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UMSOP NEWS

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Tenure of Dean Natalie Eddington Honored



Expertise, influence, impact – these three words have been the hallmarks of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy’s (UMSOP) efforts and initiatives under the leadership of Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP. On June 1, faculty, staff, peers, campus colleagues, and many other friends heard about Eddington’s expertise, influence, and impact as they [celebrated her nearly 16-year tenure as dean of UMSOP](#).

Eddington stepped down from the deanship on May 31 and will remain on faculty and will lead UMB’s EMBRACE initiative, a multifaceted approach designed to increase the vibrancy of the greater UMB campus, boost UMB’s community impact in West Baltimore, and strengthen UMB’s profile with our internal and external constituencies.

Fadia Shaya Named UMB Distinguished University Professor

Fadia T. Shaya, PhD, MPH, professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been [recognized as a Distinguished University Professor by the University of Maryland, Baltimore](#), the highest appointment bestowed on a faculty member at the University. She is one of eight faculty recipients among the UMB schools. Shaya, a population health and data science expert, is executive director of the School of Pharmacy’s Behavioral Health Resources and Technical Assistance (BHRT) Program, which focuses on



statewide prescription drug misuse prevention efforts covering all Maryland jurisdictions, helping local health departments in needs assessment, capacity building, strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation. She has mentored hundreds of Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and PhD students, and postdoctoral fellows, and teaches in the School's PharmD, graduate and MS in Regulatory Science programs.

Fourth-Year PharmD Student Wins School's Inaugural Pharmapreneurship Pitch Competition

A student-led concept that aims to increase sustainability in research laboratories [won the School of Pharmacy's inaugural Pharmapreneur's Market competition](#), an honor that includes a \$100,000 investment from the School to turn the idea into a

reality. In the coming months, Meya Ngundam, a recent 2023 Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) graduate, will launch her idea to help laboratory researchers dispose of or move unneeded laboratory equipment. Ngundam's company will find sustainable ways of handling electronic waste that could include resale, donation, or recycling.



Student Organization Named APhA-ASP Chapter of the Year



For the first time in School history, the School of Pharmacy's chapter of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), [received the APhA-ASP Chapter of the Year Award](#) at the organization's annual meeting in March. APhA-ASP is the largest student pharmacy organization in the country and gives a variety of awards and honors each year. The Chapter of the Year recognition is for its work and activities in the 2021-2022 academic year. In addition to the Chapter of the Year honor, the School's APhA-ASP chapter received two other recognitions for topic-specific programming. Operation Heart won first place for its cardiovascular events and Operation Reproductive Health received a first runner-up award for health and wellness services.

Academic Programs Commemorate Achievements

May 17-19 was an exciting whirlwind of ceremonies, celebrations, and festivities at the School of Pharmacy, as members of

of Class of 2023

the Class of 2023 from the School's [PharmD, PhD, and MS](#) programs graduated.



David Stewart Associates Society Members Recognized for Philanthropy



The School of Pharmacy [hosted its annual event on May 2](#) for members of the David Stewart Associates (DSA) Society, the School's recognition society for leadership level giving by individuals. These individuals make an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. Every year, the Key to Pharmacy Hall is presented at the DSA event to one or more people who have significantly impacted the School through their advocacy efforts and who have demonstrated commitment to assisting the School with advancing its mission to globally engage and lead education, pharmacy practice, scientific research, and pharmapreneurial initiatives to collaboratively and equitably improve the health of society. This year's recipient was Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FCP, FAAPS, former dean and professor of pharmaceutical sciences.

PHSR Graduate Students Recognized at Awards Ceremony



The Pharmaceutical Health Services Research (PHSR) graduate program at the School of Pharmacy celebrated students during its [annual Graduate Program Awards Presentation](#) on April 26. The graduate program honored winners of several awards, including the Donald O. Fedder Memorial Fellowship, Harris Zuckerman Scholarship Award, Arthur Schwartz Memorial Scholarship, and the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Student Travel Scholarship. Students gave presentations to their peers and faculty about their academic pursuits and their personal journeys that led them to graduate training in PHSR.

Summit Brings National

The School of Pharmacy [hosted a conference of top health care](#)

Pharmacy, Public Health Leaders Together at the School of Pharmacy



[leaders](#) to discuss the role of pharmacists in solving the nation's biggest public health crises. Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA, professor in the Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, organized the "Pharmacy-Public Health Summit" at Pharmacy Hall on April 14 along with Joshua Sharfstein, MD, vice dean for public health practice and community engagement at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and former secretary of the Maryland Department of Health.

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT NEWS

LAURELS

[Andrew Coop, PhD](#), professor of pharmaceutical sciences and associate dean for academic affairs, has been named the School of Pharmacy's interim associate dean for graduate programs.

Bernard Bright Davies-Teye, MD, MPH, a student in the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 Dr. Arthur Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Award.

[Susan dosReis, PhD](#), professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been appointed to the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institutes' Standing Reviewer Board.

[Joga Goburru, PhD, MBA](#), professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research and director of the Center for Translational Medicine, has been named to the University of Maryland, Baltimore's Digital Health Advisory Board.

Chia-Yun Hsu, MS, Uzma Pathan, MPharm, MS, and Dominique Seo, MPH, students in the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 travel scholarships. Honorary recipients were **Dami Onasanya, MPH, MD, Salome Ricci, PharmD, MS, Yun-Yi Pan, PharmD, and Chintal Shah, MS.**

[Amy Ives, PharmD, BCPS](#), assistant professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been named the School of Pharmacy's 2023 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year.

Catherine Ladipo, a graduate student in the

Haeyoung Lee, PharmD, MS, a student in the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 Harris Zuckerman Scholarship.

Tsung-Ying Lee, MS, and Sarah Tanveer, MS, students in the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 Donald O. Fedder Memorial Fellowship.

Nick Montes, graduate student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a National Institutes of Health Diversity Supplement Award.

[Katy Pincus, PharmD, BCPS](#), associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received the certified diabetes care and education specialist credential.

Ally Smith and Aarion Romany, graduate students in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received Spring 2023 Dean's Teaching Fellow Awards.

[Deanna Tran, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA](#), associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been appointed to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's PioneerRx Workgroup.

[Hongbing Wang, PhD](#), professor of pharmaceutical sciences, and [Angela Wilks, PhD](#), Isaac E. Emerson Chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences, have been named interim co-chairs of the Department of

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received a Genentech Meyerhoff Fellowship.

Pharmaceutical Sciences.

[Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA](#), professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has been voted the School of Pharmacy's alternate delegate to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Claudia Baquet, MD, MPH, affiliate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received a \$550,000 two-year cooperative agreement from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for "Racial and Ethnic Minority Acceleration for Health Equity Consortium."

[Nicole Brandt, PharmD, MBA](#), BCPP, CGP, FASCP, professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research and executive director of the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging, has received a \$170,000 two-year contract from Enterprise Community Development for "Contract with Enterprise Community Development, Inc."

[Allison Dunn, PharmD, MS](#), research assistant professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received a \$37,5000 two-month contract from NewAmsterdam Pharma for "Proposal for PK Analysis of Obicetrapib."

Michelle Medeiros, MS, MA, CCRP, director of research for the PATIENTS Program in the Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and **Claudia Baquet, MD**, affiliate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, have received a \$499,998 one-year grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for "Community-Defined Measures to Bridge Health Equity Gaps for COVID-19: Small Town and Rural Needs."

[Jason Noel, PharmD, MPA, BCPP](#), associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received a \$276,264 two-year contract from the Maryland Department of Health for "Facilities and Community Based Psychopharmacology Consultation."

[Julia Slejko, PhD](#), associate professor of practice, sciences, and health outcomes research, has received a \$15,983 eight-month contract from the National Health Council for "Dissemination of Recommendations for Patient-Centered Value Assessment."

[Fengtian Xue, PhD](#), associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, has received a \$99,999 one-year contract from Johns Hopkins University for "Developing Novel Therapeutics for ALS-Associated Proteotoxicity."

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