

2017 NCPDP Foundation Scholarship Fund Recipients

Temple University School of Pharmacy



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Pharm.D. Candidate 2017



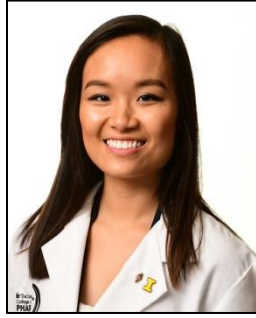
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During the 2016-2017 academic year, these students distinguished themselves from their peers during a 6-week ambulatory care Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotation which provided opportunity to provide patient care services in two different settings. The first involved an internal medicine residents' clinic. Under the direct supervision of a preceptor, these students provided comprehensive medication management services to physician-referred patients within the ambulatory care clinic. They operated within the framework of collaborative practice agreements in the areas of anticoagulation, diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, gout, and chronic refills.

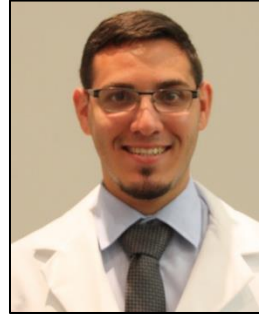
The second practice setting involved a unique opportunity to help create a Medication Therapy Management service in collaboration with Temple University Hospital outpatient pharmacy. These students helped to pilot this new patient care opportunity. They demonstrated creativity and problem solving skills in order to shape the opportunity and identify opportunities for quality improvement.

These students optimized the care of their patients by skillfully navigating two separate technology platforms and demonstrating excellent problem solving skills to synthesize the information into one cohesive assessment. They became proficient with the use of the electronic medical record in conjunction with the OutcomesMTM® platform, which extracts health plan data in order to identify opportunities for clinical intervention. Each student was able to recognize data gaps and elicit the appropriate data from multiple sources in order to create a complete clinical picture. As a result, they were able to identify, resolve and monitor gaps in care, non-adherence, high-risk medication use, and cost saving opportunities. They effectively prioritized drug related problems and were able to support their assessments with the data they had gathered. Their proficiency with information technology was a meaningful contributor to the creation of an efficient workflow and the optimization of therapeutic plans for many patients. Their empathy, dedication and conscientiousness elicited the trust of the patients they served and they were excellent representatives of the school and the profession of pharmacy.

University of Iowa College of Pharmacy



Trang Dang



Michael Parisi

Trang Dang is a P3 student from Davenport, Iowa who is also pursuing a Masters in Health Informatics and is bilingual. She is an intern at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids and is involved in the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic, the Mobile Clinic, Pharmacy Communicator's Association (PCA) Toastmasters, Iowa Pharmacy Association, and Pharmacist on Demand Services (PODS). She is interested in pursuing a career in administration and plans to pursue a health systems residency.

Michael Parisi is a P2 student from Guayama, Puerto Rico. He has recently returned from the Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research training in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He is very active in college, campus and community activities such as the Free Medical Clinic, UI College of Pharmacy Student Interviews, Visiting Pharmacy Student Agreement Program, Mobile Clinic-Street Medicine, American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), Phi Delta Chi and Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International.

South Dakota State University



Jack Kerner



Christopher Kotschevar

Jack Kerner is from Winner, South Dakota and is active in APhA-ASP, Phi Lambda Sigma, and Rho Chi. His career goal is to deliver high-quality, patient-centered pharmaceutical care to individuals in rural South Dakota communities. His passion to serve this patient population stems from understanding the substantial impact pharmacists can have in improving patient outcomes in rural areas that are medically underserved. Other career goals include advancing the clinical role of the pharmacist in rural settings, and helping shape the next generation of rural pharmacists by precepting students.

Christopher Kotschevar is from Rochester, Minnesota and is heavily involved on campus, including in the Honors College at SDSU. His activities in clubs, organizations, and in serving the community, provide leadership opportunities and build transferrable skills such as communication and teamwork. His career goal is to become a community pharmacist within a larger health system and, one day, to move in to pharmacy administration.

Butler University



Michael Grim



Patrick LaFontaine

Michael Grim is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is currently in his P1 year. Michael is also pursuing a Master's of Business Administration degree as part of Butler's joint PharmD/MBA program. Michael has come to learn the important role of data analysis and the benefits it can provide to pharmaceutical companies, pharmacists, and patients. Michael is passionate about the need for in depth understanding of data and how it can be utilized for the improvement of health outcomes for individuals. With a background in pharmacy and business, he hopes to use his experience to help bridge the communication gaps that may be encountered between the science and business minded individuals in a team setting. Michael is heavily involved on campus through his membership in organizations such as Phi Delta Chi, Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, and being a Graduate Research Assistant. He hopes to pursue a fellowship or residency that allows him to utilize his analysis skills to further benefit patient health outcomes.

Patrick LaFontaine is a P4 student from Troy, Michigan. While on a rotation at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana, Patrick developed a pilot program to bill insurance companies for inpatient medication therapy management (MTM) services, by adapting an outpatient MTM model and integrating it into the Cerner® electronic medical record system. This integrated system is able to improve patient care by standardizing and streamlining the delivery of pharmacist clinical services. Patrick hopes to continue his health information technology education by pursuing a pharmaceutical industry fellowship in health economics and outcomes research, with the goal of incorporating patient reported outcomes into a drug's value proposition to improve healthcare quality and effectiveness.

