



The Capsule

Fall 2023



[A Message From the Dean](#)



Season's Greetings to all of our alumni, students, staff, faculty and friends. As we continue to navigate complex and challenging issues locally, nationally, and globally, I encourage each of you to extend grace and compassion to others and to yourself. I hope you will find time to recharge, reflect, reconnect, and build community this holiday season.

Fall quarter has been exciting; the successes, accomplishments, and engagement of our SSPPS team continue to amaze and inspire, as you will see below. Our students and alumni, their mentors and preceptors, staff and faculty improve the lives of our community members in both direct and indirect ways, through community engagement, clinical care and through research to improve the health of entire populations.

As we take a moment to reflect on this past year, we are so proud of our SSPPS achievements and grateful for the support we receive. We thank all of you for your invaluable tangible and intangible contributions to our program. Looking forward, I am excited to see what 2024 has in store for us all. I wish you and your loved ones good health, rejuvenation, joy and peace this holiday season and beyond.

**In Memoriam: David Adler
Emeritus Professor of Clinical Pharmacy**



**IN MEMORIAM:
EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PHARMACY
DAVID S. ADLER, PHARM.D.**

We are deeply saddened to convey that our colleague, mentor, and friend, Dr. David Adler, [passed away at his home on Saturday, November 4, 2023](#) surrounded by family.

Please join us to celebrate his life and contributions on **Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 12-4pm at The Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club**. Kindly confirm your attendance and the number of guests before **December 29, 2023**.

Confirm Your Attendance

Farewell to Dr. Sahar Adibi Dominguez



It is with a mixture of emotions that we announce that Dr. Sahar Adibi Dominguez will be embarking on a new chapter in her life, as she [steps down from her position as the Director of Admissions here at SSPPS](#).

Fall Quarter Highlights

Class of 2027 White Coat Ceremony



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September 29, 2023

Welcome
We Will Begin Shortly

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CLASS OF 2027 WHITE COAT CEREMONY

On Friday, September 29, 2023, our Class of 2027 donned their white coats for the first time as SSPPS student pharmacists! We are already very proud of this enthusiastic class and can't wait to guide them through the next four years.

Click the video above to watch the full livestream.

Dr. Elizabeth Winzeler: Associate Dean for Research and Innovation



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Winzeler as the [SSPPS Associate Dean for Research and Innovation](#), effective November 1, 2023.

[Achievements and Awards](#)

SSPPS Staff Service Awards Celebrations



On November 1st, the SSPPS Administrative Staff met to celebrate their colleagues for [milestones met with their UC Service Credits](#).

SSPPS Staff and Faculty Operational Excellence



Kudos to our staff and faculty for [recognitions both regionally and nationally for operational excellence](#).

Individuals

Faculty

- Associate Professor Dr. JAM received the Infectious Diseases Societe of America's [2023 Clinical Practice Innovation Award](#).
- Former Dean of SSPPS, Dr. James McKerrow, was awarded an [honorary doctorate from The Charles University in Prague](#).

- Assistant Clinical Professor, Dr. Andrew Willeford, was awarded the ACCP Cardiology PRN Seed Award.

Alumni

- Dr. Crystal Zhou (Class of 2015) was awarded the [ACCP Cardiology PRN Practice Award](#).

Students

- Rinoj Mathew (Class of 2024) received a [CSHP 2023 Student Leadership Award](#).
- Diana Ramos (Class of 2026) received a National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) Scholarship.
- CSHP-UCSD received [CSHP 2023 Student Chapter Community Service Project Awards](#) for the Poison Prevention Project and Organ Donation Project.

Events

Fall Quarter Events

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR APPRECIATION DAY + FUND MANAGER SUMMIT 2023



SSPPS Fund Managers attended the Research Administrator Appreciation + Fund Manager Summit 2023 on September 12th and 13th. Hosted by the Vice Chancellor of Research Affairs and Vice Chancellor Chief Financial Officer, this year's event combined the annual Research Administrator Appreciation Day with a dynamic Fund Manager Summit. The event focused on sharing best practices and problem-solving strengths with the ultimate goal of building community and enhancing professional development amongst peers.



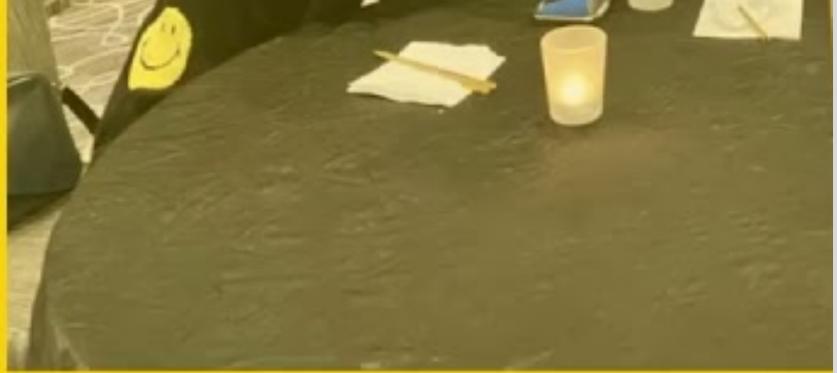


Phi Lambda Sigma Epsilon Alpha

Initiation Ceremony
10.4.23

Congratulations to all of our student pharmacists who were inducted into Phi Lambda Sigma's National Pharmacy Leadership Society on Wednesday, October 4th! Also inducted as an honorary member was staff member, Christine Cartlidge, for her contributions as part of SSPPS to the profession of pharmacy.





SKAGGS RECEPTION AT CSHP SEMINAR

SSPPS hosted its annual reception at the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) Seminar on Friday evening October 13th in Long Beach, California. Over 50 guests were in attendance, including faculty, students, alumni, and esteemed associates. Both Dr. James Colbert and Dr. Candis Morello spoke to those in attendance. Dr. Morello provided updates on the school's development and thanked the SSPPS pharmacy for their continued support. We look forward to seeing folks again at CSHP Seminar in 2024!

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- This Fall Quarter, [CSHP-UCSD held multiple events](#) for our members, including lunchtime talks, workshops, and many more!
 - On October 25th, SSPPS faculty and staff attended the [3rd Annual Latinx Heritage Month Commemoration Event](#).
 - On November 17th, the Executive Board of ASP had the pleasure of hosting the annual [Mentor-Mentee Meet and Greet](#).
 - In 2023, APHF participated in [12 clinical and educational outreach events](#) throughout San Diego County.

Features and Publications

IN THE NEWS

Jennifer Le
PharmD, MAS, FIDSA, FCCP, FCSHP



FDA's Nonprescription Drugs
Advisory Committee declares oral
phenylephrine ineffective

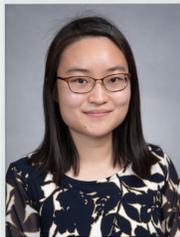
[ABC News on Oral Decongestant with Dr. Jennifer Le](#)

[A Popular Decongestant Doesn't Work. What Does?](#)

[A Decongestant in Many Cold Medicines Is Ineffective](#)

[In Good Health: When a popular decongestant doesn't work](#)

NEW PUBLICATION



ALICE YUAN
CLASS OF 2024



JENNIFER NGUYEN
CLASS OF 2026

High-Throughput Screen of Microbial Metabolites
Identifies F1FO ATP Synthase Inhibitors as New Leads for
Naegleria fowleri Infection

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November 9, 2023 | **ACS Publications**

Alice Yuan (Class of 2024); Hayley Fong (Graduate Student Researcher - Debnath Lab); Jennifer Nguyen (Class of 2026); Sophia Nguyen (Graduate Student Researcher - Debnath Lab); Anjan Debnath, PhD (Faculty)

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