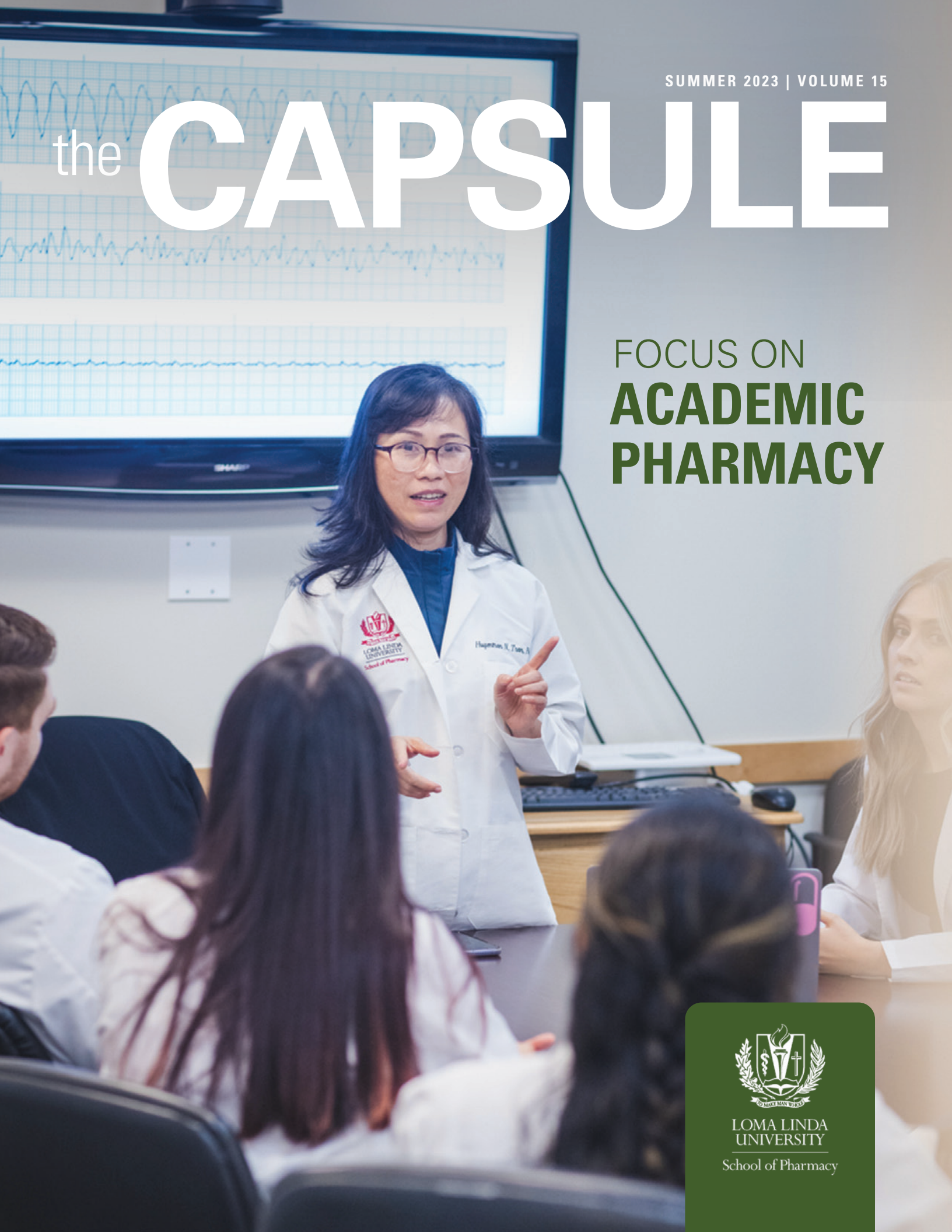


SUMMER 2023 | VOLUME 15

the CAPSULE

FOCUS ON
**ACADEMIC
PHARMACY**



LOMA LINDA
UNIVERSITY
School of Pharmacy

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

At the time most of you are reading this year's Dean's Letter, some transitions will

have occurred at LLUSP. Our School of Pharmacy is poised for great success in the coming years, and even though I will have moved on to the American Pharmacists Association, I will look with great anticipation as the team here at Loma Linda accomplishes great things!

Research and extramural grant funding of faculty has been one of the most remarkable areas of growth for the school. In the past year, Drs. Jacobson and Migliozi have been highly engaged in our clinical trials center providing collaborative research support for several industry-funded trials. Dr. Willie Davis has led a team to execute the first year of our HRSA Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy grant, including bringing on board a new staff lead to enhance our offerings to Hispanic students. Dr. Ike de la Pena has hosted a visiting scholar from our sister institution in the Philippines, Sahmyook University, and has worked with Manila Adventist College (MAC) in his home country of the Philippines to set up a new research lab funded by MAC and the Philippines government. And even more is on the horizon as the University continues to move forward the comprehensive cancer center, with plans to break ground



on a new state-of-the-art research facility and theranostics patient care space very near Shryock Hall.

The school is also making bold moves to re-write the PharmD curriculum, moving towards a competency-based model which will validate through innovative teaching and assessing our students' achievement of competency in clinical patient care prior to graduation. This change, to be implemented in fall of 2025, will be coupled with an effort to reduce the time to degree completion from 4 years down to 3.5 years to meet market demand and expectations.

Change is never comfortable, but it is a necessary part of the life of a University. The faculty and staff at Loma Linda University are among the very best in the world, and I have no doubt that under the leadership of Acting Dean Kyle Sousa even greater things are yet to be done here!

My blessings and good wishes are with each member of the Loma Linda family today and every day!

Carpe Diem!

Dean Michael Hogue
PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP

the CAPSULE

SUMMER 2023 | VOL. 15

EDITOR
Jen Mathew

ART DIRECTION & DESIGN
Ellen Musselman

PHOTOGRAPHY
Natan Vigna

CONTRIBUTORS
Lynn Lopez
Jen Mathew
DJ Potts

CONTACT US

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

SHRYOCK HALL
24745 Stewart Street
Loma Linda, CA 92350

PHONE
909-558-1300

pharmacy.llu.edu



FOR QUESTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

pharmacyalumni@llu.edu

PUBLISHED BY
Loma Linda University
School of Pharmacy

SUMMER 2023



TABLE OF CONTENTS

OUR FEATURES

06 For the Love of Academic Pharmacy

14 Mission-Minded

16 Diabetes Treatment Center

24 Alumni in Academia

OUR SECTIONS

4-11 SCHOOL NEWS

12-15 STUDENT EXPERIENCES

16-23 FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

24-32 ALUMNI UPDATES



From School Dean to Organization CEO: Dr. Michael Hogue's Next Move

By Jen Mathew, MA

In the last week of April, LLUSP's dean Michael Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP, FFIP called faculty and staff to an impromptu meeting in which he announced that he had been selected as CEO of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and would leave the School of Pharmacy at the end of June.

No one at the school expected the announcement that day, but at the same time, no one was surprised to hear that Dr. Hogue would be leading the nation's largest association of pharmacists. When Dr. Hogue arrived at Loma Linda University in 2019, he was serving as president-elect of APhA, and a year later he was inducted as the organization's president. Following his term as president, Dr. Hogue continued to serve as the immediate past-president. Dr. Hogue has remained very involved with APhA and is most assuredly seen as a respected and admired leader within the organization.

Still, although administrators, faculty and staff at LLUSP may have seen Dr. Hogue's move to APhA coming, that does not mean they looked forward to it. During his four-and-a-half years as dean, Dr. Hogue brought vision as well as visibility to the School of Pharmacy and the entire University in a variety of ways, including:

- ♦ serving as chair for the California dean's council for the 14 schools of pharmacy
- ♦ leading the school through the COVID-19 pandemic
- ♦ being appointed to the CDC's advisory committee on immunization practices
- ♦ heading one of the top private COVID-19 vaccination clinics in the state of California
- ♦ increasing extramural research funds for the school, resulting in a top ten ranking in the Western U.S. from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy for research funding
- ♦ working with the LLUH Faculty Medical Offices to develop a practice plan so that pharmacy faculty can bill for services at the same rate of reimbursement as physicians
- ♦ helping the school earn a maximum eight-year accreditation term (until 2029) and "compliance" on all 25 accreditation standards.

Of Dr. Hogue, LLUH president Dr. Richard Hart wrote: "Michael's dedication to the pharmacy field and commitment to improving the health and well-being of patients inspires us all. His leadership in 2021 was vital during our COVID-19 vaccination efforts on campus and throughout San Bernardino County. We are confident Michael will continue his significant contributions to the pharmacy profession in his new position."

While the school searches for a new dean, Dr. Kyle Sousa, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at LLUSP, will serve as Interim Dean. Administrators, faculty and staff are grateful to Dr. Hogue for his leadership at LLUSP and look forward to the positive changes he will make on behalf of pharmacists nationwide in his new role with APhA.

FOR THE LOVE OF ACADEMIC PHARMACY

In this issue of The Capsule, we're focusing some attention on the field of academic pharmacy—what many pharmacists love about it and why others should consider it as a career. To hear from a few of our LLUSP alumni in academic pharmacy, turn to page 25. Here, our faculty describe what they enjoy specifically about working in pharmacy education at Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy.



DR. LISA HONG:

LLU's interprofessional campus and dedication to service initially drew me to apply to LLUSP. I feel fortunate to work here, as the campus provides numerous opportunities for collaboration among various healthcare professions. Contributing to the growth of our pharmacy students and those in other programs, including medicine, nursing, physician assistant, dentistry, and other allied health professions, is incredibly fulfilling. As an educator, I am passionate about training learners in an environment that fosters strong interprofessional collaboration, and I enjoy facilitating this collaboration during rounds, in the classroom, as well as through local and global outreach initiatives.

DR. KHALED BAHJRI:

I have been part of the LLU environment since 1999, first as a student and then as faculty. Between 2016 and 2018, I took a break from LLU and worked for a medical devices company but then came back and joined the School of Pharmacy. I can attest that working at LLU is truly a privilege. It is great to be with faculty, staff and students from many different backgrounds working in unity to display the power of God and to honor God's name. The lifestyle and values of this Christian institution are as close as it can get to my Islamic background. I love it!!!



"I feel fortunate to be on faculty at LLUSP where I get to do two things that I love: teach and provide direct patient care."

DR. JESSA KOCH:

I feel fortunate to be on faculty at LLUSP where I get to do two things that I love: teach and provide direct patient care (many times simultaneously). My career in academia at LLU affords me the opportunity to teach my students about central nervous system conditions in the classroom while bringing in my clinical experiences. The questions and curiosities from our students make me a better teacher and clinician as I find myself constantly looking for answers and learning. The LLU environment allows for the perfect balance of teaching, scholarship, and service, all while working within a tight-knit community. The ability to



innovate through the development of new clinical services and teaching strategies excites me, and there is never a dull day!

DR. OLAYEMI ADEOYE

Working in academia wasn't always at the top of my list; clinical medical practice was. However, after my PhD and Fellowship in Vascular Physiology and Pharmacology, I was asked if I might like to teach basic science subjects at LLUSP. It seemed like a perfect opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious citadel of learning, and almost seven years later, it still is. Academia allows me to work with student healthcare professionals, providing guidance and mentorship, and

thereby contributing a tiny part to their success. And, as the saying goes, "iron sharpens iron;" being able to interact professionally with colleagues and students keeps me grounded in the knowledge of my chosen field. Working at LLUSP also aligns well with my core beliefs, as wholeness and Bible-based virtues are valued and upheld. These are values that are equally treasured by all employees here, regardless of their faith tradition. Lastly, working at LLUSP means I get to enjoy the ambiance and the finest of SoCal weather. We have a gorgeous campus that very few institutions can boast of. For me, it is a dream come true to belong to the LLUH family.



LLUSP Named Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy, Receives Multi-Million Dollar Grant

By DonaJayne Potts, MBA

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP) became the nation's first Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy after receiving a federal grant of \$3.4 million in June 2022. As a Center of Excellence, LLUSP provides educational and training opportunities for the LatinX community, increases Hispanic representation among pharmacists, and addresses minority health issues throughout the Inland Empire.

The grant was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration—an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—which funds initiatives for those who are medically vulnerable.

"We are very pleased to be awarded this grant in support of our commitment to diversity in the profession of pharmacy," said Michael Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP, dean of Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy.

Hogue said LLU will be the first school or college of pharmacy in the nation to house an HRSA Hispanic

Center of Excellence (HCEP). The center will be achieved through a unique collaboration with the LLU School of Behavioral Health.

LatinX pharmacists are uniquely positioned to serve their communities. "A shared cultural understanding allows pharmacists to break communication barriers and provide medical interventions relevant to the patient," he said.

"The Center will strengthen San Bernardino County and the surrounding area's capacity to produce a pharmacy workforce with racial and ethnic diversity, improving the quality and delivery of healthcare through collaborations and strategic partnerships," Hogue explained. HCEP partners include Inland Empire Health Plan, SAC Health, El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center, and San Bernardino City Unified School District.

The Center's program director, Willie Davis, PhD, associate dean of student services at LLU School of Pharmacy, said the HCEP will provide targeted financial support and innovative educational programs to recruit, train, and retain Hispanic students and faculty at LLUSP.

"Our goal is to improve health outcomes for underserved members of our community," Davis said. "HCEP's programs will train Hispanic and other underrepresented minority pharmacy students in behavioral health issues, social determinants of health, and cultural competency. These students will, with LLUSP faculty, provide pharmacy services in community-based settings remote from our main campus in Loma Linda."

"Our program goals will be achieved when we increase the number of Hispanic doctor of pharmacy clinicians and educators," Davis said.



A Grateful Giver: Talin Setaghatian

Even as a young girl in elementary school, Dr. Setaghatian knew that all she wanted to be was a pharmacist. Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy helped make her dreams come true.

After graduating from LLUSP in 2012, Dr. Setaghatian worked for CVS, where she had been employed as a clerk, then an intern, and then a grad intern since 2005. Eventually, in 2014, she left the company for an opportunity to own and operate her own pharmacy. Dr. Setaghatian is co-owner and Pharmacist-in-Charge for Glenoaks Pharmacy in Burbank. In 2020, she purchased another pharmacy in Glendale with her sister-in-law, who is also a pharmacist.

In the midst of all this, Dr. Setaghatian got married and had two children who are now seven and four years old. "With God's help, and thanks to LLUSP, my dreams have become reality," she says.

Born and raised in a Christian family, Dr. Setaghatian always attended church, so weekly chapel services during pharmacy school were like a breath of fresh air to her. "I loved going to chapel. I never had my notes out! The services meant a lot to me."

It was also Dr. Setaghatian's first time living away from home, when she went to pharmacy school, but she believes she had the *best* roommate, Kleoniki Guzelyan. "We ate all our meals together; we were always together! God's plan for me at LLUSP was so good!"

Dr. Setaghatian felt all along that LLUSP was the perfect pharmacy school for her. She specifically remembers a message from one of the chapel sermons: God is telling you I love you. God is telling you, don't worry about it; I've already forgiven you. And God has big dreams for you. "The words meant so much to me, I was crying. And now look at how He has blessed me! I can never say enough about how much I gained from LLUSP!"

Talking publicly about her financial gifts to LLUSP feels awkward to Dr. Setaghatian, but she says she just wants to thank the school for everything it has done for her.

"I don't choose a specific place for my money to go, but any time I get a mailer or some other fundraising reminder, I send something in. It's not a lot, but I just want to give something. I hope sharing my experience will inspire others to donate, too. It's an honor and privilege to give back to Loma Linda!"



To give back like Talin, use your phone to scan this QR code, which will take you to our LLUSP giving webpage. Thank you for your generous support!



Thirteen Hispanic Pharmacy Students Receive Scholarships Resulting from HCEP Designation

By Lynn Lopez, MBA

In October 2022, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy's Hispanic Center of Excellence in Pharmacy (HCEP) was invited to participate in the 26th Annual LLU Hispanic Alumni of Loma Linda (HALL) Scholarship Banquet. For the past 25 years, the HALL organization has supported Hispanic students and alumni through generous gifts from donors.

Included in the banquet programming was a presentation by Dr. Willie Davis, Program Director of HCEP, describing LLUSP's \$3.4-million Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant and how the money is used to support several Hispanic pharmacy students.

After some delicious food, Paraguayan harp music from world-renowned soloist Alfredo Rolando Ortiz, and an inspirational speech from alumnus Dr. Hugo Leon, it was time to award scholarships from HALL, the Hernandez Endowment, the North American Division (NAD) of the SDA Church, and the Hispanic Graduate program to students from each of the eight LLU schools. School of Pharmacy HALL scholarship recipients were first-year students Ariadna Cervantes and Fabiola Jiménez Pérez. Later in the evening, Dr. Davis and Lynn Lopez, DEI

Coordinator for LLUSP, announced the school's first thirteen HCEP Scholarship recipients: Daniel Anaya (P1), Katherine Reynaldo (P1), Laura Abrego (P1), Briana Ramirez (P2), Rebeca Alejo Vega (P2), Diego Aguilar (P2), Clarissa Garcia (P3), Sasha Rodriguez (P3), Lynnette Valencia (P3), Amber Stroffolino (P4), Jaimee Carrillo (P4), Natasha Martinez Sepulveda (P4) and Nancy Zelaya (P4).

In total, twenty-seven Hispanic students from across campus and one alumnus were recognized and celebrated during the event.



LLUSP Student Receives National Student Leadership Award from the American Pharmacists Association

As a third-year student at LLUSP, Cristian Rodriguez was presented one of four national student leadership awards from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) during its annual meeting in March in Phoenix, Arizona. Cristian was appointed in 2022 to the APhA- Association of Student Pharmacists (ASP) National Standing Committee on Communications and has since also served as president of LLUSP's local APhA-ASP chapter.

"Being selected as one of the four Outstanding Student Leaders in the country has been a truly amazing experience," says Cristian. "From founding the SoCal Pharmacy School Mixer to traveling to various conferences as a member of the Communications Standing Committee, I have had the privilege to see much of what student pharmacy has to offer. In that time, I have met so many incredible individuals throughout the country, which motivates me to help showcase and guide others as we work collectively to bring about change not only within the profession but within healthcare as a whole."



Pharmacy Student Wins Renowned Award

Shasta Erickson, LLUSP Class of 2023, was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Charles E. Weniger Fellow Student Scholarship, an award which recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of spirituality, academics, civic service, and leadership.

The Charles E. Weniger Society for Excellence was established in 1974 to preserve and honor the qualities of inspiration, motivation, and excellence that were paramount in the life and service of Charles Elliott Weniger, PhD, a beloved Seventh-day Adventist educator. The Society seeks to honor Dr. Weniger's legacy by recognizing worthy recipients that emulate these qualities of excellence in all aspects of their lives. Loma Linda University is invited to participate in this program every year, and all eight schools may submit nominations. Shasta was selected from all nominations the Society received from inside and outside LLU.



← PY3 student Timothy Glenn presented the results of his summer research with Dr. CJ Jacobson at the ACCP Global Conference in San Francisco last fall.

Summer Research Program Produces Exceptional Outcomes for Students and Faculty

Each year, LLUSP accepts a handful of pharmacy students into its summer research program. Students are paired with faculty research mentors to study a variety of subjects. The program is currently coordinated by pharmacy practice faculty member Dr. Caroline Sierra who has collaborated with students on several research projects and is passionate about helping students develop research skills.

“The summer research program allows student pharmacists to explore another aspect of pharmacy while developing valuable skills and enhancing patient care,” says Dr. Sierra.

In 2022, eleven PY2- PY4 students completed the program, which resulted in significant research and poster presentations. Participants and research topics included the following:

HARRISON HAMADA, Class of 2023, with Dr. Lisa Hong: “Ivabradine Therapy Appropriateness and Its Implications for Heart Failure Patients”

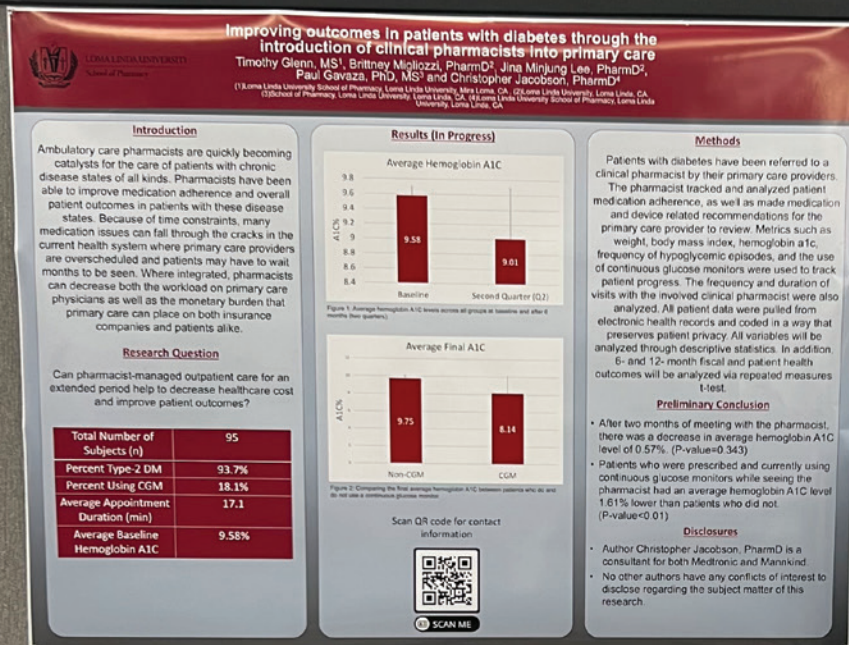
LAURENSIA URIP AND DIVINE GREWAL, Class of 2024, with Dr. Lisa Hong: “Evaluation of sodium zirconium cyclosilicate versus sodium polystyrene sulfonate monotherapy for acute hyperkalemia”

TIMOTHY GLENN, Class of 2025, with Dr. CJ Jacobson: “Improving outcomes in patients with diabetes through the introduction of clinical pharmacists into primary care”

BAYLEE VENTURA, Class of 2025, with Dr. Caroline Sierra: “Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections in Patients Requiring Parental Nutrition.”

Seven students were accepted to the 2023 summer research program, and already, LLUSP faculty are optimistic that several more manuscripts will be published as a result of their research collaborations.

Class of 2026 student Inshaal Rehman is studying the safety of prescribing Quetiapine and Pimavanserin for psychosis related to Parkinson’s disease, with the guidance of Dr. Jessa Koch. She says she became interested in the summer research program because it provided a great opportunity for her to apply her academic knowledge to a meaningful research topic in healthcare. “I believe that the findings of this research can greatly impact clinical decision-making for pharmacists and enhance patient safety in treating Parkinson’s disease-related psychosis.”



MISSION-MINDED

By Jen Mathew, MA

Adeola Oniwe, a fourth-year student at LLUSP, has participated in six mission trips during her first three years of pharmacy school! Here's why and how, in her words...

How many mission trips have you been on as an LLU student?

I've gone on four weekend trips to Mexico and two longer trips to Brazil and Thailand.

Why have you participated in so many mission trips?

Before coming to Loma Linda University (LLU), I was a missionary teacher. But even prior to that, I just knew, growing up, that I wanted to be a missionary. It's part of the core of who I am. In fact, it was one of the reasons I came to LLU. I was, for a few years, a missionary teacher in South Korea, but I wanted to further develop and support my future as a missionary in the field of healthcare. I've been on several other mission trips besides those LLU offers, but the fact that LLU has eight different schools working together to provide services around the globe—I've always felt the mission trips here are great opportunities to prepare students for service. My ultimate goal is to start or work for an NGO (non-governmental organization) in the healthcare field, focusing on public health and medication access, and I definitely think LLU's mission trips offer valuable training for that sort of work. Sharing the word of God and treating people's physical ailments are both callings that are dear to my heart.

As a pharmacy student, how have you been able to afford to go on so many trips?

When students register for a mission trip with SIMS (Student

for International Mission Service) at LLU, the office helps students set up a fundraiser. So, in addition to using my personal funds, I fundraised the majority of what I needed for the longer, more expensive trips. (Shorter, weekend trips are only \$100!) Also, LLU School of Pharmacy provides some scholarships for mission trips, and I also was granted scholarship money for mission trips from CPFI (Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International). So, if students are sincerely interested in mission service, there are a variety of ways to get financial assistance.

Is there one trip that has been your favorite?

Oh my, yes: Brazil. Just the idea of Brazil is magical! The geography and nature have always fascinated me. But when I learned about the specific details of the mission trip, I thought to myself, "Yes! *This is real mission work!*" We went to the Amazonas, and we traveled for well over 20 hours, on plane and then by boat. We lived on a boat, slept in hammocks, and went from village to village delivering medical help and the gospel message. We worked alongside ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), which was already established in Manaus; we helped them to provide medical care and medical education, and we partnered with them to give devotionals and worship services. But perhaps my favorite experience of the trip was the children. At the end of

each day, as we headed back to our boat, they would run after us just to spend more time with us. Despite the language barrier, the children longed to connect with us, and it really touched my heart.

If you were speaking with someone who had never participated in a mission trip, what would you say are the advantages of going?

Number one: Go for the human connection. Participating in a mission trip will help you understand other humans so much better and will give you perspective and grow you as a person. This life is not just about you. You will learn to put others' needs before your own, and you will develop a new appreciation for what you have. But also, traveling! I mean, you get to see and experience the world—the architecture, geography, culture, and food! I love it! And finally, specifically, for LLU mission trips as a pharmacy student, the experiences are such a benefit to our education and understanding because on the trips, we're able to apply our knowledge. We also get to see how pharmacy is practiced in other countries and learn what works and what doesn't. Interprofessional education is a huge part of the trips, too. I was the only pharmacy student in my group, and I got to work with other students and faculty to provide healthcare services. There are just so many good reasons to go on mission trips!



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY FACULTY TEACH DIABETES MANAGEMENT, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

By Jen Mathew, MA

Two LLUSP students-turned-alumni-turned-residents have now turned into LLUSP faculty members dedicated to helping patients with diabetes.

Assistant Professor Dr. CJ Jacobson (Class of 2015) and Clinical Pharmacist Dr. Brittney Migliozi (Class of 2020) are integral members of a team of healthcare workers at the Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Faculty Medical Office (FMO) and Diabetes Treatment Center. At the FMO, they meet with patients individually to check on their diabetes management, discuss challenges and struggles, and make therapeutic recommendations. Drs. Jacobson and Migliozi are essentially accountability partners for diabetic patients.

At the same time, Jacobson and Migliozi are running multiple industry-sponsored research studies at the Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Diabetes Treatment Center. These studies also include monitoring and counseling for patients with diabetes and clinical trials for future diabetes technology and treatment options. Diabetes advances such as inhaled insulin and next generation insulin pumps are currently the subject of some of the trials.

After he completed his residency training and began serving as a faculty member for LLUSP, Dr. Jacobson, PharmD, APh, BC-ADM, CDCES initiated an insulin pump training program for LLUH. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Jacobson began managing clinical trials. As the program and clinical studies grew exponentially, the decision was made to add another pharmacist to work alongside Dr. Jacobson. Dr. Migliozi, PharmD, was the first to complete a Diabetes Management Fellowship at Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP), which was coordinated by Dr. Jacobson; so, when it was time for Dr. Jacobson to find a colleague to join him at the FMO and Diabetes Treatment Center, it was natural for him to select Dr. Migliozi, who was hired full-time last summer.

In addition to her work at the Center, Dr. Migliozi is expanding diabetes services in LLUH primary care and endocrine departments. She also serves as a precepting faculty member for LLUSP students and lectures on endocrine topics in LLUSP courses on occasion. Dr. Migliozi's position was piloted as a new kind of pharmacy practice faculty. Based on her productivity, both for LLUSP and LLUH, other similar positions may be developed.



2022-2023 FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

1. Khaled Bahjri MD, DrPH, MPH received a \$200,000 award from the “California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CSNSGP)” for the fiscal year of 2023-2024 to provide physical security enhancements for the Islamic Community Center of Redlands (ICCR). Since July of 2022, he has also published six research articles in peer-reviewed journals. In August 2022, he began serving as a University Marshall, and in February of 2023, he became a board member of LLU’s “Center for Understanding World Religions.”

2. Olivia Francis-Boyle, PhD coauthored a published manuscript entitled “FBP1-Altered Carbohydrate Metabolism Reduces Leukemic Viability through Activating P53 and Modulating the Mitochondrial Quality Control System In Vitro” in the *International Journal of Molecular Science*. Additionally, she was a corresponding author for the published manuscript “TSLP as a Potential Therapy for the Treatment of CRLF2 B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia” also in the *International Journal of Molecular Science*. Five of her posters were accepted and presented at local and national conferences by trainees and collaborators from her lab. Finally, she is the recipient of LLUSP’s 2023 Faculty of the Year Award.

3. Ike C. de la Peña, PhD received the 2023 LLUSP Global Service Award for his outstanding contributions to strengthening science, technology, and innovation capabilities in the Philippines. He serves on the editorial board of *Brain Sciences* and as a program committee member for the Collegium Internationale Neuro-psychofarmacologicum. He is also an active member of various AACP committees. He has presented at several online pharmacy conferences and published articles in scientific and pharmacy education journals.

4. Paul Gavaza, PhD published five research articles in *Innovations in pharmacy*, *Exploratory Research in Clinical and Social Pharmacy*, *Journal of Contemporary Pharmacy Practice* and *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning* (two articles) in the 2022-23 academic year. He also completed the yearlong AACP Academic Leadership Fellows Program.

5. Wei-Xing Shi, PhD published two articles in *Signal Transduction and Targeted Therapy* (IF: 38) and *Pharmacology Research & Perspectives* (IF:2.94), respectively. He is also a co-investigator of a recently funded NIH grant on the effects of vaping on brain development.

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE

6. Lisa Hong, PharmD, BCPS published six manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals and nine posters with colleagues, residents, and students— one ACCP poster received Top 5 Original Research Project Poster. She also chaired the ACCP Adult Medicine Research Committee and APhA Preceptor SIG Education Committee and served on several other national and international committees.

7. Nancy Kawahara, PharmD, MSED, FCPHA was promoted to full professor and received the Fellow of the California Pharmacist Association award (FCPhA). Additionally, she and **Dr. Christopher Jacobson, Dr. Khaled Bahjri, and Dr. Heather Whitley** published the manuscript “National Survey of Educational Impact on Pharmacy Learners Volunteering at Camps for Children with Diabetes” in *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning*.

8. Justin Kinney, PharmD, MA, BCCCP was promoted to the rank of Assistant Dean and Associate Professor. He also collaborated on a publication focused on pharmacy mentorship within professional associations in pharmacy academia and was honored with a Teacher of the Year Award.

9. Caroline Sierra, PharmD, BCPPS published research articles in *Pharmacotherapy*, *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, and *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*. She served on the Council on Education and Workforce Development of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and is the Chair of California Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ Seminar Planning Committee.

10. Huyentran N. Tran, PharmD, BCCP, BCPS received the 2023 LLUSP Community Service Award. She authored three manuscripts

published in *Cardiology Research and Elmer Press*, *Diabetes Epidemiology and Management*, and *EC Clinical and Medical Case Reports* as well as three posters with students and residents at ACCP, ASHP, and ACC meetings. She has also served as a peer reviewer for *MDPI Journal of Personalized Medicine*.



DR. NANCY KAWAHARA RETIRES

When the School of Pharmacy at Loma Linda University first opened in 2002, Nancy Kawahara, PharmD, MEd began as Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Over the next two decades, she served in several different capacities—from faculty member to interim dean—helping the school through periods of transition and growth. Most recently, Dr. Kawahara has served as Assistant Dean of Co-Curriculum and Mentorship, coordinating mission trips, diabetes camp experiences, local community service opportunities, and more for pharmacy students. Now, after 21 years of service, “Dr. K,” as she is affectionately called, has opted for another role change: retirement.

Reflecting on her time at LLUSP, Dr. Kawahara says, “It has been an honor to play a significant part in building the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at Loma Linda University. I will miss my daily interactions with students and my colleagues.”

“Dr. Kawahara’s legacy here at Loma Linda is considerable,” says Dr. Michael Hogue, LLUSP Dean. “She was instrumental in designing the first curriculum, establishing student organizations, collaborating with university officials to set up community engagement and global service opportunities, and much, much more. She’s served in a variety of administrative roles and taught many different courses. Her love for students runs deep, and she will be missed!”



Shifts in Administration

Dr. Willie Davis, PhD was appointed the *Associate Dean of Student Services* in July 2022 after serving as Assistant Dean of Academic Success for three years. Dr. Davis was excited to take on this new role when he realized he could have a more significant impact on student life and the culture of the school. In his new role, Dr. Davis is responsible for the students' experience, from identifying and recruiting interested students to engaging with those students after they graduate from LLUSP. "It is a fulfilling and challenging position, but I am blessed to work with a fantastic group of colleagues who are excellent at their jobs," says Davis. "Most importantly,

God has blessed me to work with an incredible group of students." That same month, **Dr. Justin Kinney, PharmD, MA** accepted the position of *Assistant Dean for Academic Success*. Dr. Kinney's long-term plan, even as a student, was always to transition into the administrative team at LLUSP. After several years of teaching, precepting, clinical practice, and institutional knowledge, he felt prepared to take on the new role. Dr. Kinney is responsible for helping every student to be successful in the program and in their early career plans. Says Kinney, "One of my favorite things about being a faculty member is



mentoring students: coaching them, giving career advice, running sim labs, etc., and this position allows me to focus even more time and energy on them." As an alumnus of LLUSP and former pharmacy resident at the university medical center, Dr. Kinney believes he is in a unique position to guide students.

LLUSP Faculty Member Recognized in Philippines for Contributions

Associate professor Ike de la Pena, PhD received an award from the Department of Science and Technology of the Philippine government for his contributions to strengthening the country's science, technology and innovation capabilities. During the prestigious award ceremony, Dr. de la Pena was thrilled to meet the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos Jr.!

The award came towards the end of Dr. de la Pena's weeks-long stay in the Philippines where he visited Manila Adventist College (MAC) as well as other government and private institutions, focusing on research and research advisement, largely funded by the Philippine government's "Balik" or Returning Scientists Program.

To say Dr. de la Pena's time in the Philippines was productive would be an understatement! In the few weeks he was there, Dr. de la Pena presented several lectures on neuropharmacology, the importance of establishing a neuropharmacology lab in the country, teaching and learning strategies, and mental health topics. He trained faculty and students to conduct and write systematic reviews, write grant proposals, develop research ideas and write manuscripts. He



mentored pharmacy and physical therapy students on their research and provided feedback on their research proposals. Additionally, Dr. de la Pena formed research collaborations with University of the Philippines (UP) School of Pharmacy (SOP) faculty. He met the President and CEO of Herbanext, the country's leader in spray-dried medicinal plant extracts derived from Philippine biodiversity, and formed a research partnership with the company. Dr. de la Pena also worked with pharmacy faculty from UP and MAC to identify mental health topics that could be included or integrated within the pharmacy curriculum of all pharmacy schools in the nation.



LLUSP DEAN NAMED FIP FELLOW, EARNS FFIP CREDENTIALS

During a special ceremony in Spain last fall, LLUSP Dean Michael Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP, FFIP was inducted as a Fellow of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). Dr. Hogue was one of 12 people from nine countries who received the award in recognition of their contributions to the field of pharmacy.

Each year, the FIP honors individuals who have demonstrated commendable work and dedication to advancing pharmacy practice, science and education for the betterment of global health.

"Anyone who knows me knows that my heart is in pharmacy," says Dr. Hogue. "I'm fully dedicated to our profession and ensuring patients have access to the care services of pharmacists. It's truly an honor to be recognized by FIP for engaging in this work globally."



ALUMNI IN ACADEMIA

As part of our focus on the profession of pharmacy education in this issue, we highlight three LLUSP alumni who chose to work in academia and have, for various reasons, found it to be their passion.



AMY KANG, PHARM.D, BCIDP, LLUSP CLASS OF 2016

*Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Chapman University School of Pharmacy
Coordinates Acute Care Healthcare Delivery course
Co-teaches Infectious Diseases course for Chapman's PharmD and PA programs*

I first realized I wanted to go into academia while I was involved in Rho Chi tutoring at LLUSP. I found it enjoyable and rewarding to help my peers and lower classmates. I talked with a few of my Loma Linda professors about why they chose careers in academia, and after they described for me the variety of aspects involved— not only teaching, but also a service component and fellowship and research and clinical rotations—I felt even more drawn to it. So, when I was looking at residency programs, I applied to those with a focus on teaching. I ended up matching at UCSF for my PGY1 and USC for PGY2 in Infectious Diseases and got a lot of teaching experiences at both institutions. Those two years confirmed for me that I really would enjoy academia.

Teaching is a lot of hard work. Nothing is as simple as it seems. There is so much preparation involved in teaching a course! Even for just one examination, there are many logistics to consider, like making sure all of the software works perfectly and figuring out what to do if students test positive for COVID and how they will take the tests. IPE activities take a lot of back-and-forth conversation—who will facilitate, where will it take place. The delivery itself is fun, but to get to that point involves a lot of emails and coordination. But it's all worth it. I love when I watch students have that "lightbulb moment," when we get to the application of hard concepts, and they put things together with their baseline knowledge and are finally able to think like a pharmacist. When I see the impact of my teaching, that's very rewarding.

So many facets of my education at LLU impacted my career development— the research I was involved in with Dr. Lee Nguyen and rotations with him at St. Jude and several other projects! Loma Linda was very generous, and I know not all universities do that. The Research Poster Presentation Day also gave me an opportunity to present and teach to people from not only pharmacy but also medical school and other schools. It was good practice. My team won second place for best project,



and I gained confidence that I can do this kind of work. Finally, because of the very intimate environment at LLUSP, meaningful relationships are fostered between students and faculty mentors, and I appreciated that. They mentored me in so many different ways and taught me many different aspects of being a faculty member.



**SHAWN SMITH, PHARM D, APH,
LLUSP CLASS OF 2017**

*Assistant Professor of
Pharmacy Practice, Western
University of Health Sciences,
College of Pharmacy
Teaches longitudinal physical
assessment curriculum and
tobacco cessation curriculum*

A medical mission trip to Romania during my second year of pharmacy school was the first time I felt drawn to academia. At that time, Dr. Naomi Florea led the trip every year, and because of her, I was inspired to become a pharmacy professor. I observed what it meant to integrate my faith into the workplace. I realized that as a faculty member, it was part of her academic role to facilitate mission trips for students and provide impactful experiences. I saw the legacy she built over the years of taking students to Romania. From that point forward, I became extremely excited about pursuing academia as a career. On the trip, I also learned to conduct physical assessments, and I realized the value of these skills in a clinical setting for pharmacists. Then, during my fourth-year rotations, I discovered I loved Ambulatory Care. It's amazing how all of this came full circle in my career...

I began talking with other faculty mentors and understanding what their jobs entailed. I learned there are four areas of a career in academia: classroom teaching, clinical practice, scholarship or securing grant funding, and service—service to your community and service to the institution. I loved that I could teach a topic, use it in clinical practice, and then do research on that same area. I've also always been interested in pushing the boundaries of what is—trying to see how pharmacists can be more innovative, more on the forefront of providing healthcare for patients, and known more as providers. After graduation and throughout residency, I pursued opportunities to teach and do research and take electives focused on academia that would, for example, allow me to work with an administrator in a college of pharmacy who could help me understand the ins and outs of the daily work. I wanted to see what



I must attribute the way events have transpired to the work of God in my life.

academia was like, not just at LLUSP but other institutions as well. Through all of this, I realized the flexibility that academia offers alongside the opportunities to innovate and get involved in one's interests and passions.

After my mission trip experience, clinical rotations, and two years of residency, I resolved that I would start a local clinic for low-income, uninsured, and homeless community members. Another LLUSP graduate, Dr. Brian Nyamwange, and I opened a clinic in the City of Victorville where we provide services at no cost to patients. Many of them have chronic diseases, and if their diseases are left uncontrolled, they will be hospitalized and suffering from long-term complications. I found a mission field at home and directed all the inspiration from Romania and other experiences to this clinic in Victorville. The clinic is also my practice site, so it's not just something I do on the side; it's where I take my students, train them, and show them how to leverage community resources to provide services.

As I look back, I see what an incredible and inspired

journey it's been! I must attribute the way events have transpired to the work of God in my life. Of course, I put in the work every day, but many things have aligned that otherwise would have seemed impossible. Loma Linda University not only taught me how to take care of patients; it taught me how to make sure my practice is rooted in faith. If I had attended another school, I don't think I would have been inspired the way I was at LLUSP to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

**HUYENTRAN TRAN, PHARM D,
BCCP, BCPS, LLUSP CLASS OF 2010**

*Associate Professor of Pharmacy
Practice, Loma Linda University
School of Pharmacy
Teaches Cardiovascular
Disease I & II*

Teaching, in one form or another, has always been a part of my life. When I came to America from Vietnam, at first, I wanted to

My love for teaching keeps pushing me forward.



become a teacher, but I ended up going into computer science. After just a couple of years, however, I became bored with it, and that was when I decided to go into pharmacy, which would allow me to engage with people. At the time, the only thing I knew about pharmacy was community pharmacy and the ample opportunities to talk to people. During my second year of school, I became aware of the vast options available in pharmacy, including working in community pharmacies, clinical, hospital, or academic settings. At that point, I was

considering working in a clinical or hospital setting only; however, throughout my training, the sincere support and meaningful guidance from LLUSP faculty, preceptors and mentors furthered my career as a pharmacist and a teacher beyond measure. I am very grateful for the opportunities LLUSP has given me. During my training both at Desert Regional Medical Center for PGY1 and LLUSP for PGY2 Cardiology, I participated in many different teaching activities, including precepting students on rotations, facilitating group and case discussions, developing and delivering platform lectures, writing course syllabus, test questions, and case studies, and many more. My preceptors and mentors were not only my role models; they also showed me how to transform my mistakes and weaknesses into skills.

As a clinical faculty member, my teaching motivation is to infuse students with a passion for the pharmacy profession, stimulate critical inquiry to advance pharmacy profession and motivate students to be lifelong learners. My goal is to provide students with the skills to apply knowledge clinically, think critically, and communicate effectively to be a valuable member of the healthcare team. I believe in the autonomy of the students, and their success is among my top priorities. In some ways, I think knowing English as a second language has benefitted me as a teacher because I have many students whose first language is not English, and I can relate to them and help them in a unique way. I enjoy creating interactive demonstrations, charts and algorithms in order to simplify complex information and help students understand complicated cardiovascular diseases better. My love for teaching keeps pushing me forward, and I realize that ultimately, down the road, what I do now for my students will impact the profession of pharmacy and patients' lives.

I love academia for many reasons. First, I love the variety it provides because I work in different kinds of capacities—teaching pharmacy students, interacting and working with my colleagues, providing clinical service to the medical center patients as well as the fellow medical center healthcare providers—so I have many opportunities to interact at different levels and in different settings. Faculty life seems fun, exciting and challenging with opportunities to grow every day! Every year, when we repeat the Pharmacists Oath as part of the graduation ceremony, I feel a greater sense of commitment and honor to be both a pharmacist and a teacher. "I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists..."

ALUMNI NOTES

Brittany Burkhead, PharmD (Class of 2015) has worked for CVS for 10 years now and is still going strong! She paid off her school loans and is living debt-free. She is now saving up to buy her own home. Dr. Burkhead says, "I'm involved at my church, Grace Baptist, where I participate in a weekly Bible study. My new hobby is line dancing! I have a good community of Christian friends, and we have had many opportunities to share the gospel with other friends there. We recently started a Bible study with some of the young men who want to know more about the Bible."

Dr. Kyle Reed (Class of 2014) currently serves as a clinical pharmacist at Adventist Health Hanford Medical Center. The hospital is part of the Central Valley Network (CVN), made up of Adventist Health Hanford, Selma, Reedley, and Tulare Medical Centers. Dr. Reed's work takes him

on ICU rounds in Hanford (the main hospital) and also involves conducting all consults for Hanford, Selma, and Reedley. Half of Dr. Reed's shifts entails the consults, managing the ICU unit after rounds and conducting antibiotic stewardship, and the other half of his shifts are staffing for all four hospitals and "TV shifts" (TV compounding).

In November 2022, **Dr. Joel Christian (Class of 2015)** was promoted to serve as one of 13 Inpatient Pharmacy Directors in Kaiser SCAL. After working for almost four years as an Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, flagship tertiary care facility, Dr. Christian applied to become the director at Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Inpatient Pharmacy. Woodland Hills hospital is a 280-bed hospital and has just begun Neurosurgery cases. It has a large

geriatric population at Woodland Hills compared to the rest of SCAL KP and includes a pain/geriatric pharmacist in the inpatient pharmacy.

After eight years of living in the Bay Area, **Dr. Michelle Adia Healy (Class of 2015)** says it brings her much joy to come full circle and return to sunny Southern California. Dr. Adia Healy recently transitioned from management in Kaiser Permanente Northern California to join the team at Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills as the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Supervisor overseeing its specialty clinics. KP Woodland Hills provides a variety of clinical services from Woodland Hills to Ventura County, including management of chronic conditions, pain, renal services, and geriatrics medicine. It also has the first Kaiser Permanente bariatrics medicine pharmacists in the region!

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECEIVE AWARDS AT LLUSP HOMECOMING DINNER



Dr. Pisey Long

Two awards were presented to alumni during the LLUSP Homecoming Reunion Dinner in March at the Mission Inn Resort in Riverside.

For her exemplary role and her valuable contributions to the practice of pharmacy and future generations of pharmacists, LLUSP's 2023 Alum of the Year award was presented to **Dr. Pisey Long (Class of 2008)**. Dr. Long is the Director of Pharmacy Services for Desert Regional Medical Center. She also offers IPPE and APPE rotations to LLUSP students and consistently receives positive reviews from students on rotation evaluations.

For exceptional achievements in practice and the potential to make significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy, **Dr. Jenee Vo (Class of 2021)** was named the 2023 LLUSP Rising Star. Dr. Vo currently serves as a pharmacy manager for Costco and is President of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP), Orange County Chapter. Dr. Vo also serves on LLUSP's Alumni Advisory Committee.

Dr. Long and Dr. Vo are two examples of LLUSP's impressive alumni who serve diligently and use their talents, knowledge, experience and compassion to support patients, colleagues, and future pharmacists.

ALUMNI WEDDING



Dr. Melissa Farin (Class of 2018) and Dr. Andrew To were married in their hometown of San Diego last June 2022. High school sweethearts, Dr. Farin and Dr. To were married the week after he graduated from podiatry school.

ALUMNI BABIES



Elizabeth Anne Abraham
Born: August 6, 2022
Birth Weight and Length: 7 lbs and 8.5 oz; 20 inches
Parents: Beril (LLUSM Class of 2012) and Nithya Abraham (LLUSP Class of 2019)

We are so thankful and blessed to have welcomed our little girl. She has made our lives so full!



Ezra Christian
Born: March 4, 2023
Birth Weight and Length: 7lb 6oz, 20 inches
Parents: Joel (Class of 2015) and Megan Christian

Ezra's delivery was unique in that we did a home birth. This was a wild experience as he came one week early. We thank God that Megan and Ezra are both healthy.



Carrie Elizabeth Lupoe
Born: November 19, 2022
Birth Weight and Length: 7.2 lbs and 20 inches
Parents: Mariah (Class of 2022) and Chad Lupoe

Our Thanksgiving baby, Carrie, is such a blessing to our family. During the spring semester of my last year of Pharmacy School I found out that we were pregnant! We were overjoyed to find out our family was growing and God allowed it at such a perfect time! Carrie is very observant and loves to "sing" like her parents. We're so blessed and excited to raise her up, teaching her to follow her dreams, always be kind, and walk daily with Jesus Christ.



Luke Eli Chaffey
Born: April 18, 2023
Birth Weight and Length: 8lb 6 oz, 20.5 inches
Parents: Patricia (Class of 2016) and Harris Chaffey

We are so very blessed to welcome our second child and sweet baby boy into the world.



Dr. Jenee Vo

CATCHING UP WITH... **JAMES DEXTER**

By Jen Mathew, MA



What do you get when you cross a pharmacist and cowboy? A PharmBoy!

From early childhood, James Dexter, PharmD, LLUSP Class of 2018, was committed to working in the medical field. His grandfather and uncles were physicians and fed his interest in science. It wasn't until college while taking organic chemistry that he began exploring pharmacy as a career. As a student at La Sierra University, he was introduced to Dr. Willie Davis, a faculty member at Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy (LLUSP), who showed him around the pharmacy school,

invited him to participate in his research, and made everything fun. Dr. Dexter says, "How could I resist pharmacy after that?"

Dr. Dexter was accepted into a handful of pharmacy schools right out of college, but he decided to wait and explore his options. He was immediately sold on Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy, thanks to Dr. Davis and family tradition—close to twenty family members attended Loma Linda University, starting in 1914 with the first graduating medical class.

Despite spending several years in California, home for Dexter was always Nevada. So, immediately after graduating from LLUSP, rather than begin practicing as a pharmacist, Dr. Dexter moved to the ranch where he grew up in rural northern Nevada to help his parents catch up on years of work. Dexter began a small non-profit company, 50alt50, which secured funding through a program out of University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to explore connecting local farmers to communities and encouraging increased availability to nutritious food, especially in areas known to be food deserts.

In 2020, two years after graduating from pharmacy school, Dexter finally decided to put his pharmacy education to work. He picked up his studies and took the Naplex and MPJE by early summer. "I highly recommend graduating students *not* wait two years to take their licensure examinations!" says Dexter. "I passed first try on both exams, but those are not months of my life that I look back on fondly!"

After securing licensure in Nevada, Dr. Dexter committed to serving as a rural pharmacist and began working for Walmart and the Fallon Tribal Health Clinic. Areas of Northern Nevada have grown and developed significantly in recent years, yet many communities lack medical care and access to pharmacies. Dexter enjoys his work with Walmart, which allows him to travel on weekends and holidays to these locations where he puts his skills to work. It is often challenging to find quality, consistent help in those areas, so when Dexter goes to the pharmacies, he helps them catch up. "Having grown up in remote parts of Nevada, I enjoy interacting with the patients other healthcare professionals might find gruff and difficult to relate to," Dr. Dexter says.

The tribal clinic where Dexter also works combines many aspects of pharmacy—clinical, ambulatory care, and retail—though his official title is "Ambulatory Care Pharmacist." The Fallon Tribal Health Clinic is one of the largest Tribal Clinics in Northern Nevada. Dr. Dexter has helped manage vaccination clinics in distant areas where access to healthcare is minimal. He works with clinicians to select appropriate medications

I discovered that the education and experience I received from LLUSP were among the best.

to treat a broad spectrum of diseases and frequently meets with patients to address issues with medications and encourage compliance.

In his diverse work as a pharmacist, Dr. Dexter sees a unique group of patients and health problems. Still, very rarely has he walked into a situation and felt unprepared. Says Dexter: "As I went out into the professional world and met other pharmacists, I discovered that the education and experience I received from LLUSP were among the best. LLUSP also gave me the tools I needed to find solutions to questions I still had."

Although he works an average of 70-90 hours, seven days a week as a pharmacist, Dr. Dexter manages to still work early mornings and late evenings on a unique horse ranch he has developed



“I want to build something that my parents are proud of.”

adjacent to his family’s farm.

“I usually start my mornings at 4:30 with a cup of coffee while planning out exactly what needs to be done over the following day, month, or year. By 6:00 I’m out feeding horses and dogs, and then I’m off to clinic. As soon as I get out of clinic, I am back on the ranch. Some days I’m training the foals, weanlings, and yearlings. Other days, I am building greenhouses and other facilities such as the mare syncing barn or indoor arena.”

This past winter, Dexter and his family broke ground on an indoor arena which will connect to their cattle yard, allowing them to move cattle in for indoor cow events. This arena will connect to their existing outdoor arena to allow for hosting events like small horse shows, rodeos and ropings. Eventually, Dexter plans to have accommodations available for guests interested in staying at the “Fifty Horse Ranch,” allowing them to spend more time with the horses prior to making a purchase. A bunkhouse is being remodeled to create a little cowboy den. In addition, Dexter plans for Fifty Horse Ranch to provide horsemanship instruction and online tutorials related to ranch-life and hopes to work with nonprofits to make classes available to young people.

One of the more unique aspects of Fifty Horse Ranch is



its developing breeding program based around embryo transplants. Dr. Dexter is working closely with several veterinarians to maximize the success rate of its process. Once the program is better established, Dexter expects it will be opened to the public so that people with mares which may not be viable candidates to carry foals on their own may still birth foals.

Finally, to add complexity to the horse business, Dexter also owns a stallion, “Ichin For Buckles,” in training with Casey Deary at Deary Performance Horses. By next year, the horse will begin competing professionally, and Dexter hopes it will achieve a place amongst the greats in the horse reining world.

With such an incredibly busy schedule, one may wonder where Dexter finds the drive and motivation to keep working. “I want to build something that my parents are proud of, but I especially want a place where, when my parents retire in the coming years, they can enjoy the horses with me.”

To learn more about Fifty Horse Ranch and see pictures, visit its website: www.FiftyHorseRanch.com.



REMEMBER WHEN...



...you got dressed up for a special night out and free meal at the Mission Inn?

Pictured here are members of the Class of 2010 enjoying time outside of class and studies... and inside the Spanish Art Gallery! LLUSP has been hosting events for a variety of groups and occasions at the Mission Inn Resort & Spa in Riverside for two decades! It’s a beautiful tradition of celebrating in a big way and treating our alumni, students, preceptors, faculty, staff and honored guests in the best way we can! We are pleased to continue this tradition each year during Homecoming weekend. If you haven’t attended an LLUSP Homecoming dinner yet, we invite you to come back and relive the experience! If you have come to Homecoming before, we thank you and hope we’ll see you there again soon! We do it all for you!

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LLUSP!



Use this QR code to send us your updated contact information and tell us what you’re doing now. And if you aren’t receiving our LLUSP alumni emails, let us know so we can add you to our distribution list. We’d love to hear from you!



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

School of Pharmacy

Shryock Hall
24745 Stewart Street
Loma Linda, CA 92350



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

HOMECOMING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 – MONDAY, MARCH 4

2024

llu.edu/homecoming