

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Class of 2022



School of Pharmacy  
*HOODING  
CEREMONY*

Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Philosophy,  
and Master's 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 pharmaceutics (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 during the most challenging pandemic in modern history to graduate and take their place in the field of pharmacy.

Today we honor an outstanding graduating class of professional and graduate students representing the very best of the School of Pharmacy. These young people are poised to enter the rewarding world of pharmacy. As practicing professionals, trained researchers, and educators in the pharmaceutical, social, and clinical sciences, these graduates are the future of pharmacy.

We look forward to the Class of 2022 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

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## Dean's Welcome

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

## A Message to the Graduates

**Thomas A. McCourt, BS '80, MS**  
Chief Executive Officer, Ironwood Pharmaceuticals  
Member, School of Pharmacy Board of Visitors

## Recognition of Graduates

### **Arash Bashirullah, PhD**

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

### **Rebecca J.K. Beebe, MS**

PharmD Advisor, Student & Academic Affairs

### **Eric C. Buxton, PhD**

Associate Clinical Professor  
Chair, Division of Pharmacy  
Professional Development

### **Lara S. Collier, PhD**

Associate Professor,  
Pharmaceutical Sciences Division  
Director of Graduate Studies, Pharmaceutical  
Sciences Graduate Program

### **Melgardt M. de Villiers, PhD**

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

### **John M. Dopp, PharmD**

Associate Professor and Vice Chair,  
Pharmacy Practice Division

### **Bonnie J. Fingerhut**

Teaching Specialist,  
Pharmaceutical Sciences Division

### **James H. Ford II, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Social and  
Administrative Sciences Division

### **Karen J. Kopacek, MS, RPh**

Associate Professor,  
Pharmacy Practice Division  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

### **Marina L. Maes, PharmD**

Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division

### **Amanda R. Margolis, PharmD, MS**

Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division



**David A. Mott, PhD, RPh**

William S. Apple Distinguished Chair and  
Professor, Social and Administrative  
Sciences Division

Associate Dean for Advancement

**Edward C. Portillo, PharmD**

Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division

**Lucas Richert, PhD**

Associate Professor, Social and Administrative  
Sciences Division

Director of Graduate Studies, Health Services  
Research in Pharmacy Graduate Program

**Kate E. Rotzenberg, PharmD**

Teaching Faculty, Social and Administrative  
Sciences Division

**Warren E. Rose, PharmD, MPH**

Associate Professor, Pharmacy  
Practice Division

**Jack D. Temple, PharmD, MS**

Associate Clinical Professor  
Academic Program Director for the Master's  
Program in Health System Pharmacy  
Administration

**Lian Yu, PhD**

Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences Division

## **Presentation of Clinical Instructor Awards**

**Presented by Mara A. Kieser, MS, RPh**

Professor, Pharmacy Practice Division and Assistant Dean for Experiential Education

***Larry Boh Clinical Instructor Excellence Award*****Presented to Josh Lee, PharmD, BCACP**

Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Marshfield Clinic Health System

***American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Master Preceptor Award*****Presented to Kate Hartkopf, PharmD, BCACP**

Pharmacy Manager - Ambulatory Care Services, UW Health

## **A Message from the Graduates**

**Herolind Jusufi, PharmD, MS Candidate**

## **Oath of a Pharmacist**

**Ellina S. Seckel, PharmD**

President, Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin

## **Pharmacy Alumni Association Welcome**

**Michael W. Nagy, PharmD '16**

President, Pharmacy Alumni Association

## **Closing Remarks**

**Kiah L. Weseli, PharmD Candidate**

## Doctor of Philosophy Candidates

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### **Health Services Research in Pharmacy**

Arveen Kaur – *Chandigarh, India*  
Chi-Yin Liao – *Taipei, Taiwan*  
Taylor Watterson – *Pittsburgh, PA*

### **Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Cassandra I. Lew – *Rock Springs, WY*  
Yuhui Li – *Tonghua, China*  
Xin Yao – *Beijing, China*

## Master of Science Candidates

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### **Health System Pharmacy Administration**

Cecilia E. Costello – *Newport, RI*  
Drew M. Dretske – *Berlin, WI*  
Shannel M. Gaillard – *Verona, WI*  
Herolind Jusufi – *Weston, WI*

### **Applied Drug Development**

Wallace Chan – *Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*  
Cailin M. Considine – *Madison, WI*  
Pengyu Guo – *Shenyang, China*  
Poojitha Kandimalla – *Hyderabad, India*  
Youngeun Kim – *Changwon, South Korea*  
Tejasree Madala – *Hyderabad, India*  
Zachary L. Miller – *Zionsville, IN*  
Kendra R. Nealey – *Madison, WI*  
Shruti Prasad – *Rochester, NY*  
Ingrid A. Rojo Muchacho – *Rockton, IL*  
Deepa R. Sharma – *Castro Valley, CA*  
Monica N. Sheber – *New London, WI*  
Xingyi Tang – *Guiyang, China*  
Kantakarn Thadavitchayapat –  
*Bangkok, Thailand*  
Zihao Zheng – *Dalian, China*

## Doctor of Pharmacy Candidates

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\* *Rho Chi Honor Society*

^ *Scholars in Pharmacy*

Maija A. Anderson – *Cloquet, MN*^  
Megan K. Andraski – *Stoughton, WI*^  
Bander A. Assiri – *Abha, Saudi Arabia*  
Megan A. Avery – *Green Bay, WI*^  
Kaitlin N. Babula – *Franklin, WI*  
Megan N. Ballew – *Naperville, IL*^  
Abigail E. Baniel – *Green Bay, WI*^^  
Madison C. Barabas – *Mosinee, WI*^  
Nathan J. Bartley – *La Crosse, WI*  
Sonia D. Bhardwaj – *Greenfield, WI*^  
Dylan R. Bielen – *Green Bay, WI*  
Sarah J. Bittner – *St. Francis, WI*^  
Sandeep K. Brar – *Moga, India*^  
Kelsey V. Brasel – *Green Bay, WI*^^  
Kaitlin E. Bruden – *Onalaska, WI*^^  
Kellen M. Brush – *Milwaukee, WI*^  
Lorewell D. Buaya – *South Elgin, IL*  
John M. Buchanan – *Radisson, WI*  
Megan A. Buechel – *St. Peter, WI*^  
Wenxuan Cai – *Shantou City, China*^^  
Ivy M. Cannella – *Grand Rapids, MN*^  
Kathy T. Chao – *Bloomington, MN*^  
Stephaney Cheng – *Villa Park, IL*^^  
Timothy J. Clark – *Delavan, WI*  
Kenton R. Cooksey – *Menomonee Falls, WI*^  
Casey J. Davis – *Franklin, WI*  
Madysen T. DeWitt – *Appleton, WI*^  
Nicole M. Donovan – *Brookfield, WI*^  
Emma M. Dreischmeier – *DeForest, WI*^  
Logan G. Erdmann – *Scandinavia, WI*^  
Sydney C. Ertz – *Holmen, WI*^  
Mary B. Fanshaw – *Beaver Dam, WI*  
Justin D. Ferek – *Carol Stream, IL*  
Katherine M. Fermanich – *Middleton, WI*  
Brianna R. Filtz – *Cedarburg, WI*^  
Taylor J. Fleet – *Narragansett, RI*  
Emily K. Fox – *Spring Grove, IL*  
Nakia N. Fuller – *Lake Mills, WI*  
Daniel J. Funk – *Kenosha, WI*^  
Denise A. Garner – *Kansas City, MO*^  
Stephanie M. Garvin – *St. Charles, IL*^^  
Sommer L. Gay – *Green Bay, WI*  
Darina G. Georgieva – *Yambol, Bulgaria*^^



Taylor J. Graham – *Aurora, IL*  
 Brianna R. Groen – *Racine, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Mark D. Hanley – *Janesville, WI*  
 Patrick J. Henry – *Sauk City, WI*  
 Mathew J. Heule – *Appleton, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Margaret J. Hoernke – *Oshkosh, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Jennifer K. Hoskins – *Anoka, MN*  
 Abigail L. Jagdfeld – *Mukwonago, WI*<sup>\*</sup>  
 Katelyn A. Johnson – *Buckeye, AZ*<sup>^</sup>  
 Lauren E. Johnson – *Madison, WI*  
 Jordyn T. Kettner – *Wausau, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Mahnoor M. Khan – *Lahore, Pakistan*<sup>^</sup>  
 Eunji Kim – *Seoul, South Korea*<sup>^</sup>  
 Aaron J. Klysen – *Oshkosh, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Jillian M. Kolasinski – *Greenfield, WI*  
 Newton N. Koo – *Nairobi, Kenya*  
 Rachel J. Kopfhamer – *Portage, WI*  
 Sierra N. Kuehl – *Lebanon, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Sylvia S. Lechnir – *La Crescent, MN*  
 Moua Lee – *Green Bay, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Tessalyn Lee – *Appleton, WI*  
 Sarah M. LeMay – *Lowell, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Brandon N. Lengel – *Juda, WI*  
 Thomas G. Lofy – *Slinger, WI*  
 Der Lor – *Minneapolis, MN*<sup>^</sup>  
 Tracy Lor – *Syracuse, NY*<sup>^</sup>  
 Tai Q. Lu – *Monroe, WI*  
 Cynthia B. May – *Hoffman Estates, IL*  
 Riley S. McKay – *Kenosha, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Owen S. Miller – *Walton, KY*<sup>^</sup>  
 Tabitha A. Miller – *Burbank, IL*<sup>^</sup>  
 Abbie R. Milski – *Oregon, WI*  
 Alexander C. Mohr – *Neillsville, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Stephanie M. Moran – *Janesville, WI*  
 Tri H. Nguyen – *Rockford, IL*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Tuyet T. Nguyen – *Milwaukee, WI*  
 Madeline J. Nowakowski – *Crystal Lake, IL*  
 Madeline K. Oie – *Monona, WI*  
 Nicholas A. Olszewski – *Beloit, WI*  
 Alonzo T. Ortiz – *Darien, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Lindsey J. Otto – *Waukesha, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Nirali K. Patel – *Madison, WI*  
 Alex Q. Peterson-Weber – *Madison, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Lauren R. Pfeil – *Waunakee, WI*  
 Alexis M. Plourde – *Somerset, WI*  
 Marcus J. Pribyl – *Denmark, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Courtney E. Quinn – *Naperville, IL*<sup>^</sup>  
 Miranda Rang – *Baldwin, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Alexander E. Reiter – *Huntley, IL*  
 Jacob R. Richie – *Cumberland, WI*<sup>\*</sup>  
 Derrick A. Roskopf – *Muskego, WI*  
 Kelsey R. Rox – *La Crosse, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Rachel K. Russ – *Novi, MI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Chrystelle M. Schowalter –  
     *Oconomowoc, WI*  
 Dan F. Smelter – *Stewartville, MN*<sup>^</sup>  
 Tim P. Smith – *Sussex, WI*  
 Stacy S. Soltis – *Milwaukee, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Wyatt A. Starman – *Pleasanton, CA*  
 Kylie M. Starry – *Oconto Falls, WI*  
 Jamie L. Sterr – *Tomahawk, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Bailey E. Stevenson – *Gays Mills, WI*<sup>\*</sup>  
 Lauren E. Streets – *Janesville, WI*  
 Matthew A. Szpytma – *New Berlin, WI*  
 Samuel J. Taylor – *Lodi, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Tou Xiong Thao – *Appleton, WI*  
 Hailey A. Thompson – *Madison, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Caden J. Tourdot – *Wisconsin Dells, WI*  
 Regan M. Truttschel – *Delafield, WI*  
 Fitim Useini – *Stoughton, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Johanna R. Van Epps – *Wild Rose, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Jacob G. Vance – *Roselle, IL*  
 Jessica M. Vander Koy – *Mosinee, WI*  
 Mary Vang – *Sheboygan, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Silvy Y. Velez Pache – *Milwaukee, WI*  
 Natasha A. Virrueta – *Elkhorn, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Andrea C. Wagner – *Champlin, MN*<sup>^</sup>  
 Sydney E. Walker – *Madison, WI*<sup>\*</sup>  
 Jacqueline E. Welsch – *Cottage Grove, WI*  
 Kristen L. Wendler – *Sun Prairie, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Kiah L. Weseli – *Hudson, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Madison N. Wiarek – *Franklin, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Matthew W. Wiedholz – *Madison, WI*  
 Emily R. Willey – *Eden Prairie, MN*<sup>^</sup>  
 Joshua B. Wirtz – *Twin Falls, ID*  
 Tyler L. Wolosek – *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*<sup>^</sup>  
 Jacob J. Yandre – *Lake Mills, WI*<sup>\*\*</sup>  
 Linda Zheng – *Elk Grove, CA*<sup>\*\*</sup>



# Graduation Awards

American Pharmacists Association -  
Academy of Student Pharmacists Senior  
Recognition Award

**Brianna Groen**

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

**Madison Wiarek**

McKesson Leadership Award

**Abigail Baniel**

Merck Award

**Aaron Klysen**

**Johanna Van Epps**

Inspiring Excellence in Managed Care  
Award, sponsored by Navitus Health  
*Solutions*

**Denise Garner**

Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Student  
Achievement Award

**Tuyet Nguyen**

School of Pharmacy Academic  
Excellence Award

**Abigail Baniel**

**Kelsey Brasel**

**Emma Dreischmeier**

**Stephanie Garvin**

**Rachel Russ**

**Bailey Stevenson**

**Madison Wiarek**

School of Pharmacy Academic  
Mentoring Award

**Wenxuan Cai**

School of Pharmacy Diversity Award

**Hailey Thompson**

School of Pharmacy Graduation  
Speech Award

**Kiah Weseli**

School of Pharmacy Division of  
Pharmacy Professional Development  
Award of Excellence

**Stephaney Cheng**

School of Pharmacy Legacy Brick

**Brianna Groen**

**Kiah Weseli**

US Public Health Service Excellence in  
Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award

**Margaret Hoernke**

Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award

**Jordyn Kettner**

UW Health Bucky Badger  
Excellence Award

**Darina Georgieva**

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

**Alex Peterson-Weber**

# 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

### Consumer Health Advocacy

*Provides key knowledge of health consumer perspectives, advanced health advocacy competencies, and tools to strategically advance health care reform efforts through interprofessional collaboration, policy initiatives, and systematic interventions.*

**Megan Andraski**

**Sarah LeMay**

**Courtney Quinn**

### 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.*

**Wenxuan Cai**

### 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.*

**Megan Andraski**

**Megan Avery**

**Megan Ballew**

**Stephaney Cheng**

**Tabitha Miller**

**Hailey Thompson**

**Tyler Wolosek**

### Patient Safety

*Increases student knowledge about how systems engineering and systems design can be used to identify, analyze, and solve patient safety research and applied problems*

**Sandeep Brar**

**Eunji Kim**



## 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.*

Megan Buechel  
Nicole Donovan  
Denise Garner  
Darina Georgieva  
Aaron Klysen

Moua Lee  
Riley McKay  
Alexander Mohr  
Alonzo Ortiz  
Miranda Rang

Rachel Russ  
Fitim Useini  
Kristen Wendler  
Madison Wiarek  
Linda Zheng

### 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.*

Maija Anderson  
Abigail Baniel  
Madison Barabas  
Sonia Bhardwaj  
Ivy Cannella  
Kathy Chao

Brianna Filtz  
Stephanie Garvin  
Mathew Heule  
Katelyn Johnson  
Sierra Kuehl

Marcus Pribyl  
Kelsey Rox  
Samuel Taylor  
Johanna Van Epps  
Kiah Weseli





## 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.*

**Sandeep Brar**  
**Logan Erdmann**  
**Tri Nguyen**

**Lindsey Otto**  
**Stacy Soltis**  
**Mary Vang**

**Emily Willey**  
**Jacob Yandre**

### 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.*

**Margaret Hoernke**  
**Owen Miller**

**Alex Peterson-Weber**  
**Rachel Russ**

**Dan Smelter**  
**Hailey Thompson**

### 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.*

**Maija Anderson**  
**Sarah Bittner**  
**Kelsey Brasel**  
**Kaitlin Bruden**  
**Megan Buechel**  
**Stephaney Cheng**  
**Kenton Cooksey**  
**Madyson DeWitt**  
**Sydney Ertz**

**Denise Garner**  
**Brianna Groen**  
**Jordyn Kettner**  
**Mahnoor Khan**  
**Sarah LeMay**  
**Der Lor**  
**Tracy Lor**  
**Tabitha Miller**

**Alex Peterson-Weber**  
**Courtney Quinn**  
**Jamie Sterr**  
**Hailey Thompson**  
**Johanna Van Epps**  
**Natasha Virrueta**  
**Andrea Wagner**  
**Kiah Weseli**

## 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 connect with each other, student pharmacists, and the broader UW–Madison School of Pharmacy community. Your work over the past few years has accumulated in this incredible achievement! As you celebrate with your classmates, friends, and families, I encourage you to reflect on the journey and all of the support that brought you to this point.

On behalf of the PAA, welcome to this incredible pharmacy alumni base and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

On, Wisconsin!

Michael W. Nagy, PharmD '16  
*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](http://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](http://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](http://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 promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

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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