Oregon State University Team Crowned 2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Champions

Competition in the 2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge (CRC) began February 6 with 82 teams vying for a spot in round 2: Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission. Teams achieving the top 40 scores after the initial online Journal Club round submitted an LOI. Teams achieving the top 20 scores after round 2 were invited to compete in round 3: Research Protocol Development. Teams in round 3 were tasked with developing a research proposal designed to demonstrate the value of a clinical pharmacist in an area of endocrinology. Teams were provided with a specific research environment in which to formulate their proposals.

The proposals were reviewed by the CRC Reviewer Panel, and submissions ranking in the top-thirds were referred for evaluation and selection of awards by the CRC Oversight Panel. Please join ACCP in congratulating the finalist teams and the award winners.

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Finalist Teams:
Cedarville University School of Pharmacy
Oregon State University College of Pharmacy
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy
University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Awards:
Championship Team: Oregon State University College of Pharmacy
Proposal Title: HEDIS Measures and Osteoporosis: A Clinical Pharmacy Approach to Optimize Fracture Care in Postmenopausal Females
Student Team Members: Neda Kazerouni, Kaitlyn Wells, Dale Wilkerson
Faculty Liaison: Adrian Irwin, Pharm.D.

Second-Place Team: University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
Proposal Title: The Effects of the Pharmacy-Run Intensive Education in Diabetes (PhRIEND) Initiative on Hypoglycemia
Student Team Members: Joseph English, Joseph Haroney, David Schapiro
Faculty Liaison: Michael Dorsch, Pharm.D., M.S., FCCP, BCCP

Third-Place Team: Cedarville University School of Pharmacy
Proposal Title: Pharmacist-Led Thyroid Point of Care Testing and Management in Type 2 Diabetics
Student Team Members: Brianne Potter, Nicole Stute, Rachael Tollerton
Faculty Liaison: Zachary Jenkins, Pharm.D.

Fourth-Place Team: University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
Proposal Title: Investigating the Value of the Pharmacist in PCOS Patient Care
Student Team Members: Anna Dizik, Xinyi Huang, Bhavna Jois
Faculty Liaison: Kathleen Pincus, Pharm.D.

Teams with the top three research proposal submissions are invited to present their research design during a poster session at the 2019 ACCP Annual Meeting in New York, New York, October 26–29. In addition, each student member of these teams will receive a complimentary Annual Meeting registration. For complete competition information, click here.

Please join ACCP in recognizing and thanking the many ACCP members who helped advance this important program for ACCP student members.

2018 CRC Oversight Panel
Sandra Benavides, Pharm.D., FCCP
Doug Fish, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS-AQ, ID
Anne Hume, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Irene La-Beck, Pharm.D.
ACCP/ASHP Preparatory Review Courses
Launch June 26

Instructional materials for the 2019 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) preparatory review courses in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Cardiology Pharmacy, Geriatrics Pharmacy, Infectious Diseases Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy for home study will launch Wednesday, June 26. To preorder one or more of the courses, go to www.accp.com/store.

Each course is designed to assist pharmacy practitioners who are preparing for the Specialty Certification examinations administered by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) and clinical pharmacists who are seeking to remain current in their practice. The course content for each preparatory review course provides a comprehensive review of the domains and knowledge areas encompassed by each specialty.

In addition, each course has been approved by BPS for recertification for its respective specialty. Learners wishing to earn recertification credit for one of the 2019 ACCP/ASHP preparatory review and recertification courses must purchase access to one of the course formats available for recertification credit and successfully complete and submit the posttest by December 17, 2019. The recertification versions of the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Cardiology Pharmacy, and Infectious Diseases Pharmacy preparatory review and recertification courses will be available June 26, 2019. The recertification versions of the Geriatrics Pharmacy and Oncology Pharmacy preparatory review and recertification courses will be available Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

To obtain complete information about the home study version of each course and to place an order, visit www.accp.com/store or order by telephone at (913) 492-3311.

ACCP Member Spotlight: Alyssa Peckham

Alyssa Peckham, Pharm.D., BCPP, is a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy at Northeastern University and a substance use disorders (SUDs) advanced practice pharmacist at Massachusetts General Hospital. Peckham earned her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Rhode Island and completed both a PGY1 residency in pharmacy practice and a PGY2 residency in psychiatry and addiction at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut.

Peckham practices pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement while precepting APPE students together with PGY1 and PGY2 pharmacy residents. She is passionate about reducing harm and increasing access to medications for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) via removal of the Drug Addiction Treatment Act waiver for buprenorphine prescribing, conversion of naloxone products to over-the-counter status, legalization of safe injection facilities in the United States, increased access to syringe exchange program and safe injection kits, decriminalization of low-level drug-related infractions, and destigmatization of OUD.

Peckham researches misuse and overuse of prescription medication and illicit substances, with recent publications examining the epidemiology, economics, and policy implications of gabapentin abuse in concert with opioids. She received the Upsher-Smith Excellence in Innovation Award in 2017 for her collaborative practice in psychiatry. She is an active member of the CNS PRN, serving as secretary/treasurer for 2018–2019; is a member of the 2019 Annual Meeting Planning Committee; and will moderate an educational session highlighting old medications with newfound clinical indications or concerns.

Peckham’s career has been influenced by individuals with SUDs who cannot receive adequate treatment because of the various barriers they must overcome to do so. Education and field training relative to SUDs is underrepresented across many health care professional training programs, leaving many health care professionals underprepared to help those with SUDs. Lack of understanding of addiction as a “chronic illness involving brain reward, motivation, memory, and related circuitry that can lead to relapse and progressive development, and that is potentially fatal if left untreated,” has left many patients without proper care. It’s not difficult to identify how devastating and impactful this lack of health care professional preparedness has been in the midst of the opioid crisis as hundreds of Americans continue to die of opioid-related causes despite the availability of an antidote to reverse opioid overdose and effective treatment for maintenance. Given these facts, Peckham comments:

I am influenced by individuals with SUDs who are desperate for help but have yet to be treated with the respect and dignity that every human being deserves. With this, I would encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the nearest low-barrier, non-punitive SUDS clinic so that we can all be prepared to guide someone into appropriate treatment when the opportunity presents.

In addition to her professional goals, a potentially unrealistic life goal of Peckham’s has been to own two additional properties aside from her home – one that is slope-side and another that is oceanfront – because she loves skiing in the winter just as much as she loves sitting on the beach in the summer. Another fun fact is...
that Peckham held out for 21 years without reading a single *Harry Potter* book or watching one of the movies. Indeed, she didn’t begin reading about *Harry Potter* until 2018 in Puerto Rico, when she had finished reading her vacation book a bit earlier than expected and went to a local bookstore in search of a second read. To her surprise, most of the books were written in Spanish. She knew her 4 years of C+ grade high school Spanish would not suffice unless she hit the children’s section, so instead, she eloquently asked the lady at the register “¿libros en inglés?” (she nailed it!). The lady directed her to a very small section only occupied by *Harry Potter* books. It took her 4 months to read the seven books and watch the eight movies. She happily left her muggle life behind and is proud to report that she was sorted into Ravenclaw, her Patronus is a wolf, and her wand is Elm wood with a Dragon heartstring core 12½" and unyielding flexibility – don’t say she didn’t warn you!

**Washington Report**

**Announcing the 2019–2020 ACCP-ASHP-VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow**

*John McGlew*

*Director of Government Affairs*

ACCP is pleased to announce that Kyle G. Robb, Pharm.D., has been named the American College of Clinical Pharmacy-American Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Virginia Commonwealth University Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow for 2019–2020.

Launched in 2006 under the guidance of ACCP’s C. Edwin Webb, Pharm.D., MPH, longtime director of Government and Professional Affairs and associate executive director (retired), the Fellow program consists of unique health care policy learning experiences in the U.S. Congress and the government affairs offices of ACCP and ASHP. Pharmacists who participate in the program have the opportunity to gain real-world insight into health care policy analysis and development via immersion in the congressional environment. Fellows are actively mentored in legislative evaluation, policy development, research, and writing while integrating practical experience with theory.

Robb is currently a pharmacy supervisor with the University of Virginia Health System. He holds a Pharm.D. degree from the Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina and bachelor’s degrees in history and chemistry from North Carolina State University.

He credits his work at U.Va.’s hospital with his interest in public policy. That experience “put me into contact with many patients with needs that far outweighed their personal resources,” he said. “There are still many barriers to care facing large portions of the general population and each problem requires an individualized solution,” Robb added. Moreover, he notes:

“I’ve seen how barriers in perception can prevent people from seeking care that they did not realize they had access to. I’ve seen well-meaning policies implemented in manners that do not best serve all patients and I have been tasked with finding ways to help the excluded patients.... There are many problems still in need of solutions that collectively represent [a] massive opportunity to better manage health care resources and thereby improve people’s lives.”

The 2019–2020 Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow year will begin in July. Robb will spend 1 week at the Brookings Institution and 3 weeks each with ACCP’s and ASHP’s government affairs offices. Finally, he will be placed within a congressional office or on a congressional committee staff on Capitol Hill. After completing the fellowship, Robb plans to work in health policy as part of government or through academic research.

**Alumni Fellows**

The 2018–2019 Fellow, Tina Chhabra, Pharm.D., currently serves in the office of Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH). After their service in the program, past fellows have gone on to engage in a variety of important roles in health care policy and government:

- Nilofar Jafari, Pharm.D., MPH, currently serves as a...
senior health consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton in its military health division.

- Rita A. Habib, Pharm.D., MPH, is currently a full-time staff member in the office of Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO).
- Tracy Rupp, Pharm.D., MPH, is currently a consumer safety officer at the FDA’s CDER Office of Compliance.
- Daniel Nam, RPh, J.D., the 2013–2014 Fellow, is now the executive director of federal programs at America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP).

Applications for the 2020–2021 Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow Program

Interested candidates should visit the Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow program’s website for more information and instructions on submitting an application. For more information, click here.

Advancing Clinical Pharmacy Through Advocacy – How Does ACCP-PAC Represent You?

Consistent with all ACCP initiatives, ACCP-PAC is member driven and managed by a governing council responsible for determining how PAC money is spent. To expand on and develop member engagement in the PAC, the College recently launched an effort to recruit a PAC captain to represent each PRN. ACCP is excited about this opportunity to enhance members’ understanding of the PAC and how it supports the College’s overall advocacy efforts.

Despite frustration with the well-documented political dysfunction in Washington, the College is confident that the core policy driving its effort to establish Medicare coverage for comprehensive medication management (CMM) services is fundamentally sound. During its many Hill visits, the College has experienced little, if any, objection to the policy position and messaging that CMM improves the quality of patient care by helping “get the medications right.”

Looking ahead to the remainder of the 116th Congress and the 2020 presidential elections, it is vital that ACCP provide support for its friends on Capitol Hill in order to ensure that these leaders remain in Washington and continue to advance policies that meaningfully address the health care issues the nation currently faces.

Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions are a constitutionally protected part of the U.S. political system under the First Amendment’s guarantee of free speech. ACCP-PAC is the only means through which the College can provide financial support for candidates for Congress. ACCP is well-positioned to become one of the most prominent pharmacy PACs in Washington. To do this, the College needs the widespread support of its members. ACCP members are asked to consider donating at least $25 to ACCP-PAC. CLICK HERE to learn more and make a PAC contribution.

ACCP Student Chapter Annual Report and Award Applications Due June 30

All ACCP student chapters are asked to submit their activities for the Annual Report of Student Chapter Activities to ACCP no later than Sunday, June 30. Submission of this report is required to maintain status as an official ACCP chapter. This report provides updated information about ACCP chapter members, officers, and faculty/student liaisons and chapter activities, including membership drives, professional development projects, and participation in ACCP student competitions. Click here to access the current Annual Report of Student Chapter Activities.

Student Chapter Awards

ACCP offers two awards to recognize outstanding contributions of student chapters and their members: the Outstanding Student Chapter Award and the Outstanding Student Chapter Member Award. Complete information about these awards is available in the ACCP Student Chapter Guide.

Outstanding Student Chapter Award

Chapters that wish to be considered for this award are asked to submit an essay detailing the chapter’s activities and achievements during the past academic calendar year, using the evaluation criteria listed in the essay form as a guide. Click here to access the Outstanding Student Chapter Award application.

Outstanding Student Chapter Member Award

Each chapter is responsible for selecting its own outstanding student chapter member and submitting his or her name to ACCP for recognition. ACCP has created an evaluation rubric for chapters to use in the selection process. Note: Each chapter’s Outstanding Student Member Award recipient will be listed on page 3 of the Annual Report.

Completed forms for the Outstanding Student Chapter and Outstanding Student Chapter Member awards must be submitted to membership@accp.com no later than Sunday, June 30. Please address any questions about the Annual Report of Student Chapter Activities or ACCP student chapter awards to Jon Poynter at jpoynter@accp.com.
Member Recruiters

Many thanks to the following individuals for recruiting colleagues to join them as ACCP members:

Brittany Bates  Arianne Dagdag
Jasjinder Cheema  Sally Earl
Cameron Cole  Katlyn Etheridge
Jessica Conklin  Jodie Fink

Heather Folz  Maria Foreman
Christopher Houpt  Kate Kokanovich
Craig Lee  Debbie Liang
Rou Wei Lim  Jason Ly
Dianne May  Bradley Phillips

Peter Ryan  Kathryn Samai
Maressa Santarossa  Kelley Smith
Rodney Turner  Autumn Walkerly
Geoffrey Wall  Hilary Weismantel
Stephanie Wu
Position Responsibilities
The director of clinical practice advancement is responsible for leading the work of the College in developing and promoting the professional resources, guidelines, and standards of practice for clinical pharmacists which advance the type of team-based, patient-centered care delivery that improves patient outcomes.

This full-time position reports to the Executive Director and is based in ACCP’s Washington, D.C., office.

Principal activities will include:

- Identification, development, and promotion of effective programs, products, and services that support the patient care and practice/business operational needs of clinical pharmacists in practice.
- Communication, analysis, and tracking of the status and developments of clinical pharmacist practice regulation, innovation, credentialing, and privileging at the national and state levels. Collaboration and communication with medical, pharmacy, other health professional organizations, and patient advocacy groups to promote improved medication use quality and safety by clinical pharmacists as accountable and responsible members of health care teams. Communication and collaboration with the ACCP Foundation.
- Preparation of appropriate reports, issue briefs, and related informational documents that inform and support the analysis and decision-making activities of the ACCP senior staff and Board of Regents related to practice advancement and professional affairs.
- Supervision and mentoring of the ACCP/ASHP/VCU health policy fellow jointly with other ACCP professional affairs and government affairs staff.
- Preparation of regular updates, reports, and other pieces for the ACCP Report, ACCP website, and other communications media.
- Performance of other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

Qualifications
The successful candidate will have an earned Pharm.D. degree, will have completed residency training (PGY1 required, PGY2 preferred), and will be certified by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) in a recognized pharmacy practice specialty (or eligible for certification in a specialty currently in development by BPS). A minimum of 5 years’ experience in direct patient care (beyond postgraduate training) as a member of interprofessional health care teams in either ambulatory or inpatient settings is expected.

Preference will be given to candidates with a demonstrated record of achievement in clinical practice innovation and implementation. A fundamental working knowledge of credentialing, privileging, major health care reform issues, practice design, payment policy, health care coding and billing, and postgraduate health professional education and training is desirable.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. A competitive benefits package is provided, including relocation expenses, employee health and life insurance, a 401(k) retirement program, flexible annual leave policies, and support for professional development. Recruitment will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to:

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