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2024

Paul F. Parker Award Winner

By Rosa Meija-Cruz, MA and
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Michael D. Katz, PharmD (R75)

Michael D. Katz, PharmD (R75), clinical professor and director of Residency and International Programs at the R. Ken Coit University of Arizona College of Pharmacy, has been named the 2024 recipient of the prestigious Paul F. Parker Award. This honor, which recognizes significant contributions to the advancement of pharmacy practice, education, and leadership, will be presented at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Paul F. Parker Award honors individuals with a University of Kentucky pharmacy residency background or a strong connection to the UK program. Awardees demonstrate exceptional dedication to the pharmacy profession through practice, research, and education. Dr. Katz's career embodies Parker's ideals of leadership, commitment to excellence, and mentorship, impacting pharmacy professionals both in the U.S. and internationally.

With a career spanning over four decades, Dr. Katz has substantially contributed to pharmacy education and clinical practice. Since joining the University of Arizona, he has built a legacy as a clinical educator and practitioner in internal medicine, particularly within underserved communities. His early experience with the Indian Health Service deeply influenced his advocacy for accessible, high-quality healthcare. Katz's dedication to training future pharmacists has earned him numerous awards, including multiple University of Arizona Teacher of the Year honors. He is also known for his international contributions to clinical pharmacy. As co-chair of the U.S.-Thai Pharmacy Consortium and a commissioner with the ACPE International Commission, he has promoted pharmacy education globally. His efforts have guided students and faculty in Thailand, Saudi Arabia, and Japan, creating transformative partnerships and training programs that align with Parker's vision of a globally inclusive pharmacy profession.

The official presentation of the Paul F. Parker Award is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at the ASHP Midyear Meeting. Congratulations to Dr. Katz and thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!

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THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Each year welcomes a new group of residents, often a wave of new preceptors, and, for the 2024–2025 year, several new program directors and two new programs!

NEW PROGRAM FEATURE

PGY1 COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENCY AT SPECIALTY PHARMACY

By Cassie Sweeney, PharmD (R618)



In June 2024, the University of Kentucky launched a new PGY1 Community-Based Pharmacy Residency program specializing in Specialty Pharmacy. The goal of the program is to provide the necessary training to produce a specialty pharmacy practitioner capable of pursuing roles in a variety of specialty pharmacy practice settings.

The UK HealthCare Specialty Pharmacy offers comprehensive services tailored for patients with complex or chronic conditions that require specialized medications. The pharmacy provides personalized care, including medication counseling, coordination with healthcare providers, and assistance with insurance and financial support. The specialty pharmacy serves patients across 6 states and fosters collaboration across more than 40 clinics in over 30 therapeutic categories.

The PGY1 Community-Based Specialty Pharmacy resident completes a variety of required learning experiences in medication therapy management, pharmacy patient support services, specialty infusion, and specialty pharmacy leadership and operations. Elective rotations include both call center practice and clinic practice experience in a wide range of therapeutic areas including cardiology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, neurology, oncology, pulmonary, rheumatology, and transplant. The resident also completes longitudinal experiences in operational staffing, research, and teaching.

Residency Program Director:

Samantha Bochenek, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, CSP (R431)

Assistant Residency Program Director:

Emily Eastman, PharmD, MBA, CSP

"I chose to pursue a specialty pharmacy residency because I want to be able to impact the many barriers to care that patients experience. Specialty pharmacists work at the top of their licenses to provide detail-oriented and accessible care to patients with complex conditions. UK HealthCare Specialty Pharmacy is continually developing new patient-centered initiatives to optimize treatment outcomes, enhance medication adherence, and improve overall quality of life for their patients. It has been a joy to be a part of!"

-Amelia Le, PharmD (R631)

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NEW PROGRAM FEATURE

PGY2 INFECTIOUS DISEASES – PEDIATRICS



By Emily Oliver PharmD (R633)

The University of Kentucky is announcing a new pediatric track that will complement the established and accredited ID PGY2 residency program. The goal of the program is to cultivate leading clinicians with specialized pediatric infectious disease knowledge and to develop a sustainable pediatric-focused ID PGY2 pharmacy residency program prepared to educate, challenge, and mold future leaders.

Children are one of the greatest consumers of antibiotics globally, representing a vulnerable and frequently overlooked population in need of enhanced stewardship efforts led by infectious diseases (ID) experts with specialized training. Currently, only three pediatric-focused ID pharmacy residencies exist in the country, resulting in a deficiency of trained pediatric ID pharmacy specialists.

The University of Kentucky HealthCare is ecstatic to announce the expansion of our ID PGY2 residency program to include a new dedicated Pediatric ID track, becoming the fourth program in the country to offer specialized pediatric ID training. This expansion is all thanks to funding awarded by the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP).

The pediatric-focused ID program is designed to prepare residents for advanced practice in a wide range of ID career settings with several months dedicated to pediatric infectious diseases, including specialized rotations, mentorship, and unique clinical experiences that align closely with pediatric patient care.

Residency Program Director:

Katie Wallace, PharmD, BCIDP

Assistant Residency Program Director:

Katie Olney, PharmD, BCIDP (R512)

“Having completed both a pediatric PGY2 pharmacy residency and an ID PGY2 pharmacy residency, I am keenly aware of the dire need for improved and streamlined training for individuals interested in specializing in pediatric infectious diseases. Unfortunately, the core requirements set forth by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) for pediatric PGY2 residency programs make it impossible to encompass the intensive and specialized training in all areas of infectious diseases that is afforded with the completion of an ID PGY2 residency.”

–Katie Olney, PharmD, BCIDP (R512)

PHARMACY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

ADULT ICU SATELLITE PHARMACY

By Emily Oliver, PharmD (R633)



"The 12th Floor ICU Satellite Pharmacy opened on February 4th, 2024! This satellite pharmacy currently services the Chandler Pavillion A 12th floor which is comprised of MICU and CVICU patients. The current scope of the satellite is to provide first dose, redispense, and stat IV medications to the 12th floor. Thank you to our numerous stakeholders who helped to make this go-live successful!"

-Amee Joshi, PharmD, MS

Associate Director of Pharmacy, Adult Satellite Operations

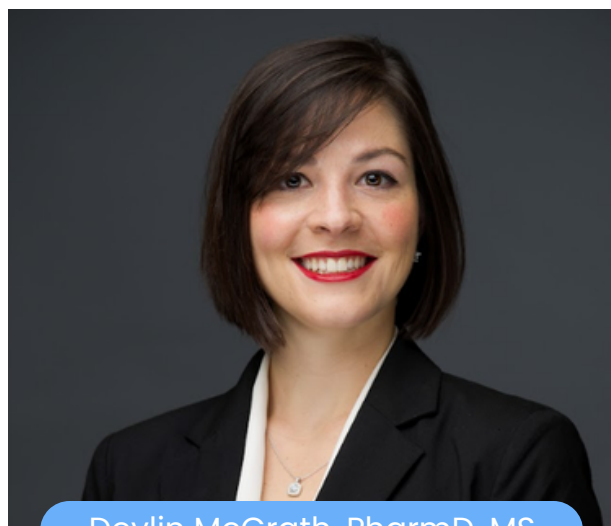
NEW SENIOR DIRECTOR OF ACUTE CARE SERVICES

By Madelyn Fischer, PharmD (R627)

"I am honored to serve as the new Senior Director of Acute Care Pharmacy Services as UKHC navigates an unprecedented amount of growth, both on its primary campus as well as our satellite sites. This pivotal timeframe presents a unique opportunity for our pharmacy team to guide the healthcare system in expanding the integrated pharmacy services that touch every UKHC patient from admission to discharge and even into the ambulatory space. Some of our priority for the 2025 Fiscal Year include implementation of a new clinical leadership model, advancement of the technician development program, and improved workload distribution between central pharmacy and our satellites."

-Devlin McGrath, PharmD, MS

Senior Director of Acute Care Services



Devlin McGrath, PharmD, MS

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TRADITIONS CONTINUED

ANNUAL RESIDENT HOMECOMING

By Devlin McGrath, PharmD, MS
Senior Director of Acute Care Pharmacy Services



As the planning committee brainstormed, we decided we wanted the event to focus on genuine connections amongst our group. In the 5 years I've owned my farm, it has become a place for people, horses, dogs, cats, and any other creatures to be themselves and enjoy life. It has seen many a party, bonfire, dinner, happy hour, and evening chat with people that my husband and I enjoy and it seemed only fitting that it would provide a canvas for the UK residency program to do the same through their Homecoming event. As the event came together on October 5th, that painting fit the vision perfectly. Thirty of our UKHC residents came together to make burgers from scratch with locally grown beef and host a beautiful evening for our residency family and friends. There were pharmacists, kids, horses, and dogs all over the place getting to know each other better and taking a chance to connect outside of our pharmacists' usually formal professional environment.

The first year of our rebranded Homecoming event hit the target on the mark for being "about the people" and I look forward to seeing how this event grows in future years.

For many years, the UK HealthCare Pharmacy Residency Program has hosted an annual Pig Roast event to serve as a connecting point for the "R family" from both the past and the present. This longstanding tradition centered around the time-intensive process of roasting a whole pig and the many hours of collaborative work required to accomplish this task.

As the department changed, how we host and sustain Pig Roast came into question. This longstanding tradition was so based around a specific meal, but why were we all really there? The answer came from our PGY1 Program Director, Dina Ali, who so eloquently pointed out "it was never about the pig – it was about the people!" And thus the theme for the 2024 UKHC Pharmacy Homecoming event was born.



THE LEGACY CONTINUES: UPDATES IN RESIDENCY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



Ali Wiegand, PharmD, BCCCP (R545)

UKHC Chandler Medical Center PGY1 Acute Care Assistant Residency Program Director

Ali completed her PGY1 and PGY2 in critical care at UK HealthCare. Since completion of training in 2022, Ali has worked as a Trauma/Emergency General Surgery ICU Pharmacist.

"UK's Pharmacy Residency Program significantly contributed to my personal and professional growth, so I am excited to give back and assist with resident development in this role. Residency training has always been a passion of mine, and I look forward to continuing to work with residents and preceptors in order to advance the program."

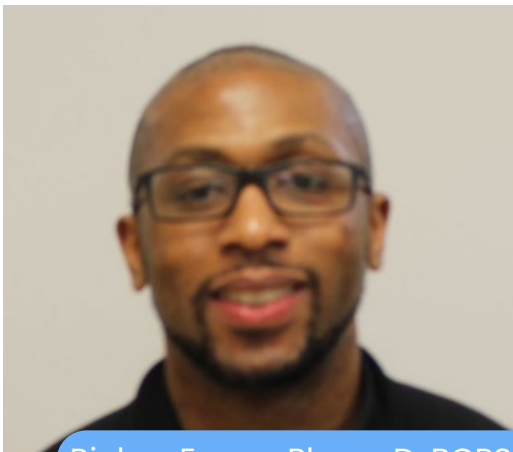
UKHC Chandler Medical Center PGY1 Acute Care Assistant Residency Program Director

Blake is an Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. He completed both his PGY1 Acute Care and PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Specialty residency at UK HealthCare.

"I have a strong interest in mentoring and precepting learners, and value the opportunity to give back to the program that was instrumental in my own development. Additionally, I enjoy supporting residents in their personal and professional growth throughout residency."



Blake Robbins, PharmD, MBA, BCCCP (R542)



Rickey Evans, PharmD, BCPS (R414)

UKHC PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant Assistant Residency Program Director

Rickey completed his PGY1 training and a PGY2 in Solid Organ Transplant at UK HealthCare. He currently works as a Lung Transplant Clinical Pharmacist and practices in the inpatient and outpatient settings.

“Teaching and mentoring pharmacy residents has always been the favorite part of my job as a pharmacist. Having served as a resident mentor and advisor in many different capacities, the opportunity to serve as aRPD will be a new, exciting way to pursue my interest in resident development from a different perspective.”

UKHC PGY2 Oncology Assistant Residency Program Director

Ariana completed her PGY1 residency at UK Good Samaritan Hospital and early committed to a PGY2 in Hematology/Oncology at UK HealthCare. She currently practices as a Clinical Oncology Pharmacist in Head, Neck, Respiratory, and Breast Cancer clinics.

“I have always enjoyed working with learners and want to give back as I have had some great mentors/preceptors along the way. Being that I am one of the newer graduates, I feel like I have a unique perspective to add and can readily support our residents as I went through the program myself. I mainly want to provide support and guidance where needed and enjoy having a front row seat to the growth that happens in our PGY2s in the course of their year.”

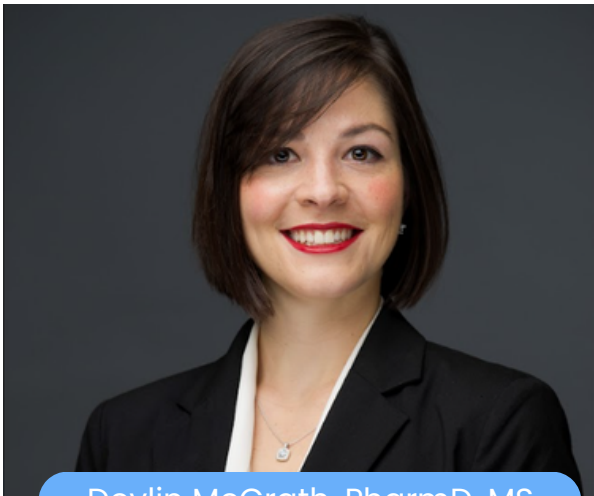


Ariana Chambers, PharmD (R568)

UKHC PGY1/2 HSPAL Assistant Residency Program Director

Devlin completed her PGY1/2 HSPAL training at the University of Texas – MD Anderson. She currently holds the position of Senior Director of Acute Care Services.

“I myself have benefitted from the support, guidance, and wisdom of the many pharmacy mentors that have influenced my personal career path and am excited to fulfill this same role for our HSPAL residents as aRPD for the HSPAL program. This role gives me a unique opportunity to support our first year HSPAL residents in personal and professional development activities and reflection that will help them define their future career path.”



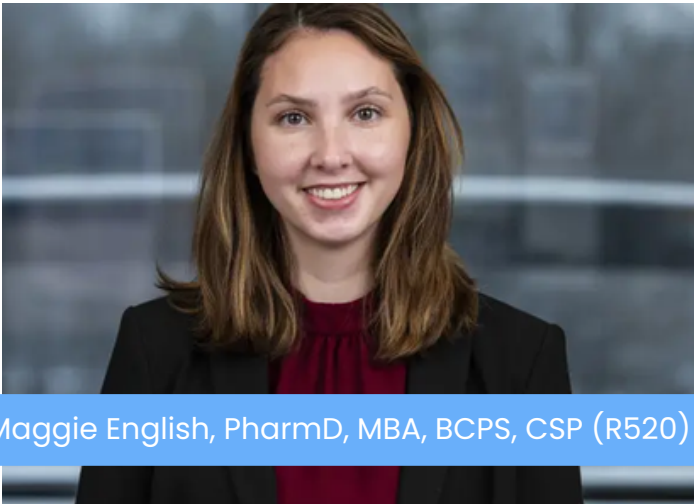
Devlin McGrath, PharmD, MS



Samantha Bochenek PharmD, MBA, BCPS, CSP (R432)

UKHC PGY1 Community-Based Residency at Specialty Pharmacy Assistant Residency Program Director

"I was drawn to teaching and becoming an assistant RPD because I love mentoring future pharmacists and showing them the incredible impact they can have in specialty pharmacy. There's nothing more rewarding than seeing residents grow their skills, find their confidence, and tackle challenges head-on—all while improving the health of our patients. Plus, working with residents keeps me on my toes and constantly learning, which is something I truly value!"



Maggie English, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, CSP (R520)

UKHC PGY1 Community-Based Residency at Specialty Pharmacy and PGY1 & PGY2 SPAL Residency Program Director

Samantha completed a PGY1 pharmacy residency and PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration residency at UK HealthCare. Samantha joined the UK Healthcare team in 2016 and has been a pharmacy director since 2018. Since then, she has led many initiatives promoting the growth and oversight of infusion, specialty, and oncology services.



Emily Eastman, PharmD, MBA, CSP

UKHC Combined PGY1/PGY2 Specialty Pharmacy and Leadership Assistant Residency Program Director

"I was interested in teaching and becoming an assistant RPD because I love being involved with the UK residency programs. I graduated the PGY1/2 SPAL program and enjoy sharing my experience and working to continuously improve the program for future residents."

MIDWESTERN PHARMACY EXCHANGE

MADISON, WI

By Emily Oliver, PharmD (R633) and
Madelyn Fischer, PharmD (R627)



In June of 2024, the PGY1 residents along with their RPD, Dina Ali (R464), and the aRPD from Good Samaritan, Jordan Kelley (R484), participated in the Midwestern Pharmacy Residency Exchange, soon after the start of the residency year! The group visited local attractions including Epic Headquarters, UW Health main campus, along with UW Health's shared services building. Throughout the trip, the group had the opportunity to explore the city of Madison and see many different places, including the Henry Vilas Zoo, Camp Randall football stadium, and the Memorial Union Terrace.

The PGY1 residents and preceptors enjoyed networking with other residents from across the greater Midwest area while enjoying cheese curds and other great Wisconsin food. Programs represented included UW Health, UK HealthCare, University of Iowa Healthcare, The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, Michigan Medicine, Indiana University Health, and more! Many valuable connections were formed not only with other programs but between our UK HealthCare PGY1s. Participating in this experience early in the PGY1 year allowed our residents to get to know each other better and provided an excellent foundation of community for the year to come!





The group participated in a day and a half of valuable educational programming and discussion. Residents spent the first day at Epic's headquarters in Verona, WI, where Epic Vice President, Joel Jones, presented new and exciting Epic updates. Institutions shared innovative programming including our two Health-Systems Pharmacy Administration and Leadership residents who had the pleasure of presenting about UK HealthCare's Technician Academy program. Multiple breakout sessions allowed residents to learn about what interested them most, ranging from recruitment strategies to specialty pharmacy growth and development to revenue generation.



The following day, the group toured UW Health's shared services building where much of the system's medication storage and repackaging is done. Everyone gained ample knowledge, and many ideas were brought back to UK HealthCare!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

MEMPHIS, TN

By Payton Atkins, PharmD (R597) and Cassie Sweeney, PharmD, (R618)

In November 2024, the PGY2 residents and preceptor, Katie Ruf, PharmD, MBA (R369), traveled to Tennessee to visit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Regional One Health, Methodist University Hospital and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. On the first day, pediatric and hematology/oncology residents traveled to St. Jude Children's Hospital and learned about their research process, pharmacist call program, and antimicrobial stewardship initiatives.

Other PGY2 residents visited Regional One Health and toured the city's burn unit at the largest Level 1 trauma center in the city of Memphis. The morning was spent observing pharmacists on multidisciplinary rounds in their respective specialties. Then, the group wrapped up the day by joining back together and sharing a delicious BBQ lunch with the pharmacy team at Regional One Health.



The next day, residents had the pleasure of visiting Methodist University Hospital (MUH) and rounded with clinical pharmacist specialists. MUH has an expanded scope of practice document in writing that is approved by the CMO and physicians across the healthcare system to allow pharmacists to practice at the top of their licenses. Our pediatric PGY2 residents visited Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital where they provide neurosurgery services and elevated care (e.g. ECMO) to pediatric patients. Critical care encompasses a large focus of patient care at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital with over half of their beds dedicated to their NICU/PICU/CVIVU.



Not only did PGY2 residents have the opportunity to see a variety of practice sites, but also explore the city of Memphis, TN downtime. Residents visited the 10th wonder of the world, the Bass Pro Pyramid, and dined at a variety of local spots. The favorite restaurant experience was “Flight”, where the theme of dining was ordering everything in the form of a flight - from beverages, to entrees, to desserts, and everything in between! It was a wonderful trip full of networking and resident bonding. The PGY2s were grateful for the ability to visit other health systems and bring back valuable insight to UK HealthCare with the goal of improving our residency programs!



RESIDENCY AWARDS

2023-2024



ROTM - July 2023 - POTM



ROTM - August 2023 - POTM



Resident of the month (ROTM) and preceptor of the month (POTM) are nominated by current residents or preceptors for their contributions to the program. Awardees are chosen by the resident awards and recognition committee.



ROTM - September 2023 - POTM



ROTM - October 2023 - POTM



Left to Right, Top to Bottom



ROTM - November 2023 - POTM



ROTM - December 2023 - POTM



Kendall Huntt
Chris Donaldson

Madi Harris
Katie Ruf

Celia Bressler
Abby Bailey



ROTM - January 2024 - POTM



ROTM - February 2024 - POTM



Lindsey Porter Sheehan
Elizabeth Aтры

Peyton Davis Beavers
Ryan Mynatt

Alex Kim
Ali Wiegand



ROTM - March 2024 - POTM



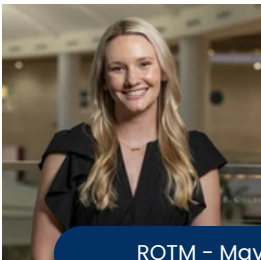
ROTM - April 2024 - POTM



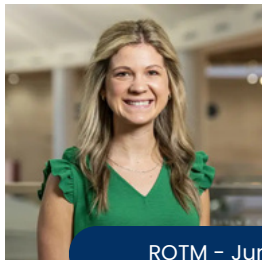
Alexa McCormick
Frank Romanelli

Madison Winstead
Jordan Woolum

Tyler Pitcock
Rachel Scott



ROTM - May 2024 - POTM



ROTM - June 2024 - POTM



Holly Tyson
Kaitlin Hile

Payton Simpson
Eric Johnson

Payton Atkins
Libby Swisher

RESIDENCY AWARDS

2023-2024



Hope Brandon, PharmD, MBA



Madi Harris, PharmD



Alex Kim, PharmD

HOPE BRANDON, PHARMD, MBA (R577)

This award honors a resident who demonstrates leadership, excellence, and impact in pharmacy practice, embodying the residency's core values and inspiring peers with their potential to impact the profession.



IMPACT AWARD

COLLABORATOR AWARD



MADI HARRIS, PHARMD (R583)

Given to a resident who has gone above and beyond to collaborate with practitioners outside of the UK pharmacy department at a local, national or international level.

ALEX KIM, PHARMD (R577)

This award is presented to the PGY1 resident who consistently demonstrates the highest level of commitment and excellence in all aspects of the residency program.



PGY1 RESIDENT OF THE YEAR

PGY2 RESIDENT OF THE YEAR



LAUREN HOCHSTETLER, PHARMD (R584)

This award is presented to the PGY2 resident who consistently demonstrates the highest level of commitment and excellence in all aspects of the residency program.

RESIDENCY AWARDS

2023-2024



Lauren Hochstetler, PharmD



Tyler Pitcock, PharmD



Komal Pandya, PharmD, MBA



Ali Wiegand, PharmD

TYLER PITCOCK, PHARMD (R588)



This award honors a resident who goes above and beyond, demonstrating dedication, inspiring peers, and positively impacting the residency program. This person often helps solve problems and offers solutions to challenging topics or situations.

EXTRA MILE AWARD

PRECEPTOR MENTOR AWARD



KOMAL PANDYA, PHARMD, MBA (R367)

This award is presented to a pharmacist who has provided significant contributions to the mentorship of fellow preceptors.

ALI WIEGAND, PHARMD (R545)



This award is presented to a preceptor that is within the first 5 years of their professional practice (post education or graduate training) who has demonstrated interaction and involvement with the residency program as an educator, mentor, and advisor to residents.

NEW PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR

2023-2024

PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR

MELANIE LAINE, PHARMD, BCCCP (R434)

Interview by: Alex Kim, PharmD (R602)



Dr. Melanie Laine is a current Critical Care Pharmacist in the Medical ICU at UK HealthCare. Originally from Sugar Land, TX, she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Texas A&M University and her PharmD from the University of Houston. She completed her post-graduate residency training at UK HealthCare, where she specialized in critical care and is currently board certified in critical care pharmacy (BCCCP). Although she never thought she would call anywhere but Texas home, Lexington quickly captured her heart, and was eager to stay on at UK HealthCare post-residency.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT BEING A PRECEPTOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY?

"So many things! But I would say the most rewarding is seeing residents develop and grow in their confidence. MICU is a selective rotation for PGY1s, a required rotation for CC PGY2s, and an elective for several PGY2 programs, so I have the privilege of precepting residents with different degrees of experience, confidence, and interest in critical care. The MICU can be intimidating, and seeing residents on Day 1 with emotions ranging from panic to excitement, and then finishing the month with a positive experience and a new "swagger" is the best part of my job."

"Your 80% is still better than others' 110%." I guess this is a variation of "perfect is the enemy of good," but as a crippling perfectionist, this piece of advice during PGY2 year was a stark realization that I can't give 110% to everything that I do. As a clinical pharmacist, you are constantly pulled in different directions, and the ability to use your resources and complete tasks efficiently are the keys to success and work life balance."

WHAT IS THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?

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WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE ASPIRING PRECEPTORS?

“Be patient, open, and understanding. Every learner is starting from their own baseline, and their progress is more important than your expectations of them. Be open to different styles of precepting based on learner needs, and when they begin to develop their own ideas and clinical intuition, let go of your preferences and let the plan play out (if it is safe, of course). Lastly, although residency is naturally challenging, always do a periodic mental check in with your learners and yourself. The emotional aspect of patient care, mortality, teaching, and extracurriculars inevitably takes its toll, and you cannot be your best version of a teacher, pharmacist, and human if you don't recognize when you need a break to take care of yourself.”

WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART OF PRECEPTING?

“Recognizing when learners are smarter than you and acknowledging when you are wrong! When you reach the marathon phase of your career, so much of your practice will start to run on autopilot. Although we are natural, lifelong learners, we may not realize in real-time when our knowledge is outdated, or practice-style antiquated. Having learners on rotation has conditioned me to question what I know, and if it is still applicable or accurate. More importantly, how you handle these realizations will be a life lesson to your learner. For example, if a resident asks a question that you do not know the answer to, do you act like you know and have them look it up and report back? Or do you acknowledge the knowledge gap, and plan to work through it together once you look it up individually? It's important to recognize that the example we set for learners on a daily basis will inevitably impact their growth and development as a healthcare professional and future mentor to others.”

Outside of her clinical pharmacy practice, Dr. Laine is a self-described “elder millennial homebody who spends all of my time with my handsome partner and pups!” She is a die-hard college football and Bengals fan, an avid gym-goer, and does her best to enjoy 1–2 beach vacations a year because, as she puts it, “snow is for polar bears, not people.” She is grateful for the leap of faith that brought her to Lexington and for the chance UK took on her. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Melanie Laine (R434) on being named the 2023–2024 Preceptor of the Year!

RESIDENT PUBLICATIONS

Our residents continue to contribute to the literature, with impacts in patient care, education, and research. Here is a compilation of their collective work during their time as residents until now!



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WHERE R THEY NOW?



New R numbers recently replaced those that vacated “little” Kentucky.

Recent graduates moved their R numbers to their respective new destinations, some to “big” Kentucky, and many far beyond!

See where everyone from the class of 2023-24 headed post graduation!

Holly Tyson PharmD (R591), Advanced Heart Failure, Heart Transplant and LVAD Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Will Harris PharmD (R593), Infectious Diseases Clinical Pharmacist with Multidisciplinary Endocarditis Team (MdET), University of Kentucky HealthCare

Tyler Pitcock PharmD (R588), Infectious Disease Outpatient Clinic and Inpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Pharmacist, Duke University Hospital

Erin Williams PharmD (R595), Clinical Pharmacist Internal Medicine Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD

Peyton Davis Beavers PharmD (R580), Ambulatory Hematology/Oncology Clinical Pharmacist, University of Louisville Health – Brown Cancer Center

Lauren Yeager PharmD (R590), Ambulatory Oncology Clinical Pharmacist, University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center

Hope Brandon PharmD, MBA (R577), Post-Doctoral Academic Fellowship, University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy

Margaret Davis PharmD (R579), Pediatric Gastroenterology Clinical Pharmacist, Monroe Carell Jr Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt

WHERE R THEY NOW?

Maggie Felix PharmD, MOS, BCPS (R581),

Director of 340B, Stanford Health Care

Lindsey Porter Sheehan PharmD (R589),

Associate Director Specialty Pharmacy –
Clinical and Pharmacy Collaborations, UK
HealthCare

Laney McKone PharmD (R594), Ambulatory

Care Primary Care Pharmacist, Nebraska
Medicine in Omaha, NE

Zoe Zhang PharmD (R596), Transition of Care

Specialist, Bon Secour in Richmond, VA

Erin Bowe PharmD (R592), Clinical Pharmacist

Emergency Medicine, UK Chandler Medical
Center

Madi Harris PharmD (R583), Clinical Pharmacist

Emergency Medicine, UK Good Samaritan
Hospital

Taylor Carr PharmD (R578), Clinical Pharmacist

Neuropulmonary, UK Chandler Medical Center

Lauren Hochstetler PharmD (R584) MICU

Clinical Specialist, Sarasota Memorial Hospital

Kendall Huntt PharmD (R585), Clinical

Pharmacist MICU/SICU/CCU, Emory University
Hospital

Ashley Ferris PharmD (R600), PGY2 Medication

Use Safety MD Anderson Cancer Center

Savannah Poole PharmD (R608), PGY2 Internal

Medicine University of Oklahoma College of
Pharmacy/OU Health



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Meet the Residents



PAYTON ATKINS, PHARMD (R597)
PGY2 HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY
PGY1: UKHC Ambulatory Care | Lexington, KY
Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy | Lexington, KY



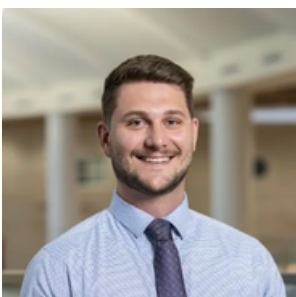
CELIA BRESSLER, PHARMD (R598)
PGY2 EMERGENCY MEDICINE
PGY1: UKHC Acute Care | Lexington, KY
Education: University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy | Memphis, TN



SYDNEY CASON, PHARMD (R619)
PGY2 AMBULATORY CARE
PGY1: HCA TriStar Centennial Medical Center | Nashville, TN
Education: Belmont University College of Pharmacy | Nashville, TN



CHRISTINA CISAR, PHARMD (R599)
PGY2 CRITICAL CARE
PGY1: UKHC Acute Care | Lexington, KY
Education: University of Houston College of Pharmacy | Houston, TX



HUNTER CURRY, PHARMD (R620)
PGY2 INFECTIOUS DISEASES
PGY1: AdventHealth Orlando | Orlando, FL
Education: West Virginia University School of Pharmacy | Morgantown, WV

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JANA HOSTETLER, PHARM D (R601)

PGY2 CRITICAL CARE

PGY1: UKHC Acute Care | Lexington, KY

Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy | Lexington, KY



ALEX KIM, PHARM D (R602)

PGY2 INTERNAL MEDICINE

PGY1: UKHC Acute Care | Lexington, KY

Education: University of Michigan College of Pharmacy | Ann Arbor, MI



LEXI LAHEY, PHARM D (R604)

PGY2 CARDIOLOGY

PGY1: UKHC Ambulatory Care | Lexington, KY

Education: Purdue University College of Pharmacy | West Lafayette, IN

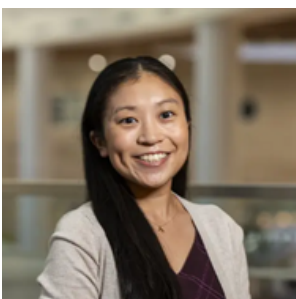


JENNIFER LIRIANO-SUAREZ, PHARM D (R621)

PGY2 AMBULATORY CARE

PGY1: University of Tennessee Medical Center | Knoxville, TN

Education: Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy | Richmond, VA



SAKURA MAEKAWA, PHARM D (R622)

PGY2 PEDIATRICS

PGY1: Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside | Jacksonville, FL

Education: University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy | Aurora, CO

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ALEXA MCCORMICK, PHARMD (R605)

PGY2 PEDIATRICS

PGY1: UKHC Good Samaritan | Lexington, KY

Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy | Lexington, KY



JOANNA NIXON, PHARMD (R606)

PGY2 CRITICAL CARE

PGY1: UKHC Acute Care | Lexington, KY

Education: University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy | Columbia, SC

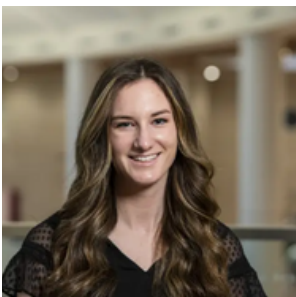


PAYTON SIMPSON, PHARMD (R609)

PGY2 HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

PGY1: UKHC Acute Care | Lexington, KY

Education: University of North Texas College of Pharmacy | Fort Worth, TX



NICOLE SLAIN, PHARMD (R623)

PGY2 INFECTIOUS DISEASES

PGY1: Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist | Winston-Salem NC

Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy | Lexington, KY



CASSIE SWEENEY, PHARMD (R618)

PGY2 AMBULATORY CARE

PGY1: CHI St. Joseph Hospital | Lexington, KY

Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy | Lexington, KY

Meet the Residents



MADISON WINSTEAD, PHARMD (R610)
PGY2 EMERGENCY MEDICINE
PGY1: UKHC Acute Care | Lexington, KY
Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy |
Lexington, KY



AUDREY COBB, PHARMD (R624)
PGY1 GOOD SAMARITAN
Education: Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy |
Birmingham, AL



TATE COLEMAN, PHARMD (R625)
PGY1 ACUTE CARE
Education: University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College
of Pharmacy | Cincinnati, OH



ADDISON DUMES, PHARMD (R626)
PGY1 SPECIALTY PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP
Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy |
Lexington, KY



MADLYN FISCHER, PHARMD (R627)
PGY1 HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP
Education: University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy |
Madison, WI

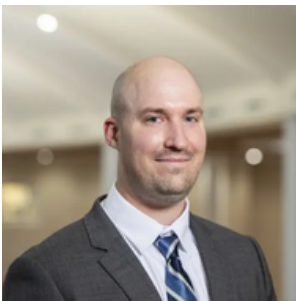
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RACHEL HISH, PHARM.D (R628)

PGY1 GOOD SAMARITAN

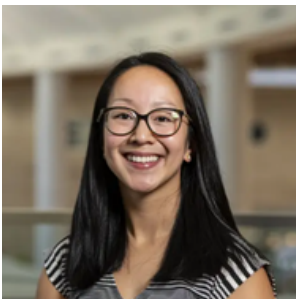
Education: Ohio Northern University Raabe College of Pharmacy |
Ada, OH



JAMES ISAACS, PHARM.D, MSPS (R630)

PGY1 HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP

EDUCATION: UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY |
LEXINGTON, KY



AMELIA LE, PHARM.D (R631)

PGY1 COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENCY AT SPECIALTY PHARMACY

Education: The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy |
Columbus, OH



MADDIE LEE, PHARM.D (R632)

PGY1 ACUTE CARE

Education: Drake University College of Pharmacy |
Des Moines, IA



EMILY OLIVER, PHARM.D (R633)

PGY1 ACUTE CARE

Education: Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy |
Auburn, AL

Meet the Residents



ADAM ROSKAM, PHARMD (R634)

PGY1 ACUTE CARE

Education: University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy | Omaha, NE



ANN MARGARET (IRVIN) ROUTON, PHARMD (R629)

PGY1 ACUTE CARE

Education: University of Georgia College of Pharmacy | Athens, GA



RYAN RUEHL, PHARMD (R635)

PGY1 ACUTE CARE

Education: University of Cincinnati James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy | Cincinnati, OH



MEGAN RUSSELL, PHARMD (R636)

PGY1 AMBULATORY CARE

Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy | Lexington, KY



BLAKE WOODWARD, PHARMD (R637)

PGY1 ACUTE CARE

Education: University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy | Lexington, KY

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TINA ZHANG, PHARMD (R638)

PGY1 GOOD SAMARITAN

Education: University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy |
Pittsburgh, PA



PAST R AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEGACY UPDATES

DENISE RHONEY, PHARMD (R200)

Denise Rhoney was elected to serve as the next President of ACCP, with her term starting in 2025. She assumed the President-Elect role at the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. She joins a long legacy of former R's serving in national leadership positions!



ACCP PRESIDENT- ELECT

PIECORO PIONEER AWARD



ELIZABETH FARRINGTON, PHARMD (R156)

The Picoro Pioneer Award in Pediatric Pharmacy is awarded to an individual who has displayed sustained contribution to the profession of pediatric pharmacy and a passion to encourage the personal and professional growth of others in the field.

SONY TUTEJA, PHARMD (R253)
VEENA VENUGOPALAN, PHARMD
(R332)
RACHEL WOLFE, PHARMD (R343)



2024 ACCP FELLOWS

ROBERT M. ELENBAAS SERVICE AWARD



JIMMI HATTON KOLPEK, PHARMD (R151)

The Robert M. Elenbaas Service Award is awarded by ACCP for individuals identified for outstanding contributions to the vitality of ACCP or to the advancement of its goals that are well above the usual devotion of time, energy, or material goods.

Kayleigh Marx PharmD, BCOP (R406), Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) Outstanding Clinician Award

Frank Romanelli PharmD, MPH, FAPHA, FCCP, BCPS, AAHIVP (R242), 2025 Rho Chi Lecture Award

Rachel Swope PharmD (R390), 2024 Kentucky Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (KSHP) President

Did we unintentionally miss an award you received or have an update to share? Check out the email survey sent from UKHC Pharmacy Residency Program or email pharmacy.residency@uky.edu

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CELEBRATING RETIREMENTS!



Ken Record, PharmD (R63)

Dr. Robert Kuhn Retires from the UK COP After 39 Years!

Dr. Kuhn is a specialist in pediatric pharmacy and has been with the UK College of Pharmacy since 1985. He obtained his PharmD from the University of Texas in 1984. Throughout his career, he has advocated for expansion of pediatric pharmacy practice, and his work has led to the integration of pharmacists into cystic fibrosis care teams. His impact is also acknowledged through his numerous local and national awards. In retirement, Dr. Kuhn will continue to advance the pharmacy profession, and will continue to mentor pediatric pharmacists, while spending more time with his wife and 4 grandchildren.

Dr. Kenneth Record Retires from the UK COP After 46 Years!

Dr. Record is a specialist in surgical critical care, and has been with the UK College of Pharmacy since 1978. He obtained his PharmD from the University of Kentucky. Throughout his career, Dr. Record has made groundbreaking contributions in both critical care and infectious diseases, and has helped redefine pharmacy practice nationwide. He pioneered antimicrobial stewardship long before mainstream recognition, and has been instrumental in integrating pharmacists in the interdisciplinary care team. He has been recognized for his contributions through numerous local and national awards. In retirement, he plans to spend time with his family and play the mandolin.



Robert Kuhn, PharmD (HR3)

FAVORITE ALUMNI MEMORIES

Building lifelong friendships with the H822 office crew - Abby Krupnik (R574)

My PGY1 class all dressing up together as the Wizard of Oz for a Halloween party. I was the Scarecrow and had straw all over my apartment for weeks!

And almost catching Aaron Cook's apartment on fire when a log rolled out of the fireplace and onto his carpet... close call! - Michael Vozniak (R292)

Meeting my wife on call - Keaton Smetana (R437)

Friday afternoon sessions with Paul Parker. Saturday evenings at a bar listening to Ken Records bluegrass group. - James Cloyd (R32)

Pig Roast & Going to Keeneland - Paul Gubbins (R175)

Lampoon - I had the best time even just making the videos with my co-residents - especially my second year when we recreated movie scenes and commercials. - Amanda Ball (R322)

My first private dinner with Dr. Paul Parker after completing my first year of residency - Greg Chudzik (R2)

Any time I could spend with my co-residents, whether it was at work or outside of work - Nicole Hume (R561)

Going into the OR to teach the anaesthesiologist how to use dopamine. This was when dopamine was new. And working at the Bath County clinic in Owingsville while I was doing my extramural rotation at St Claire Medical Center. - Richard Fleck (R56)

ALUMNI WORDS OF WISDOM

The first 40 years out of residency are the hardest--after that, it gets a lot easier.

-George Francisco (R72)

Realize the completion of your residency is just the beginning of what will be a fabulous career. Continue to learn, continue to grow, continue to enjoy your profession, and most of all continue to love your family and friends.

- Greg Chudzik (R2)

Join your professional societies and take on leadership roles in them.

-Vaughn Payne (R48)

Get as many varied experiences as you can. Take a road trip with your co-residents. Talk to people who aren't like you and listen. Call your parents- they worry about you. When things get tough and they will - remember you are not alone - let yourself be vulnerable and share what you are going through with someone you respect.

-Michael Vozniak (R292)

If you see an opportunity that interests you and you think you have something to contribute, pursue it. *-Richard Fleck (R56)*

Take everything in. Some days are really hard and those call shifts are not easy but it will all be worth it! *-Abby Krupnik (R574)*

Work to live, don't live to work...no one puts "PharmD, BCPS, etc" on their tombstone.

-Christopher Paciullo (R352)

Keep working hard and keep learning - there is a light at the end of the tunnel!

- Taylor Gray (R476)

The world of pharmacy is small—get involved and make those connections count.

-Keaton Smetana (R437)

Enjoy your time at UK. Cherish the friendships. You do not realize how important it is to your professional growth until many years down the road *- Paul Gubbins (R175)*

Interested in sharing your favorite memories from Residency or words of wisdom? Check out the email survey sent from UKHC Pharmacy Residency Program or email pharmacy.residency@uky.edu

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PGY2 Programs

PGY2 Ambulatory Care

PGY2 Emergency Medicine

PGY2 Infectious Diseases

PGY2 Internal Medicine

PGY2 Medication-Use Safety and Policy

PGY2 Pediatrics

PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant

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