

MUSOP BULLETIN

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As autumn deepens across Huntington, the Marshall University School of Pharmacy community reflects on a season of accomplishment, growth, and meaningful engagement. This month's bulletin highlights the continued excellence of our students, the leadership and innovation of our faculty, and the dedication of alumni who are shaping the future of healthcare across our region and beyond.

From exceptional academic achievements, community outreach initiatives, job fairs, notable research presentations, professional milestones, and Thanksgiving dinners, each story featured here underscores our collective commitment to learning, service, and advancement in pharmacy education. We invite you to read, connect, and take pride in the outstanding work being done by members of the MUSOP family as we continue to strengthen our shared mission - advancing knowledge, improving health outcomes, and uplifting the communities we serve. Go HERD!

Repeat Winners

Congratulations to the "DrugStore Divas" on their amazing win at the WVPA OTC Challenge. They beat WVU to keep the trophy at MUSOP for another year. Way to go, ladies!



Bailey Baker, Cierra James,
Madeline Blevins, Sydney Riffe



International Thanksgiving

The MUSOP APhA-ASP chapter, along with their families and several faculty members, treated the school to traditional and international dishes during an International Thanksgiving lunch fundraiser.

Attendees sampled foods from Iraq, India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Turkey, China, Mexico, and the United States while listening to music and sharing in stories, community, and friendship.



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.

Faculty Spotlight



In October 2025, Dr. Mindy Varney was selected to join the 2026 cohort of the John Marshall Leadership Fellows Program (JMLFP). “The program had many applications from across the institution that showed a level of importance of an experience like JMLFP and illustrates the investment so many of us have made (and will continue to make) in this institution.”

The broad aims of the JMLFP are to:

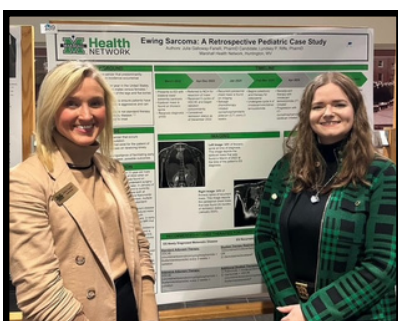
- Identify faculty, staff, and administrators who have leadership potential;
- Provide information, training and development activities related to institutional processes, policies and decision-making pathways;
- Build participants’ competence through leadership theory and research; and
- Apply leadership principles to a timely problem-solving project, addressing an issue of significance to the university.



MUSOP Happenings



A check was presented to the local Ronald McDonald House Charities with proceeds raised during our Color Run in September. Thanks to local support, \$1,750.75 was donated to help families during their stays.



P4 student Julia Galloway-Fanelli and MUSOP alumna Dr. Lyndsey Riffe presented a case study at the Health Sciences Research Day at St. Mary’s Medical Center for Education. This research and presentation were conducted as part of Julia’s participation in the Marshall Health Network Scholars program.

Student of the Month

Our Student of the Month for November is Amal Khan. Amal is a dual-degree student who is providing her strong leadership skills as the APhA Women's Health Chair and Kappa Psi Philanthropy Chair. She successfully advanced Kappa Psi through innovative recruitment efforts and planned a successful Women's Health Fair. Her dedication to mentorship, community engagement, and pharmacy advocacy are what makes her worthy of this recognition.



National Diabetes Month

Diabetes is one of the fastest growing chronic diseases in the world. Nearly one in two Americans has diabetes or prediabetes.

2025 marks the 85th year of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), and while there have been extraordinary advancements in diabetes knowledge, treatment, and care, there remains more to be done to prevent and cure diabetes.

[Diabetes.org](https://www.diabetes.org)



Pharmacy Research Fundamentals: Before you Begin



Are you looking for help in getting started with a research project? Don't know where to start? American Society of Health Professions can help. They have resources to guide in developing a research plan, data collection, display, and manipulation, manuscript preparations, and more. Click the link below to learn more.

www.ashp.org

Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Will Foster, MUSOP Class of 2023, is our Alumni Spotlight for November 2025. After graduation, Will went on to complete a residency, along with 3 classmates, at the Hershel Woody Williams Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Dr. Foster currently works as an Inpatient Clinical Pharmacist at Phoenix Children's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ., in a variety of areas, but spends the majority of his time working in the inpatient general pediatric unit or the perioperative areas as a decentralized pharmacist. During any given day, Will can be reviewing patients' charts, working with medical teams to improve patient care, medication order review and verification, completing medication reconciliation, and much more. He also works shifts in the central inpatient pharmacy where he completes verification of sterile and non-sterile compounded products, facilitates delivery of medications to the floors, completes order verifications, and answers medication questions. Will tells us that he sees a wide variety of disease states in his day-to-day, and he learns something new every day.

Will's advice to current pharmacy students: Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. There will be many opportunities during school and as a pharmacist that may seem challenging at first, but these are the moments when you learn and grow the most.



Annual Career Fair

This past month, we hosted our annual Pharmacy Career Fair and Residency Showcase. It was an opportunity for our students to meet with potential employers, learn about different career paths, and network with pharmacy professionals. Some of our alumni returned to recruit for and share their experiences as well. We had over 20 vendors providing information, and representatives who were available to discuss their opportunities with our students. We are grateful they took the time out of their busy days to meet with 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/>

