

Master of Science (MS) Programs

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Please join faculty and staff at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in congratulating the members of our MS and Graduate Certificate in Regulatory Science Class of 2021.

These individuals are now equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to advance their careers and contribute to drug and biologics regulation and pharmaceutical product lifecycles.

PLEASE NOTE: The information provided below was self-submitted by members of the Class of 2021. The School of Pharmacy has made every effort to provide a complete and accurate listing of Class of 2021 spring graduates and their awards and honors. If we have made an error or omission, please accept our sincere apology and contact the Office of Communications and Marketing at marketing@rx.umaryland.edu so that we may correct this website.



MS AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN REGULATORY SCIENCE

MEET THE GRADUATES

* *Denotes member of Rho Chi Society.*

^ *Denotes U.S. Public Health Service.*



YASIR ABIDI

Master of Science

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family." – Kofi Annan

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank Alula Yohannes and Surekha Shridhar

for sticking together as a group throughout the program.

Post-Graduation Plans: Next step is to start preparing for a MBA in health care services focused on biologics.



JUSTIN ROBERT ANAHORY

Master of Science



MOHAMMAD IMRAN ANSARI

Master of Science

"Believing in yourself is a key pillar of success. Sometimes it's hard because the situation is not favorable, but if you believe in yourself, you will get success in the end."

Note of Thanks: I am exceptionally appreciative to God for this chance. I would like to offer my most profound thanks to my mentor, Dr. Andrew Coop, for his support. Thank you very much, Dr. Polli, for your support during the entire process of the course. I can't forget to thank Ms. Essien for her timely updates and help whenever I needed it. I want to thank my wife, Fahmida, for her selfless support, without which I would not have been able to complete this course. Finally, thanks to my lovely daughters, Shumaila and Areefa, for not interrupting me too much during classes.

Post-Graduation Plans: Because of this program, I have a better understanding of the regulatory requirements at the FDA and other agencies. I would like to make my career in drug regulatory processes, either in government or an industrial setting.



IRAM BAIG

Master of Science

Note of Thanks: All praise and thanks to God first, and then my family for their support in helping me attain my goal. I want to share this achievement especially with my three girls. I hope the yearning for good and beneficial knowledge always remains in their hearts.



COREY BOSSELMAN

Master of Science



ANNA RAE DIZIK *

PharmD
Master of Science

"Bloom where you are planted."

Academic Award(s): Lambda Kappa Sigma, Epsilon Alumnae Chapter-Cole
Award for Proficiency in Pharmacy Administration

Post-Graduation Plans: I will be starting my career as an Associate Consultant with ZS in New York City!



MARIA A. DRAYTON

Master of Science

"Hard work, persistence, and determination do pay off."



JANET NEQUELLE EDWARDS *

Master of Science

"Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching" – Unknown

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was the Regulatory Science Career Day that was held during my first year, and being able to meet some of our classmates, professors, and the dean face-to-face, as well as the ability to network with other regulatory professionals who graduated from the program. This solidified that I had made the right decision.

Note of Thanks: First giving honor to God for giving me strength through this pandemic, protecting me, and allowing me to concentrate on school. Special thanks to my Mom and Dad for their continued support; my brother who always challenges me to get out of my comfort zone; and my partner, Melvin, who encourages me to keep growing. Also, special thanks to my employer, GlaxoSmithKline, for their full support in my career growth. And, I would like to thank Sharese and Dr. Polli for always being available to answer questions and provide direction.

Post-Graduation Plans: Post-graduation, I plan to pivot my career to an advertising promotions and regulatory position to couple with my pharmaceutical sales experience.



JENINA M. GARCIA

Master of Science

"If you believe in yourself, nothing is impossible. Without a dream, you cannot have an aim, and without an aim, you cannot achieve, and to dream you must have faith in yourself. – Koyel Mitra (Believe in yourself!)"

Note of Thanks: I'm grateful to Dr. James Polli, all of the course advisors, and Ms. Sharese Essien for their patience, kindness, and understanding. It is no easy feat to work from home, homeschool children, and go to school myself during this time, and they have been nothing but super supportive. For this, I'm grateful!



SOPHIE JO HARPER

Master of Science



BHAVNA JOIS *

PharmD
Master of Science

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

Academic Award(s): Leadership Award

Note of Thanks: A HUGE thank you to my family, my fiancé, my pharmacy school friends (shoutout Wrong Group), my mentors, and pharmacy school

administrators and professors who have supported me throughout these last four years!

Post-Graduation Plans: Postdoctoral fellowship in medical affairs at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals/Northeastern University.



DIPTI KALRA *^

Master of Science



NNEOMA KALU

Master of Science

"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe." – Abe Lincoln

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was traveling to Maryland for the Pharm Sci and Reg Sci Grad Gathering and meeting most of my peers as well as the faculty. I also received tons of insight on the job market and how networking strengthens the hiring process. It was a great event and, hopefully in the future, more events like this can be held.

Note of Thanks: I really want to thank God for making all of this possible; my husband and kid for being my biggest cheerleaders; Dr. Polli for being patient and kind throughout the journey, especially in these difficult COVID times; Ms. Essien for going above and beyond to make sure that we all received the information we needed to move forward in the program; and my team members for the open communication and cooperation in getting our assignments completed. To everyone

else who has directly or indirectly been a part of the graduate journey, you are appreciated!

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to use what I learned and apply it in the scientific world. My interest is to work within the medical device development field, insert my ideas, and find real solutions to mitigating the ailments that affect public health.



LORI DZOVINAR KOLEJIAN

Master of Science



TOMMY D. LEE *

Master of Science

"Always trust everyone to be themselves, but trust in the fact you can see them well." – DMX

Favorite Memory: PDC Shady Grove Class of 2018.

Note of Thanks: I am honored to be in this position because of the incredible support around me. I wouldn't be here without their help and their belief in me. Special shout out to Dr. James Polli and Dr. Daniel Mullins. They didn't hesitate for a second to help me out when I needed help and I hope to pay that forward in my career.

Post-Graduation Plans: I hope to make a noticeable impact on patients and health care around the DMV area in the near future.



MATTHEW ROSS LOCKEED

Master of Science



SHARON LUQUIS-NIEVES

Master of Science

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my family for believing in me and supporting me throughout this journey.



SHANKIA TEION MARDENBOROUGH

Master of Science

"A prevailing life mantra for me is and will always be found in the Holy Bible. 'But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.' (Matthew 19:26 KJV) The pursuit and achievement of life's personal goals, dreams, and aspirations are not necessarily easily attained. However, hard work, tenacity, commitment, focus, and an unwavering and energized determination to achieve the goal are the bedrocks upon which success can be realized. I am thankful for this scripture fueling my pursuit during my matriculation in the School of Pharmacy."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory from my tenure at the School of Pharmacy was getting to see, meet, and socialize with my fellow classmates at the "meet and greet" held prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Who would have

imagined that gathering would be our only opportunity to connect with our fellow classmates, faculty members, and staff. Additionally, while we all recognized the significance of the Master of Science and Graduate Certificate Program in Regulatory Science, no one knew that the COVID-19 pandemic would uniquely position the School of Pharmacy as a catalyst of change with its focus on drugs and biologics.

Note of Thanks: I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and special thanks to Dr. James E. Polli for his inspiration and encouragement as I continue to pursue excellence in all that I do. I am also appreciative to Sharese Essien for always being responsive and resourceful. And to all other members of the faculty and staff, thank you for your unique and individual roles in shaping my educational experience in the School of Pharmacy.

Post-Graduation Plans: My educational pursuits and career aspirations are channeled by a series of contemplated "what" and "why" questions. These questions guide my personal assessment and understanding of my skills, interests, strengths, values, personality, career considerations, life mission, etc. Hence, the Master of Science in Regulatory Science program was an integral "what" and "why" I needed. My post-graduation plans are to pursue my PhD degree, attain a rewarding position at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and advance my career at the FDA in regulatory science research.

MICK ARIAN MILLER

Master of Science



ZAHRA MONELLI

Master of Science

"It's best to shoot high and end up with half, than to shoot low and end up with all."

– Mr. Bavi

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was receiving all of the graduation notifications, which meant I was one step closer to completing another achievement in life.

Note of Thanks: Special thanks to my husband John, who was always supportive of me in all of the decisions I made. To my daughter Mina, who looked up to me with pride; therefore, I had to get better grades than her to keep that perfect/ambitious image, and last but not least, to Leyla Rezaee, who encouraged me to continue my education without fear of the unknown.

Post-Graduation Plans: My post-graduation plans are (1) to find a way to dine at Morton's during this pandemic and (2) to look into getting my PhD.

PAULA NKECHI ORIAKU *

Master of Science



RAINA P. PANDYA

Master of Science

"Challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

Favorite Memory: Working on team projects and knowledge sharing with

my team members.

Note of Thanks: My husband, Prerak, has provided all of the support I could ask for while pursuing my MS in Regulatory Science. My one-year old, Om, is the reason I stayed motivated when things were most challenging. My parents and in-laws, who instilled a "no-quit" attitude in me during my formative years, deserve thanks as well. I want to also thank my friends, family, and professors for supporting me during this journey.

Post-Graduation Plans: I want to use my academic knowledge to advance my career in regulatory science at the FDA. I also want to get RAC certification.



BRIAN LEVELL PROCTOR

Master of Science

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." – Sun Tzu



ANNA NICOLE RAMIREZ PURA *

Master of Science

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my family and everyone who helped me achieve this new milestone in life.



MOSIS ADUGNA SEBOKA

Master of Science

"Everything has a reason to happen. It is how you see it that determines the value of it."

Note of Thanks: My sincere thanks goes to my family Helen, Sonan, and Eldana, and friends at work for their continued support during these two years. My special thanks also goes to Ms. Essien and Dr. Polli for their support and quick responses to my continuous questions. I also thank Dr. Ellen H. Yankellow for granting me the scholarship to attend the program. Thank you to all of the instructors for their time and effort to give us the required knowledge. God bless you all.



SUREKHA SHRIDHAR

Master of Science

"Yesterday is but a dream. Tomorrow is only a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."



AHMED SOLIMAN

Master of Science

"Listening is more important than talking."

Favorite Memory: The best time was when we had to submit our assignments before midnight. We worked as a team and we were able to meet each timeline. It was fun.

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank everyone in my team (Mosis Seboka, Bhavna

Jois, and Nneoma Kalu). I would also like to thank Sharese Essien for her support. I cannot forget about Dr. Polli, who encouraged me all the time and answered my questions.

Post-Graduation Plans: I am going to start my third master's in analytics in August.



CROSBY TOMAS WINTERS

Master of Science

ALULA YOHANNES

PharmD
Master of Science

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE GRADUATES:

TAYLOR BROWN

Graduate Certificate

ANNE LYNN S. CHANG

Graduate Certificate

ANA LUISA MOREIRA COUTINHO

Graduate Certificate

KEVIN GWENDEN

Graduate Certificate

JAHVARI JUNIOR

Graduate Certificate

FRANCESCA NOTARANGELO

Graduate Certificate

BRENDA REGGETTZ

Graduate Certificate

JALEH SHOJAEIAN

Graduate Certificate

JINGWEN YU

Graduate Certificate

ZHONGYUAN ZHAO

Graduate Certificate
