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From the Dean



DR. ERIC BLOUGH, PHD
DEAN

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of how much we have to be grateful for at the Marshall University School of Pharmacy. At the top of that list are the students, faculty, staff, alumni, preceptors, and community partners who make our school what it is.

This month's newsletter offers several examples of that commitment. Our student pharmacists have been serving the community through vaccination clinics, health education, and outreach. Our faculty continue to advance the profession through research, scholarship, teaching, and service. We are also proud to see our students stepping into leadership roles and finding meaningful ways to help others.

This issue also introduces our new Preceptor Corner. Our preceptors play an essential role in preparing our students for the realities and responsibilities of pharmacy practice. They share their time, experience, and judgment with our students, and their influence often extends well beyond the rotation.

As the fall semester draws to a close, I hope we will take a moment to recognize what we have accomplished together and the people who made it possible. There is always more work ahead, but there is also much worth celebrating.

Thank you for your continued support of Marshall Pharmacy. I wish you and your family a happy and restful Thanksgiving.

Pharmacy News

Opioid Safety Starts with a Conversation at the Pharmacy Counter



Pharmacists can strengthen opioid safety through individualized counseling, overdose prevention, and coordinated follow-ups that keep patients involved in treatment decisions.

The discussion should also cover what patients take outside the prescription list. Asking about alcohol and nonprescribed substances without judgment can help uncover risks that a dispensing record cannot show.



To read more about this topic, click the link below.

www.pharmacytimes.com



VACCINE CLINICS

APhA held two vaccine clinics in October, one on main campus and one at the School of Pharmacy. Students, faculty, staff, and the general public were offered a variety of vaccines, including flu, pneumonia, COVID, and others.

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.

Student of the Month

Hannah Wise has been selected as our Student of the Month for November 2026.



Hannah was nominated for her demonstration of academic excellence while serving in multiple leadership roles. She was elected as Class President of the Class of 2030, Education Chair of the Herd Fentanyl Education Task Force, and Class of 2030 Curriculum Committee representative. Thank you, Hannah, for your dedication expanding the world of Pharmacy.

HANNAH WISE

West Virginia PHARMACISTS Association

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.

The APhA hosted a Women's Health Fair in October on the university's main campus to administer vaccines and educate women about cardiovascular and reproductive health. They also sold pink Marshall merchandise to raise funds for the WV Breast Health Initiative, which helps provide screenings and treatment support for uninsured or unemployed women in the area.



Preceptor Corner

Dr. Thomas Pile
Director of Experiential Learning



Starting with this issue, the **Office of Experiential Learning** will have a regular section in the monthly MUSOP Bulletin. We want to make sure you are hearing from us consistently, not just when a student is assigned to you. This will be a place for program updates, deadlines, and a chance to recognize one of you in each issue. It is also intended to be an ongoing piece of your own professional development as a preceptor, giving you a consistent touchpoint with the curriculum, your role, and the resources available to you.

If you have a change you have noticed, a question about a form, or feedback on a rotation, this is now one of the channels we will use to keep that conversation going. The time, patience, and expertise you give our students make a difference that goes well beyond a rotation evaluation. You shape how students think, practice, and show up for patients long after they leave your site.

Thank You!

Whats Changing

- **Longitudinal Forms:** You may have noticed some minor changes to the format of the Longitudinal Forms. Each rotation type now includes a required project or presentation component.

- **Capstone NAPLEX Prep**: This is a great opportunity to collaborate with your student using uWorld. Ask your student how you can support their learning during this part of the Capstone.

- **Onboarding Modules in CORE:** If it's been a while, the Onboarding Modules under Preceptor Training in CORE are a great place to get reacquainted with the mission of MUSOP.

- **Availability for the upcoming APPE year:** OEL is holding Career Planning and APPE Planning meetings now, and we need your availability to plan around. Check your inbox for the CORE notification or submit directly at rxpreceptor.com.

PRECEPTOR SPOTLIGHT:

DR. AMANDA CAPINO PHARMD, BCPPS

This issue spotlights Dr. Amanda Capino, Clinical Associate Professor at MUSOP and a clinical pharmacy specialist on the Pediatrics service at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Her practice focuses on pediatrics, neonatology, and critical care. She brings years of precepting experience to our students, including her prior work coordinating pediatrics coursework and precepting NICU and academia rotations at the University of Mississippi.



Students consistently praise her rotation as well-organized, highly engaging, and rich with hands-on learning. Past students have highlighted her active teaching style and her willingness to walk through questions during NICU rounds. One recent student summed it up well: "She is encouraging, gives thoughtful feedback on both strengths and areas to improve, and brings out students' best work." Students have recommended her rotation to anyone interested in pediatrics and to anyone looking to come away having learned a great deal.

NEED TO KNOW

- CORE ELMS is due December 31, 2026. Please submit as soon as possible so we can begin scheduling.

Ways to Reach Us

Nick Adams and I are your two points of contact in the Office of Experiential Learning. Don't wait for a student assignment to reach out. Questions about assessment tools, rotation logistics, or anything else are welcome at any time.

- Thomas Pile, PharmD: Pile@marshall.edu, 304-696-7337
- Nick Adams: adamsn@marshall.edu, 304-696-7347

Full preceptor directory and resources: www.marshall.edu/pharmacy/experiential-learning-and-continuing-education/

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Justin Janney is a P4 student who is currently experiencing his APPE rotations. His favorite rotation thus far has been his Specialty/CDM rotation with Dr. Ashley Deaton at SOMC South Campus. Being tailored to endocrinology, my daily routine consisted of counseling patients on new or existing medications for diabetes, typing up appeal letters to insurance, and talking to patients in clinic. This has been my most rewarding rotation so far because I was directly involved in patient care and made a difference for them."

Justin is from Wheelersburg, Ohio, and he chose MUSOP because it was close to home and he had heard great things about our program. In his free time, Justin usually spends time with friends and family, playing video games, collecting vinyl records, or hunting.



Justin Janney

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

MENTOR

Department of Pharmacy Practice, Administration, and Research

Faculty members in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Administration, and Research have been exceptionally productive, dedicating countless hours to developing professional presentations and preparing scholarly manuscripts for publication. Their hard work, commitment to scholarship, and dedication to advancing the pharmacy profession are paying off, with their efforts resulting in meaningful accomplishments and well-deserved recognition. We are proud of their contributions and the impact they continue to make through teaching, research, and professional service.

- **Dr. Jen Sparks** had a paper published in *Antimicrobial Stewardship and Healthcare Epidemiology* titled "Provider Report Cards as a Scalable Tool for Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship: Insights from a Medicaid Claims-Based Approach.
- **Drs. Thomas Pile, Angel Kimble, and Mary Catherine Cole** recently had a paper published in the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice* titled "Type 2 Diabetes and Continuous Glucose Monitoring: A Pilot Cross-Sectional Study of Medication Adherence and Self-Management Behaviours."
- **Drs. Angel Kimble and Tiffany Davis** applied for and received the 2027 Insight into Academic Excellence in Innovation Award: Health Education.
- **Dr. Craig Kimble** presented "Leadership Panel" and "Immunization Updates 2026" at the most recent WVPA Meeting.
- **Dr. Jen Sparks** presented "Updates in Tick-borne Diseases in West Virginia" at the most recent WVPA meeting.





Looking to hire a MUSOP Alumni?

Does your company or organization have opportunites, 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/