

ACCP Seeks Support from Colleague Pharmacy Societies JCPP Organizations Asked to Endorse ACCP's Draft Medicare Legislation

At the September 17 meeting of the [Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners](#) (JCPP), ACCP invited colleague pharmacy organizations to endorse draft legislative language that would establish Medicare coverage for comprehensive clinical pharmacy services. The legislation is intended to address the more than \$500 billion annual US expense associated with [medication-related morbidity and mortality](#). ACCP's goal is to seek introduction of a bill bearing this language in the 120th Congress, beginning in 2027. The organizations were asked to indicate by October 15 their willingness to share ACCP's legislative initiative with their respective boards of directors.

In his formal communication to JCPP CEOs, Executive Director Michael Maddux wrote:

1. This initiative is driven by 40 to 50 years of collective effort by the pharmacy profession to foster a credible pharmacist specialist workforce that would be well prepared to work both effectively and efficiently in patient-centered, team-based settings. In doing so,
 - a. Beginning in the mid-to-late 1980s, the academy pursued reengineering the professional degree curriculum to produce graduates with greater pharmacotherapeutic and clinical practice knowledge and experience—ready to enter practice and/or pursue formal postgraduate education/training. In particular, it was AACP's "Commission to Implement Change in Pharmacy Education" and its series of Background Papers I-IV that were so influential in setting the stage and leading this transformation.
 - b. ACPE kept pace and helped lead these efforts as it advanced its standards for professional degree programs that ensured coherence and quality across programs during what was a fairly tumultuous period for pharmacy education.
 - c. Beginning in the 1960s, ASHP developed accreditation standards for postgraduate residency training programs, thereby leading the growth and advancement of a new generation of postgraduate trainees capable of leading health system pharmacy practice innovation and pursuing specialized/advanced clinical practice. Importantly, ASHP facilitated and led the emergence of today's PGY1 and PGY2 residency configuration. Today, we have reached a tipping point where almost all graduates who wish to pursue postgraduate training can now secure a residency position.
 - d. In the 1970s, APhA established the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (now the Board of Pharmacy Specialties) through the visionary efforts of leaders who recognized the future potential of pharmacist specialists to contribute to improved patient care (albeit a distant vision at the time). Within a similar time frame, ASCP pioneered development of consultant pharmacist certification, which served as the precursor to today's BPS certification in geriatric pharmacy practice. These efforts have led to another tipping point, resulting in 16 recognized BPS-certified specialties and more than 60,000 active certified pharmacists worldwide.
 - e. ACCP and other JCPP member organizations (including AAPP, APhA, ASCP, ASHP, and HOPA) have collaborated to support specialty petition development and/or offer recertification opportunities for specialist pharmacists over the past 20-30 years.
2. Based on the foregoing, the promising prospects for the adoption of the ECAPS and the Main Street Pharmacy Access Act, and the "tipping points" described above, ACCP believes this is an opportune time for the profession as a whole to unite and advocate for the inclusion of the patient care services provided by this well-qualified cadre of

pharmacist specialists across the profession as a covered Medicare Part B benefit. Indeed, one question we would ask your boards to consider is “Why *not* support this effort?” The profound investment of the pharmacy profession’s time and resources to create alignment of the professional degree program, postgraduate training, and specialist certification was conceived with this end in mind.... The next step is to codify the effort by launching legislation ... an effort that will be much more likely to succeed if we have your support. From our perspective, the time is now. We hope that you will join us.

Going forward, the College’s professional and government affairs staff will continue to work with key members of Congress, CMS, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (also known as the CMS Innovation Center), and medical societies to promote the benefits of comprehensive clinical pharmacy services provided in team-based settings. The College’s staff will report to the ACCP membership the extent to which the JCPP organizations unite behind this effort.

Recognizing 4 Leaders for Their Dedicated Service to ACCP

At the 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting, ACCP will recognize and thank 4 outstanding leaders whose terms on the Board of Regents conclude this October. Through their vision, expertise, and commitment to the College, Jo E. Rodgers, Kayla R. Stover, Candice L. Garwood, and Hanna Phan have helped advance ACCP’s mission and strengthen the clinical pharmacy community. Their collective contributions reflect professional excellence and a deep dedication to serving ACCP members and the patients they influence every day.

Jo E. Rodgers, Pharm.D., FCCP, FHFSA, FAHA, BCCP, BCPS



As a presidential officer, Rodgers brought extensive experience as an educator, clinician, researcher, and ACCP volunteer leader. A professor and vice chair of professional education and practice at Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Rodgers has long been recognized for her contributions to cardiovascular pharmacotherapy, education, and mentorship. Before her selection as president-elect, Rodgers held numerous leadership roles, including service within the Cardiology PRN and on a variety of ACCP committees. During her tenure on the Board of Regents, Rogers served as secretary of the Educational Affairs and Industry Relations committees and as liaison to the Cardiology, Education and Training, and Pharmaceutical Industry PRNs. Reflecting on her service, Rodgers said:

I am deeply grateful for all who have made this experience so meaningful and for the opportunity to serve, learn, and work alongside so many colleagues who are committed to advancing our profession. It has been a true privilege to contribute to ACCP and to be part of such a dedicated community of pharmacy professionals.

Kayla R. Stover, Pharm.D., FCCP, FIDSA, BCIDP, BCPS



Serving as secretary of the Board of Regents, Kayla R. Stover provided exceptional leadership informed by her expertise in infectious diseases practice, education, and residency training. As assistant dean-Jackson, vice chair, and professor of pharmacy practice at

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the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, Stover also holds joint appointments at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in medicine–infectious diseases and serves as the PGY2 infectious diseases residency program director for UMMC. Before assuming her role as secretary, Stover held numerous leadership roles, including chair of the Infectious Diseases PRN and Organizational Affairs Committee, and contributed to numerous educational programs. During her Board service, she chaired the Board of Regents Education Committee and served as secretary of the Clinical Practice Affairs and Awards committees. She also served as liaison to the Emergency Medicine, HIV, and Infectious Diseases PRNs. Looking back on her experience, Stover shared:

As I approach the end of my service on the ACCP Board of Regents, I can honestly say that I have learned more than I anticipated, grown more than I expected, and built friendships and professional connections that I will carry forward for years to come. Serving as a representative of this organization in this role has been one of the greatest honors and joys of my professional career.

Candice L. Garwood, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, BCACP

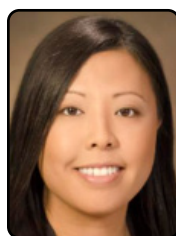


A respected educator, clinician, and scholar, Garwood brought thoughtful leadership and a passion for advancing ambulatory care practice to her role as regent. As clinical professor at Wayne State University, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and clinical pharmacy specialist at Harper University Hospital, Garwood has dedicated her career to improving patient care, advancing residency education, and contributing to the profession through scholarship and service. Her longstanding involvement with ACCP includes leadership within the Ambulatory Care PRN, contributions to educational programs and publications, and service as a scientific editor for *Pharmacotherapy*. During her Board term, she served as secretary for the Clinical Practice Affairs and Nominations committees. Garwood was a member of the Board of Regents Education Committee and the ACCP Foundation Board of Directors and served as liaison to the Geriatrics, Hematology/Oncology, and Pain and Palliative Care PRNs. As her term comes to a close, Garwood reflected:

It has been an honor to have the opportunity to impact this organization and our profession by serving on the Board of Regents. I am continuously inspired by the work of this organization and its members. In the time of my service, I am most proud of the

visionary leadership in strengthening the future of the ACCP Foundation and Journals through the merger of 2 entities to become the current ACCP Foundation.

Hanna Phan, Pharm.D., FCCP, FPPA



Throughout her service as regent, Hanna Phan brought a strong commitment to pediatric pharmacy practice and research, patient-centered care innovation, and experiential education. A clinical professor and director of experiential education at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and clinical pharmacist specialist, ambulatory care – pediatric pulmonology at Michigan Medicine, Phan is nationally recognized for her contributions to pediatric chronic disease management, caregiver/patient education, and adherence research. Before her tenure on the Board of Regents, Phan was an active ACCP leader as chair of the Pediatrics PRN and member of multiple committees, and she has contributed to white papers and educational programs that support the advancement of clinical pharmacy. As a member of the Board of Regents, she served as secretary for the Research Affairs Committee and Credentials: Fellowship Committee and as a member of the Board of Regents Education Committee. Phan also served as liaison to the Drug Information, Endocrinology and Metabolism, Pediatrics, and Transplant PRNs. Sharing her perspective, Phan said:

During my tenure as a Regent, I have learned so much from my colleagues and friends on the Board of Regents and ACCP staff. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve our membership in this capacity. This experience has given me a new perspective and an even greater appreciation for our members' extraordinary contributions and accomplishments—and for the profound impact they have made on patient care, research, and the education of future clinical pharmacists.

A Lasting Impact

Together, these 4 leaders have contributed to ACCP through their service, expertise, and steadfast commitment to advancing clinical pharmacy. Their leadership has helped shape educational initiatives, strengthen member engagement, support professional development, and advance the strategic priorities of the College. Although their formal service on the Board of Regents is concluding, their influence will continue to be felt throughout ACCP and the profession for years to come. On behalf of ACCP members, volunteers, and

staff, we extend our sincere gratitude to these leaders for their dedicated service and lasting contributions to the College.

Keynote Spotlight: Dr Julie Haizlip on “Surviving & Thriving in Healthcare”



The 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting keynote will explore an issue familiar to many clinicians: burnout and the challenge of sustaining a sense of purpose in demanding health care environments. Keynote Speaker Julie Haizlip, MD, MAPP, will present “Surviving & Thriving in Healthcare: The Importance of Mattering,” offering a perspective on how recognizing the ways our work makes a difference can contribute to professional well-being and help clinicians thrive.

Haizlip’s work on mattering grew in part from her own experience with burnout early in her career as a pediatric critical care physician. Her research and teaching focus on helping health care professionals recognize the ways they make a difference to their patients, colleagues, students, and others. By intentionally reflecting on meaningful and positive experiences at work, clinicians can develop a greater awareness of their impact—even amid the challenges and frustrations that can make these moments easy to overlook.

As a clinician physician with the University of Virginia (UVA) Physicians Group and chief wellbeing officer for the UVA Department of Pediatrics, Haizlip brings both clinical experience and expertise in applied

positive psychology to her work. She is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Critical Care. She completed a BS degree in pharmacy with honors, medical school, and a residency in pediatrics at the University of North Carolina and completed her pediatric critical care training at the University of Utah. After more than a decade of work in the UVA pediatric ICU, her clinical practice is currently with the UVA Pediatric Sedation Service.

Haizlip’s work offers a unique perspective on the connection between well-being, burnout, and the sense of purpose that can come from knowing our work matters. Her keynote will bring this perspective to the #ACCPAM26 audience as she explores what it means to survive and thrive in health care.

ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge: Live Rounds of Competition to Be Held at Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City



Live round action of the 2026 ACCP national team competition for pharmacy students, the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, will be held in October 17-19 at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City.

Quarterfinalist teams will be vying for a spot in the final round for a chance to win up to \$1500 and the title of Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Champion. Please join ACCP in recognizing and congratulating the Quarterfinalist Teams:

- Howard University College of Pharmacy
- Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy

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October 28, 2026
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- Long Island University Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy
- Touro New York College of Pharmacy
- University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy
- University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy
- University of Texas at El Paso School of Pharmacy

Who will be crowned the 2026 Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Champion? Join us at the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City or follow us on Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter) for live updates from the meeting to see which teams advance to the semifinal and final rounds.

Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Competition Schedule

Saturday, October 17

Quarterfinal A

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

University of Texas at El Paso School of Pharmacy
vs

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy

Quarterfinal B

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Long Island University Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
vs

Howard University College of Pharmacy

Quarterfinal C

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy
vs

Touro New York College of Pharmacy

Quarterfinal D

Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy
vs

University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

Sunday, October 18

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Semifinal A – Winner Quarterfinal A vs Winner Quarterfinal D

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Semifinal B – Winner Quarterfinal B vs Winner Quarterfinal C

Monday, October 19

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Final Round – Winner Semifinal A vs Winner Semifinal B

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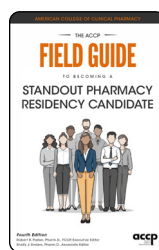
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ACCP Travel Awards Given for 2026 Annual Meeting

One of the best ways for students and postgraduate trainees to experience organized clinical pharmacy in action is to participate in an ACCP national meeting.

This fall, 37 students and postgraduate trainees had this opportunity for the Annual Meeting. Congratulations to the following individuals who were offered 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting travel awards:

Dr Kimberly B. Tallian Memorial Endowed Student Travel Award Winner

- Diego Borja

ACCP Student Travel Award Winners

- Erika Barajas
- Lauren Beringer
- James Brown
- Lauren Butler
- Emily Charen
- Nathan Colasanti
- Reese Cook
- Anna Cortezzo
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- Lauren Mullis
- Cindy Nguyen
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- Anthony Bedrin
- Brandon Cashwell
- En Ling Chen
- Alexis Clarke
- Ashley Fronk
- Stephen Glass
- Sarah Gorban
- Kendall Kerr

- Alanna Kologey
- Selina Lin
- Sara Mansur
- Heeral Naik
- Lindsey Paul
- Stella Petrovici
- Katherine Philpot
- Sarah Stogner
- Roxanna Vassighi

Travel awards encourage student and postgraduate trainee attendance at ACCP meetings and promote future involvement in the College. Information about the next cycle of travel awards will be available on the ACCP website next June. To qualify for a travel award, applicants must be (1) a current resident, fellow, or postgraduate trainee member of ACCP; or (2) a current student member pursuing their first professional degree, who has completed at least 1 academic year in their professional pharmacy program. Applicants are required to submit an essay, a CV, and letter(s) of recommendation from faculty members and/or preceptors.

ACCP Member Spotlight: Kate Dryden



Kate Dryden, Pharm.D., MBA, is a PGY1 pharmacy resident at VA Puget Sound Health Care System. She earned dual Pharm.D. and MBA degrees from Washington State University in 2026. During pharmacy school, Dryden developed an interest in the intersection of pharmacy practice, health care operations, and research—an interest that has shaped both her professional involvement and her research agenda. She served as secretary of her ACCP Student Chapter and as its Emergency Medicine Focus Group leader, and she competed in both the ACCP Clinical Research Challenge and the ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, advancing to the national round of the Clinical Research Challenge.

During her residency, Dryden is building expertise in clinical practice, pharmacy operations, and organizational leadership. Her management rotation has provided experience in the administrative, strategic, and operational aspects of health system pharmacy, including how pharmacy leaders balance high-quality patient care, workforce considerations, regulatory compliance, quality improvement, and fiscal responsibility. She has particularly valued analyzing how operational strategies can reinforce effective medication use systems while ensuring the long-term sustainability of pharmacy services. Her residency also includes rotations in emergency medicine, bone marrow transplantation, primary care, and inpatient mental health.

Dryden's research interests center on the fiscal impact of pharmacist involvement in patient care and how advances in medication therapy may influence hospital cost structures. She has participated in research collaborations resulting in publications and national poster presentations. Among her most meaningful projects is the MedOpt CKM Change Package, for which she contributed to several publications and developed practical resources to help pharmacy practitioners implement comprehensive medication management for cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic disorders.

Dryden's path to pharmacy began in the ED, where she worked before pharmacy school and saw firsthand the impact pharmacists can have on patient care. The COVID-19 pandemic further shaped her career goals. "I became increasingly aware of how much I wanted to do more for patients during some of the most difficult moments of their lives," she says. Working through the earliest months of the pandemic proved especially formative because she saw patients who lacked access to care arrive in emergency situations. Navigating the uncertainty and rapidly changing needs of both patients and health care professionals motivated her to pursue pharmacy so that she could contribute to patient care more meaningfully.

As she progressed through pharmacy school, Dryden found that she was drawn not only to caring for individual patients but also to looking after the systems that make high-quality care possible. Her experiences across several practice settings, together with pursuing an MBA alongside her Pharm.D., helped her recognize how much she enjoys working at the intersection of clinical care, operations, and leadership. These experiences ultimately led her toward health system pharmacy.

The mentors Dryden has encountered throughout pharmacy school, residency, and ACCP have continued to shape her path. She credits them with challenging her to think broadly about what pharmacists can contribute—not only to individual patients, but also to health system care overall—and with inspiring her to pursue leadership and seek opportunities to create lasting, positive change in the profession.

Dryden approaches innovation by first understanding the needs of those affected by a change. A solution that looks ideal on paper, she notes, may not succeed if it does not fit the realities of patients, practitioners, or health system leaders, so she seeks input early, identifies shared priorities, and builds solutions collaboratively. Her training has taught her to weigh both the clinical and the operational sides of a problem, asking not only whether a change will improve patient care but also whether it is feasible, sustainable, and valuable. She views innovation as an iterative process and believes the best solutions come from bringing diverse perspectives together.

For Dryden, effective advocacy begins with demonstrating the value that pharmacists bring to patient care. She believes advocacy is most powerful when it is grounded in evidence and measurable outcomes. Whether through direct patient care, research, quality improvement, or leadership, pharmacists have an opportunity to show how their expertise improves outcomes, expands access to care, and supports health system sustainability.

Her advice to pharmacists who want to become stronger advocates is to become knowledgeable about issues that affect their patients and profession, understand the perspectives of different stakeholders, and communicate effectively with different audiences. "A compelling clinical argument may need to be framed very differently for a patient, physician, health system leader, or policymaker," she says. Dryden emphasizes that advocacy does not require a formal leadership position. Volunteering for projects, participating in professional organizations, contributing to research, and speaking up when there is an opportunity to improve care are all forms of advocacy. Building relationships matters just as much, she adds, because some of the most effective advocacy happens when pharmacists collaborate with colleagues who share a common goal.

After her PGY1 training, Dryden intends to complete a PGY2 residency in health system pharmacy administration and leadership. Integrating her clinical expertise with her MBA background, she aims to build a career in pharmacy leadership focused on designing innovative clinical services, assessing their organizational impact, and advancing medication use systems.

Outside pharmacy, Dryden is an avid knitter with one goal she has yet to accomplish: knitting a traditional Fair Isle sweater in the Shetland Islands, using locally sourced wool and learning the craft where the tradition originated. She would especially enjoy the opportunity to combine this hobby with travel, history, and learning from the people who have preserved the tradition.

ACCP Member Spotlight: Kylie Michot



Dr. Kylie Michot is the PGY2 critical care pharmacy resident at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. She earned her BS degree in pharmaceutical sciences and Pharm.D. degree from the University of Louisiana Monroe in Monroe, Louisiana. After pharmacy school, she completed her PGY1 at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Michot's interest in clinical pharmacy was sparked by her pharmacy school mentor, Jen Hoh, who introduced her to the fields of critical care

and emergency medicine. This experience inspired her to pursue a career focused on caring for critically ill patients. Her interest in critical care continued to grow throughout her APPE rotations and PGY1 residency, where she gained experience across a variety of high-acuity patient populations and intensive care settings.

In her current position, she rotates through learning experiences in surgical, medical, cardiac, burn, and neuroscience ICUs. In this role, she is developing the advanced clinical knowledge, skills, and judgment necessary to provide confident, evidence-based care to critically ill patients. Her training is providing her with opportunities to participate in high-acuity, time-sensitive clinical decision-making while continuing to strengthen her clinical judgment and confidence in complex patient care situations. Her clinical interests include vasopressor management, antimicrobial stewardship, emergency response, and toxicology. Upon completion of her PGY2 residency, Michot aspires to obtain her BCCCP board certification and practice as a critical care pharmacy specialist, working at the top of her license within a collaborative, multidisciplinary environment. In addition, she hopes for the opportunity to support the development of current and future health care professionals through teaching, preceptorship, and professional mentorship.

When asked how she integrates advocacy into her role, Michot answered that she integrates it into her daily practice by advocating for herself and supporting her coresidents. She prioritizes open communication with preceptors when establishing deadlines and

monthly schedules to ensure expectations are clear and responsibilities are manageable. She also makes an effort to prioritize her well-being on her days off. She recognizes that maintaining her own well-being is important to remaining focused and providing the best care possible to her patients. By advocating for herself and her coresidents, she promotes a supportive work environment while maintaining her ability to meet the demands of residency.

Michot was first introduced to ACCP during her P3 year, when she had the opportunity to serve as a founding member of her pharmacy school's ACCP chapter. Although her time as an ACCP member has been relatively short, the organization has had a significant impact on her professional development. Through ACCP, she has developed connections with students, residents, and pharmacists who have provided guidance and perspectives that have supported her personal and professional growth. She has also had opportunities to contribute to the organization, including serving as a member-at-large on the Resident Advisory Committee, participating on the CNS PRN Communications Committee, and contributing to the Critical Care PRN newsletter. She looks forward to continuing her involvement in the upcoming year as the Resident Advisory Committee vice chair and presenting her PGY1 research at the ACCP Annual Meeting. These opportunities have allowed her to both learn from ACCP members and contribute to the organization through service, education, and professional engagement. ACCP has also demonstrated the value of maintaining connections within the profession. Through ACCP, Michot has met residents and students

SNPhA x ACCP Residency Showcase

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in specialties and programs outside her immediate professional network. These relationships have provided a network of colleagues she can reach out to with questions, learn from, and support as they progress in their careers. In return, she hopes her involvement has allowed her to contribute to the organization by supporting other members and helping strengthen the resident and student community.

Given her experience with ACCP, Michot encourages students and residents to identify a professional organization that provides opportunities for both professional growth and meaningful involvement. She believes that professional development is not something that should be pursued independently. Pharmacy practice continues to change, with new evidence and information emerging daily. Maintaining connections with other pharmacists can provide valuable opportunities to learn and share knowledge. She also encourages members to actively participate rather than simply maintain membership. Serving on committees, attending meetings, contributing to publications, and connecting with other members can help individuals build relationships and develop skills outside their daily practice. These connections can provide opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, research, and potentially future career opportunities. Most importantly, Michot believes that involvement in professional organizations allows

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:

2026 ACCP Annual Meeting

October 17-20, 2026
Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City
Salt Palace Convention Center
Salt Lake City, Utah

ACCP PGY2 Residency and Fellowship Showcase

October 28, 2026
Virtual

SNPhA x ACCP Residency Showcase

November 10 & 12, 2026
Virtual

pharmacists to learn from one another and contribute to the continued growth of the profession.

On a nonprofessional note, one life goal that she has yet to accomplish is visiting all 50 states. So far, she has only visited 16 states but looks forward to postresidency life when she will have the time (and money) to travel. She looks forward to checking Utah off the list when she attends the ACCP Annual Meeting this year.

Call for Nominations

All nomination materials, including letters, curricula vitae or resumes, and other supporting documents, can be submitted online to ACCP. For all awards, honors, and officer/board positions, the College strongly urges the nomination of qualified individuals who identify as members of underrepresented groups in ACCP. The online nominations portal specifies the nominating materials required for each award, honor, and elective office. This portal is available at www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx.

DEADLINES:

Due November 30, 2026 – Nominations for the fall 2027 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, Education, and Excellence in DEIA awards) and the 2028 elected offices

Due February 1, 2027 – Nominees' supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the fall 2027 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, Education, and Excellence in

DEIA awards) and the 2028 elected offices.

Due February 15, 2027 – Nominations and supporting documents for the 2027 Parker Medal; nominations for the 2028 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture, the 2027 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2027 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs)

Due April 1, 2027 – Nominees' supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the 2027 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator) and the 2028 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture.

DESCRIPTIONS:

2028 Elected Offices: President-Elect, Regents, and ACCP Foundation Director. Nominees must be Full Members of ACCP and should have (1) achieved excellence in clinical pharmacy practice, research, or education; (2) demonstrated leadership capabilities; and (3) made prior contributions to ACCP. Current members of the Nominations Committee are ineligible. Please note that any qualifying Full Member may

nominate themselves for office. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2026.**

2027 ACCP Fellows: Fellowship is awarded in recognition of continued excellence in clinical pharmacy practice or research. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP for at least 5 years, must have been in practice for at least 10 years since receipt of their highest professional pharmacy degree, and must have made a sustained contribution to ACCP through activities such as presentation at College meetings; service to ACCP committees, PRNs, chapters, or publications; or election as an officer. Candidates must be nominated by any 2 Full Members other than the nominee, by any Fellow, or by any member of the Board of Regents. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Credentials: Fellowship Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible for consideration. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2027.**

2027 Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy: Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to improving or expanding the profession of pharmacy in an area of professional service—including, but not limited to, patient care, leadership, administration, finance, technology, information processing, service delivery, models of care, and advocacy. The award is not limited to pharmacists or ACCP members. Nominations must consist of a letter detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and contributions to the profession of pharmacy; the nominee's curriculum vitae, resume, or biographical sketch as available; and a minimum of 3 letters of recommendation. At least 1 of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current practice locale. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2027, including supporting documents.**

2027 Robert M. Elenbaas Service Award: Considered to be a lifetime achievement award, this honor is conferred only when a particularly noteworthy candidate is identified in recognition of outstanding contributions to the vitality of ACCP or to the advancement of its goals that are well above and beyond the usual devotion of resources, be it time, energy, material goods, or a combination thereof. It is expected that nominees for this award will have been serving the mission of ACCP/clinical pharmacy for at least 20 years at the time of nomination. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member detailing the nominee's qualifications for the award and contributions to the College, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of 2 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least 1 of these letters must be from an

individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2026. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy Award: Like the Elenbaas Award, this is a lifetime achievement award. The Webb Award is given only when a particularly noteworthy candidate is identified who has made outstanding contributions to the visibility and value of clinical pharmacy in national policy, intraprofessional, and interprofessional arenas; has assembled a record of mentoring others who have gone on to assume a health professions and health policy leadership role; and is recognized as an ambassador for clinical pharmacy both within and outside the profession. It is expected that nominees for this award will have advocated for the mission of ACCP/clinical pharmacy for at least 20 years at the time of nomination. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and contributions to the College, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of 2 letters of recommendation from either ACCP members or non-ACCP members. At least 1 of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice/place of employment. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2026. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2028 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award: Honors an internationally recognized scientist whose research is actively advancing the frontiers of pharmacotherapy. The recipient of this award is not required to be an ACCP member. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and their contributions to pharmacotherapy, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2027. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 Russell R. Miller Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has made outstanding contributions to the professional literature of clinical pharmacy, either as a single, landmark contribution or by sustained excellence over time. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and their contributions to the professional literature, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2026. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 Clinical Practice Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has developed an innovative clinical pharmacy service, provided innovative documentation of the impact of clinical pharmacy services, provided leadership in developing cost-effective clinical pharmacy services, or shown sustained excellence in providing clinical pharmacy services. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and their contributions to clinical pharmacy practice, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2026. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 Education Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom or clinical training site, conducted innovative research in clinical pharmacy education, demonstrated exceptional dedication to continuing education programs, or demonstrated leadership in the development of

education programs. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and their contributions to health professional education, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2026. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 Excellence in Advancement of Diversity, Health Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has shown exceptional dedication and impact in their efforts to promote or advance diversity, health equity, inclusion, and accessibility initiatives or programs via advocacy, education, clinical practice, research, or leadership within the pharmacy profession, health care institutions, or local communities. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and their contributions to the field, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2026. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 New Investigator Award: This award highlights the research program of an ACCP member who has made a major impact on an aspect of clinical pharmaceutical science. Nominees must have been a Full Member of ACCP at the time of nomination and a member at any level for at least 3 years; they must have a research program with a significant publication record having a programmatic theme or an especially noteworthy single publication; and it must have been within

6 years since completion of their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree, whichever is most recent. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond a professional pharmacy degree or training (ie, PhD), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of their research program, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2027. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 New Clinical Practitioner Award: This award recognizes a new clinical practitioner who has made outstanding contributions to the health of patients and/or the practice of clinical pharmacy. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for at least 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within 6 years from the time of selection by the Board of Regents. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond a professional pharmacy degree or training (ie, PhD), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Fellows of ACCP (ie, "FCCPs") are ineligible. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of their clinical contributions, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of

2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2027. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2027, as noted above.**

2027 New Educator Award: This award recognizes and honors a new educator for outstanding contributions to the discipline of teaching and to the education of health care practitioners. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for at least 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within 6 years from the time of selection by the Board of Regents. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond a professional pharmacy degree or training (ie, PhD), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Fellows of ACCP (ie, "FCCPs") are ineligible. Nominations must consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of their clinical contributions, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae. In addition to the nomination letter, a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 letters of recommendation from other ACCP members must be submitted, for a total of no more than 4 letters overall. At least 1 of these letters must be from an ACCP member outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. The chair of the Awards Committee sends a letter of acknowledgment to each member submitting a nomination. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2027. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2027, as noted above.**

Washington Report

ACCP and Partners Celebrate 20 Years of Positioning Clinical Pharmacists in Congress and Beyond!



Front Row, L-R: Kristin Zimmerman, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCGP; Kathy Pham, Pharm.D., BCPPS; Nellie Jafari, Pharm.D., MPH; Laurel Uhomba, Pharm.D., MPH, MBA; John McGlew; Mikayla Harris, Pharm.D.; Amie Brooks, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCACP, CAE

Back Row, L-R: George Neyarapally, Pharm.D., JD, MPH, RPH; Nimit Jindal, Pharm.D.; Anna Legreid Dopp, Pharm.D., CPHQ

John McGlew

Director of Government Affairs

ACCP and its partners celebrated the 20th anniversary of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy-American Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Virginia Commonwealth University Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program. This unique program provides a yearlong placement for a clinical pharmacist to serve in a staff position in a congressional office on Capitol Hill.

For 2 decades, the Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program in Washington, DC, has offered a unique opportunity for a pharmacist to serve as a staff member in the US Congress, with orientation managed by ACCP and ASHP government affairs offices.

Past fellows, program preceptors, and ACCP staff joined together for a celebration dinner in Alexandria, Virginia, to honor the most recent fellow, Laurel Uhomba, Pharm.D., MPH, MBA, and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Fellow Program.

Uhomba is currently finishing her service as the ACCP-ASHP-VCU Congressional Health Policy Fellow, working for the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee's Health Subcommittee on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

According to Uhomba:

No 2 days are exactly the same on Capitol Hill. My work includes meeting with a wide range of stakeholders, contributing to ongoing policy projects, and supporting preparation for hearings. I also assist with drafting memos and background materials to help inform members and staff on key health issues under the committee's jurisdiction.

I absolutely love living in DC, which I affectionately call my Dream City. There is so much to do and such a diverse mix of people to connect with. One of my favorite parts of living here is how accessible everything feels. There are countless free events, museums, festivals, and networking opportunities, and most places are walkable or easily reached by public transit. It is energizing to live in a city where so many people are passionate about their work across so many different sectors.

It is essential for the future of pharmacy to have individuals who not only understand the processes of analyzing and making good, sound policies, but who are also willing to engage in the process. Policy happens everywhere—at local institutions and in local, state, and federal legislative and regulatory environments. It is important for pharmacists to increase their involvement in legislative or regulatory policy and to have better representation in Congress and federal agencies.

Past Fellows include:

- Mikayla Harris, Pharm.D., who currently serves as a Legislative Assistant in the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs in the US Senate
- Nimit Jindal, Pharm.D., who currently serves as Senior Health Policy Advisor, US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
- Nilofar ("Nellie") Jafari, Pharm.D., MPH, who currently serves as the VA National Pharmacist Executive for the US Department of Veterans Affairs

For a full list of Past Fellows, [click here](#).

We are still accepting applications for 2027-2028 Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow Program!

Interested candidates should visit the pharmacy Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow program website for more information and instructions on submitting an application. For more information, [click here](#).

Member Recruiters

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

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