

# UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Newsletter

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## Pharmacy Board Results are OUT! Congrats SSPPS Class of 2019!



Pharmacy board exam results are out! Congratulations to the UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy's PharmD Class of 2019 for continuing SSPPS's excellent performance: SSPPS scored the highest out of all California schools on both the NAPLEX (100%) and CPJE (tied with Western)! Our alumni are exceptionally well trained and educated as they enter their career into the pharmacy profession. Congratulations on yet another successful year!

The NAPLEX, or North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, measures a candidate's knowledge of the practice of pharmacy. It is just one component of the licensure process and is used by the boards of pharmacy as part of their assessment of a candidate's competence to practice as a pharmacist.

The CPJE, or California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists, is an additional examination that the state of California requires for pharmacist licensure and is used within the state to ensure candidates have a strong understanding and knowledge of pharmaceutical law.

## A Message from the Dean – James H. McKerrow, PhD, MD

I have just had my second lunch with students of our P1 Class. I am again very impressed with how motivated and engaged they are in the diverse aspects of pharmacy education, and the high quality of their undergraduate experience. Our former faculty member, Dr. Sarah McBane, gave the welcoming speech at the White Coat Ceremony for our incoming P1 class. She helped them focus on both their upcoming pharmacy education, and their future career goals.

We are pleased to expand the contribution of our school to timely new research on the biological basis of drug, nicotine and alcohol addiction. Two new laboratories in our building that was led by Dr. Mike Taffe and Dr. Olivier George, focusing on this area. I am pleased to see their teams integrate with and expand the horizons of other groups in our building. We also look forward to a new clinical faculty member joining us July 1, 2020 to provide expertise in pharmacoeconomics.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faculty, staff, alumni, and friends for their generous donations to our academic, research, and student scholarship programs. Contributions at every level are essential to accelerating the pace of advanced research, delivering quality care to patients, and training the next generation of pharmacy leaders. I would also like to thank our volunteer faculty who lecture in our didactic courses, precept our students, and participate in many of our events. All of your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

Finally, we are in the first stages of developing a campus wide program in pharmacogenomics as well as a certificate program in business administration related to pharmacy practice. With the advent of a new UC San Diego School of Public Health, our students will have the opportunity to incorporate a Master's in Public Health into their educational experience.



## Student News

### Commencement 2019

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 64 students walked across the stage at the UC San Diego Price Center Ballroom to then have conferred Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. Family, friends, faculty, preceptors and staff all cheered from the crowd as each student had their moment in the spotlight. We are extremely proud of all of our students, but especially our graduates. Every year, they enter the pharmacy world and impress their colleagues all over the country. We look forward to seeing their names in the news and faces at local pharmacy conferences. Good luck class of 2019 and congratulations on your achievement!



## White Coat Ceremony

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, SSPPS welcomed 62 new members into the Skaggs family. Our new members come from all over San Diego County, California, and the United States. They vary in educational degrees, ethnicity, hobbies, personal interests and career goals. We cannot wait to see how the Class of 2023 blossoms into their own. We already see tenacious attitudes and enthusiasm for the field of pharmacy. We know they will do great things while here at SSPPS and beyond. Welcome, Class of 2023!



# Phi Lambda Sigma Initiation & Installation Ceremony



## SSPPS Honors New Members of Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society – 120<sup>th</sup> Chapter, Epsilon Alpha

On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 33 students were inducted into the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society. These students have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and a pursuit of pharmacy profession advancement, all the while successfully managing the rigor of the SSPPS curriculum.

The Phi Lambda Sigma Initiation and Installation Ceremony began with opening remarks from Dean James McKerrow and Associate Dean Candis Morello, both commenting on leadership and the meaning of this society to the students and their futures. Then, led by the Phi Lambda Sigma Member Officers, each new inductee was individually presented with a certificate of lifetime membership and pinned with the symbol of the society – the mortar and pestle surrounded by a wreath of laurel, symbolizing leadership and wisdom. Following a lighting of candles signifying the growth and strengthening of the society with additional leaders, new Phi Lambda Sigma Member Officers were installed. Closing remarks were made by Dr. Christina Mnatzaganian where she reminded the students to recognize that leadership can come in a variety of forms.

Congratulations to these new 33 members of the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, and we sincerely look forward to seeing how you all continue to lead and advance the profession of pharmacy in the future.





## 1<sup>st</sup> SSPPS Student Selected to the National AMCP Student Committee

Written by Vivian Pham, P2



Congratulations to our own Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Immediate Past Chapter President, Trinh Nguyen, as she is the first student selected from SSPPS to be part of the national AMCP student committee. Currently a fourth-year, Trinh has contributed to AMCP UC San Diego chapter tremendously and now has the opportunity to become more involved in making improvements within the national chapter.

Trinh is one of 15 students from chapters across the country appointed to the committee. According to the AMCP website, the committee's mission is "to ensure Academy awareness of issues, policies, programs and services that impact student pharmacists as well as provide oversight and guidance to the AMCP Student Chapter program." This national student committee is responsible for all of the programs, products and services for student pharmacists led by Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy. Throughout her tenure, Trinh will work with other student leaders and AMCP senior leadership from across the country as they plan to provide more resources and opportunities for pharmacy students to dive their heads into the non-traditional path of managed care.

As our AMCP UC San Diego chapter is currently new and growing, Trinh's involvement with national AMCP will open more doors for UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences to be involved in decision making on national health policy. Trinh encourages more students to apply and be involved in future national committees and thus continue to make strides improving events and creating innovative programming for fellow student pharmacists.

## **CSHP-UC San Diego Starts the Year Off Strong at the Happiest Place on Earth During Seminar 2019!**

CSHP-UC San Diego kicked off its 2019-2020 year with high achievements and honors at this year's California Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (CSHP) Annual Seminar Meeting held in Anaheim, California from October 18-20. This year's Seminar, which was the most attended meeting in the organization's history, was a wonderful opportunity for students of all classes and pharmacists to learn, network and reconnect with others in the pharmacy field.

From the onset of Seminar, CSHP-UC San Diego members were heavily involved in all that the conference had to offer. On the inaugural day of the convention, Kevin Nguyen and Patrick Torres, two of UC San Diego's P4 students, competed in the Clinical Skills Competition; a challenging contest meant to test student's ability to evaluate patient cases and present clinical recommendations. As the winners of CSHP-UC San Diego's local competition, Kevin and Patrick competed valiantly and made our school proud with their clinical knowledge and presentation skills.

Additionally, our student members had the opportunity to participate in CSHP's annual residency showcase. Open to students of all graduating years, the showcase featured a variety of programs from across the country and allowed students the opportunity to learn more about post-graduate education from residency program directors and current residents, many of whom are accomplished Skaggs alumni!

Furthermore, networking opportunities were abundant this year at Seminar as, in addition to the residency showcase, students had the opportunity to attend the annual UC San Diego SSPPS alumni mixer. Held in the Disneyland Hotel, this year's mixer was filled with students, UC San Diego faculty, UC San Diego alumni and various UC San Diego preceptors and was a fun and energizing way to connect with the UC San Diego family!



Current UC San Diego Students hang out with Skaggs alumni and current Long Beach Memorial residents, Drs. Lillian Tao and Brianna Zimmers



Another highlight from this year's Seminar came during CSHP's annual Quiz Bowl Competition. Led by a group of determined P4s, UC San Diego students battled other schools as they attempted to answer jeopardy style questions on topics ranging from pharmacokinetics and



A picture of our team as they get ready to compete for the Quiz Bowl

pharmacogenomics to pulmonology and transplant. After a competitive competition and acing the final question, our team fell just short of winning the Quiz Bowl trophy but represented Skaggs wonderfully nonetheless! Congratulations to Linda Dao (P4), Allison Cid (P4), Nancy Kong (P4), Michelle Lai (P4), Analia Nguyen (P4), Anh Nguyen (P4), Kevin Nguyen (P4), Anamika Nijim (P4), Casey Tiefenthaler (P4), Patrick Torres (P4), Alexis Morabe (P3) and Hailey Hirata (P3) on all of your hard work, you made us proud!

Another highlight for CSHP-UC San Diego was the award ceremony in which CSHP-UC San Diego was recognized by the CSHP Board of Directors as a 2018 Chapter of Distinction. Additionally, following in the footsteps of last year's success, CSHP-UC San Diego was once again honored in the

Our amazing Quiz Bowl team! *Back row* From left to right: Alexis Morabe (P3), Linda Dao (P4), Allison Cid (P4), Casey Tiefenthaler (P4), Hailey Hirata (P3), Kevin Nguyen (P4), Michelle Lai (P4), Patrick Torres (P4). *Front Row* From left to right: Nancy Kong (P4), Anh Nguyen (P4), Anamika Nijim (P4), Analia

Student Chapter Community Service Project Award categories, taking home awards for our community service efforts in Asthma Awareness (led by Annie Bui and Katherine Wu) and Poison Prevention (led by Connie Ma). Likewise, our president, Hailey Hirata was awarded the Student Leadership Award, which recognizes students who go above and beyond to contribute to both CSHP and the profession of pharmacy as a whole. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to make CSHP-UC San Diego such a standout chapter!



Annie Bui, Katherine Wu and Connie Ma show off their CSHP Community Service Awards!

CSHP-UC San Diego President, Hailey Hirata, accepts her Student Leadership Award for 2018-2019.

Finally, during the final day of seminar, CSHP-UC San Diego members Lina Mamiza (P2) and Norint Tung (P2) were given the opportunity to serve as delegates in the annual House of Delegates meeting. As active voting members, Lina and Norint attended both local and regional meetings as well as a caucus at seminar, to discuss this year's proposed legislation, learning about the legislative writing and reviewing process before getting to cast their vote at CSHP seminar. A special thank you to Drs. Christine Cadiz, Marcie Lepkowsky, Candis Morello, Nightingale Meyou, Harminder Sikand, Daryush Tabatabai and Christine Trang for their mentoring and assistance during the delegate process!

CSHP-UC San Diego would like to thank CSHP for their work in putting on such a wonderful seminar this year as well as all of our members whose time and efforts were the reason for our success and honors during this year's seminar. Thank you for a wonderful year and here's to another great one!



*SDSHP and CSHP delegates. From left to right: Norint Tung, Nour Yassin, Dr. Candis Morello, Dr. Nightingale Meyou, Lina Mamiza, Dr. Christine Cadiz, Dr. Harminder Sikand, Dr. Marcie Lepkowsky, Dr. Christine Trana and Dr. Darvush Tabatabai.*

## National Day of Service Results 2019

This past fall, SSPPS pharmacy students held OTC Clarity events across community pharmacies in the San Diego area. The goal was to establish connections with patients in the community and provide education on proper use of OTC medications. Students reached out to 277 patients regarding education on the common cold, flu, and how to safely treat symptoms. At one location, students also conducted free blood pressure screenings as part of a “National Day of Service”. We were one of 34 other schools of pharmacy across the country involved in this effort. A special thanks to the OTC Medication Safety Chair, Andrew Dang (P2), for organizing all events. Great work to all SSPPS students for engaging in the community and promoting medication safety and education.



## **Annual ASP Summer Rady's Day**

By Julie Trinh, P2 & Heidi Kim, P2

On June 21st and July 12th, some of the student organizations at Skaggs, led by ASP (The Association of Student Pharmacists), collaborated together with Rady Children's Medical Academy and Janssen Research and Development to host the annual summer Rady's Summer Medical Academy's Pharmacy Day. The academy provides high school students with the unique opportunity to explore the field of healthcare through hands-on activities and interactive discussions. The students had the unique opportunity to rotate through six stations, each focusing on a different topic such as diabetes, hypertension, herbal supplements, medication safety, allergies, or compounding pharmacy.

This summer, we reached 84 students interested in STEM, and we had over 30 student leaders from UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences organization chapters who led various workshops.

- ASP - Association of Student Pharmacists
- APhA-ASP/CPhA - American Pharmacists Association
- ASCP - American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
- CPNP - College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists
- CSHP - California Society of Health-System Pharmacists
- KY - Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity

ASP would like to thank the student organizations and all the participants for making the event a success! We hope to inspire prospective students to pursue a career in pharmacy or healthcare.



Rock Feng, P2 representing APhA, teaching students about hypertension and how to measure blood pressure correctly.



Danh Pham, Jen Fong, and Kristy Huynh, all P2 student pharmacists representing APhA, teaching students about diabetes and how patients measure their sugar levels.

## Student Research News

First Ph.D. graduate of the joint program between the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC) and the University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego)



**Gisela Andrea Camacho Hernandez**, to our knowledge, is the first Ph.D. graduate of the joint program between the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC) and the University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego). Students in this program take courses at both institutions, receive fellowship support from the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) and US sources, and are expected to meet the standards of both academic institutions. Ph.D. studies are done primarily at UC San Diego, because of the availability of sophisticated analytical instrumentation, such as various liquid chromatographs, mass spectrometers (LC-MS/MS), high field NMR and laser mass spectrometry, along with various spectroscopic tools. Students defend their theses separately at both institutions. The Joint Program was initiated by Drs. Jose' Manuel Cornejo Bravo at UABC and Palmer Taylor in the Department of Pharmacology and the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at UC San Diego. Dr. Camacho-Hernandez' research required collaborations from the Scripps Research Institute in San Diego, the Pasteur Institut in Paris, and Dr. William Fenical at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Her studies were initially directed to the development of a novel, non-canonical landscape of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists, called the picolyl pyrimidines, that differ in selectively for target nicotinic receptors and tissue disposition from the prototypic nicotinic agents. Gisela has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship position with Dr. Amy Hauk Newman the National Institute of Drug Abuse of the NIH, where she begins a new phase of her studies. Gisela's studies and her colleagues may be found in the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, *The Journal of the American Chemical Society* and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, as well as in specialty journals.

## SSPPS News

### CSHP-UC San Diego and PILL's Residency and Fellowship Showcase

By Katherine Wu, P-3 CSHP-UC San Diego Professional Affairs Chair,  
Dr. Sarah Lorentz- Director, PMT, IPPE's, Career Planning Program

CSHP-UC San Diego and PILL kicked off the 2019 school year with the highly anticipated event "Residency and Fellowship Showcase." The showcase was held on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at HSEC Auditorium and MET 141-145. The Showcase is a part of our SSPPS Career Planning Program.

Each Fall, our showcase features numerous residency and fellowship programs across California. It is a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing a residency or fellowship as they can meet with residency program directors, residents, and fellows. Through informational booths on each program, pharmacy students had the opportunity to learn more about specific programs, while the residency

programs were given the opportunity to meet with UC San Diego's qualified potential candidates. This year, UC San Diego-CSHP and PILL had 20 programs in attendance. The event was open to SSPPS students (P2s, P3s, and P4s) and had a great turnout of around 100 students.

The night began with two talks given by Dr. Charles Daniels, BS Pharm, PhD., in HSEC Auditorium entitled "Intro to Residency and Fellowship Showcase" and "How to Get into a Residency Program". After receiving these helpful tips, students were dismissed to attend the showcase where they visited various booths based on their own interests.

The showcase featured 18 residency programs and 2 fellowship programs. Fourteen programs were locally from San Diego. Five programs were from outside of San Diego. We also extended the invitation to an out-of-state program (Rutgers Fellowship Program). Twelve alumni, many of whom attended the



showcase last year as students, came to represent their current residency programs! Through our feedback, students have expressed how much they enjoyed speaking with representatives and the invaluable knowledge they gained regarding residency and fellowship through their conversations.

A special thank you to the attending programs, Dr. Daniels, and the board members of CSHP and PILL for making this event possible!



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## AACP Annual Meeting Represented Well by SSPPS Students and Faculty

By Dr. Renu Singh

The annual American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) meeting was held in Chicago between July 14-17, 2019. The SSPPS was well represented by two of our student pharmacists, several faculty, associate, assistant deans, and staff.

**Tina Ho, P3**, was selected as one of 85 students, residents or fellows as a national AACP **Walmart Scholar** for 2019. Walmart Scholar recipients are provided a scholarship to attend the AACP Annual Meeting to learn about a career in academia. Her advisor was Dr. Renu Singh. Tina reflected that during a one-day Teacher's Seminar, she learned *"different teaching strategies, such as scaffolding. This technique involves providing mini lessons and incorporating visual aids to activate students' previous knowledge of the material, rather than a review session involving a question and answer format. This session also allowed me to explore what my teaching philosophy could be and how I can more effectively communicate to become a better future educator and collaborator. Besides the Seminar and attending educational presentations, I learned more about the academic profession through networking and had active discussions with peers and renowned faculty members from pharmacy"*

*schools across the nation. Educational research poster sessions were held, where I continued to converse with others about their various research projects. Overall, AACP was one of the best conferences I have attended to-date, and it has really opened my eyes about academia and the AACP organization".*

Congratulations to Tina Ho!

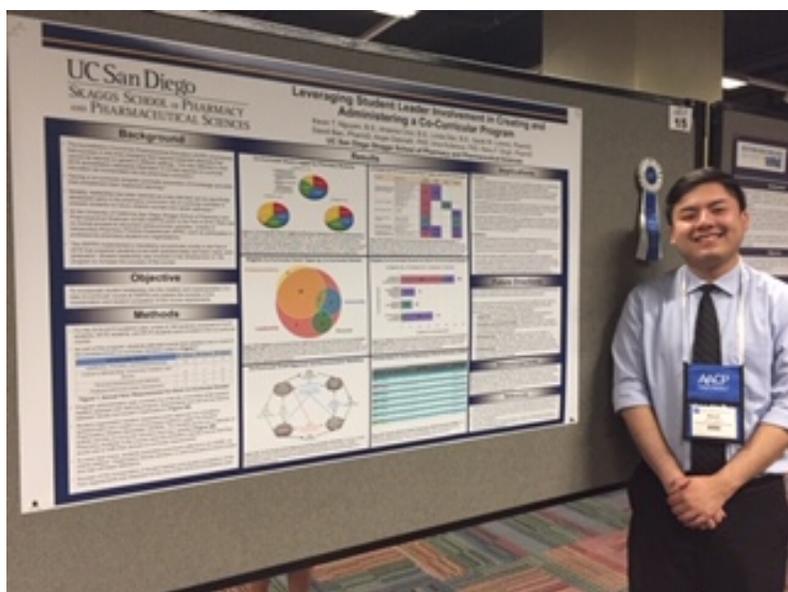


**Kevin Nguyen, a P4 student**, and his student colleagues, Arianna Choi and Linda Dao, had a poster abstract accepted at the AACP Annual Meeting, and Kevin attended the meeting to present the poster.

Kevin reflected upon his AACP meeting experience:

*"Attending AACP 2019 was a wonderful experience! It was a great opportunity to learn more from the SSPPS faculty who also attended the conference and to attend educational programming specifically related to academia, something that is uncommon at other pharmacy conferences. It was also rewarding to be able to network with faculty members from other schools of pharmacy and network with other pharmacy students with a strong interest in academia and learn more about what they have done during their time at pharmacy school in order to work towards this career field.*

At the poster sessions for AACP 2019, I presented **'Leveraging Student Leader Involvement in Creating and Administering a Co-Curricular Program'**, a poster that discussed SSPPS's first year of implementing our co-curricular program in order to fulfill ACPE standards. Throughout the poster session, there was significant interest among many of the attending faculty, particularly from schools that recently or were in the process of incorporating their own co-curricular program. Many of these faculty members asked me about my experience with implementing the program with a strong interest in the problems that occurred and how we addressed them. They were especially interested with regards to how we approached incorporating faculty into the program overall and were curious as to the student body response to this curricular change". Kevin and his student team were mentored by Drs. Lorentz, Kufareva, Debnath, Bao, and Singh.



Among faculty, **Dr. Alex Luli** presented a research poster on: **Assessing Student Knowledge and Confidence Following a Prescription Workshop Module.**

**Dr. Kelly Lee** co-presented a session entitled: **Co-Curriculum Assessment Modalities across Accredited Pharmacy Programs**, and co-presented a poster entitled: **Identifying the Challenges in Implementing the Co-Curriculum Accreditation Requirement: A National Survey.** Dr. Lee was also awarded the **Inaugural Collaborative Scholarship Award**, AACP Assessment SIG for the paper entitled: *Factors Associated with Cultures of Assessment at US Schools and Colleges of Pharmacy.* *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning*, 2019;11 (2):129-138. Congratulations, Dr. Lee!

**Dr. Rabia Atayee** served as the SSPPS Dean Delegate and **Dr. Nathan Painter** was the Faculty delegate.

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## **SSPPS PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program Update**

It's hard to believe we are already in our fourth year of the Post-graduate Year 1 (PGY1) Community Pharmacy Residency Program!

Our third resident, Janet Cantada, PharmD, accepted an ambulatory care advanced pharmacist position with Beaver Medical Group. We wish her the best as she continues to grow her talents and expertise within the pharmacy world!

We have welcomed our fourth resident, our own recent graduate, Ariana Rhoten! Ariana graduated with her pharmacy degree from SSPPS in May 2019. She received a Bachelor's degree in Biology at California State Polytechnic University-Pomona (2014) prior to starting her pharmacy studies. Ariana has shared learning experiences with both Ralphs Pharmacy and UC San Diego Health clinics in addition to teaching and research responsibilities. Looking forward to another successful residency year!

Christina Mnatzaganian, PharmD, BCACP, APh  
Associate Clinical Professor and Director, SSPPS PGY1 Community Residency Program.

## Faculty News

### Watanabe named PAA Distinguished Alumni Award for Pharmaceutical Science & Research

recipient



Jonathan Watanabe 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award for Pharmaceutical Science and Research recipient

**Recently named the first pharmacist to the National Academy of Medicine (former Institute of Medicine) Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Scholars Program, Jonathan continues his national-level leadership in pharmaceutical research**

Congratulations to University of Washington School of Pharmacy alumnus, Jonathan H. Watanabe, PharmD, PhD, '98, '08, '12, who has been named this year's UW

Pharmacy Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award Pharmaceutical Science and Research recipient.

As a UW undergraduate, Jonathan majored in Zoology before going to University of Southern California to earn his PharmD degree. He returned to the UW to earn a master's and doctoral degree at The CHOICE Institute at the UW School of Pharmacy (then known as the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program).

Jonathan was the original recipient of the prestigious UW/Allergan Post-doctoral Fellowship in Health Economics and Outcomes Research. His major research areas include: value of pharmacist services, affordability and access to medications, older adult medicine research and policy, high-risk medications and opioid use disorder.

In 2016, Jonathan was selected as the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Anniversary Pharmacy Fellow. NAM fellows are chosen based on their professional qualifications, reputations as scholars, professional accomplishments, and relevance of current field expertise to the work of the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM).

Nationally recognized for his leadership and research, Jonathan's research on cost of non-optimized medication regimens and policy recommendations on comprehensive medication management has been cited in successful legislation granting provider status for pharmacists. He collaborates with senior leadership of the Get The Medications Right Institute to improve patient care via clinical pharmacists nationally. In 2018, he was recognized as an NAM Emerging Leader in Health and Medicine. He serves the NASEM Forum on Drug Discovery and Translation:

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Examining the Impact of Real-World Evidence and was a contributor to the Making Medicines Affordable: A National Imperative report.

A board-certified geriatric pharmacist, Jonathan has been developing programs to improve clinical training for geriatric practice and research as an investigator for the San Diego geriatric workforce enhancement program (SD GWEP). As SD GWEP fellowship director, this includes training to improve whole-person older adult care with a real emphasis on pharmacists, with a mandate to disseminate research nationally. His research on increasing prices of Medicare Part D drugs was recently published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. This interdisciplinary program trains clinicians to get education in elder care facilities, emphasizing the important role pharmacists can play on the health care team, given the increasing role of medication in geriatric care. In addition, he has received Platinum, Gold, and multiple Bronze Awards from the Academy of Managed Care in Pharmacy (AMCP) for his research.

Jonathan stays active in the UW School of Pharmacy community, staying connected with clinicians, including at Mercury Pharmacy where he worked as a long-term care pharmacist, as well as serving as a preceptor for a recent CHOICE student, who recently graduated with his PhD.

Congratulations, Jonathan!

## Alumni News

### Alumni as Outreach Representatives



Christine Cartlidge, Administrative Coordinator

Your first thought when hearing about the UC San Diego SSPPS Office of Admissions and Outreach probably does not include alumni engagement, does it? If that was the case, you would be wise to rethink that! Our alumni are a crucial element to the machine that is Admissions and Outreach. They help conduct interviews for our applicants each admissions cycle, and a few hold positions on the Admissions Committee where they review the files for said applicants to decide who will matriculate in the upcoming fall quarter.

In addition, the alumni participate in outreach events throughout the academic year to help promote SSPPS as well as the pharmacy profession. One such event occurred on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 where a group of six panelists (Maher Alhaja, Dr. Rebecca Kandilian, Dr. Khanh Nguyen, Vi Nguyen, Monica Sliwa, and Misa Trieu) answered questions for the San Diego State University's Association of Pre-Pharmacy Students (APPS). This group of panelists was comprised of SDSU alumni, current SSPPS students, and SSPPS alumni – some of the panelists fell into more than one of those categories! A couple of the benefits of including Drs. Kandilian and Nguyen were that they were able to speak of the real-life pharmacy career opportunities they had after completing their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees at SSPPS, and they could illustrate an achievable pathway to the degree and profession for the APPS as one of them attended both SDSU and SSPPS.

The UC San Diego SSPPS Office of Admissions and Outreach would like to thank Drs. Kandilian and Nguyen for their involvement in this outreach event, and we look forward to spotlighting other alumni for events happening later this academic year!

## Staff News

### Staff Service Award Achievements

On November 13th the SSPPS Administrative Staff gathered to celebrate the Staff Service Award Achievements. The following were recognized for their years of dedicated service to the University of California. Left to Right: Mandi Walker, 10 years – Kathy MacMaster, 10 years – Laurie Nelson, 15 years – Trace Sinclair, 10 years.



# UC San Diego Library

## NEWS FROM YOUR PHARMACY LIBRARIAN

1. News about the UC Contract Progress with Elsevier:  
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2. Systematic Review Service Pilot – The Biomedical librarians have a new service to assist you with your search strategies and database selection for systematic reviews. Check out our webpage (<https://library.ucsd.edu/research-and-collections/systematic-reviews.html>) and our libguide (<https://ucsd.libguides.com/systematic-review>)
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