



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

UMSOP NEWS

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Eddington Stepping Down as Dean



University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, announced on Jan. 24 that Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, has decided to step down as dean of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) at the end of this academic year. She will remain on faculty and will lead UMB's EMBRACE initiative, a multifaceted approach designed to increase the vibrancy of the greater UMB campus, boost UMB's community impact in West Baltimore, and strengthen UMB's profile with our internal and external constituencies. An alumna of the School, Eddington has served as dean since 2007. Under her leadership, UMSOP has established several research centers and programs, launched a transformational [Pharmapreneurship](#) initiative, expanded the School's academic offerings to 10 degrees, and expanded the School of Pharmacy's physical footprint with the opening of Pharmacy Hall Addition in 2010. [Read more about the Dean's decision.](#)

Alumnus Establishes Pharmapreneurship Award in Honor of Dean Eddington

School of Pharmacy alumnus John Gregory, BSP '76, DPS (hon.) '02, board chair and CEO of Gregory Pharmaceutical Holding, Inc., who also founded King Pharmaceuticals, has created the Natalie D. Eddington Pharmapreneurship Award for Health Care Innovation to support pharmacy students and their innovative, transformative early stage



pharmapreneurial ideas that have the potential to change pharmacy practice and health care. Under the umbrella of the School's Pharmapreneurship™ initiative and its Office of Pharmapreneurship, the visionary award will provide up to \$100,000 in start-up funds over a one-year period to pharmacy student pioneers and innovators who present ideas at the School's new Pharmapreneur's Market competition. [Read more about the award and competition.](#)

Center for Translational Medicine to Aid Artificial Blood Research

Three faculty members from the School of Pharmacy's [Center for Translational Medicine \(CTM\)](#) under the direction of [Joga Gobburu, PhD, MBA](#), will be part of an ambitious research collaboration that aims to create an artificial, shelf-stable blood product. This research endeavor is federally funded by a \$46.4 million four-year grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and led by the University of Maryland School of Medicine. A synthetic blood product could potentially save thousands of lives, with applications including soldiers bleeding out in active war zones and trauma victims in remote locations. [Read more about the research.](#)



Clinical Lab Scientists Win 11th "America's Got Regulatory Science Talent" Competition



A group of clinical laboratory science graduate students at the University of Maryland School of Medicine took the top prize at the 11th annual America's Got Regulatory Science Talent competition held on Feb. 6 at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. The competition, hosted by the Maryland Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (M-CERSI), is open to all students at the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park. It aims to promote student interest in the field of regulatory science – the science of developing new tools, standards, and approaches to assess the safety, efficacy, quality, and performance of products regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. [Read more about the competition.](#)

Homeschool Students Learn About Pharmacy Profession



Nearly 20 Baltimore area homeschool students received an inside look at the pharmacy profession when visiting the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy on Jan. 20. The idea for the visit came from Tecoya Farrakhan, PharmD '02, MBA, MS '21, CHC, and her husband, Karriem Farrakhan, PharmD '03, MBA, MS '21, whose two children were part of the cohort. The group's School of Pharmacy visit consisted of a lab tour, discussions with faculty, and interactive activities. [Read more about the visit.](#)

EVENTS

MS and Graduate Certificate in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics Information Session

March 1, 1 p.m.
Online

Meet with the Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics program co-director and faculty to discuss the master's program. Learn about the courses, how the program works, and how to apply. [Register for the MCST session.](#)

MS and Graduate Certificate in Regulatory Science Virtual Information Session

March 15, Noon
Online

Meet with the Regulatory Science program director and faculty to discuss the master's and graduate certificate program. Learn about the courses, how the program works, and how to apply. [Register for the regulatory science session.](#)

UMB-JHU Joint Symposium on Drug Discovery

March 22, 11:30 a.m.

The UMB-JHU Joint Symposium on Drug Discovery will provide an open forum for scientific exchange and interactive communication among students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty at two of Baltimore's prime

Online Graduate Studies in Palliative Care Information Session

March 7, Noon
Online

Information sessions provide an overview of the PhD, Master of Science, and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care programs, and explore topics such as the admissions process, course schedule, and other frequently asked questions. [Register for the palliative care session.](#)

MS in Pharmacometrics Virtual Information Session

April 12, 4 p.m.
Online

Meet with the Pharmacometrics program director and faculty to discuss the master's program. Learn about the courses, how the program works and how to apply. [Register for the pharmacometrics session.](#)

Tablets and Capsules Hands On Short Course

May 1-5

The annual Tablets & Capsules Hands-On Short Course uses lectures and hands-on laboratory sessions to provide an overview of the manufacturing of multiparticulate beads, capsules, and tablets. More

academic institutions. It will feature oral presentations chosen from submitted abstracts as well as poster presentations that showcase the robust community of drug discovery research led by these two institutions in the Baltimore area. [Register for the symposium.](#)

information including registration, course outline, partners, and speakers can be [found on the short course webpage.](#)

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

LAURELS

[Kimberly Claeys, PharmD, BCPS](#), received the Early Career Investigator Award from the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists.

[Sandeep Devabhakthuni, PharmD, BCPS](#), received the Rising Star Award from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy's Alumni Society Board.

Aarion Romany and **Ally Smith**, both graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received spring 2023 Dean's Teaching Fellow Awards.

[Deanna Tran, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA](#), associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been named a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association.

Paul Solinsky, PharmD, an advanced practice pharmacist in the Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received a Maryland Patient Safety Center 2023 Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation as a member of an interprofessional health care team at University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. He was also appointed to the Pharmacy Quality Alliance's COPD Treatment Ratio Measure Development Technical Expert Panel.

[Deanna Tran, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA](#), associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been named a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Hillary Edwards, MPH, director of methodological research and evaluation for the PATIENTS Program in the Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, has received a \$60,000 one-year grant from McKesson Specialty Health Pharmaceutical & Biotech Solutions and a \$100,000 one-year grant from Amgen, both for the "PATIENTS Professor's Academy."

[Bruce Yu, PhD](#), professor of pharmaceutical sciences, has received a \$547,353 cooperative agreement from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for "Noninvasive PAT for Manufacturing."

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Lynette Bradley-Baker, BSP '92, PhD '99, co-authored, *The Pharmacist Career Journey: Planning for Career Development, Progression, and Maximization*, published by the American Pharmacists Association.

Jennifer L. Hardesty, PharmD '02, FASCP, chief clinical officer for Remedi SeniorCare, was named a Top 25 Healthcare Technology Leader of Washington, DC for 2023 by *The Healthcare Technology Report*.

Brian Hose, PharmD '06, chief executive officer of EPIC Rx, was named a Top 25 Healthcare Technology Leader of Washington, DC for 2023 by *The Healthcare Technology Report*.

Lauren Haggerty, PharmD' 16, has joined Johns Hopkins Home Care Group as a clinical coordinator pharmacist.

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