

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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# ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WELCOME, NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT KEVIN WALKENHURST!



I am thrilled to be speaking to you as the new President of the Alumni Association. I have served on the Alumni Board for 5 years and have enjoyed my time continuing my connection to the College of Pharmacy. This board has given me the opportunity to open new doors and connect with alumni, students and faculty at the college. When I was offered this new position, I jumped at the chance to continue these connections and hope to make new ones along the way.

As a background, I am a graduate of the College of Pharmacy, Class of 2011. I originally started working in the field as a pharmacy technician in 2004 and have continued ever since. I currently have the privilege of working with the patients and physicians at the University of Utah Greenwood Clinic as a community pharmacist. I have also worked as a clinical pharmacist at Molina Healthcare and a community pharmacist at Dan's Pharmacy. I chose to be a pharmacist for many reasons, but none more than to better the health of those around me through medication education and access to quality healthcare. I am happy to know my career choice has given me the chance to complete these goals I've set for myself.

As the new President, I plan to further our goals and continue to create networking opportunities for our Alumni. Every year we have great activities like the Alumni Banquet, football tailgate and the golf tournament. These events not only help reconnect everyone with the college, but also give much needed support to the current students of this great institution. The money generated from our events has provided several scholarships to deserving students and I know we will continue this tradition for years to come. I hope to see many of you at these events in the future and look forward to another great year at the U. GO UTES!

Kevin Walkenhurst, Class of 2011  
Alumni Association President



# ALUMNI STORY: CHAZ WASHINGTON

Introducing CoP Stories, a series in which we get to know the intriguing individuals who make the University of Utah College of Pharmacy unique. We will be highlighting students, faculty, alumni, and anyone else who positively impacts our school in order to learn about their experience within the college. We are talking to Chaz Washington, class of 2012 alumnus. Chaz is a great example of an involved alum, and a student who turned a PharmD paired with a MBA into a rewarding and distinctive career in Managed Care.

Watch or read Chaz's CoP Story here: <https://pharmacy.utah.edu/cop-information/news/2018/07/cop-stories-chaz-washington.php>



**"EXPERIENCE AS MANY NEW THINGS AS POSSIBLE, CHALLENGE YOURSELF, AND TRY NOT TO STICK TO THE STATUS QUO"**

# PHARMACY DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

FEBURARY 12, 2018



The 7th Annual Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill (formerly called "Legislative Day") is a day-long event where pharmacists, University of Utah pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians gather at the Utah State Capitol to advocate for the profession of pharmacy. The day's activities include:

- Various health screenings provided to legislators, staff, and the general public (blood pressure, cholesterol levels, blood glucose, and pulmonary function tests).
  - Vaccination education and administration.
  - A Declaration by the Governor regarding Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill and an introduction of the pharmacy profession on the Senate Floor and House of Representatives Floor.
  - Individual meetings with your own personal legislators
  - Multiple opportunities to speak directly with legislators to voice your opinions about proposed and upcoming legislation impacting pharmacy.
  - Pharmacy student poster presentations about various ways that pharmacists provide care.
- This great advocacy event has been growing in attendance over the past few years, but certain members of our profession have been under-represented in the past, especially technicians and pharmacists. There is power in numbers and every attendee helps reinforce the message. By attending Pharmacy Day on Capitol Hill, you can: express your opinion, demonstrate and explain the great services that pharmacy is providing, and learn more about the legislative process that impacts our





# 10TH ANNUAL GALA & CHARITY EVENT

MARCH 10, 2018



Guest speaker Dr. Katie Traylor



Kappa Psi



Greg Skedros (class of 1950) with his daughter, Katina Skedros-Temme, and Gala chairs, Amanda Mateer and Sweta Patel



Guest speaker Dr. Sarfraz



2018 Gala Committee



Guest speaker Jeff Sperry

# MALIHEH FREE CLINIC CHECK PRESENTATION

MAY 24, 2018

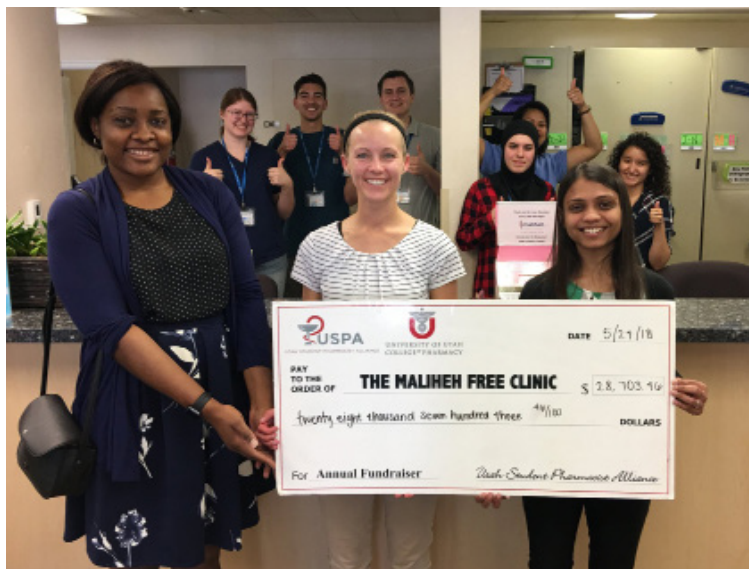
We would like to thank all of those who supported this year's 10th Annual Pharmacy Gala and Charity Auction! Because of the generosity of all those who supported the event, the College of Pharmacy, along with an anonymous matching donor, raised \$28,703 for the Maliheh Free Clinic. In addition to the \$28,703, we raised another \$5,000 to support student community outreach to rural areas in Utah. We are all so grateful and thank you for your support this year and hope you will join us at next year's Gala!

Maliheh Free Clinic does crucial work for Salt Lake City and beyond by providing free medical services for uninsured and low-income individuals and families to help reverse the cycle of poverty and suffering created by poor health. We believe in Maliheh's mission of providing fair and accessible healthcare to all... no matter the patient's income, status, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, etc.

The University of Utah College of Pharmacy's support is one of the cornerstones of the Maliheh Free Clinic. The clinic would not exist today, if not for the selfless dedication of our volunteers and our student leaders! To learn more about their mission or to make a donation, visit <https://malihehfreeclinic.org/>.

Sincerely,

The 10th Annual Pharmacy Gala and Charity Auction Committee





# ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 5, 2018

The 2018 Alumni Association Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, June 5th at Stonebridge Golf Club in West Valley City. Forty-four players enjoyed a beautiful day of breakfast, golfing, and an awards lunch where tournament awards and raffle prizes were presented.



First place trophies were presented to Andrew Swindle, Ryan Oldroyd, Jeff Peterson, and Ryan Johnson with an incredible score of 47. Second place went to Trish Orlando, Bud Allred, Ted Young, and Alex Young with a score for 52. Raffle prizes were given out ranging from Golf Bags, clubs, restaurant gift cards, free rounds of golf, and pro shop gift certificates.



As this is a fundraiser for the Alumni Association, sponsors are also needed to make this event possible. We would like to thank Richard Ensign, Practice Pathways, Exclusive Appliance Installation, Inc., John Phillips, and the Dean's Office for their generous contributions! Because of your participation and generous donations we were able to raise \$1,825 for student scholarships! Thank you to all who came out and played. We appreciate your support and hope to see you next





# ALUMNI & P1 BOWLING NIGHT

AUGUST 20, 2018





The University of Utah College of Pharmacy graduation ceremonies for the class of 2018 were held on May 4, 2108. These are the list of degrees awarded at Graduation:

## Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Brown, Spencer Judd, Medicinal Chemistry  
 Bruno, Benjamin James, Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
 Cheng, Yan, Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research and Health Policy  
 Cornillie, Sean Paul, Medicinal Chemistry  
 Deka, Rishiraj, Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research and Health Policy  
 Diekjürgen, Dorina Eva Lisa, Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
 Falconer, Jonathan Leslie, Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
 Hill, Austin Cameron, Pharmacology and Toxicology  
 Jiao, Tianze, Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research and Health Policy  
 Larson, Erica Christine, Pharmacology and Toxicology  
 Lee, Daniel Yongwon, Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
 Linakis, Matthew William, Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
 Ma, Shuangyu, Medicinal Chemistry  
 Schauerhamer, Marisa Brailsford, Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research and Health Policy  
 Tak, Casey Ryan, Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research and Health Policy  
 Yazdimamaghani, Mostafa, Pharmaceutics & Pharmaceutical Chemistry

## Candidate for the Degree of Master of Science

Wilson, Nathan Neal, Health System Pharmacy Administration

## Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Pharmacy

Adams, Anna Elise	Kelsch, Kelsey Lee
Alai, Lauren Emma	Kim, Jina
Anderson, Nathan Kristopher	Le, Khoi Dang
Angeles, Ruben Calingasan	Le, Tracy
Bailey, Shaun David	Lee, James
Bateman, Kennedy	Long, Tyrel R
Bell, Christopher Stephen	Manwill, Daniel Alexander
Birrenkott, Matthew Alan	Mendenhall, Nicole Jensen
Brockbank, Joshua Merrill	Millar, Couper
Buys, Daniel Peter	Montoya, Brian Joseph
Cheung, Vinson	Morlan, Natalie Jane
Chu, Stephanie W	Nelson, Ryan S
Churchill, John David	Ngo, Michelle Thuy Thanh
Cordova, Nathaniel Martin	Nguyen, My-Hanh Nhat
Daugherty, Jeremy John	Nishimoto Macedo, Andrea Del Pilar
Davies, Benjamin Ted	Pace, Wilson D
Edinjiklian, Tanya Madelein	Peterson, Logan D
Favero, Drew Daniel	Reese, Austin D
Froerer, Camryn Donald	Tominaga, Andrew Jack
Geary, Aaron Joshua	Tomlinson, Crystal Lynn
Ghaffarian, Cima	Ulrich, Austin Clark
Gunderson, Tyler Alonzo	Van Alstine, Sidney
Hardin, Fern Marie	Welch, Patrick Terry
Heaps, Brooke Topham	White, Emily
Heaton, Amber Marie	Winward, Amberlynn Marie
Ho, Chau Ngoc	Yamashita, Karalynn Mitsuko
Holyfield, Kaitlyn Marie	Zamanyfar, Sheila



# HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

MAY 4, 2018

The Honorary Alumnus Award is given to someone who demonstrates loyalty to the College of Pharmacy through volunteering, personal involvement, philanthropy, or additional forms of support and positively reflects the aims and the academic mission of the College of Pharmacy. We are pleased to award Marty Malheiro as our 2018 Honorary Alumnus.



Marty demonstrates all of these qualities and more! She has worked for the Utah Poison Control Center for over 15 years and even after she retired as the Outreach Education Coordinator, she stayed on to work as a consultant part time. She was awarded the Utah Business Healthcare Hero for Community Outreach in 2013 and our students, faculty, and alumni couldn't agree more. Our pharmacy community has been positively affected by her passion and drive to educate the public and our students on poison prevention. She has dedicated her life to pharmacy through her work, her volunteering, and her philanthropy when she started the Marty Malheiro Scholarship Fund. We feel lucky to have someone like Marty work within the walls of the College of Pharmacy and are proud to name her our 2018 Honorary Alumnus.





# WOLF PRIZE RECIPIENT

MAY 4, 2018

The Wolf Prize, established in 2000 by Drs. Harold H. and Joan S. Wolf in memory of Dr. Harold Wolf's parents, John and Bertha Wolf, is the highest award the University of College of Pharmacy can bestow upon a Doctor of Philosophy Student. The Wolf Prize recognizes excellence in teaching by PhD candidates from any department and is awarded to a student who has demonstrated an aptitude for and inclination toward an academic career. Congratulations to Dr. Casey Tak on being the 2018 recipient of the Wolf Prize.



During Casey's time as a graduate student in the Department of Pharmacotherapy, he has published 10 peer-reviewed publications, three of which as first author. He has presented his research at numerous academic conferences, including the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR), Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and the Western Pharmacoeconomics Conference. His dissertation, which focuses on barriers to zoster vaccination in older adults, was supported by the Skaggs Institute for Research and the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education.

In addition to research, Casey has dedicated time during his graduate training to academic service. He has served as secretary and vice president of the University of Utah student chapter of ISPOR. He has also served as the graduate student representative from the Department of Pharmacotherapy and was a part of the student committee for Retention, Promotion, and Tenure (RPT). Finally, as a result of his scholarly work, he has been asked to peer review for several academic journals. For Casey, being a peer reviewer is a privilege as he is able to contribute his knowledge to the rigor of the broader scientific community.

Casey has demonstrated a commitment to fostering the next generation of clinicians and scientists. As a graduate student, he has guest-lectured in the PharmD curriculum, including sessions on health policy, pharmacoeconomic literature evaluation, and women's health. Casey has also worked extensively with pharmacy students and residents, serving as a team member and consultant on multiple trainee research projects. He is also currently an adjunct instructor at Westminster College, where he has taught courses in Program Planning and Evaluation and SAS Programming. Much as the Wolf Prize was designed to recognize, Casey is passionate about teaching and mentoring students. He is honored to be this year's recipient of the Wolf Prize.



# GRADUATION BANQUET

MAY 30, 2018

## Honors and Awards Presented at the 66th Annual College of Pharmacy Graduation Banquet

Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award: Drew Favero

APhA – ASP Senior Recognition Award: Matthew Birrenkott

Dean's Award: Lauren Alai

Distinguished Leadership Award: Wilson Pace

Distinguished Professionalism Award:  
Josh Brockbank  
Crystal Tomlinson

Distinguished Service Award: Chris Bell

Facts & Comparisons Award for Excellence in Clinical Communication: Logan Peterson

Lilly Achievement Award:  
Kelsey Kelsch  
Natalie Morlan

Merck Academic Excellence Award: Benjamin Davies

Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award: Amber Heaton

Excellence in the Study of Herbal Medicines Award: Logan Peterson

Outstanding Senior Seminar Awards:  
Kennedy Bateman  
Austin Ulrich  
Kelsey Kelsch  
Ryan Nelson  
Camryn Froerer  
Josh Brockbank  
Natalie Morlan

Outstanding Pharmacy Student Award : Tyler Gunderson

USHP Student Service Award: Wilson Pace

Core Preceptor of the Year: Donavan Smith

Advanced Preceptor of the Year: Steve Moser

Faculty Preceptor of the Year: Kyle Turner

First Professional Year Teacher of the Year: James Ruble

Second Professional Year Teacher of the Year: Marco Bortolato

Third Professional Year Teacher of the Year: Jaclyn Winter

Senior Class Distinguished Teacher: David Young

College of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year: Jaclyn Winter





# PHARMD CLASS OF 2018



Front Row: Dr. James Herron, Austin Reese, Wilson Pace, Drew Favero, Logan Peterson, John Churchill, Tyler Gunderson, Shaun Bailey, Josh Brockbank, Jeremy Daugherty, Dean Randall Peterson

Second Row: Nathan Anderson, Chau Ho, Matthew Birrenkott, Benjamin Davies, Reuben Angeles, Couper Millar, Camryn Froerer, Khoi Le, Anna Adams, My-Hanh Nguyen, Richard Nguyen

Third Row: Ryan Nelson, Cima Ghaffarian, Daniel Buys, Brooke Heaps, Kennedy Bateman, Andrew Tominaga, Lauren Alai, Sidney Van Alstine, Natalie Morlan, Jina Kim, James Lee, Sheila Zamanfar

Fourth Row: Crystal Tomlinson, Chris Bell, Austin Ulrich, Patrick Welch, Daniel Manwill, Aaron Geary, Nathaniel Cordova, Emily White, Michelle Ngo, Kelsey Kelsch, Tracy Le

Back Row: Tanya Ediniklian, Karalynn Yamashita, Vinson Cheung, Andrea Nishimoto-Macedo, Amber Heaton, Fern Hardin, Kaitlyn Holyfield, Amberlynn Sauter-Winward, Nicole Mendenhall, Stephanie Chu

Not Pictured: Soyoung Lee, Sydney Olson, Suruchi Patel, Stephanie Propp, Jessica Young

# PHARMD JOB PLACEMENT

We are proud to welcome the Class of 2018 into the Pharmacy work force. Below is the data we have collected as of August 1, 2018. We have a handful of students who are still studying hard for the NAPLEX and have not self-reported their job placement. If you are looking to hire a new pharmacist, please contact Danielle Keddington (Danielle.keddington@pharm.utah.edu) and she will distribute the information to our recent grads.

LAUREN	ALAI	Residency	VA San Diego Healthcare System- PGY1 Managed Care
NATHAN	ANDERSON	Employed	Oquirrh Mountain Pharmacy- Magna, UT
SHAUN	BAILEY	Employed	Dicks Family Pharmacy- Bountiful, UT
KENNEDY	BATEMAN	Residency	University of Nebraska Medicine- Omaha, NE
CHRISTOPHER	BELL	Residency	Oregon Health Science University- Portland, OR
MATTHEW	BIRRENKOTT	Fellowship	Roche- Rutgers University- NYC, NY
JOSH	BROCKBANK	Residency	Minneapolis VA Hospital- Minneapolis, MN
DANIEL	BUYS	Employed	Rite Aid- Washington State
VINSON	CHEUNG	Residency	Providence Regional Medical Center- Everett, WA
JOHN	CHURCHILL	Employed	Walmart Pharmacy- Salt Lake City, UT
NATHANIEL	CORDOVA	Residency	Florida Hospital- Orlando, FL
JEREMY	DAUGHERTY	Residency	Primary Children's Hospital- Salt Lake City, UT
BENJAMIN	DAVIES	Fellowship	Utah Poison Control Center- Salt Lake City, UT
DREW	FAVERO	Employed	PRN at University Pharmacy- MBA PRGM at Weber State
CAMRYN	FROERER	Residency	PGY1/PGY2 HSPA @ U of U- Salt Lake City, UT
AARON	GEARY	Employed	Walmart Pharmacy- Salt Lake City, UT
CIMA	GHAFFARIAN	Employed	St. Marks Hospital Inpatient Pharmacy- Salt Lake City, UT
TYLER	GUNDERSON	Residency	Utah Valley Hospital- Provo, UT
FERN	HARDIN	Employed	Harmons- Salt Lake City, UT
BROOKE	HEAPS	Employed	Walgreens- Omaha, NE
AMBER	HEATON	Residency	SLC VA Hospital- Salt Lake City, UT
KAITLYN	HOLYFIELD	Residency	VA Boise- Boise, ID
DANIEL	MANWILL	Residency	Banner Health- Mesa, AZ
NICOLE	MENDENHALL	Employed	Harmons- UT
COUPER	MILLAR	Employed	U of U Inpatient Pharmacy- Salt Lake City, UT
NATALIE	MORLAN-EBERT	Residency	University of Utah Health- Ambulatory Care- SLC, UT
RYAN	NELSON	Fellowship	Moffitt Cancer Center- Tampa, FL
MY-HANH	NGUYEN	Residency	VA Sierra Nevada- Reno, NV
WILSON	PACE	Residency	Intermountain Medical Center- Salt Lake City, UT
LOGAN	PETERSON	Residency	Primary Children's Hospital- Salt Lake City, UT
AUSTIN	REESE	Residency	IHC Community- Salt Lake City, UT
ANDREW	TOMINAGA	Employed	Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, PA (Poison Info SP)
CRYSTAL	TOMLINSON	Residency	VA Pacific Islands Health Care System- Oahu, Hawaii
AUSTIN	ULRICH	Residency	Providence Health and Services- Portland, OR
PATRICK	WELCH	Residency	McKay Dee Hospital- Ogden, UT
EMILY	WHITE	Residency	Mercy Medical- Mason City, Iowa
KARALYNN	YAMASHITA	Employed	Red Rock Pharmacy- St. George, UT



# LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Pharmacy Legacy Scholarship began with the entering class of 2012. It is awarded to an incoming student whose parent or grandparent graduated from the University of Utah College of Pharmacy. This year we have four students who received this award.



Daniel Donaldson is in the Class of 2022 and his mother, Mary Ellen Donaldson, graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1981.



Clayton Carter is in the Class of 2022 and his grandfather, Owen Higgs, graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1956.



Mackenzie Stout is in the Class of 2022 and her mother, Bonnie Stout, graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1989.



Emily Sorenson is in the Class of 2022 and her mother, Susan Sorenson, graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 2002.

# IN LOVING MEMORIUM



## EVELINE BRUENGER

The University of Utah College of Pharmacy's honorary alumnus Eveline Bruenger passed away on April 23, 2018. In 2014, Eveline was made an honorary alumnus of the College of Pharmacy as her positive involvement influenced many throughout the years. As a donor, she supported research and scholarships while giving generously to the L.S. Skaggs Jr. Pharmacy Research Building. Not only did Eveline support the College of Pharmacy, but she also gave to many other U Health entities. This multifaceted generosity made her a unique donor, in that she gave beyond her college and supported various areas of University of Utah Health as a whole. Eveline will be deeply missed by many at the College of Pharmacy and beyond. Gladly, her legacy will continue far into the future as she established the Fred W. and Eveline Bruenger Endowed Scholarship at the College of Pharmacy. Thanks for your incredible impact on our school, Eveline!



## ERIC MACK

The University of Utah College of Pharmacy lost alum, donor, and friend, Eric Mack, on May 5, 2018. He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, with a Bachelor of Science in the School of Pharmacy; and the University of Utah with a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Kinetics in 1988. Dr. Eric Mack devoted his career to schools of pharmacy, including: University of Houston, Loma Linda University, and most recently, University of California, Sacramento. He was dedicated to the success of his students, and the professionalization of careers in pharmacy. Dr. Mack was a proud donor to the College of Pharmacy, especially to the Department of Pharmaceutics in support of graduate students. He will be missed by the Pharmacy community.



# UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

White Coat Ceremony  
Rice Eccles Stadium  
3:00 PM

**Friday, October 19, 2018**

Alumni Banquet  
L. S. Skaggs Pharmacy Institute Atrium  
6:30 PM

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

Homecoming Tailgate - Utah v. USC  
Time TBA

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

Southern California Alumni Event

For more information on the Alumni Association events, please email:  
[Alumniupdates@pharm.utah.edu](mailto:Alumniupdates@pharm.utah.edu)