future of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences.

We look forward to the Class of 2021 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



Graduation Program

Master of Ceremonies

Karen J. Kopacek, MS, RPh

Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Dean's Welcome

Steven M. Swanson, PhD

Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy

A Message to the Graduates

Azita Saleki-Gerhardt, BS '88, MS '91, PhD '93

Executive Vice President, Operations, AbbVie Pharmaceuticals
Member, School of Pharmacy Board of Visitors

Recognition of Graduates

*Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences &
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Research in Pharmacy*

Arash Bashirullah, PhD

Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences Division
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education

Master of Science in Health System Pharmacy Administration

Jack D. Temple, PharmD, MS

Clinical Instructor and Academic Program Director for the Master's Program
in Health System Pharmacy Administration

Master of Science in Applied Drug Development

Eric C. Buxton, PhD

Clinical Associate Professor
Chair, Division of Pharmacy Professional Development

Acknowledgement of Graduation Awards and Scholars in Pharmacy

Melgardt M. de Villiers, PhD

Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences Division
Vice Dean, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Doctor of Pharmacy

Michelle A. Chui, PharmD, PhD

Hammel-Sanders Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Social & Administrative Sciences Division
Director, Sonderegger Research Center for Improved Medication Outcomes

John M. Dopp, PharmD

Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Pharmacy Practice Division

Bonnie J. Fingerhut

Faculty Assistant, Pharmaceutical Sciences Division

Marina L. Maes, PharmD

Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division

Edward C. Portillo, PharmD

Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division

Eva M. Vivian, PharmD, PhD

Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division

Presentation of the Larry Boh Clinical Instructor Excellence Award

Presented to **Troy Schmeling, PharmD**

Pharmacist, Marshfield Medical Center – Beaver Dam

By **Mara A. Kieser, MS, RPh**

Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division and Assistant Dean for Experiential Education

Welcome to Alumnihood

David A. Mott, PhD, RPh

William S. Apple Professor and Chair, Social and Administrative Sciences Division
Associate Dean for Advancement

Oath of a Pharmacist

Melissa Theesfeld, PharmD '06

President, Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin

Pharmacy Alumni Association Welcome

Jason Bergsbaken, PharmD '12

President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

Closing Remarks

Shelby Koen, PharmD Candidate '21

Master of Science Candidates

Health System Pharmacy Administration

Faculty Advisor: Jack D. Temple

Eric D. Friestrom – *Seymour, WI*
Brooke E. Halbach – *Brillion, WI*
Joelle C. Hall – *Cleveland, OH*
Connor T. Hanson – *Elm Grove, WI*
Clayton C. Irvine – *Green Bank, WV*

Applied Drug Development

Faculty Advisor: Eric C. Buxton

Nicolas Llano – *Dorado, Puerto Rico*
Trevor J. Zimmerman – *Middleton, WI*

Doctor of Philosophy Candidates

Health Services Research in Pharmacy

Niyong Li – *Guangzhou, China*
Faculty Advisor: Kevin A. Look

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Michelle M. Boyd – *Muskegon, MI*
Faculty Advisor: Lara S. Collier
Zhenxuan Chen – *Nanyang, China*
Faculty Advisor: Lian Yu
Yue Gui – *Meng Cheng, China*
Faculty Advisor: Lian Yu
Adam W. Kositzke – *Appleton, WI*
Faculty Advisor: Jiaoyang Jiang
Ashita Nair – *Ahmedabad, India*
Faculty Advisor: Seungpyo Hong
Qinying Yu – *Qingdao, China*
Faculty Advisor: Lingjun Li

Doctor of Pharmacy Candidates

* *Rho Chi Honor Society*

^ *Scholars in Pharmacy*

Nicholas L. Adler – *Oregon, WI*
Caitlin C. Albrecht – *Madison, WI* *
Tyler S. Albright – *Middleton, WI* ^
Ashley M. Alter – *Trevor, WI*
Anna C. Aycock – *Kewaskum, WI* ^
Caleb J. Ballweg – *Prairie du Sac, WI* ^
Nicholas P. Batinich – *Plymouth, MN*
Michael R. Beck – *Waukesha, WI*
Laura I. Belmonte – *Kenosha, WI*
Matthew J. Bemis – *Greendale, WI* **
Michelle M. Benson – *Eveleth, MN* ^
Emily J. Blessinger – *Oak Creek, WI* ^
Carly E. Bohnen – *St. Germain, WI* ^
Delaney R. Brainerd – *De Witt, IA*
Cierra N. Brewer – *Chicago, IL*
Brittney V. Buissink – *Fox Lake, IL*
Eng Chang – *Sheboygan, WI*
Kiera M. Chesney – *Appleton, WI* **
Dominic W. Cheung – *Lake City, MN* *
Cheongyol Choe – *Little Rock, AR*
Jaehyung Choi – *Seoul, South Korea* ^
Jenna M. Ciesielski – *Des Plaines, IL* **
Sarah J. Conjurske – *Forestville, WI* ^
Connor J. Crouch – *Woodbury, MN*
Margaret A. Daleen – *Barrington, IL*
Katherine M. Davenport – *Mukwonago, WI* *
Courtney J. DeKeyser – *Green Bay, WI* ^
Joshua J. Diamond – *Menomonie, WI*
Kevin P. Dillon – *San Diego, CA*
Alexandra B. Edinger – *Woodbury, MN*
Eric J. Eitel – *Racine, WI*
Stephen J. Emmerling – *Sheboygan, WI* ^
Alexandra M. Falk – *Antigo, WI* ^
Hannah G. Feldhacker – *Barron, WI* ^
Lauren M. Finley – *Minneapolis, MN* ^
Adam M. Flannery – *Argonne, WI*
Stephen A. Gebbia II – *Milwaukee, WI*
Kate J. Gebultowicz – *Glenview, IL*
Kenneth J. Gerhardt – *Cottage Grove, WI*
Carly E. Gillis – *De Pere, WI* ^
Baylee V. Gorges – *Manawa, WI*
Lucas S. Grabowski – *Coon Valley, WI* ^
Jenna A. Gradinjan – *Greendale, WI*
Haylee J. Guerin – *Cedarburg, WI*
Larissa L. Hacker – *Albert Lea, MN* *

Anthony J. Harris – *Houston, TX*
 Taylor N. Hauser – *Argonne, WI* **^
 William J. Heelan – *Round Lake, IL* *
 Kristin N. Hesselbach – *New Berlin, WI* **^
 Emily R. Hoffman – *DeForest, WI*
 Ian J. Holder – *DeForest, WI*
 Jayne E. Hurd – *Portage, WI* ^
 Taylor E. Jacobs – *Pewaukee, WI*
 Travis A. Jacobson – *Spring Green, WI*
 Emily H. Jaeger – *Maple Grove, MN* *
 Elizabeth A. Janet – *Oak Lawn, IL* *
 Dalton R. Jeske – *Arcadia, WI*
 Kayla M. Judson – *Oconomowoc, WI* ^
 Erica M. Keenan – *Stoughton, WI*
 Rachel L. Kent – *Eau Claire, WI* ^
 Adam K. Klamt – *Holland, MI*
 Shelby K. Koen – *Mukwonago, WI* ^
 Michael A. Kolarchek –
 Manitowish Waters, WI
 Austin R. Lange – *Milwaukee, WI* ^
 Alexandra M. Larson-Osborne – *Beloit, WI* ^
 Anna K. Lattos – *West Salem, WI* ^
 Cheefeng Lee – *Greenville, WI*
 Kasheng Lee – *Greenville, WI* ^
 Samantha R. Lewiston – *New Berlin, WI* **^
 Solomon M. Lo – *Sun Prairie, WI*
 Kouchia C. Lochungvu – *Toulouse, France*
 Goewamter Lor – *Green Bay, WI*
 Gabriela M. Loveland – *Janesville, WI*
 Brian Lu – *Los Angeles, CA*
 Yue Ma – *Dalian, China*
 Shauna A. MacKenzie – *Ashland, WI* **^
 Maria V. Maraneli – *Waunakee, WI*
 Svetlana S. Mason – *Cannon Falls, MN*
 Mackenzie J. McCauley – *Gays Mills, WI* **^
 Jacob C. Mead – *Green Bay, WI*
 Gillian F. Miner – *Cudahy, WI*
 Rebecca L. Morgan – *Waukesha, WI*
 Alexis T. Mowry – *Raleigh, NC* **^
 Kara Y. Mudd – *Brookfield, WI*
 Rachel M. Nelson – *Osceola, WI* *
 Christina H. Nguyen – *South Beloit, IL*
 Tyler J. Nolan – *Stoughton, WI*
 Dean D. Pecor – *Janesville, WI*
 Devon M. Penn – *Neenah, WI*
 Kristin M. Pilo – *Sussex, WI*
 Morgan L. Platta – *Waupaca, WI* ^
 Kathryn R. Ploszaj – *Milton, WI*
 Adam J. Prince – *Elkhorn, WI*
 Clare L. Procknow – *Elm Grove, WI*
 Katelyn E. Reiter – *Spooner, WI* ^
 Peter H. Roth – *Plymouth, WI* ^
 Kiera K. Roubal – *Green Bay, WI* *
 Allison M. Samuel – *Pewaukee, WI*
 Harpreet K. Sandhu – *Waunakee, WI* **^
 Devin L. Schneider – *Fond du Lac, WI*
 Dylan T. Schneider – *Kewaunee, WI* *
 Alexis E. Schrang – *Oconomowoc, WI*
 Hannah A.R. Schulz – *Antigo, WI* ^
 Cassie S. Sedgwick – *Menomonee Falls, WI* ^
 Yejin Seo – *Seoul, South Korea* ^
 Rachael M. Sheehan – *Chetek, WI*
 Katie E. Sherman – *Palos Heights, IL*
 Dianna J. Soma – *Madison, WI* ^
 Andrew F. Sonsalla – *Arcadia, WI* ^
 Kristen K. South – *Portage, WI* *
 Haley E. Stafford – *Inver Grove Heights, MN*
 Christopher J. Stasiewski – *Greendale, WI*
 Matthew R. Stevens – *Minocqua, WI* **^
 Stacie P. Stone – *Sheboygan, WI* ^
 Eliphelisha L. Suhendra – *Walnut, CA*
 John B. Sundsbak – *Carpio, ND*
 Sara M. Taylor – *Spooner, WI*
 Erica L. Terry – *Lindenhurst, IL* ^
 Calvin Z. Thai – *Plymouth, MN*
 Trinh N. Trinh – *Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*
 Aijan Urmat – *Mundelein, IL* ^
 Reid A. Van Gysel – *Fall River, WI* ^
 Jenevieve N. Van Order – *Arbor Vitae, WI* ^
 Kelly M. Vanderloop – *Kaukauna, WI*
 Kong M. Vang – *Oakdale, MN* ^
 Jared M. Verber – *De Pere, WI*
 Samantha Walczuk – *Bartlett, IL*
 Logan M. Wanca – *Antigo, WI* *
 Sabyn T. Warrick – *Chippewa Falls, WI* *
 Vincent M. Wartenweiler – *Monroe, WI* ^
 Joseph W. Warzyn – *Pewaukee, WI* ^
 Kyle M. Wayner – *Appleton, WI* ^
 Abigail J. Weaver – *St. Charles, IL* ^
 Sarah H. Wigfield – *Roseville, MN* *
 Madison L. Wolters – *Fergus Falls, MN* *
 Evan R. Wright – *Saint Paul, MN* *
 Amanda P. Yang – *Schofield, WI* ^
 Michael Yang – *Saint Paul, MN*
 Britney M. Youngchild – *Manitowoc, WI* ^
 Jiaying Zhang – *Beijing, China*
 Mengqi Zhang – *Tianjin, China* **^
 Chunxi Zhou – *Nanjing, China*
 Catherine K. Zsenak – *Waukesha, WI*

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.

Emily Jaeger

Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication, sponsored by Facts & Comparisons and Lexicomp, both part of Wolters Kluwer Health

Recognizes a PharmD graduate who has demonstrated superior verbal and written clinical communication skills, and has achieved academic excellence in their class.

Kara Mudd

McKesson Leadership Award

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

Austin Lange

Merck Award

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

Caitlin Albrecht

Sarah Wigfield

Mylan Pharmaceuticals 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.

Kristin Hesselbach

Navitus Stellar Student Award

Honors a combination of positive attitude, aptitude, and commitment to managed care and specialty pharmacy.

Kayla Judson

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.

Katie Sherman

School of Pharmacy Academic Excellence Award

Recognizes graduating PharmD students who have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement.

Bill Heelan

Alexis Mowry

Rachel Nelson



School of Pharmacy Academic Mentoring Award

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

Tyler Albright

School of Pharmacy Diversity Award

Recognizes graduating PharmD students from diverse backgrounds who exemplify academic scholarship and leadership in the area of promoting diversity within the School of Pharmacy.

Cierra Brewer

Kasheng Lee

Aijan Urmat

Jenevieve Van Order

School of Pharmacy Graduation Speech Award

Acknowledges the leadership, communication skills, professionalism, and enthusiasm of one member from the graduating PharmD class. The recipient of this award is invited to speak at the Graduation Celebration 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.

Shelby Koen

School of Pharmacy Division of Pharmacy Professional Development Award of Excellence

Recognizes strong performance in academics and service.

Matthew Bemis

School of Pharmacy Legacy Brick

Presented to the fourth-year PharmD class presidents, this Legacy Brick is a gift from the Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Bill Heelan

Austin Lange

US Public Health Service

Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award

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

Samantha Lewiston

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.

Anna Aycock

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

Recognizes a graduating PharmD student 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.

Kathryn Ploszaj

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.

Certificates

Fundamentals of Clinical Research

Provides formalized training and a practicum in research design and statistical analysis for clinical research in healthcare and pharmaceutical industry settings.

Jaehyung Choi, Erica Terry, Kong Vang, Vincent Wartenweiler

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.

Michelle Benson, Jenna Ciesielski, Alexandra Larson-Osborne, Yejin Seo

Paths of Distinction

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.

**Anna Aycock, Stephen Emmerling, Katelyn Reiter, Aijan Urmat,
Vincent Wartenweiler**

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.

**Tyler Albright, Matthew Bemis, Lauren Finley, Carly Gillis,
Lucas Grabowski, Jayne Hurd, Kristin Hesselbach, Kayla Judson,
Rachel Kent, Shelby Koen, Austin Lange, Kasheng Lee, Shauna MacKenzie,
Alexis Mowry, Cassie Sedgwick, Dianna Soma, Stacie Stone,
Abigail Weaver, Britney Youngchild, Mengqi Zhang**



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.

Tyler Albright, Alexandra Falk, Kayla Judson, Rachel Kent, Shelby Koen, Samantha Lewiston, Harpreet Sandhu, Dianna Soma, Andrew Sonsalla, Joseph Warzyn, Kyle Wayner

Rural Health

Provides graduates with 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.

Caleb Ballweg, Emily Blessinger, Carly Bohnen, Kiera Chesney, Sarah Conjurske, Courtney DeKeyser, Hannah Feldhacker, Taylor Hauser, Anna Lattos, Mackenzie McCauley, Morgan Platta, Peter Roth, Matthew Stevens, Reid Van Gysel, Jenevieve Van Order, Britney Youngchild

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 Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Health 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.

Michelle Benson, Hannah Schulz, Amanda Yang

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations!

On behalf of the Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA), I am excited to welcome you as a member of our alumni association. The PAA gives our alumni a place to get connected and stay connected with other alumni, as well as student pharmacists, and the UW–Madison School of Pharmacy.

Enjoy today and celebrate your achievements with your classmates, friends and families. Make sure to spend some time reflecting on the journey and all of the support that brought you to this point.

On behalf of the PAA, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

Congratulations again!

On, Wisconsin!

Jason Bergsbaken, PharmD '12
Pharmacy Alumni Association President





Stay connected with the School!

You join a strong network of over 8,000 alumni of the School of Pharmacy. Stay connected with the School and fellow alumni by doing the following:

- ▶ 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 the 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 apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

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

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

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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