

MUSOP BULLETIN

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From the Dean



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As we begin another academic year at the Marshall University School of Pharmacy, I am reminded of the remarkable momentum that continues across our school. This issue highlights many of the accomplishments that make our community special, from welcoming the Class of 2030 at our White Coat Ceremony to celebrating faculty who have secured more than \$2 million in federal research funding. We also recognize the achievements of our students, alumni, and colleagues whose dedication continues to strengthen our mission of education, research, service, and patient care.

Our success is possible because of the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, alumni, preceptors, and supporters. I would also like to recognize the success of this summer's MUSOP Gala, which brought alumni and friends back together in support of our students and helped establish the Stephanie Walker Memorial Scholarship. Thank you for all you do to advance the School of Pharmacy and the profession. I hope you enjoy this issue and take pride in the many accomplishments and opportunities it showcases.

White Coat Ceremony 2026



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Our annual White Coat Ceremony for the incoming class of 2030, was held on August 17, 2026, at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall. Students were inspired by the message from our keynote speaker, Dr. Jordan Sheppard, Clinical Pharmacist/Internal Medicine with Marshall Health, and an alumnus of MUSOP Class of 2019, on working hard to pursue their passion.

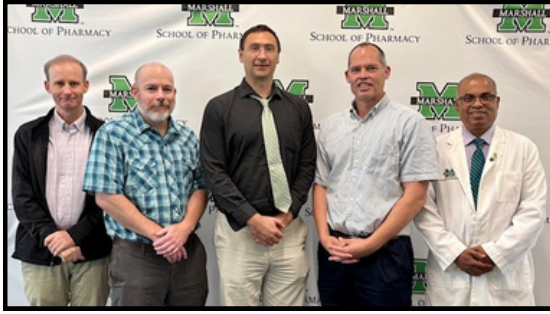
Each student received their White Coat during the ceremony, a sign that they are now on the journey towards their futures in the health profession. Click the link to see the full photo gallery of the ceremony.

Pharmacy News

The FDA has approved subcutaneous isatuximab-irfc (Sarclisa Escena; Sanofi), administered via an on-body injector, for the treatment of multiple myeloma. The approval gives clinicians another subcutaneous anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody option for this indication, joining subcutaneous daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj (Darzalex Faspro; Janssen Biotech) in a treatment landscape where anti-CD38-based regimens have become increasingly central to care.

www.pharmacytimes.com

Faculty Achievements



L to R: Dr. Timothy Long, Dr. Michael Hambuchen, Dr. Jeremy McAleer, Dr. Boyd Rorabaugh, Dr. A.R.M Ruhul Amin

Five faculty members in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research have secured over \$2.09M in federal grant funding.

“Over 60% of the research faculty are now conducting federally funded research”, states department chair Dr. Boyd Rorabaugh.

Through its research programs, the School of Pharmacy is advancing scientific discovery while preparing pharmacists and researchers to address emerging health care challenges across West Virginia and beyond.

To read the full article, click the link below.

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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.



Welcome
**BACK
STUDENTS!**

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Summer Gala



A special thank you to our sponsors:

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Friends of MUSOP: Drs. Dan & Gayle Brazeau, The Marshall University Foundation, Dr. Sharon Jones

Ten years after making history as the School of Pharmacy's first graduating class, alumni from Class of 2016 returned to campus in June to celebrate the milestone anniversary and to remember one of their classmates.

Funds raised from the gala went towards establishing the Stephanie Walker Memorial Scholarship honoring Dr. Walker, who passed away in 2023 from leukemia. MUSOP graduate Dr. Jennifer Allen said that Walker would long be remembered for her kindness, keen intellect, and professionalism, but most of all for her ability to make others feel important. For more information about supporting the School of Pharmacy through the Stephanie Walker Memorial Scholarship, contact the [Marshall University Foundation](https://www.marshall.edu/foundation).



Those who attended enjoyed an evening that included a welcome reception, silent auction, dinner service, a presentation by Dean Eric Blough, music and dancing.



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Stay Connected: *Mentor the Next Generation*

Our students benefit tremendously from the insight and experience of those who have come before them. We invite you to play a role in shaping their journey by joining our alumni mentoring program.

This is a simple, flexible opportunity - requiring about an hour per year - to connect with a student, answer questions, and share your perspective on career paths and opportunities in pharmacy.

If you are willing to make this small but meaningful investment, we'd love to have you involved.

👉 [Sign up to serve as a mentor](#)

Thank you for continuing to support our students and community.

National Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Gayle Brazeau received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) during the association's annual meeting in Grapevine, Texas. This award recognizes individuals who have provided exemplary leadership and service to AACP and academic pharmacy. Dr. Brazeau was selected for more than two decades of meaningful contributions to scholarship in education and for her sustained influence on the advancement of the academy.

She is also widely recognized for her leadership of the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education, where she served as associate editor for 10 years and editor-in-chief for 11 years.

Dr. Brazeau serves as Scholar in Residence in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at MUSOP. Her work has addressed faculty success, professional development, teaching innovation, student success, graduate education, wellbeing, psychological safety, and leadership transitions in academic pharmacy.

Meet Our New Faculty & Staff Members



Dr. Tiffany Childers earned her Pharm.D. from Marshall University School of Pharmacy in 2024. She has completed both her PGY1 and PGY2 residencies in ambulatory care and clinical pharmacogenomics, alongside earning her teaching certificates during both years through the VA and the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. Dr. Childers joined the Pharmacy Practice Department as a Clinical Assistant Professor. We are happy to have her on board!

Ms. Bobbi Madden-Hunt has joined our Student Affairs Department as the Director of Development/Recruitment Specialist. Bobbi has more than 10 years experience in higher education, with a background in student recruitment, admissions, alumni engagement, and relationship building. She is passionate about connecting with students, alumni, and community partners while creating meaningful opportunities to support the mission of Marshall University. Welcome to the team!



Ms. Calia Hagley is our new Recruitment & Marketing Coordinator in our Department of Student Affairs. Calia is a 2025 graduate of Marshall University earning her BA in Advertising and Public Relations. With a background in marketing and communications, she brings experience in strategic communication, advertising strategy, and creative storytelling to her role. We are delighted to have you as part of our team!

During their final year of pharmacy school, our P4 students are entering into their advanced pharmacy practice experiences. Here are a few of our students and their stories.



HollyAnn Swann began her first APPE with Griffith & Feil Pharmacy in Kenova, WV. “Dr. Heidi Romero and the entire Griffith & Feil team challenged me, believed in me, and helped me grow tremendously as a future pharmacist in just 5 short weeks. I leave this rotation with greater confidence, a stronger foundation for my career, and immense gratitude for the mentorship, history, and sense of community I experienced at Griffith & Feil. I will always look back on this rotation as one of the defining experiences of my pharmacy education.” HollyAnn is originally from Alabama, but has been living in WV for nine years with her husband and their two daughters. Outside of pharmacy, HollyAnn is an ultramarathon trail runner and appeared in the documentary Into the Well.

Ashley Current is starting out her final year with CVS. “Pharmacy motivates me because pharmacists hold a unique dual role in healthcare. We’re the final safeguard who ensures medications are correct, safe, and appropriate – but we’re also one of the last clinicians who educate the patient before they begin therapy.” Ashley is drawn to the profession, acknowledging that pharmacists have some of their biggest impact through direct patient interactions and the ability to make something overwhelming feel less intimidating and more human. Outside of pharmacy, Ashley enjoys reading, being at Disney, baking, and watching TV with her dogs. She is from Troy, Ohio, home of the Strawberry Festival.



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/>

