UMSOP Hosts New Student Welcome Day for the Class of 2026

The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy welcomed incoming students in the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Class of 2026 on June 10 during New Student Welcome Day. This day was an opportunity for new students to meet each other, as well as hear from administrators and faculty. The Class of 2026 will reconvene in the fall for orientation. [Watch the video](#).

Students, Faculty, and Alumni Receive Statewide Excellence in Pharmacy Awards

Six student pharmacists, three faculty, and three alumni from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy received Maryland Pharmacist Association (MPhA) Excellence in Pharmacy Awards at the 140th MPhA Annual Convention in June. [Read more](#).

Swaan Receives Heller Mentor of the Year Award

Peter W. Swaan, MPharm, PhD, FAAPS, Distinguished University Professor, chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and associate dean for research and advanced graduate studies at the University of Maryland
School of Pharmacy, has received the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education’s (AFPE) William M. Heller Mentor of the Year Award. Each year’s awardee exemplifies the characteristics of valuing ongoing learning, a willingness to share expertise, exhibits enthusiasm in their field, and provides guidance with respect. Read more.

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**ISPOR Outstanding Student Chapter Award**

Congratulations to the School of Pharmacy’s Student Chapter of ISPOR - The Professional Society for Health Economics and Outcomes Research on receiving the 2021-2022 Outstanding Student Chapter Award at ISPOR’s annual meeting in May. Student chapter awards recognize chapters that best support the advancement of ISPOR’s mission. Chapters distinguish themselves through an exceptional level of participation, enthusiasm, and involvement both locally and within the ISPOR Student Network. This is an international recognition and speaks to our students’ dedication to leadership and service. It also speaks to years of commitment from former student leaders to build a strong chapter.

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**PSC Professor Participates in EDI Office’s Efforts to Boost UMB Faculty Diversity, Development**

**Amanda Oglesby, PhD,** associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, took part in the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity’s (NCFDD) Faculty Success Program (FSP) this past spring though the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Delivered online over a 12-week period, the program was designed to help participants achieve academic success and better work-life balance.
coaching sessions; access to weekly training modules to learn skills, strategies, and practices to help participants align their time and spark productivity; and accountability calls to discuss goals and progress toward achieving them. Read more.

PATIENTS Program Summer Roundtable Series

The PATIENTS Program's Summer Roundtable Series are free, virtual roundtable discussions in July and August with content experts. Roundtable topics will range from health equity initiatives to the role of religious leaders in community health to how you can be a patient consultant to clinical researchers. These roundtables complement and expand on curriculum of the PATIENTS Professors Academy. The PATIENTS Professors Academy is a free, 5-week program that is completely online with interactive components from our patient advisors and content experts. Click here for more information and to register.

EVENTS

Introduction to Pharmacy Webinar
July 20 at 2 p.m.

Join us online for the first session in our two-part series exploring pharmacy as a career. These sessions will feature University of Maryland School of Pharmacy faculty and alumni sharing their career experiences.

Register here.

PATIENTS DAY 2022
Aug. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Join the School of Pharmacy’s PATIENTS Program for interactive panels and a health fair at its annual PATIENTS Day on Aug. 16 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s Community Engagement Center at 16 South Poppleton Street in Baltimore. Registration is free but strongly encouraged.

Register here.

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

LAURELS

Lisa Aukland, PharmD, and Eric Schuetz, BS Pharm, of the Maryland Poison Center, were recertified as certified specialists in poison information.

Kimberly Claeys, PharmD, BCPS, associate

Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD, associate professor of pharmaceutical health services research, received the Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2022 Teacher of the Year Award.

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE,
Mojdeh Heavner, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, received the School of Pharmacy’s 2022 Faculty Preceptor of the Year Award.

Emily Heil, PharmD, BCPS-AQ ID, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, was named an associate editor for the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases.

Lisa Lebovitz, JD, MS, assistant dean of academic affairs and assessment, was a member of a multi-institution team that received the 2022 Best Collaborative Publication Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s Assessment Special Interest Group.

Heather Sellman, PharmD, of the Maryland Poison Center, has been certified as a specialist in poison information.

Paul Solinsky, PharmD, BCACP, received the School of Pharmacy’s 2022 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Preceptor of the Year Award.

**GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**Joga Gobburu, PhD:** professor of pharmacy practice and science and director of the Center for Translational Medicine, has received a $100,000 two-month contract from Jasper Therapeutics for “Population PK Analysis of JSP191.”

**C. Daniel Mullins, PhD:** professor of pharmaceutical health services research and executive director of the PATIENTS Program, has received a one-year $100,000 grant from Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America for “PATIENTS Professors Academy” and received the following from McKesson Specialty Health Pharmaceutical & Biotech Solutions, LLC:
- An eight-month $16,405 contract for “Health Equity and SDOH for Community Cancer Care (Task Order 1)”
- A nine-month $166,124 contract for “Scoping Review (Task Order 2)”
- A one-year $202,351 contract for “An Ontada Advisory Board on Health Equity and SDOH for Community Cancer Care (Task Order 3)”

**Fadia Shaya, PhD:** professor of pharmaceutical health services research, has received a one-year $269,057 contract from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) for “Technical Assistance Services for the Maryland Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Prevention Program” and a four-year $1,244,769 contract from MDH for “Implementation and Evaluation for the Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx) Initiative.”
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