

MUSOP BULLETIN

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From the Dean



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As we bring another academic year to a close, I am especially grateful for the many ways our Marshall University School of Pharmacy community continues to grow, support one another, and make a difference.

Celebrating our graduates at the Hooding Ceremony and recognizing the achievements of the Class of 2027 at the Pinning Ceremony were powerful reminders of why we do this work. Watching our students reach these milestones – surrounded by faculty, family, and mentors – underscores the strength of our community and the bright future of pharmacy across West Virginia and beyond.

These moments are made possible through the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, preceptors, alumni, and community partners. I would like to extend special recognition to Dr. Tiffany Davis, recipient of the Dean's Award for Excellence in Education, whose commitment to innovation and student success continues to elevate our program, and Dr. Angel Kimble, our Teacher of the Year. We also celebrate Ms. Kasie Erlewine, our Staff Person of the Year, whose work behind the scenes ensures that our students are supported every step of the way.

As we continue to prepare for the next generation of pharmacists, we remain deeply committed to serving our region through education, innovation, and community engagement. I hope many of you will join us at our upcoming Summer Gala as we celebrate our shared mission and invest in the future of our students.

Thank you for all that you do – whether as a student, faculty or staff member, alumnus, preceptor, or partner – to support the Marshall University School of Pharmacy. Your contributions truly make a difference, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the months ahead. Go HERD!



The West Virginia Pharmacists Association is a statewide professional organization that advocates for the interests of licensed pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists. Scan the QR code above for more information about WVPA and how to join.

MUSOP Faculty



Pharmacy News

“The FDA approved baxdrostat (Baxfendy; AstraZeneca) for the treatment of hypertension in adults who are not adequately controlled on existing antihypertensive medications. The drug is the first and only aldosterone synthase inhibitor (ASI) to receive regulatory approval in the US, marking a meaningful advancement for a condition that has seen limited therapeutic innovation over the past 2 decades,” according to PharmacyTimes.

To read the full article, click the link below.

www.pharmacytimes.com

This digital newsletter connects you to many of our other online sources of information. As this newsletter continues to evolve, we encourage your feedback and story ideas by emailing sopnews@marshall.edu.

MUSOP 2026 Hooding Ceremony

We held our 2026 Hooding Ceremony at the historic Keith Albee Theater on May 7, 2026. Twenty-five PharmD candidates and five MSPS students were hooded. Dennis Lewis, R.Ph., President/CEO Dignity Hospice and Home Health, was the keynote speaker, and former faculty member Lisa Nord, R.Ph., gave the Oath of a Pharmacist. Click the link below to view the photo gallery of the ceremony.



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Pinning and Awards Ceremony



The Class of 2027 received their pins symbolizing the end of their didactic courses and the beginning of their rotations and final year of pharmacy school. The event was held at the Memorial Student Center in the Don Morris Room on April 3, 2026. Twenty-six students were presented with their pins, and many received scholarships and awards, recognizing their hard work and achievements. Our keynote speaker was 2016 alumnus Dr. Brittany Johnson. We also held a ceremony for the Epsilon Xi chapter Rho Chi, where eight new members were inducted. Click the link below to view the photo gallery.

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The Marshall University School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the MUSOP Summer Gala, an elegant evening celebrating alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the School of Pharmacy. Guests will enjoy a memorable night set in a beautifully curated botanical theme, featuring a catered dinner, live music, a hosted bar, and a silent auction with a variety of unique items and experiences. Proceeds from the gala will directly benefit MUSOP student scholarships, including a scholarship established in memory of Dr. Stephanie Walker, a valued member of the inaugural class. General admission is \$200 per person, Class of 2016 alumni admission is \$125 per person. In addition to ticket sales, event sponsorship opportunities remain available at multiple levels, providing organizations and individuals the chance to support MUSOP while receiving recognition throughout the event and related promotions. For sponsorship inquiries, ticket purchases, or additional details, please contact Kit Vance (vance1@marshall.edu) or Terri Moran (moran@marshall.edu).

Staff Spotlight - Kasie Erlewine

Our 2025-2026 Staff Person of the Year award went to Ms. Kasie Erlewine, Admissions Counselor, Sr. Kasie is being recognized for her hard work to assist students during the admissions process, for planning and successfully executing student events on behalf of Wellness by Walgreens, participation in committee meetings, and organizing fun faculty and staff events here at MUSOP. Thank you, Kasie, for all that you do for our school and for our students!



Faculty Spotlight - Dr. Angel Kimble & Dr. Tiffany Davis



Dr. Angel Kimble was awarded the Teacher of the Year award for 2025-2026. Her innovative methods, data-driven approach to education, record-breaking student outcomes, commitment to active learning, and tireless dedication to student success make her exceptionally deserving of this award. She has transformed the educational experience for countless students and elevated the reputation of our program through her outstanding contributions.

Congratulations, Dr. Kimble!



Dr. Tiffany Davis was the recipient of the Dean's Award for Excellence in Education for 2025-2026. Her unwavering commitment to student success through her tireless pursuit of improving MPJE scores and elevating NAPLEX scores, represent the gold standard of educational excellence at MUSOP. Her multifaceted contributions - from improving licensure exam scores to pioneering AI integration, from curriculum innovation to individual mentorship - demonstrate sustained excellence in teaching and learning. Thank you Dr. Davis, for all that you do for our students.

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/>

