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# UMSOP NEWS

May 2022

## It's Graduation Season

The School of Pharmacy is so pleased to be able to host in-person graduation festivities for the members of the Class of 2022. With eight of our 10 academic programs graduating students this month, we have lots to celebrate. Here is a listing of ceremonies:



**UMSOP Celebrates the Class of 2022**

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| <u>Wednesday, May 18</u>   | <u>Friday, May 20</u>                              |
| 5 p.m.   MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics                 | 9 a.m.   Doctor of Pharmacy Graduation Convocation |
| <u>Thursday, May 19</u>  | <u>Saturday, May 21</u>                            |
| 9 a.m.   UMB Commencement  | noon   MS in Pharmacometrics                       |
| 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.   PhD and MS in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research |  |
| 2 - 3 p.m.   PhD and MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences                       |  |
| 3 - 4 p.m.   MS and Graduate Certificates in Regulatory Science          |  |
| 4 - 7 p.m.   Graduate School Hooding                                     |  |

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- **MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics Graduation Celebration** – May 18, 5 p.m., Universities at Shady Grove
- **UMB Commencement** – May 19, 9 a.m., UMBC
- **MS and PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research** – May 19, 1:30 p.m., President's Board Room, Saratoga Building
- **MS and PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences** – May 19, 2 p.m., Pharmacy Hall
- **MS and Graduate Certificates in Regulatory Science** – May 19, 3 p.m., Pharmacy Hall
- **Graduate School Hooding Ceremony** – May 19, 4:30 p.m., MSTF Auditorium
- **PharmD Graduation Convocation** – May 20, 9 a.m., Hilton Baltimore
- **MS in Pharmacometrics** – May 21, noon, online
- **MS in Palliative Care** – Aug. 5, 10 a.m., Pharmacy Hall



## UMB Commencement 2022 - Honorary Faculty Marshal Francis Palumbo, PhD, JD, MS

The School of Pharmacy's own **Frank Palumbo**, professor of pharmaceutical health services research, will be the honorary faculty marshal at UMB's commencement on May 19. Dr. Palumbo was chosen for this honor in recognition of his retirement from the School on June 1 after a nearly 50-year career here. [Click here](#) to read more.

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## PSC Student Receives 14th Annual Graduate Translational Research Award from UM Ventures at UMB

Danté Johnson, a PhD candidate in Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences' graduate program, was the recipient of the 2022 UM Ventures Graduate Translational Research (GTR) award. Her research has contributed to the development of an innovative method for analyzing proteins in live cells. [Click here](#) to read more.



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## Giving Month Success

We are so humbled by the support that the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy received in April during our first Giving Month. Because of the generosity and advocacy of our faculty, staff, and alumni, we raised more than \$95,000 from over 320 donors. Funds raised will help us continue to provide world class education, practice, research, and community outreach. We hope that you were inspired by the stories shared on our social media accounts over the month about the impact of our departments, centers, programs, and initiatives. A sincere thank you to each and every person who made a donation, no matter the amount.

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## Spots Still Available for the PATIENTS Professors Academy

The School of Pharmacy's **PATIENTS Program** provides a proven approach to continuous engagement in patient-centered research. The program's newly launched PATIENTS Professors Academy (PPA) will teach its 10-step framework for continuous

patient and stakeholder engagement to increase patient-driven research across the nation. PPA is a free, five-week online course beginning July 11 with interactive components from our patient advisors and content experts. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified of the results of their application by mid-June 2022. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.



### Student Pharmacist Pitches Pharmapreneurial Mobile App at National “Shark Tank” Style Event

Sean Kim, a third-year student pharmacist and recipient of the Felix Gyi Memorial Scholarship for Pharmapreneurship, participated in the PharmTANK competition at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting in March. Sean was one of three finalists who presented their innovative and entrepreneurial strategies for pharmacy practice. [Click here](#) to read more.

### Annual Pumpian Lecture Explores Digitization and Pharmapreneurship

On April 28, members of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) community gathered for the annual Paul A. Pumpian Memorial Lecture. Phillip Phan, PhD, the Alonzo and Virginia Decker Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, delivered his talk titled “Challenges and Opportunities in the Digitization of Pharmapreneurship,” which highlighted trends in digital health and the opportunities for pharmacists. [Click here](#) to read more.



## EVENTS

**MS in Medical Cannabis  
Science and Therapeutics  
Virtual Information Session**  
May 17 at noon

**MS in Regulatory Science's  
Virtual Open House**  
June 15 at noon

This virtual open house includes a

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.](#)

brief overview of the Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Regulatory Science programs, followed by a Q&A session.

[Register here.](#)

## Online Graduate Studies in Palliative Care Virtual Information Session

June 28 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.](#)

## FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

### LAURELS

First year student pharmacists **Oritsemisan Ejutse** and **Shelley Wang** have been selected for the 2022 UM Summer Scholars program.

**Kyungwan Hong, MS, PharmD**, a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received the department's 2022 Harris Zuckerman Scholarship.

**Kayleigh Makercak, MS**, a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received the department's 2022 Dr. Arthur Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Award.

**Dami Onasanya, MPH, MD**, and **Sarah Tanveer, MS**, graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received the department's 2022 Student Travel Scholarships.

**Ebere Onukwugha, PhD**, associate professor of pharmaceutical health services research and executive director of Pharmaceutical Research Computing, has been named to the Innovation and Value Initiative's Health Equity Steering Committee.

**Neha Pandit, PharmD**, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been named president-elect of the School of Pharmacy's Faculty Assembly.

**Ryan Pearson, PhD**, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, has been named the School of Pharmacy's American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's 2022 Teacher of the Year.

**Fady Sadek, RPh, MBA**, a School of Pharmacy preceptor and pharmacy supervisor at the University of Maryland Medical System, was named a February Face of Pharmacy by Pharmacy Times Continuing Education.

**Chintal Shah, MS, BPharm**, a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received the department's 2022 Donald O. Fedder Memorial Fellowship.

**Kristin Watson, PharmD**, associate professor of pharmacy practice and science, has been elected the School of Pharmacy's alternate delegate to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

### GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

**Joga Gobburu, PhD**, professor of pharmacy practice and science and director of the Center for Translational Medicine, has received a two-year \$61,000 contract from the Daiichi Sankyo Company for "Secondment Agreement."

**Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD**, the Gyi

**Zafar Zafari, PhD**, assistant professor of pharmaceutical health services research, has received a one-year \$70,150 contract from Takeda Pharmaceuticals for "Real-world Evidence Generation Fellowship - Rare Disease."

Endowed Professor of Pharmapreneurship and associate dean for clinical services and practice transformation, has received a one-year \$556,764 contract from the University of Maryland Medical System for “Joint Clinical and Educational Collaboration.”



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