



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND  
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

# UMSOP NEWS

February 2022

## Student Booster Day Delivers a Dose of Hope, Too

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) held a free Booster Shot clinic on Feb. 4 sponsored by the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) and Safeway. Under the guidance of faculty, UMSOP students administered COVID-19 boosters to UMB students, gaining hands-on educational experience while helping to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. [Click here](#) to read more.



## PPS Faculty Member Named VP of American Institute of the History of Pharmacy Board of Directors

[Cynthia Boyle, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP, FASCP](#), a professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been elected vice president of the Board of Directors for the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy (AIHP). Boyle joined AIHP as a member in 2003 while teaching in the areas of professionalism and history. She joined the Board of Directors in 2020 and now, as vice president, joins the executive committee to advance the organization's goals and strategic plan. [Click here](#) to read more.

UMB Diversity Recognition Award

## Winner - The PATIENTS Program

On Feb. 8, the School of Pharmacy's **PATIENTS Program** received a University of Maryland, Baltimore Diversity Recognition Award Winner in the Outstanding Staff category as part of the campus's MLK and Black History Month event. The program was selected for its efforts to stay connected with the West Baltimore community during the COVID-19 pandemic, pivoting their engagement programs and outreach efforts to virtual platforms, such as Facebook Live, and addressing barriers to preventing city residents from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. [Click here](#) to read more about the award.

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## UMB Diversity Recognition Award Winner – Student Sean Kim



Sean Kim, a third-year student pharmacist and president of the School's Student Government Association, was selected as the University of Maryland, Baltimore Diversity Recognition Award Winner in the Outstanding Student Category. Sean was selected for his involvement in School and campus extracurricular activities focused on leadership and diversity, equity, and inclusion, for his relentless support of students, and for continually seeking ways to keep classmates connected during the pandemic. [Click here](#) to read more about Sean.

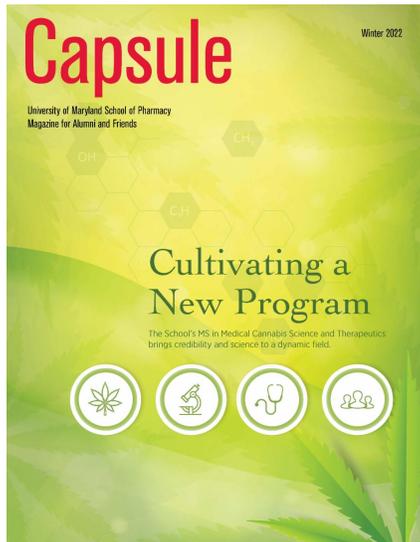
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## Army Major, Double Alumnus, PhD Student Selected as 2022 Recipient of National Pharmacy Award for Early-Career Leadership

The Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute (PLEI) has named U.S. Army Major Ryan C. Costantino, PharmD, MS '19, MS '20, BCPS, BCGP, CPHIMS, the 2022 recipient of the Albert B. Prescott Pharmacy Leadership Award. Costantino, a student in the School of Pharmacy's PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research (PHSR) program, is recognized for his outstanding leadership in organizing the Department of Defense (DOD) Opioid Registry, Virtual Data Environment, and Digital Biobank, and serving as an advocate and pioneer for pharmacy quality measures within the Military Healthcare System. Costantino received master's degrees in Palliative Care and PHSR from the School. [Click here](#) to read



more.



## Winter 2022 Issue of Capsule Magazine

The **Winter 2022 issue** of the School of Pharmacy's *Capsule* magazine is now available online. This issue features our groundbreaking MS in Medical Cannabis program, the Center for Research on Complex Generics, the Patient-driven Values in Health Care Evaluation Center, and an FDA/M-CERSI grant on bulk compounding.

## EVENTS

### MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics Virtual Information Session

Feb. 23 at noon

The School of Pharmacy's MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics program will host a virtual information session for participants to learn about the application process and the curriculum and to get answers to frequently asked questions.

[Register here.](#)

### Online Graduate Studies in Palliative Care Virtual Information Session

Mar. 1 at noon and 8 p.m.

These information sessions will provide an overview of the PhD, MS in Palliative Care degree, and Graduate Certificates program, and explore topics such as the admissions process, course schedule, and other frequently asked questions.

[Register here.](#)

### MS in Regulatory Science Virtual Information Session

Mar. 2 at 4 p.m.

Hear from the program director about the MS and Graduate Certificate in Regulatory Science programs followed by a brief Q&A session.

[Register here.](#)

### Giving Month

April 2022

This year, we will host a Giving Month in April, focusing on the strength and impact of our School of Pharmacy community. Please check our social media for important content throughout the month of April and learn how you can support the School of Pharmacy.

## FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

### LAURELS

**Chad Johnson, PhD**, an instructor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been named co-director of the MS in Medical

**Zachary Noel, PharmD**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been appointed to the American Association of

**Raymond Love, PharmD**, professor of pharmacy practice and science and director of the School's Mental Health Program, has been invited to serve on the United States Pharmacopeia Drug Allergy and Intolerance Classification Expert Panel.

**Delaney McGuirt**, a third-year student pharmacist, has been selected for a national Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) Pharmacy Leadership Society junior internship. McGuirt is president of the School of Pharmacy's Beta Lambda Chapter of PLS.

**Minh Ta**, a fourth-year student pharmacist, won the local American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists' (APhA-ASP) patient counseling competition and will represent the School of Pharmacy at the national competition in March.

**Kristin Watson, PharmD**, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been appointed chair of the Maryland Health and Wellness Council's Heart Disease and Stroke Committee.

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## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

**Joga Gobburu, PhD**, professor of pharmacy practice and science and director of the **Center for Translational Medicine**, has received a one-year \$55,269 contract from Johns Hopkins University for "Evaluation of Response to Human Antithrombin-III (Thrombate) in Pediatric Patients Supported on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation."

**Mathangi Gopalakrishnan, PhD**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice and science, has received a two-year \$25,000 contract from Cellphire for "Proposal Supporting Development of Thrombosomes as a Medical Countermeasure for ARS."

**Stephen Hoag, PhD**, professor of pharmaceutical sciences and director of the **Applied Pharmaceuticals Lab**, has received a four-year \$421,192 contract from Purdue University for "Dosage Form Development, Manufacture, and Stability Studies of Mitragynine."

**Lisa Jones, PhD**, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, has received a five-year \$1,152,295 grant from the National Institutes of Health for "University of Maryland, Baltimore Initiative for Maximizing Student Development," in collaboration with Dudley Strickland, PhD, associate dean for graduate and postdoctoral studies and director of the Center for Vascular & Inflammatory Diseases, and Tonya Webb, PhD, associate professor of microbiology and immunology, both at the School of Medicine.

**Maureen Kane, PhD**, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences and director of the **Mass Spectrometry Center**, has received a two-year \$2,907,877 contract from SRI International for "Radiation Induced Biomarkers to Predict Clinical Outcome: Pathway to Qualification Program."

**Alexander MacKerell Jr., PhD**, the Grollman-Glick Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and director of the **Computer-aided Drug Design Center**, has received a one-year \$50,000 grant from the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation for "Program for Therapeutic Targeting of Transcriptional Repression."

**Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD**, associate professor of pharmaceutical health services research (PHSR), and **C. Daniel Mullins, PhD**, professor and chair of PHSR, have received an 11-month \$1,196,222 cooperative agreement from the National Institutes of Health for "Community Mistrust and Measures of Institutional Trustworthiness (COMMIT)."

**Nhu Truong**, a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received a two-year \$50,000 fellowship from the PhRMA Foundation for "Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor Immunomodulatory Nanoparticles as a Multimodal Drug-delivery Approach to Attenuate Severe Inflammation in Sepsis."

