

# MUSOP BULLETIN

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Welcome to the September 2025 edition of the MUSOP Bulletin.

In this issue, we warmly welcome and celebrate the incoming Class of 2029, offering a glimpse into their recent White Coat Ceremony, held at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall. We would like to extend our congratulations to this month's featured Student of the Month, Mr. Calvin Covington. A dedicated P2 student who is also pursuing his Master's in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Calvin will proudly represent MUSOP on a national stage this October, where he will present his important research at the American College of Pharmacy's annual meeting.

We are proud to feature an in-depth alumni spotlight on Dr. Robyn Jensen, a distinguished 2016 graduate who is making a significant impact in her community.

This edition also recognizes the ongoing professional achievements of our talented faculty and staff, including a recap of their trip to the AACP Annual Conference and a special certification for our Director of Progressions, Ms. Megan Russell.

In observance of National Suicide Prevention Month, we share vital information and critical resources.

Finally, don't miss our helpful explanation of the 5-2-1-0 public health rule for promoting healthy habits. And a special recognition for Dr. Gayle Brazeau, who is stepping down after two decades of dedicated service as Editor-in-Chief of the AJPE.

## White Coat Ceremony 2025



In August 2025, we presented 34 White Coats to our incoming class of 2029 during a ceremony held at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall. Family and friends of our students gathered together and were inspired by our keynote speaker, Dr. Brittany Messer, PharmD, FACC, a clinical pharmacy specialist with the cardiology department at Marshall Health, and a member of the Class of 2019.

[White Coat Ceremony Photos](#)

## Student of the Month

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This month, we would like to congratulate Mr. Calvin Covington, a dedicated P2 student who is also pursuing his Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, as our Student of the Month.

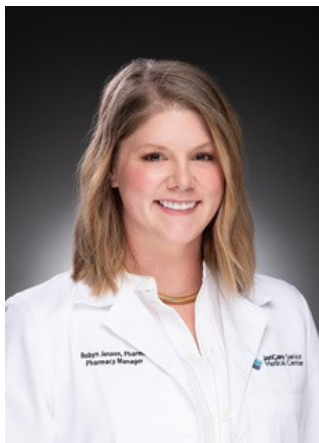
Calvin, a proud native of West Virginia, is an outstanding example of one who exemplifies "academic excellence, professionalism, and a strong commitment to service," says Dr. Cynthia Jones. He is deeply motivated to utilize his education and expertise to enhance the health and well-being of citizens across the state.

While Calvin is not only an advocate for the profession, he is also a passionate ambassador for MUSOP. This October, he will represent the school on a national platform as he presents his research at the annual American College of Clinical Pharmacy meeting in Minneapolis, MN, "a remarkable achievement that highlights both his scholarly promise and his dedication to advancing the field."

Calvin's leadership, advocacy, and drive to contribute meaningfully to his community, make him an outstanding asset to our Pharmily.

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](mailto:sopnews@marshall.edu).

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Robyn Jensen is a MUSOP Inaugural Class of 2016 graduate. She currently resides in Louisville, KY, where she is a Pharmacy Manager. She has built her career on accessibility, innovation, and impact. From discovering her purpose while being a patient on the other side of the counter to launching one of the enterprise's top-performing pharmacies, her journey reflects resilience, vision, and a heart for patients.

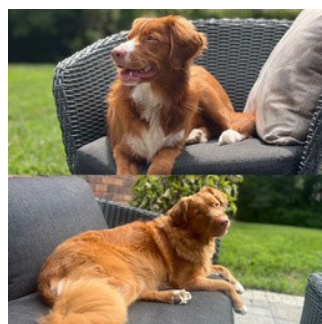
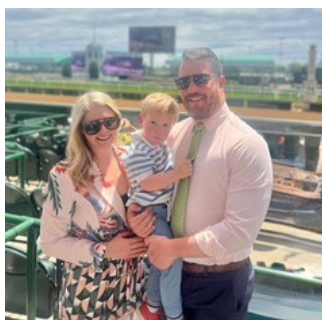
Robyn had the unique opportunity to launch and credential a pharmacy from the ground up, transition from physician dispensing, open a center-fill pharmacy, and create streamlined systems for providers and patients. Under her team's leadership, the pharmacy has become one of the top performers nationally, achieving the highest honor of a 5-star rating on Part D measures. She was able to author and secure approval for a first-of-its-kind Collaborative Practice Agreement across the enterprise, creating tangible impact: easier access to medications, smoother workflows for providers, and healthier outcomes for patients.

Robyn's advice to current pharmacy students: "Lean into the hard seasons. They're not setbacks, they are the foundation of your strength as a pharmacist."

During her time here at Marshall, one of Robyn's favorite memories was Marshall's legendary tailgates, more specifically, The Potty Train! "What started as a clever get-together quickly turned into pharmacy school folklore – everyone wanted to be a part of it."

Outside of pharmacy, Robyn and her husband, Robert, who is also a MUSOP graduate, are raising their son, Rhodes, alongside two spirited dogs, Mavis and Cordi, who keep them laughing and humble.

Thank you so much, Robyn, for sharing a little bit of your life as an MUSOP alumna.



## September is National Suicide Prevention Month



According to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 individuals die by suicide, leaving behind friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of their loss. Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among adults in the US and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among people aged 10-24 and these rates are increasing.

If you, or someone you know, may be at risk, please reach out for help. Contact the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255

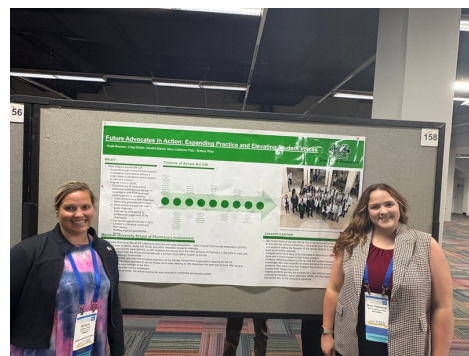
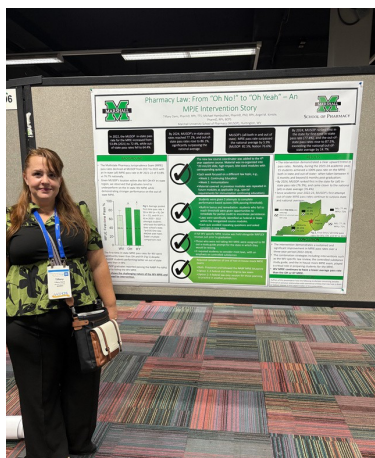
## Looking to hire a MUSOP Alumni?

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/>



# Faculty Spotlight



In July 2025, several of our faculty members traveled to Chicago, IL, for the AACP Annual Conference. Throughout this conference, they were able to connect with colleagues, “gain insights from industry experts, foster relationships with Academy leaders from across the country, and address the most critical challenges facing pharmacy education and the evolving healthcare landscape.”

## Staff Spotlight



During the summer of 2025, Ms. Megan Russell, Director of Progressions, received her Appreciative Advisor Certificate through Florida Atlantic University.

Certified Appreciative Advisers are committed to optimizing their students' educational experiences through the application of the Appreciative Education framework. Megan was required to complete a week-long training course, submit a complete 3-page Appreciative Advising Skills Rubric, a letter of recommendation, her CV, and a personal appreciative advising theory statement.

Congratulations, Megan, on this wonderful achievement!

### What is the 5 2 1 0 rule?

The 5-2-1-0 Rule is a public health initiative that promotes healthy habits by following four daily guidelines: Eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables, limit screen time (computers, video games, phones) to 2 hours or less, get at least 1 hour of physical activity, and consume 0 sugar-sweetened beverages like soda, juice, or sports drinks. (source: [www.ohsu.edu](http://www.ohsu.edu))



# Dr. Gayle Brazeau Steps Down as Editor of AJPE

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Dr. Gayle Brazeau is stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of the AJPE after serving in this role after two decades. "Thank you isn't even close to what I want to say here," said Dr. Brazeau during the AJPE Editorial Board meeting. "It's gratitude, it's appreciation. Each of us has to find our little place in the pharmacy adacemy - perhaps mine was to help advance our journal just a little further."

Beyond her direct effect on the Journal, "perhaps one of Dr. Brazeau's most unique and powerful contributions has been her personal commitment to mentoring authors," said Lee Vermeulen, BSP Pharm, MS, FCCP, FFIP, AACP EVP & CEO. "Her willingness to meet with authors to refine their ideas and drafts has been a transformative gift, shaping the careers of countless individuals in our community." (source: <https://www.linkedin.com/posts/theajpe>)

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## Special Recognitions

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Thank you to our steadfast maintenance workers, **Kody Baumann**, manager, and **Chris Howerton**, for their continued dedication to the upkeep of our facility. We appreciate all of their efforts!



A special honor was given to our custodial worker, **Amber Blevins**, by her employer, HHS. Amber was named as their Employee of the Month for August. "Amber consistently earns top inspection scores, demonstrating her commitment to excellence and attention to detail. No matter the challenge, she's always ready to do what it takes to get the job done right." We are truly grateful for her work and presence here at MUSOP. We would like to applaud her diligence and extend our heartfelt congratulations!

