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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

TWENTY YEARS SEEMS LIKE SUCH A LONG TIME, and yet not so long at all! In August, we celebrate 20 years since admitting our first cohort into the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. It's hard to imagine just how many lives have been impacted because of the positive, whole-person-centered approach of LLUSP graduates over the last two decades.

Thinking back 20 years to 2002, the Department of Homeland Security was created by President George Bush; Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of the UK, passed away; the Euro became the official currency of twelve of the European Union's members; 40 million people were estimated globally to be infected with HIV; Brazil won the World Cup; the average cost of a gallon of gasoline was \$1.61, and the average cost of a new house was \$228,000; Harry Potter, Spider-Man, Ice Age, and Lord of the Rings were all hits at the theater.

So, what's happened at LLUSP since 2002? The School of Pharmacy moved into a newly renovated building (Shryock Hall); pharmacists became recognized as providers at LLUH; our faculty member, Dr. Huy Le, received the largest extramural grant in the school's history of over \$4 million; we started a new pharmacist clinical service with LLUH's Access Center; and much, much more.



And the next 20 years look pretty exciting from my vantage point. The School is actively engaged in the institution's efforts to establish an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center. A new pharmacy practice outpatient group based within the school is being established. A brand-new competency-based curriculum is being designed for implementation in Fall of 2025 at the same time ACPE's new accreditation standards take effect. We are growing our special certifications offered to our current students, and we plan to offer many of these to our alumni in the future with our enhanced continuing education offerings. Pharmacists are firmly situated in this institution and many others in our region as essential members of the healthcare team. While our profession has its challenges, the future is bright, and we are intentionally creating a preferred future!

If you are reading this message, you are a part of LLUSP's legacy. We'd like to hear your story and learn about your successes. Please email me at mhogue@llu.edu so that we can connect. I'd love to come and visit your practice and learn about how the Lord has used you to care for others in unique ways since you graduated.

Dean Michael Hogue
PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Join us in celebrating LLUSP's 20 years of successfully preparing students for careers in pharmacy!

YOU—our alumni—are a part of our pharmily, history and success!

As a thank you gift, we've included a commemorative 20th Anniversary lapel pin in the envelope with this magazine.



COMMITTED TO LLUSP

These faculty and administrators have withstood the test of time and are still serving at the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy, even after 15-20 years...

Alan Connelly (not pictured)

Began: 1998 as Associate Dean of Finance

Currently: still the Associate Dean of Finance!

The entire dean's office (admissions, etc...) was in place around that time. We all were double duty with the Graduate School [now the School of Behavioral Health] and the School of Pharmacy. Pharmacy had a budget, and it just took longer than anticipated to get everything up and running.

Nancy Kawahara

Began: 2002 as Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice

Currently: Assistant Dean of Co-Curriculum and Mentorship

I would say the most remarkable memory for me is the day we received notification that we had received full-accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. While many of my colleagues who started the journey with me back in 2002 were no longer employed by the School it was validation that our hard work and dedication had indeed

helped us achieve this very important milestone in the life of a school.

Willie Davis

Began: 2004 as Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Services

Currently: Assistant Dean, Academic Success; Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

It was hard and scary work starting a pharmacy school. Everything was new! Seven other faculty were hired along with me, and that doubled the size of the faculty! We were all in West Hall, shared with the School of Nursing. We had just three classrooms and a lot of lockers everywhere. We were so small. Every student was a member of every organization, and every student had a leadership role. We were all together all day long, and we were family. Now we have faculty members who were once my students!

Kathryn Knecht

Began: 2004 as Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

Currently: Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

The coolest thing is seeing the

accomplishments of former students and what they are doing now, especially those who are teaching and creating a new generation of "grand-students"!

Linda Williams

Began: 2005 as Director of Student Affairs and Admissions

Currently: Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions

One of my best LLUSP memories is from when we moved into Shryock Hall. Previously, we were in West Hall where our offices were on one floor and the student classrooms were a floor below. Each class had a dedicated classroom, and students used their classrooms essentially as their home away from home. Each classroom had a full-size refrigerator with a snack section set up in the back of the room. Students would bring blankets and pillows and pull all-night study sessions in their classrooms. One student was in the building so much we teased that we needed to start charging him rent!

Victoria Maskiewicz

Began: 2007 as Principal Lab Assistant

Currently: Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

Over the years, the biggest changes I've seen have been in my own progression from a lab assistant to full professor with tenure and chair of the department. And to think that my husband [Dr. Rich Maskiewicz, who was employed here first] thought we were moving to Yorba Linda!

Wei-Xing Shi

Began: 2007 as a Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

Currently: Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences

There have been many changes since I joined the school, but one thing has not changed: that is that the school cares about its members and students.

LLUSP HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS



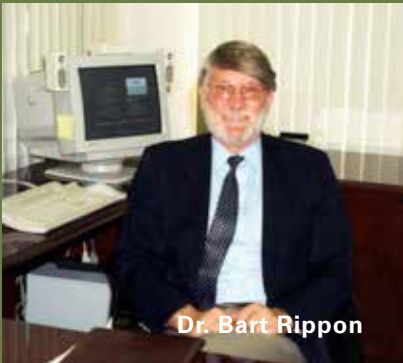
West Hall

1995

Loma Linda University's Board of Trustees votes to approve the establishment of a School of Pharmacy.

2002

The University receives formal authorization from WASC to offer its Doctor of Pharmacy program. Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP), housed in West Hall and under the leadership of Dr. Bart Rippon, inaugural dean, welcomes first class of 34 students.



Dr. Bart Rippon

2003

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) confers candidate status upon LLUSP.



First class

2004

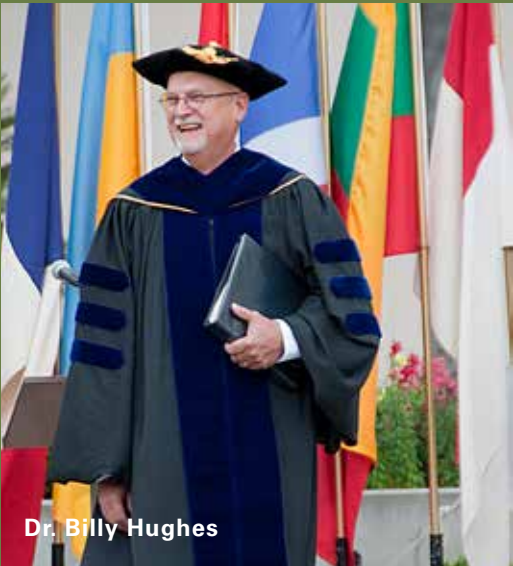
Dr. Avis Erickson takes on role of Executive Associate Dean of the School of Pharmacy

2006

ACPE grants full accreditation for the Doctor of Pharmacy program

2006

LLUSP graduates its first student cohort



Dr. Billy Hughes

2007

The University selects Dr. Billy Hughes as Dean of the School of Pharmacy.

2011

LLU schools of pharmacy and religion offer dual MA degree in Ethics to pharmacy students



Shryock Hall



2017 Mission trip

2012

School of Pharmacy moves into the newly renovated Shryock Hall on campus

2015

LLU schools of pharmacy and allied health partner to offer MA in Health Informatics MA degree to pharmacy students

2017

Dr. Noreen Chan-Tompkins appointed role as School of Pharmacy dean

Dr. Noreen Chan-Tompkins



2018

Dr. Marilyn Herrmann appointed Interim Dean

2019

Dean Michael Hogue hired as new dean for School of Pharmacy



2018 Commencement



Dr. Michael Hogue

2020

ACPE makes comprehensive site visit for purposes of continuing full accreditation

2020

School of Pharmacy initiates Health Professions Education MA dual degree through the School of Allied Health

2021

ACPE's Board of Directors grants continued full accreditation for LLU's Doctor of Pharmacy program until June 30, 2029 based on the School's compliance with twenty-five accreditation standards. This achievement represents the maximum accreditation term ACPE awards to colleges/schools of pharmacy.

WHO WE ARE NOW

When the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy welcomed its first class in 2002, there were 34 students and 10 faculty, staff and administrators. Over the last 20 years, we've grown quite a bit. The recently graduated Class of 2022 included 71 students; nearly 50 faculty, staff and administrators are employed by the School; and the LLUSP pharmily comprises more than 1,000 alumni.

CURRENT STUDENTS

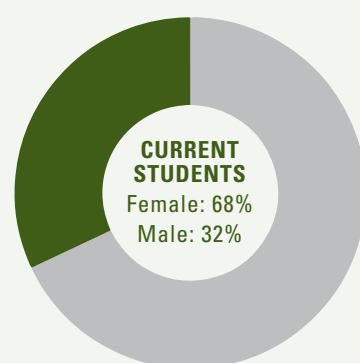
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From 11 countries

BAHAMAS
CANADA
EGYPT
IRAQ
SOUTH KOREA
NIGERIA
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SYRIA
TAIWAN
U.S.A.
VIETNAM

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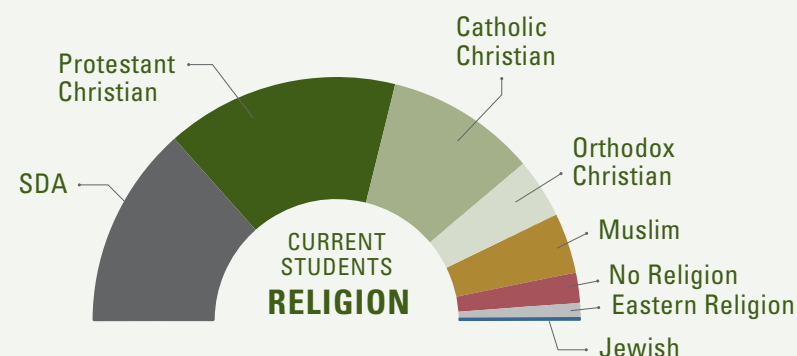
CALIFORNIA
WASHINGTON
ARIZONA
FLORIDA
MICHIGAN
NEW YORK
OKLAHOMA



ASIAN: 39%
WHITE: 28%
HISPANIC: 19%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN: 10%
MULTIPLE RACES: 3%

CURRENT STUDENT AGE GROUPS

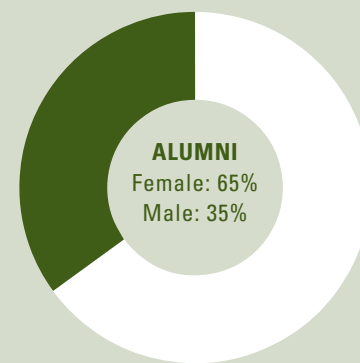
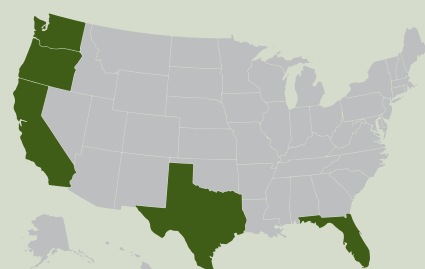
25-29: 54% 35-44: 6%
20-24: 24% 45-54: 1%
30-34: 15%



ALUMNI

1,034

Alumni: Where are they now?



ALUMNI AVERAGE AGE

37.8

ASIAN: 57%
WHITE: 28%
HISPANIC: 7%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN: 6%
MULTIPLE RACES: 2%
HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER: .3%



LLUSP's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Initiates "DEI Week"

By Brittany Hanna, DEI Committee Student Representative, Class of 2023

In 2020, in order to be more proactive and self-accountable, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. This Committee includes faculty, staff, students and alumni who each have a unique and important perspective on the LLUSP experience. At the time of its inception, conducting a "DEI Week" was one of the Committee's top goals, with the expectation that it would be held annually. The objective of the week is to create and facilitate important conversations surrounding DEI and healthcare, particularly in pharmacy. In its inaugural year, the Committee organized two special events: 1) a health and culture fair at Jardín de la Salud, a garden maintained by Loma Linda University, in partnership with the local community in San Bernardino, to provide fresh and organic produce; and 2) a forum with special guest Dr. Frank Tillman, a clinical psychiatric pharmacist who spoke on "Addressing the Elephant in the Room: A Discussion of Health Equity and Mental Wellbeing."

Volunteers from the School of Nursing assisted pharmacy students in providing health screenings at the health and culture fair. Parents in San Bernardino were excited to bring their children, as there were several tables with special crafts and activities from various countries. Guests were also treated to extraordinary performances by Aiko Institute, an aikido dojo from Claremont, CA and hula dances led by a group from the Campus Hill SDA Church.

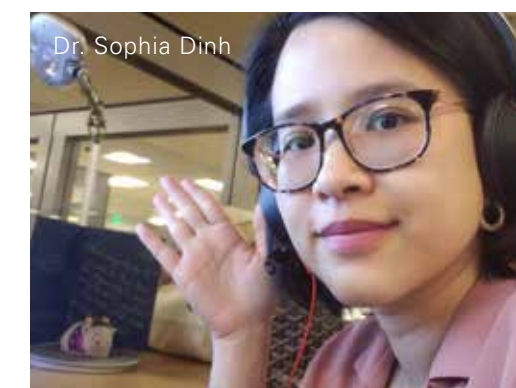
At the forum, Dr. Tillman enlightened the audience on the detrimental effects of inequity, racism and other social injustices on the mental health of individuals, most specifically those from minority groups. He began by distinguishing the difference between equality and equity and ended with a challenge for pharmacy students to strive for providing quality healthcare by gaining more knowledge and moving it to action. His message was very well received and many were eager to speak with him afterwards.

Members of the DEI Committee realize the importance of intentionality when it involves initiatives such as these and have resolved to plan DEI Weeks for years to come. The goal is for stakeholders to be inspired to become more mindful and empathetic as they strive to provide equitable healthcare.

School of Pharmacy Collaboration with Call Center Results in Improved Patient Care

The Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy and the Loma Linda University Health Access Center (AC) initiated a collaborative practice for the departments of adult neurology and cardiology and, more recently, the dermatology clinics. The AC now forwards all patient calls for medication-related questions and refill requests to the AC pharmacy team. Since the inception of this collaborative effort in December 2021, thousands of patients' phone calls have been handled by the pharmacy team. Many of these calls require patient education and consultation regarding adverse drug reactions. The pharmacy team has significantly improved first call resolution rates for cardiology, neurology, and dermatology patients. The pharmacy team also has reduced the average call handle time. Integrating a pharmacy team into the AC has led to significant improvements in medication-related patient care and confirmed a successful model for embedding pharmacists into telephonic services in order to improve quality of care and increased patient satisfaction. The members of the core pharmacy team are Drs. Sophia Dinh (LLUSP Class of 2020), Danielle Davis (LLUSP Class of 2012), and Ms. Liliana Hernandez, while Drs. Michael Hogue, Alireza Hayatshahi, Bryan Tsao, Anthony Hilliard, Alan Connelly and Harry Dao are heavily involved administratively.

Based on the success of the collaboration between the School of Pharmacy and the Access Center, the two entities have begun working to create an elective tele-health APPE clinical rotation for fourth year pharmacy students.





Dean Michael Hogue Appointed to CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

By DonaJayne Potts, MA

LLUSP Dean Michael Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP has been selected by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) as its liaison representative to the Centers for Disease Control and Infection (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

The ACIP is a group of medical and public health experts that develops recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the United States.

The CDC sets adult and childhood immunization schedules based on recommendations from the ACIP. The committee considers many factors, including the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine. There are 15 voting members responsible for making vaccine recommendations. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) selects these members following an application and nomination process. Fourteen of the members have expertise in vaccinology, immunology, pediatrics, internal medicine, nursing, family medicine, virology public health, infectious diseases and/or preventive medicine; one member is a consumer representative who provides perspectives on the social and community aspects of vaccination, according to the CDC.

In addition to the 15 voting members, ACIP includes eight ex officio members who represent other federal agencies with responsibility for immunization programs in the United States and 37 non-voting representatives of liaison organizations that bring related immunization expertise to the work of ACIP. Hogue is the second pharmacist to serve on the ACIP. His predecessor served 21 years on the committee.

“We are confident that Dr. Hogue will do an outstanding job in providing his own and pharmacists’ perspectives to the work of ACIP and will be an outstanding contributor to the process,” said Mitchel C. Rothholz, RPh, MBA, APhA chief of governance and state affiliates. “Hogue has actively engaged with CDC and ACIP over the past 25 years and is an active participant as APhA’s appointee to ACIP’s COVID-19 Vaccination Workgroup.”

For the past two years, Hogue served as the only pharmacist on ACIP’s COVID-19 vaccine workgroup. Composed of 45 healthcare professionals, the workgroup meets weekly to establish vaccine efficacy and make policies around the distribution of the vaccine and subsequent booster shots.v

Hogue has led Loma Linda University Health’s COVID-19 vaccine efforts in line with CDC and California state guidelines and has played an integral role in organizing student-based mobile vaccine clinics in vulnerable communities throughout Southern California.

Under the direction of Hogue, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy has been recognized nationally twice for the school’s community outreach during the pandemic. LLUSP received the “Rookie Award” at the 10th annual 2021 Medication Adherence Team Challenge in July and received a \$20,000 grant from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation Scholarship Program in September, 2021.

LLUSP GRADUATE EXAMINATION PASS RATES AMONG TOP IN CALIFORNIA

Out of 13 pharmacy schools in the State of California, LLUSP’s Class of 2021 ranked second on the NAPLEX (North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination). Amazing students plus talented faculty and an effective program all lead to successful outcomes.

Receiving a scholarship feels like the donor is telling me “I see you and I believe in you.”

Help Students Like Briana Reach Their Goals of Becoming a Pharmacist

Briana Ramirez is a first-year student at the School of Pharmacy at Loma Linda University and also a recipient of LLUSP's Community Benefit Scholarship. She will gladly tell you, scholarships like this make a significant impact on lives.

“I am a Mexican-American woman. My dad works in warehouse, and my mom is a nurse. She became a nurse so that she could give us a better life than what she and my dad had growing up; they both didn't have much, and they wanted to make sure that our family was more financially stable. My mom went through an accelerated program to become a nurse; she did not go to a four-year university, so when it came time for me to apply to a university, my parents were very happy for me, but they just couldn't help me-- they didn't know how to help me. Going to a university was unfamiliar territory not just for my parents but for my entire extended family. If I'm being honest, my parents didn't even think it was possible to put us through college. It was intimidating and nerve-racking to navigate through the educational system on my own, but by the grace of God, I was able to get through it by asking many questions and seeking mentors. I graduated cum laude from the University of Redlands with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, and I chose to pursue a career as a pharmacist.

Loma Linda was the only school that I applied to. This was for several reasons. I chose this school because of how they treat patients. After participating in a high school internship, I noticed how healthcare professionals trained at Loma Linda University treat patients like they're people, not just another number in the disease statistics. When they analyze a patient, they don't just ask about how a patient is doing physically, but rather how they are doing physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. After that experience, I knew there was no other school I could fathom attending.

Scholarships like the Community Benefit Scholarship mean a lot to me because I know that someone took the time to look at my student profile, saw that I didn't come from a family of doctors, PhD's, and pharmacists, and yet they still thought I was worth investing in. It touches my heart knowing that I have this kind of support. Receiving a scholarship feels like the donor is telling me “I see you and I believe in you.” This is extremely encouraging as a person who is striving to become the first doctor in the family. I can only hope that in the future I will have the opportunity to give other students hope and encouragement the same way that the people around me are doing for me now. Please know that all of your effort and generosity do not go unnoticed.



Giving with a Cheerful Heart

Married LLUSP alumni Dr. Edward Clement (Class of 2008) and Dr. Jennifer Kwan (Class of 2009) support Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy through monetary donations to the program.

What is their motivation for giving?

“We're appreciative of the opportunity Loma Linda gave us to further our education and have meaningful careers,” they say. “We try to pay it forward whenever we can.”

LLUSP is incredibly grateful for generous gifts from alumni like Drs. Clement and Kwan! If you, too, would like to pay it forward and impact pharmacy education in a special way, please visit our giving webpage by using the QR code here.



STUDENT EXPERIENCES



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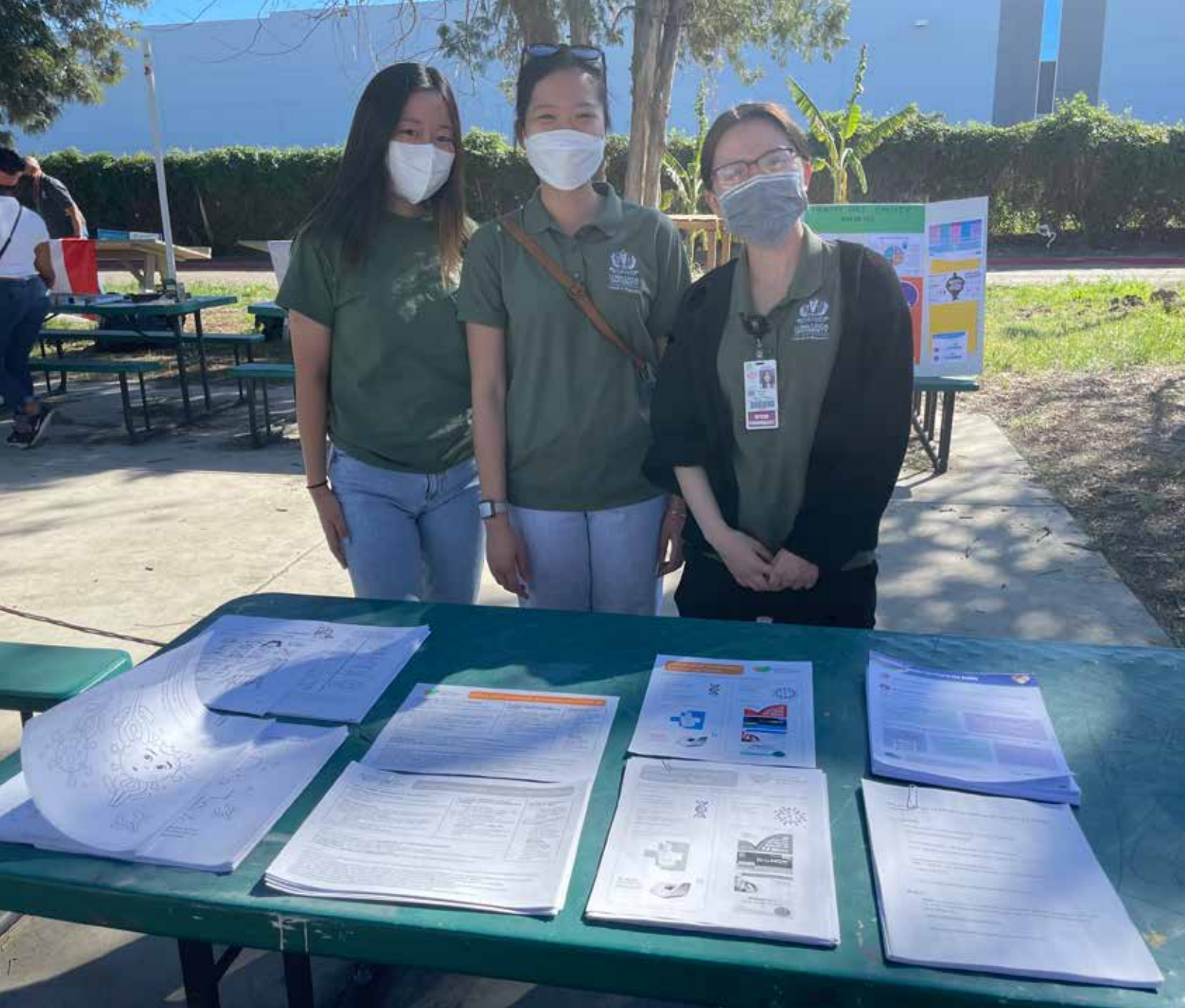
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WELCOME TO PY1 ORIENTATION AT LLUSP... NOW, LET'S BUILD SOME CHARACTER.

New student orientation at LLUSP isn't just about sitting through presentations on policies and procedures, school rules and software systems. It also involves learning about classmates, oneself, and how to succeed together. As an introduction to a graduate school or health professions university, the activities are somewhat unorthodox and may feel unnerving or awkward initially, but students tell us year after year that orientation is one of their favorite memories from pharmacy school.





ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Students at Loma Linda University couldn't wait for mission trip opportunities to open back up after they were temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 safety concerns. Once international travel was permitted and staff at SIMS (Students for International Mission Service) were allowed to return to work in October 2020, they began organizing trips around the world for students, staff and faculty to bring help and healing to many in need.

Ten pharmacy students signed up for trips to Honduras and Mexico over the course of the 2021-2022 academic year and are eager for another opportunity to serve again.



Maintaining a Tradition of Service

Students in APhA/CPhA-ASP and CPFI collaborated during the DEI Culture Health Fair on February 13th to provide screenings for blood pressure and bone density as well as education on stroke prevention, diabetes and obesity, medication adherence, vaccine confidence, and medication safety.

To help fellow pharmacy students deal with stress, members of the LLUSP chapter of ASHP/CSHP partnered with a non-profit pet

therapy organization to bring specially trained and certified emotional therapy dogs onto campus. Students enjoyed a much-needed study break just before finals week.

The LLU School of Pharmacy's ACCP organization continues to partner with the LLU School of Medicine to provide "Street Medicine," an outreach ministry at a men's homeless shelter in San Bernardino through which students provide medical care to those in great need.

"As a student, I always felt that my main purpose was to balance work and school. But over winter break, I felt a greater calling to go and serve, and that gut feeling took me to Honduras. I had a wonderful time with SIMS working alongside PAHS (Pan American Health Service) and fulfilling their mission to serve children in their community whether it was through building huts or providing health and hygiene education."

Laurensia Urip, PY2

"My mission trip to Mexico was enlightening. It not only gave me a chance to practice my skills but also bridged a gap between cultural differences and access to medicine. There definitely were obstacles, like limited resources, but they forced me to rise to the challenge by using my clinical knowledge and management skills to overcome them."

Michelle Nguyen, PY2

"It was my privilege to participate in the mission trip to Mexico. Serving alongside other students from different disciplines was a great learning experience that's added value to my professional growth. I was able to practice the role of a pharmacist in a care team which meant I had to be dependable, knowledgeable, and confident to be able to serve the community and team. The best part of the trip was seeing my growth and using the skills I had developed since starting pharmacy school."

Adeola Oniwe, PY2

LLUSP WINS *SCRIPT YOUR FUTURE* “ROOKIE OF THE YEAR” AWARD

After its first time participating in the national Medical Adherence Team Challenge, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy won the Rookie Award in recognition of the school’s community outreach during the pandemic.

The award is part of the national *Script Your Future* public awareness campaign coordinated by the National Consumers League (NCL) with support from its partners and the Challenge sponsors — the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation, and the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). The contest saw participation by 78 health profession schools in 13 states.

The Team Challenge encourages health profession students and faculty across the nation to develop interprofessional initiatives and raise public awareness about the importance of medication adherence—including vaccine literacy and confidence—in improving health outcomes and reducing total healthcare costs.

The challenge leadership team was led by Lisa Hong, associate professor at LLU School of Pharmacy, and Joseph Velasco, LLUSP student leader, as well as other faculty and students from the LLU schools of pharmacy, allied health, and public health. Several professional programs across campus also took part in the outreach efforts.



An NCL representative said LLUSP led and conducted “astonishing outreach” for their first year participating in the Team Challenge. During the Team Challenge period, from February to April 2021, the interprofessional LLU team helped alleviate vaccine hesitancy through patient education, distribution of fliers addressing common myths, delivery of vaccine-related information in community food boxes, and creating radio messages in English and Spanish.

In total, the LLU team participated in 15 vaccine clinics and one student-run free clinic for homeless men, reaching an average of 1,087 individuals per clinic. At these clinics, their team communicated with the public about their medications and provided medication wallet cards to improve adherence. Over the course of the Team Challenge, the LLU team successfully counseled over 63,000 patients and inoculated over 60,000 individuals against COVID-19 in their community. The team also observed an impressive high rate of return for the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

LLUSP Students Take National Leadership Roles



Courtney Sullivan (Class of 2023) and Cristian Rodriguez (Class of 2024) were appointed to national roles within APhA-ASP (American Pharmacists Association– Academy of Student Pharmacists). Courtney was elected Chair of the National



Awards Standing Committee while Cristian was elected to the National Communications Standing Committee.

Clarissa Garcia (Class of 2024) was elected as a student representative to the American Society of Health-System



Pharmacists (ASHP) Council on Pharmacy Practice for the 2022-2023 academic year. Only a handful of students are selected from many applicants across the country to provide a student voice on the ASHP Councils.

JESSICA TRINH RECEIVES PRESIDENT’S AWARD AT HOODING CEREMONY

After earning a B.S. in Chemistry from Pacific University, Oregon, Jessica Trinh began working towards her PharmD at Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP). Since joining LLUSP, Jessica has demonstrated again and again an extraordinary commitment to her academics, classmates, and God.

As a daughter of immigrant parents, Jessica says, “My parents, through their journey as war refugees, used religion as a means for motivation through their hardships and as a result, instilled in me the beliefs of the Christian community.” Jessica has a shy demeanor but overcame it through involvement in community and organizations starting in undergrad which continued through pharmacy school. Jessica became a leader because she shows passion, initiative and determination to improve her community.

Throughout her time in pharmacy school, Jessica has maintained an exceptional GPA, consistently ranking near the top of her class. She was President of Rho Chi, a member of the international honor society for pharmaceutical sciences, Secretary of AMCP, and Webmaster of ASHP/CSHP. Jessica has a big heart for others. She has regularly assisted with School of Pharmacy outreach booths during Redlands Market Night and volunteered for TELACU events at nursing homes to



educate underserved elderly patients on various Medicare prescription drug plans. In all that Jessica does, she demonstrates God’s love to those around her. She is known by her classmates as a jubilant person and for her focus and diligent work while maintaining an enthusiasm for helping patients and moving the profession of pharmacy forward.

In recognition of her scholastic achievement and her commitment to the mission of this University, “To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ,” Dr. Jessica Trinh was presented the 2022 President’s Award by LLUH President Dr. Richard Hart at the Hooding Ceremony for the School of Pharmacy on May 27.



APHA-ASP OPERATION IMMUNIZATION AWARD

During the closing ceremony of the fall 2021 APHA Midyear Regional Meeting, LLUSP’s APHA-ASP chapter was awarded the Operation Immunization Regional Award! The honor was given in recognition of the extraordinary efforts by LLUSP’s APHA-ASP students to provide

COVID vaccinations to the Loma Linda community and surrounding areas. Leading the endeavor was Udochi Nwosu, PY3, who received the award on behalf of LLUSP. “We vaccinated over 140,000 people, which was a big feat!” Udee says. “I am proud to have had a part in it!”

MOM/STUDENT LIFE

By Kristin Rochford, Class of 2023

Being a pharmacy student and a parent simultaneously has been the most exhausting yet rewarding experience of my life.

Shortly after I received my acceptance letter from LLUSP, I went touring daycares with my then 3-month-old baby. I felt an overwhelming sense of guilt at the thought of leaving her somewhere all day and clutched my daughter and cried. I knew what my pharmacy school commitment would mean, and I knew how it would alter the structure of not just my own life but the lives of my family members.

I am now a P4 student, and I can tell you, it hardly feels real. Pharmacy school took all the usual things like hard work, time management, and everything else a

I do not regret a single thing, and I know someday my children will know how hard I worked for them as for myself and my passion for pharmacy.

typical student must master. But as a mother, it also took knowing that while at school I was a full-time student, and the second I walked in my house, I was a full-time mom and spouse. Before starting pharmacy school, I was a fourth grade teacher, and my schedule lent itself very easily to being a soccer mom after the bell rang. However, when I began pharmacy school, it quickly became very apparent that instead of doing it all, I had to be okay with the laundry sometimes not getting put away, not being able to pick my son up right after school and taking him to practice, not being able to indulge in cooking a big dinner every night for my family, and not being able to stay at home doing creative crafts all day with my kids, like many of my other mom friends did.

I had to deal with diaper blowouts during online Zoom exams, terrified to move out of the camera frame; yogurt and bananas being slung at me from a cackling toddler while giving an online presentation; and meltdowns during breakout room group assignments that made me want to melt into the floor. But I do not regret a single thing, and I know someday my children will know how hard I worked for them as well as for myself and my passion for pharmacy. So, to the mom (or dad), who is on the fence about applying to LLUSP because you’re trepidatious about getting through the program: Do it. To all the parents who feel like they might be embarrassed as the only mom or dad in the class: Do it. The chances are you will not be alone, and you may end up bonding with another parent in your class that will last the rest of your life. If it is on your heart to be a pharmacist, you will succeed far and above your own expectations. Do not view being a parent as a hindrance but rather as an advantage, because you are not only succeeding for yourself— you are succeeding for your children too.



DR. JAM, PHARMACY SUPERSTAR

By Jen Mathew, MA

Since her arrival at LLUSP in the summer of 2020, Dr. Jacinda Abdul-Mutakkabir has made an outstanding name for herself—not with the intent to do so but because she has made herself available to do the work set before her. She has earned more than 10 prestigious awards, is regularly featured on national podcasts and quoted in esteemed journals and websites, has authored several published articles, and has been elected to serve in respected positions in pharmacy and community organizations. In our interview, Dr. JAM, as she is lovingly called, talks about her successes in research and with mobile vaccination clinics, her motivations, and her hopes for the future.

Is your work at LLUSP your first job since completing your pharmacy education?
Well, yes. After I graduated with my PharmD, I went on to complete pharmacy residency at Howard University Hospital. I also earned a Master’s degree in Public Health, so there was some time between pharmacy school and working. But, yes, this is my first full-time job, you could say!

Wow! So, you just hit the ground running, and your career took off right away. How would you describe the last couple of years professionally?
I think I would use the words “growth” and “trust.” I also think to myself, “This has to be God.” This sort of thing doesn’t just happen. I don’t know how all of these amazing things keep happening; I’m just a vessel. I’ve tried to let God work through me.
I guess it’s also a testament to my rigorous work. I have a mentor who’s always told me, “If you didn’t write about it, it didn’t happen.” So, I’ve been trying to write about and share with the masses what we’re doing here at Loma Linda with our equitable delivery of immunizations. I want people to know they can do work like ours to make immunizations available to everyone.

What have been the highlights?
Community work is what gets me out of bed now—our vaccination clinics, in particular. When people say, “I don’t go anywhere else than Loma Linda for my vaccines,” that is so rewarding for me. I never would have thought I’d be doing immunizations like this, but it’s my life’s work now. When I first started my career in academia, I had a very narrow view of what I’d be doing—like just teaching infectious disease courses. But now I understand what an impact I can also have outside the classroom.
Another huge highlight is teaching, definitely. I love seeing the growth of students. And the Brick Awards ceremony—receiving an award from students was amazing. I need that validation to know my work is not in vain. Teaching has shown me that I can do *most* things because teaching isn’t easy.

What is your inspiration?
God is my motivator. I think about why He put me on this Earth, and I want to make Him proud. Equity, diversity, and inclusivity are very important to me. I am motivated when I look at this new generation of pharmacists and consider how to make the profession better for them. I love my students; they’ve become an important part of my life. I’m also motivated to make healthcare more equitable for people like me and my family. And I can’t forget, I’m inspired by my family, my husband... and Beyonce!

How has working at LLUSP helped you in your recent endeavors and achievements?
Working at Loma Linda has been helpful in terms of building my infectious diseases research program. The support I’ve received from Dr. Hayatshahi [chair of the pharmacy practice department] as I’ve worked on research and grants, etc., has been extremely valuable. Also, in terms of our community vaccination clinics, I’ve been able to utilize the connections LLU already had in place with various faith communities.

Teaching has shown me that I can do *most* things because teaching isn’t easy.

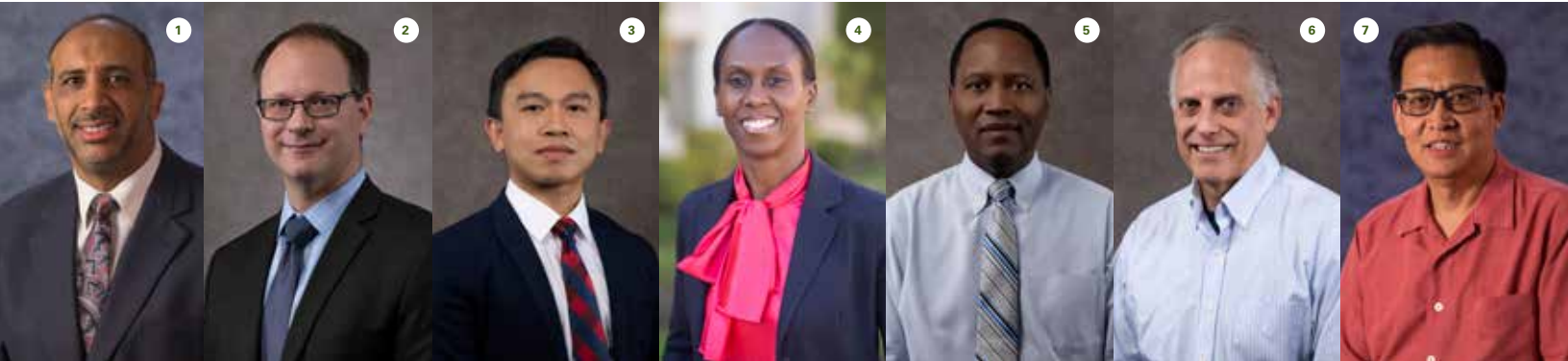
What’s next for you? What do you hope to achieve?
I’m just trusting God and following His lead. I’ll see what doors He opens and what direction He takes me. I can say I’ll continue working hard to fight the good fight, and I hope to solidify myself as an expert in antibiotic resistance and vaccine equity.

Dr. JAM’s Awards & Positions

- 2020**
- European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases 30 Under 30 Outstanding Young Scientists Award
- 2021**
- Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists Early Career Research Award
 - Lead Pharmacist and Clinician, Loma Linda University Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Task Force
 - Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists Gita Patel Award
 - Chair, American College of Clinical Pharmacy—Health Equity Practice Research Network
 - Wayne State University Warrior of Distinction Award
 - Pharmacy Podcast Network 50 Most Influential Pharmacists
 - Women’s Pharmacist Day—Woman Pharmacist of the Year Finalist
 - Selected Member, MAD-ID Scientific Committee
- 2022**
- Dorothy Ingram Trailblazer Award Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches (IECAAC)
 - American Pharmacists Association Immunization Champion (Honorable Mention)
 - Institute of Health Literacy Awards—Innovative Program (Program Representative)
 - Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy Community Service Award



2021-2022 FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

1. Khaled Bahjri, MD, DrPH, MPH was a recipient of the “Teacher of the Year” award for LLUSP’s Class of 2025. Since July 2021, he has also published five articles in peer-reviewed journals. In November, Dr. Bahjri became a certified Agile leader by the Six Sigma Global Institute.

2. Kristopher Boyle, PhD, was named the new Assistant Dean for Curricular Innovation in October 2021. In the Fall of 2025, the School of Pharmacy will initiate a new and innovative competency-based curriculum for the doctor of pharmacy program. Dr. Boyle is charged to lead the process of curricular innovation for the School and develop the new curriculum in collaboration with faculty.

3. Ike C. de la Peña, PhD was named “Teacher of the Year” by LLUSP’s Class of 2024. He won Best Presenter at the ACCP Conference held in Japan, and his research was selected for oral presentation at the 2022 International Congress of Neuropsychopharmacology. Dr. de la Peña reviewed abstracts for the 2022 AACP and APhA meetings and served as a member of the AACP Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee. Since July 2021, he has published research articles in *Translational Psychiatry* and *Pharmacology Research and Perspectives*.

4. Olivia Francis-Boyle, PhD co-authored the manuscript “Ex vivo isolation, expansion and bioengineering of CCR7+CD95-/or CD62L+CD45RA+ tumor infiltrating lymphocytes from acute myeloid leukemia patients’ bone marrow” in *Neoplasia*, gave an oral presentation on “Evaluation

of Potential Therapeutic Candidates for the Treatment of AML” at the Cancer Research In Progress (RIP) seminar, and received LLUSP’s Junior Faculty Award for the year 2022.

5. Paul Gavaza, PhD published two manuscripts in the *Journal of American Pharmacists Association* and one in the *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning* journal. He also presented a CE session at the CSHP seminar in November 2021. Dr. Gavaza also served as co-investigator on a \$20,000 research grant awarded by the Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists (SIDP).

6. Randy McDonough, PharmD, MS, BCGP, BCPS, FAPhA authored “Use of medication regimen complexity to target services in the community” in *JAPhA*. His work with Flip the Pharmacy was cited by AACP’s “The Future of Community Pharmacy: Direct Patient Care.” He presented two CE programs for *Pharmacy Times*—“Role of community pharmacists in heart failure” and “MTM services in community pharmacy,” and his article, “From Pandemic to Endemic: Challenges and Opportunities for Pharmacists,” is in press in *Pharmacy Times*.

7. Wei-Xing Shi, PhD co-authored two articles published in *Frontiers in Pharmacology* and *Pharmacology Research & Perspectives*, respectively. His article published in *Frontiers in Pharmacology* showed, for the first time, that the psychostimulant amphetamine promotes cortical UP state, in part, via dopamine receptors.

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE

8. Jacinda Abdul-Mutakabbir, PharmD, MPH received numerous accolades for her work mitigating antibiotic resistance and promoting vaccine equity, including the SIDP Early Career Research Award, the SIDP Gita Patel Award, and the APhA Immunization Champion– Honorable Mention Award. She was also named one of the top 50 Most Influential Pharmacists and has had over ten manuscripts published since July, 2021.

9. Alireza FakhriRavari, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP,AAHIVP received the Teacher of the Year Award for the Class of 2022 and served on the ID-PRN Award Committee, the AACP Experiential Education Section Awards Committee, and SIDP’s Social Media Committee. He presented a poster at ECCMID and two CEs titled “Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of COVID-19 Vaccines” and “Using Enhanced Layered Learning Practice Model for Early Preceptor Development.” He also published numerous manuscripts in various journals.

10. Lisa Hong, PharmD, BCPS received the 2022 LLUSP Faculty of the Year award. She authored two publications in *Gastrointestinal disorders* and *Frontiers in Medicine* and six posters with students/residents at AACP, CSHP, and ACCP meetings. She also delivered a presentation at the CSHP Pacific Coast Preceptor conference.

11. Tomona Iso, PharmD published two original research articles in peer-reviewed journals including the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine* and *JAMA Network Open*. She has also served as a peer reviewer for *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics*.

12. Soo Min Jang, PharmD received a secondary appointment at LLU School of Medicine’s Internal Medicine Department Nephrology Division. Since July 2021, she has published research articles in peer-reviewed journals such as *Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics*, *Antibiotics*, *Seminars in Dialysis*, and *Therapeutic Apheresis and Dialysis*.

13. Nancy Kawahara, PharmD, MSED, along with **Drs. Paul Gavaza and Famoosh Zough,** presented research completed by the 2017 CAPSLead Team entitled “California Pharmacy Students’ Perceptions About Academic Dishonesty” to the American Society of Pharmacy Law Educators Roundtable on May 11, 2022.

14. Justin Kinney, PharmD, MA, BCCCP received the 2022 Teacher of the Year award for the class of 2023. He also published several articles on critical care pharmacy and another titled, “Revisiting the Socratic Method of Teaching to Improve Third-Year Pharmacy Students’ Critical Thinking and APPE Readiness in a Critical Care

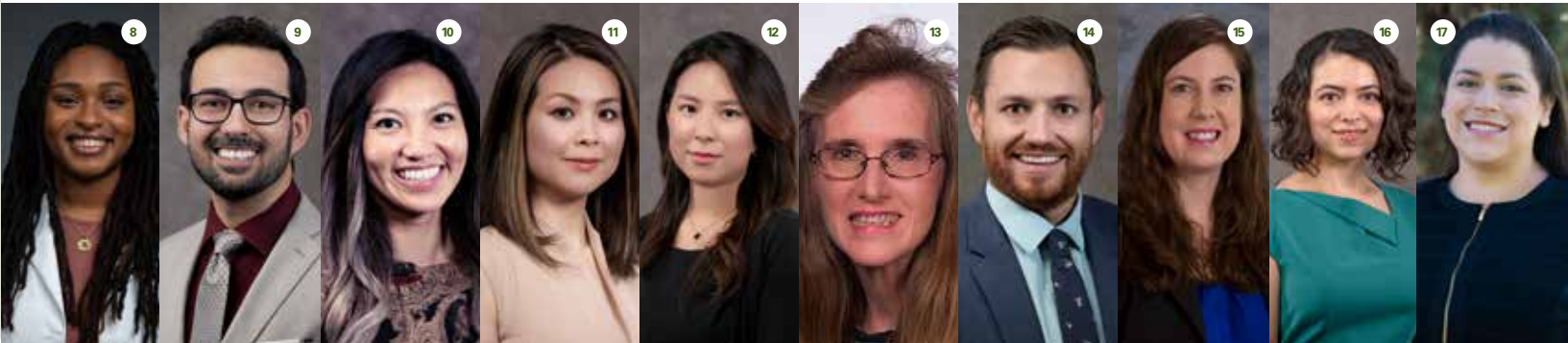
Elective” describing the unique style employed in his elective course.

15. Caroline Sierra, PharmD, BCPPS published research articles in *Pediatric Pulmonology*, the *American Journal of Pharmacy Education*, and the *Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice*. She also served as Chair of the Research Committee of the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group and is president of the Inland Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

16. Famoosh Zough, PharmD, BCPS was invited to two panel discussions at LLUH. Dr. Zough served as one of three panelists celebrating Women’s History Month in March to discuss “#GOALS: Navigating Career, Relationships & Care” and also served as a panelist to discuss “Arab or Middle Eastern? A Conversation about the Conflation of Identity, Religion, and Culture” during National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM) in April.

STAFF

17. Jessica Mosher, MBA, Senior Admissions Records Analyst at LLUSP and DrPH Health Policy & Leadership student, received three scholarship awards from LLU School of Public Health. At LLU, USC, and the University of Redlands, she presented her doctoral research project focusing on the lack of utilization of Wastewater Based Epidemiology (WBE) to detect the prevalence of SARS-COV-2 in at-risk populations.



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY DEAN AND FACULTY MEMBER RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR IMMUNIZATION EFFORTS

By DonaJayne Potts, MA

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy dean and faculty member are recipients of the American Pharmacists Association Immunization Champion Awards for their extraordinary contributions toward improved COVID-19 and other vaccination rates within the local community.

Michael Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP, LLUSP dean, received APhA's Immunization Champion—Lifetime Achievement Award. Jacinda Abdul-Mutakabbir, PharmD, MPH, assistant professor, received an Immunization Champion Individual Practitioner Award—Honorable Mention.

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) presented Immunization Champion awards to twelve recipients (including individuals and organizations) during a ceremony held on March 20 at this year's APhA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

"When we look back over our life's work, we often don't realize until significant time has passed the impact we've made," Hogue said. "It's a very humbling and tremendous honor to have been recognized for the area of practice to which I've dedicated my career."

Loma Linda University Health has led COVID-19 vaccine efforts in San Bernardino County, and LLU School of Pharmacy faculty organized student-based mobile vaccine clinics in vulnerable communities throughout Southern California.

"The pandemic has illuminated that Loma Linda University is blessed with a dedicated team of pharmacists making a tremendous impact on community vaccination needs," he said.

Hogue played an integral role in establishing community clinics in line with CDC and California state guidelines. He was appointed to the COVID-19 vaccine workgroup that made recommendations to the Centers for Disease Control and Infection (CDC) at the start of the pandemic. Hogue became APhA's liaison representative to the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

last November. The group is composed of medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the United States. Under Hogue's leadership, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy has twice been nationally recognized for the school's community outreach during the pandemic in 2021.

Abdul-Mutakabbir has been at the forefront of vaccine research initiatives that ensure equitable distribution of vaccines among a diverse population. Under her leadership and in collaboration with faith and community organizations, over 1,500 vaccine doses have been distributed within racially and ethnically minoritized communities of the Inland Empire. She is the first author of the paper "A three-tiered approach to address barriers to COVID-19 vaccine delivery in the Black community" published in *The Lancet Global Health*, and she frequently speaks to minority communities to help dispel misinformation about vaccines.

"The APhA Immunization Champion Awards program helps us tell the story regarding pharmacists' and the pharmacy teams' contributions to and impact on the health of communities and as valued members of the immunization neighborhood," said Mitchel Rothholz, RPh, MBA, APhA, Chief Governance & State Affiliates and Executive Director of APhA Foundation.

The APhA established these awards in 2008 and made the first presentations in 2009 to recognize the value of pharmacists who improve the vaccination rates in their communities. Nominees were evaluated based on the areas of impact, collaboration, originality, and overcoming challenges and creating opportunities for pharmacists. Supporters of the recognition program include Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), GSK, Moderna, Pfizer, and VaxServe.

"We applaud the pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians at Loma Linda University trained to administer vaccines and who are making a difference in their communities, especially during these challenging days of COVID-19," Rothholz said.





DR. PAUL GAVAZA SELECTED AS NEW DPAS CHAIR

LUSP's Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences (DPAS) has selected a new chair following the decision by Dr. Victoria Maskiewicz to step down after nearly four years of leadership. After weeks of interviews and presentations during the interview process, Paul Gavaza, PhD was elected the new chair of the department. For several years, Dr. Gavaza has served as an Associate Professor in the department with expertise in economic evaluation, research design, survey development, statistical analysis, and scientific writing. Additionally, he will soon complete an academic leadership fellowship with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, which will serve him well in his new role as department chair.

ASSOCIATE DEAN, MS. LINDA WILLIAMS, ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 17 years at Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy, Linda Williams, MS, BSRN, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, announced that she is ready to retire in order to enjoy more time with her grandchildren and more travels with her husband, Dr. Rick Williams, who retired from serving as Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs for Loma Linda University in 2019. Although her official retirement date is July 5, 2022, she has agreed to serve the school on a part-time basis for a short time thereafter in order to help whoever assumes her role in Student Affairs and Admissions.

Ms. Williams has felt that one of the most fulfilling parts of her work has been the opportunity to work closely with students, helping them to reach their goals and fulfill their dreams. "I am humbled by the fact that God has placed me in a position to provide support and encouragement to students as they prepare to serve others through the

profession of pharmacy with a foundation of whole person care. I have truly been blessed," she reflects.

"All of us have experienced the deep love, care, concern and passion that Linda has for the School of Pharmacy and for Loma Linda University," says LLUSP dean Michael Hogue.

"When Linda came to the School of Pharmacy, she essentially had to create our admissions policies and procedures and our student handbook from scratch. She's been the face of our School in recruiting new students into the program; and particularly among our sister Adventist institutions, when people think of LLUSP, they think of Linda."



NEW FACULTY

In July 2021, Tomona Iso, PharmD, joined LLUSP as an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Originally from Japan, Dr. Iso earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Tohoku Pharmaceutical University in Chiba, in 2006. She then moved to the US and received her PharmD degree from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 2018. In June 2021, Dr. Iso completed fellowship training in outcome research from Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX before moving to Loma Linda. Over the past year, Dr. Iso has taught LLUSP's drug information and literature evaluation courses and has practiced clinical pharmacy in LLUMC's adult medicine.



CATCHING UP WITH NAIRA BARSEGYAN

By Jen Mathew, MA

In the time since she graduated from the School of Pharmacy at Loma Linda University in 2016, Naira Barsegyan, PharmD, MA has had a very successful career, partly because she's exceptional, partly because of the training she received from LLUSP, and partly because of COVID-19!

Dr. Barsegyan, who was recently the focus of a member highlight for CSHP (California Society of Health-System Pharmacists), served as president of the local chapter of CSHP while she was a student at LLUSP.

Dr. Barsegyan chose LLUSP after coming to campus to interview. "The first time I came to the school, it was so pretty, and it had this warm and inviting feeling about it. My visit was so positive, I chose it over the other school I was considering."

Loma Linda University's emphasis on treating a patient as a whole person— considering spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical aspects of life— resonated deeply with Dr. Barsegyan and her Christian beliefs. A small class size, extraordinary camaraderie, involvement in several organizations at the school, exceptional professors, and supportive staff members are other parts of LLUSP that Dr. Barsegyan attributes to her pharmacy school success. She

is also grateful to have had the opportunities to travel to Romania on a mission trip and earn a dual degree in Bioethics/Medical Ethics at the same time as her PharmD.

During her time as a student, Dr. Barsegyan completed rotations at Adventist Health - Glendale, which led her to apply and secure a position there as a PGY1 acute care resident after graduation. Following that year, Dr. Barsegyan completed a PGY2 residency in health-system pharmacy administration and leadership at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Throughout her PGY2 residency, she supported her program director with SB1254, the California legislation which requires that medical histories of high-risk patients be completed by either a pharmacist, pharmacy technician or a trained and competent pharmacy intern. The legislation was based on research at Cedars-Sinai showing that if a pharmacy professional or trainee reviewed a patient's medical record, it resulted in fewer errors.

"I am so glad I had the opportunity to help with the project and get it passed through legislation. And it's amazing because now I oversee the medication reconciliation program, and that proposition impacts the work I do!"



Dr. Barsegyan continued at Cedars-Sinai for approximately 18 months after residency as a Program Coordinator. Then, in April 2020, she and her husband relocated to San Diego, and Dr. Barsegyan began working at Sharp Healthcare, where she is now the Pharmacy Operations Supervisor.

"I started in this position right when COVID hit. That was fun!" she laughs. "Everything was new—new hospital, new staff, new drugs, new infection prevention guidelines, and later, new vaccines and vaccination superstations! It was a lot of different things none of us were used to and hadn't dealt with before. But you know, I learned that if I can do *that*, I can do anything!"

In her current role, Dr. Barsegyan is responsible for ensuring and enhancing the safety, efficiency and flow of medication supplies at the hospital. She is primarily in charge of operations, with a focus in regulatory compliance. She also oversees the medication reconciliation and intern programs.

Her role has also required her to organize, coordinate and oversee some of Sharp Healthcare's COVID-19 vaccination clinics, in their various forms and locations over the last couple of years.

Dr. Barsegyan and her team started vaccinating staff in the hospital's auditorium. Then they moved to a community center for the public, where they provided 600-900 doses a day. After that, the clinic was moved to the Grossmont Center, an outdoor shopping mall in La Mesa, where they vaccinated up to 3,000 people a day. As the demand for vaccines began to decrease last summer, they closed the vaccination superstations, scaling down to pop-up vaccination clinics and transitioning vaccinations back to the hospital, both in the Emergency Department and the inpatient departments.



Although demanding and exhausting work, it is work of which she is extremely proud. "I had never done any of this before, but we did it because there was a need, and we did a really amazing job. People said 'thank you,' and that one-on-one interaction reminded me of why I went into the profession in the first place. I will never forget the experience."

More recently, Dr. Barsegyan has been dealing with staff call-outs related to COVID-19 and filling open positions, changing Sharp's pharmacy staffing model to ensure optimal care for patients, and making sure pharmacist-to-patient ratios are appropriate. But Dr. Barsegyan still finds time to keep in touch with LLUSP friends. "It's so helpful to be able to network with them and ask questions related to things at work," she says. And remembering how relationships at LLUSP and throughout residency have helped her, Dr. Barsegyan adds, "Mentoring and networking with students, our future pharmacists, is also very important to me."

Alumni Take Ownership of LLUSP Pharmacy at SAC

Dr. Gerard Rivera (Class of 2011) and Dr. Stephen Hom (Class of 2013), alumni of Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy, along with a few other investors, recently purchased the community pharmacy at SAC Health System in San Bernardino. The School of Pharmacy owned the pharmacy from 2016, when it first opened, through the first quarter of 2022, while the School negotiated the transfer of ownership to Drs. Rivera and Hom. In April, the pharmacy began officially operating under the new ownership and the name "Alumni Pharmacy of Loma Linda."

One of the new owners' first moves was to hire Dr. Amber Dawn Flores, LLUSP alum from the class of 2021, as the Pharmacist in Charge.

Says Dr. Rivera, "Taking on this venture has always been a passion project for all of the ownership. We hope that once we stabilize the business and ensure profitability, it is our ultimate goal to establish an endowment with LLUSP. We represent proud alumni of LLUSP, and this provides us a platform for giving back to our alma mater!"

The owners of Alumni Pharmacy of Loma Linda would like to hire more alumni to staff the pharmacy



Dr. Amber Dawn Flores

and are also coordinating with LLUSP's experiential education office to add the pharmacy to the list of APPE and IPPE rotation sites.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR: MICHAEL CAMPBELL AND CLAUDIA ATTALLAH

This year's award went to an LLUSP alumni couple from the class of 2007!

Michael S. Campbell, PharmD, MBA was born and raised in Clarksburg, West Virginia, but moved to California in 2003 to attend Loma Linda University's pharmacy school. Prior to moving to Loma Linda, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Charleston (WV). He graduated with his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2007. He later received his Master's in Business Administration from Loma Linda University School of Public Health in 2015. Dr. Campbell served for eight years at Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital, first as an emergency room clinical pharmacist, then a pharmacy supervisor, and finally Director of Pharmacy for the Children's Hospital. Since 2016, he has served as the Director of Pharmacy at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center in Pomona, CA. Dr. Campbell's passions are reading, learning, leadership and helping people grow.



Claudia B. Attallah, PharmD, is from Los Angeles, California. In 2002, Dr. Attallah graduated from Loyola Marmount University with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. Thereafter, she attended Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy where she earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2007. Dr. Attallah served at Loma Linda University Medical Center as a clinical pharmacist for nine years. Then, in 2017, she left the medical center to pursue a new career path and is now the President/CEO of her own consulting company, Attcam Consulting. As a hobby, Dr. Attallah enjoys arts and crafts.

Dr. Campbell and Dr. Attallah currently reside in Alhambra, CA with their two beautiful daughters, Lucia and Liviana. Together, they travel, visit Disneyland, and take much pleasure in spending time as family.

ALUMNI NOTES

Tony Eid, PharmD, REHS, BCACP, APH, CHC, AACC is an Associate Professor in Clinical and Administrative Sciences and the Director of Experiential Education for APPEs at California Northstate University College of Pharmacy. Additionally, he serves as an Advanced Practice Cardiovascular Pharmacist at Beale Air Force Base 9th Medical Group. Dr. Eid holds an advanced practice license with the State of CA, board certifications in ambulatory care, and credentials as a hypertension clinician. He is also an associate with the American College of Cardiology.

Pisey Long, PharmD, BCPS was recently named Director of Pharmacy Services at Desert Regional Medical Center. Dr. Long began her career at DRMC in 2008 as a PGY1 resident and subsequently served as clinical pharmacist and then clinical coordinator/manager of operations there until she was promoted to pharmacy services director in December, 2021.

After completing residency with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Puerto Rico in 2020, **Melany Perez-Martinez, PharmD, BCPS** was promoted to Clinical Pharmacist Specialist for the Home-Based Primary Care Program with the same department.

In October 2021, **Suha Kilani, PharmD, BCSCP, MBAHM** began working as Corporate Director of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Solutions for Comprehensive Pharmacy Services.

As an aspiring bioethicist, **Dr. Amy Reese, PharmD, MA** is working to establish expertise in Ethics as a pharmacist. In between work for Hemet Global Medical Center and Walmart, Dr. Reese is focused on creating a space for pharmacists in the world of bioethics. In the past several months, Dr. Reese has lectured on bioethics topics at LLU School of Religion and Chapman School of Pharmacy and presented a poster at the 14th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and

Health Law in Porto, Portugal. “The world of bioethics needs the voice of pharmacists,” asserts Dr. Reese. “We deal with many ethical issues on a daily basis, but we do not have an established voice within the field. It is important for pharmacists to understand that everything we do involves caring for people; thus it is imperative that we think and act ethically with those people in mind.”

Rena Sackett, PharmD, BCPS was promoted to Director of Member Relations at ASHP and recently moved to Washington, DC in July, 2021. She now serves as the liaison to the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners at ASHP.

Emily Hollinghurst, PharmD, BCOP, CSP, APH became a certified specialty pharmacist and lectured at CSHP Seminar for the first time this year. Additionally, she will serve as the first Program Coordinator for LLUH’s new PGY1 Community Pharmacy—Specialty Pharmacy residency program.

LLUSP’S RESIDENCY MATCH RATE IS OUTSTANDING!

This year, an impressive 73% of LLUSP graduates and alumni who participated in “the match” were selected for residency programs around the country.

Almas Al Issa, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Desert Oasis Healthcare; Palm Springs, CA

Jennifer Hernandez, Class of 2021: PGY-1, VA Central Iowa Health Care System; Des Moines, IA

Anna Peyton-Navarrete, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Loma Linda University Health; Loma Linda, CA

Andrea Aguayo, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Mayo Clinic Hospital; Phoenix, AZ

Shawn Idnani, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Loma Linda University Health; Loma Linda, CA

Eunice Nyasani, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Florida A&M University/Community Health Northwest Clinic, Tallahassee, Florida

Martin Bailey, Class of 2022: PGY-1 Community Pharmacy—Specialty Pharmacy; Loma Linda, CA

Yasmine Khader, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Desert Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy; Palm Springs, CA

Helen Sedrak, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Palomar Health; Escondido, CA

Chibuikem Erundu, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Palomar Health; Escondido, CA

Ha Eun Kim, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Employers Health; Dublin, OH

Kailee Severt, Class of 2022: PGY-1, UCHealth Memorial Hospital; Colorado Springs, CO

Mariam Farah, Class of 2020: PGY-2, Yale New Haven Hospital; New Haven, CT

Tania Lafuente, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Eisenhower Medical Center; Rancho Mirage, CA

Cleopatra Siagian, Class of 2022: PGY-1, County of Santa Clara Health System; San Jose, CA

Nicole Gheorghe, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Desert Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy; Palm Springs, CA

Angela Ye Jin Lee, Class of 2022: PGY-1, Banner Baywood Medical Center; Mesa, AZ


Yen Tran, Class of 2021: PGY-1, Banner Baywood Medical Center; Mesa, AZ

Jessica Trinh, Class of 2022: PGY-1, VMFH- St. Joseph Medical Center; Tacoma, WA

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2. Check your spam folder for emails from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy and/or jmathew@llu.edu (via Constant Contact).

It’s good to stay connected!

ALUMNI BABIES



Alyssa Vianna Dinh
Born: June 26, 2021
Weight & Length: 6lb 12oz, 19.5 in
Parents: Annie Nguyen Dinh (Class of 2018) and Andrew Dinh

We are so blessed and thankful for our little girl during these crazy pandemic times. While sleep deprivation for the foreseeable future is tough, we wouldn’t have it any other way! We wish all the new and expectant LLUSP parents all the best!



Colette Vaughan Cachó
Born: January 12, 2022
Weight & Length: 6 lbs 9 oz, 19 in
Parents: Kristin (Vaughan, Class of 2009) and Vince Cachó

We’re so thrilled to welcome girl #3 to the family. Now we are outnumbered!



Madison George LeGrand
Born: November 20th, 2021
Birth weight and length: 7lbs 14oz, 20.5 in
Parents: Gary and Stefanie (Class of 2019) LeGrand

We are over the moon with the arrival of our little bundle of joy. Miss Madison is our little love bug who brings us laughter, joy, and some sleepless nights.

LLUSP’s New Elective Course May Lead to Residency Match Success

For the past two years, LLUSP has offered *RXTH 784: Pharmacy Residency Preparation*, a two-unit elective course that provides tactical advice for students interested in applying for a pharmacy residency position. The course, typically offered in the spring of each year to third-year students, was developed and is taught by Dr. Lisa Hong and Dr. Caroline Sierra, associate professors of pharmacy practice. Over the past two years, the elective has become increasingly popular with over 35 pharmacy students having taken the course.

The elective covers how to select programs of interest, essential components of the application process, how to navigate residency showcases, and how to prepare for interviews. Student pharmacists learn about what programs are looking for in a strong applicant and receive targeted feedback on how to improve their applications. Through a combination of lectures, group discussions, and individual assignments/exercises, the elective provides students with a head start on their path to residency and prepares them for each step of the process to secure a residency.



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