

MUSOP BULLETIN

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From the Dean

Celebrating Growth, Excellence, and Community at MUSOP



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As spring begins, the Marshall University School of Pharmacy continues to flourish - driven by the dedication, compassion, and excellence of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Each of you plays a vital role in shaping the future of pharmacy through service, scholarship, and leadership.

This month, we are especially proud to celebrate Mia Pino, our Student of the Month. Mia's academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to patient care represent the very best of what it means to be a part of the Herd.

We also shine a spotlight on two remarkable members of our MUSOP community. Dr. Angel Kimble, one of our outstanding faculty members, continues to enrich our program through her commitment to teaching, mentorship, and clinical excellence. Her leadership has been a key driver in our recent NAPLEX performance turnaround, ensuring our graduates are well-prepared, confident, and ready to excel in professional practice. Dr. Brentney Fields, one of our accomplished alumni, exemplifies the lifelong impact of a MUSOP education. Her continued engagement and professional success highlight how our graduates carry the Herd spirit forwards, making a difference in the lives of patients and communities everywhere.

To our students, alumni, families, and partners - thank you for supporting our mission and sharing in our vision for the future. Together, we continue to build a culture of excellence that reflects the strength and heart of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy.

Go HERD!



Marshall Day at the Capitol

Faculty, students, and administrators participated on behalf of MUSOP at Marshall Day in Charleston.



Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Angel Kimble is our Faculty Spotlight for February.

Dr. Kimble has continued to work with our P4 students during their Capstone to improve NAPLEX scores. It has been a significant amount of work and time dedicated to chasing down students, meeting with them one-on-one, and creating new sets of questions to help them prepare.

We truly appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to bettering our students.



MUSOP Happenings

Valentine Telegram Fundraiser

APhA-ASP hosted a Valentine fundraiser that enabled participants to send flowers, donuts, candy, and soda to our students, faculty, and staff in a show of love and appreciation.



Congratulations!



Pharmacy Day at the Capitol

Students and faculty joined WVPA in Charleston to meet with legislators across WV and to advocate for pharmacy practice, PBM reform, and workplace safety.



Student of the Month

Our Student of the Month for February is Mia Pino

P3 student Mia Pino is active in leadership roles in several student organizations here at MUSOP. She has helped organize and establish the Herd Fentanyl Education Task Force, which is dedicated to harm reduction education, and she serves monthly with Marshall Medical Outreach (MMO) to provide services to the community and underserved populations. It is because of her compassion and service that we want to recognize her as our Student of the Month. Thank you, Mia!

Congratulations



American Heart Month

Every day, 2,500 lives are lost to cardiovascular disease. “Since the American Heart Association’s founding in 1924, deaths from cardiovascular diseases have been cut in half. And yet, there are still so many lives to be saved. By driving breakthroughs in science, policy, and care, we can continue to advance health and transform lives.”



www.heart.org



American Red Cross

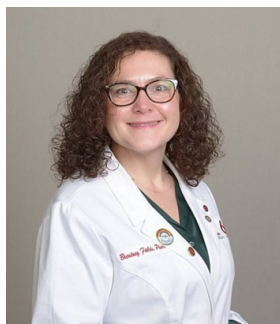
1 in 5 US blood donors show sign of prediabetes and diabetes



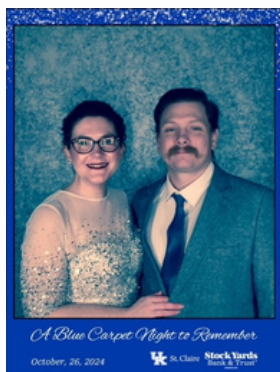
In March, the Red Cross will provide free A1C screening on all successful blood, platelet, and plasma donations. Donors can visit www.Redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

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Alumni Spotlight - Dr. Brentney Fields



Growing up in Flatwoods, a small community in eastern Kentucky, Dr. Brentney Fields learned early what it meant to be resilient, resourceful, and compassionate. Surrounded by three brothers and raised in a medically underserved area, she witnessed firsthand the challenges her friends and family faced when seeking healthcare. Limited access, high costs, and insurance disparities were everyday obstacles – ones that ultimately shaped her passion and future career.



While her upbringing gave her an understanding of the gaps in healthcare, one event in particular solidified her decision to enter the profession. When her oldest son suffered a medication error as an infant, Brentney saw how a single missed opportunity to question a prescription could have life-altering consequences. Although the pharmacist involved felt something wasn't right, he wasn't confident enough to challenge the specialist's order. That experience stayed with her.

"He was the last line of defense, and it failed," she recalls. "I knew then that I wanted to be the kind of pharmacist who felt empowered to advocate for patients – no matter who wrote the prescription."

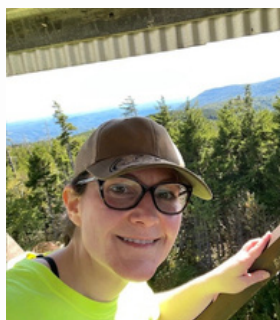


Today, Brentney lives in Morehead, Kentucky with her husband, their two sons, and two dogs. Together, they enjoy traveling, camping, hiking, and fishing – anything that brings them outdoors and together as a family. Her boys stay busy with Boy Scouts, esports, and wrestling, while Brentney finds her own joy in reading, scrapbooking, and even building with LEGO.



Professionally, Dr. Fields has built a thriving career at UK S. Claire Health in Morehead, where she serves as the Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Manager. Joining the health system right after residency, she became its first ambulatory care pharmacist and started by managing warfarin therapy. Since then, her practice has expanded significantly. She now leads services focused on chronic disease management, including diabetes, heart failure, and COPD, providing comprehensive medication management through collaborative practice agreements. Her team also supports a 340B medication access program, ensuring patients receive the treatments they need.

"What I love most is that I truly get to help our patients and fully use my clinical training," she says. "In Kentucky, pharmacists are recognized as providers, and our collaborative agreements allow us to practice at the top of our licensure. It's incredibly rewarding." 



Reflecting on her time as a student, Brentney says she would have diversified her experiential training more. While most of her rotations were located in West Virginia, the few opportunities she had to see practice differences in neighboring states were invaluable. "I wish I had spent more time outside the Huntington area," she notes. "Understanding how the scope of practice varies helped me make better decisions about where I wanted to work."

For Brentney, the greatest reward of being a pharmacist is knowing she makes a real difference. "Being a pharmacist makes me feel like I'm having a positive impact on patient care. We're a trusted and integral part of the healthcare team, and I'm grateful to practice in a way that benefits both our patients and our providers."



Staff Spotlight

Meet our new Recruitment/Marketing Coordinator, Ms. Rachel Ayers.

Rachel hails from Point Pleasant, WV, and brings with her knowledge and experience in recruiting, outreach, campus engagement, digital and social media communications, and much more. We are excited for her to begin her journey with Marshall University here at the School of Pharmacy.



Welcome, Rachel!



Be on the lookout for more information about our upcoming MUSOP Gala and 10-year reunion for the MUSOP Class of 2016.

Looking to hire a MUSOP Alumni?

Does your company or organization have opportunities, such as FT or PT jobs, internships, fellowships, or volunteer opportunities that our student pharmacists and alumni may be qualified for? If so, we would love to share with them. Please submit your opportunities through the following link:

<https://www.marshall.edu/pharmacy/opportunity-form/>

