UMSOP Announces Formation of New Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research (P-SHOR)

The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy has merged two departments into the new Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research (P-SHOR). The Departments of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice and Science, which were one department prior to 2003, have been rejoined to reflect their synergy and historical collaboration. The P-SHOR name was voted upon by faculty and staff after an opportunity to submit suggestions and the work of a small cross-departmental group that identified key words to reflect the joint expertise, influence, and impact of PHSR and PPS. Read more.

Department Chair Named Dean of University of Florida College of Pharmacy

Peter Swaan, PhD, chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, associate dean for research and advanced graduate studies, and Distinguished University Professor, has been named the new dean of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, effective Dec. 1. Read more.
Pharmaceutical Sciences Professor Selected for International Award

James Polli, PhD, the Ralph F. Shangraw/Noxell Endowed Chair in Industrial Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics, has been selected to receive the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists’ Global Leader Award, which recognizes a pharmaceutical scientist whose efforts have had a significant and broad impact on the availability, benefit, and use of needed therapies domestically or internationally. Polli is co-director of the University of Maryland Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-funded collaborative agreement with the agency and the University of Maryland, College Park, and the Center for Research on Complex Generics. He is also director of the School of Pharmacy’s innovative and first of its kind online MS in Regulatory Science program. Read more.

Two UMSOP Professors Honored in National Women in Pharmacy Campaign

Two professors at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy are among those celebrated in the American Pharmacists Association Foundation’s Women in Pharmacy Recognition Campaign to recognize women and their impact throughout the history of pharmacy. Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP, the Felix Gyi Endowed Memorial Professor in Pharmapreneurship, and Cynthia J. Boyle, BSP, PharmD,
FAPhA, FNAP, FASCP, professor emeritus of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, are among the 10 recipients receiving this honor for distinguished women in pharmacy among a group of national candidates. Read more.

PATIENTS Day Spotlights Community’s Important Role in Research

The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy’s Patient-Centered Involvement in Evaluating the Effectiveness of Treatments (PATIENTS) Program welcomed nearly 200 community members, researchers, supporters, and community partners to its fourth PATIENTS Day on Aug. 16. PATIENTS Day aims to bridge research and the community by providing critical education and information about issues pertinent to health. This year’s event, the first in person since 2019, showcased two panel discussions and an interactive health fair and was held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s Community Engagement Center. The theme for this year was the four pillars of health: physical, spiritual, mental, and financial, all which support a bridge to holistic health. Read more.

UMSOP Announces Recipients of Two Prestigious Scholarships

The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy is proud to announce 10 students from the Doctor of Pharmacy program who have received the two most prestigious scholarships at the School: the Felix A. Khin-Maung-Gyi Memorial Scholarship for Pharmapreneurship and the Wagner Family Scholarships in Pharmapreneurship. Read more.

Palliative Care Program Honors Three Classes of Graduates in Celebration

After two consecutive years of virtual graduations, the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 will be honored in person on May 13 during the Palliative Care Program’s 2022 Graduation Celebration. Read more.
and 2022 convened in Pharmacy Hall on Aug. 5 as the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy honored graduates of the [MS and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care. Read more.](#)

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**Educating the Educators: Teaching Excellence Day**

In July, more than 130 faculty, preceptors, residents, and students from across the state convened at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy for Teaching Excellence Day, an annual event of seminars to promote pedagogical best practices and help new residents and trainees learn or hone teaching skills. Teaching Excellence Day is open to health care professionals at other pharmacy schools and hospitals across Maryland. [Read more.](#)

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**School of Pharmacy Mourns Passing of Former Isaac Emerson Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Gerald Rosen, PhD, JD, professor emeritus of pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, passed away on Aug. 21, 2022. A well-respected mentor and esteemed researcher, Rosen devoted his career to the synthesis of organic compounds called nitroxides as probes used to study physiology in targeted tissues in living organisms in real time. [Read more.](#)

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**EVENTS**

**White Coat Ceremony**  
Sept. 23 at 2 p.m.  
MSTF

The School of Pharmacy will host its annual White Coat Ceremony to welcome the Class of 2026 to the [PharmD Open House](#).

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**PharmD Open House**  
Oct. 15 at 9:30 a.m.  
Pharmacy Hall

The School will host an in person open house where prospective students will learn
This time-honored ceremony emphasizes the importance of professionalism while celebrating the start of the class’s journey as student pharmacists. Keynote speaker will be Kun Yang, PharmD ’15, CEO and Co-Founder of Pricklee.

**Francis S. Balassone Memorial Lecture**
Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.
Pharmacy Hall, N103

“50 Years of the Maryland Poison Center: Exploring the Roles, Value, and Challenges of Poison Centers in 2022,” featuring Joshua King, MD, a clinician-educator at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and Jimmy Leonard, PharmD, a clinical toxicologist at the Maryland Poison Center

**CRCG and FDA Virtual Workshop on Utilizing Modeling Approaches to Support Generic Product**
Oct. 27 - 28

This two-day workshop will discuss and illustrate how generic product developers can utilize modeling approaches in conjunction with in vitro data and other knowledge to support the development of complex generics that may otherwise rely upon challenging in vivo studies to demonstrate bioequivalence.

**FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS**

**LAURELS**

The following fourth-year student pharmacists are 2022 recipients of the School of Pharmacy’s Wagner Family Scholarships in Pharmapreneurship: Madison Dormer, Emily Francis, Sean Kim, Alex Livingston, Yang Lu, Simone Nasroodin, Meya Ngundam, Iulia Opran, and Alexandra Wilson.

Alexandria Chan, a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received a 2022-2023 Chemistry-Biology Interface Fellowship Award.

Alexandria Chan, Chris Goodis, Catherine Ladipo, and Nhu Truong, all graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC), have received 2022-2023 PSC Merit Awards.

Kimberly Claeyts, PharmD, associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been selected to receive the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists’ 2022 Early Career Investigator Recognition and received the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy’s 2022 Pharmacist of the Year Award.

Lena Grogan, a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received a 2022-2023 UMB Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Award.

Zac Noel, PharmD, assistant professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received the Medication Safety Award from the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy and the Junior Investigator Award from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy’s Cardiology Practice and Research Network.

Emily Paterson, MPH, BS, CHES®, public education and communication specialist at the School of Pharmacy’s Maryland Poison Center, has been re-elected to a second two-year term as a member-at-large of America’s Poison Centers’ Public Education Steering Committee.

Brianna Scotland, a graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received a 2022-2023 Genentech Meyerhoff Graduate Fellowship.

Julia Slejko, PhD, associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been appointed to the ISPOR Health Science Policy Council and was named to the editorial board of the journal *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*.

Ally Smith and Jake Weiner, graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, have received Fall 2022 Dean’s Teaching Fellowships.
Mojdeh Heavner, PharmD, associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received an Editor’s Choice Award from the journal Pharmacotherapy and was reappointed to a three-year team as an associate editor for the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy.

Matthew Hursey and Yulemini Morel, graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC), have received 2022-2023 PSC Fellowship Awards.

Danielle Jateng and Agbo-oma Uwakwe, graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, have received 2022-2023 UMB Initiative to Maximize Student Development/Meyerhoff Fellowships.

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Kimberly Claeys, PharmD, associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, received a one-year $35,000 grant from the National Academy of Sciences for “National Academy of Medicine Scholars in Diagnostic Excellence.”

Mathangi Gopalakrishnan, PhD, assistant professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, received a three-year $156,914 contract from Johns Hopkins University for “MN-Micronutrient Dose Response (MINDR) Study in Bangladesh.”

Hillary Edwards, MPH, director of methodological research and evaluation for the PATIENTS Program, received a 14-month $100,000 contract from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute for “SHining the SpOtlight Wide (SHOW): Advancing Dissemination Strategies through Continuous Engagement Efforts.”

Eleanor Perfetto, PhD, professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, received a one-year $41,634 contract from the National Pharmaceutical Council for “Evidence Quality in Economic Evaluations - Aim 3.”

Joga Goburru, PhD, professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research and director of the Center for Translational Medicine, received a one-year $152,490 contract from Johns Hopkins University for “JHU TRAC: Training and Supporting the Next Generation of TB Researchers.”

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ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Lindsay Czuba, PhD ’17, started a new position as assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

Piper Lindeen, MS ’22, started a new position as corporate development manager at Americans for Safe Access.

Ashley Moody, PharmD ’11, was recognized as the 2022-2023 Mullan Distinguished Teacher, the highest faculty honor bestowed by Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Soumi Saha, PharmD ’07, was promoted to senior vice president of government affairs at Premier Inc.

Marc Strauss, PharmD ’12, started a new position as director of clinical operations at MDI Health.

Larren Suh, PharmD ’13, will be starting a new position as the 340B coordinator at Cedars-Sinai Hospital.