

Master of Science (MS) Programs

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Please join faculty and staff at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in congratulating our Class of 2021 Master of Science (MS) degree recipients.

These individuals have worked tirelessly to hone their knowledge and skills across the fields of medical cannabis science and therapeutics, health services research, pharmaceutical sciences, pharmacometrics, and regulatory science, and are now prepared to embark on rewarding careers across academia, government, and industry.

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MEET THE GRADUATES

MS IN MEDICAL CANNABIS SCIENCE AND THERAPEUTICS

* *Denotes member of Rho Chi Society.*



CATRENA ALMONTE

Master of Science

Favorite Memory: Being the program ambassador was one of my favorite responsibilities for this program!

Note of Thanks: Thanks to my new cannabis science friends, colleagues, professors, and family for encouraging me and challenging me to grow in such a necessary arena. I am so

proud to have been part of this cohort and journey with you!

ANGELA MARIA ALSTON

Master of Science

HAROLD ARTHUR ALTMAN JR. *

Master of Science



EMILY MARLEEN ALVAREZ

Master of Science

"Don't be afraid. Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Be empowered."

– Michelle Obama

Favorite Memory: The in-person fall symposium was an awesome event at the USG campus. We got to connect with each other as classmates and we also had the opportunity to connect with industry leaders.

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my beautiful family for all of your love and support.



MARYANN OGECHUKWU ANIEKWE

Master of Science

"Arise and shine! For my light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon me."

– Isaiah 60:1

PAUL C. ARCHIBALD

Master of Science

MELINDA DIANE ATKINS

Master of Science

ANDREA AUSTIN

Master of Science



KIMBERLY AUSTIN

Master of Science

"I just don't know how...to think less. If you know how, then teach me..."

– Aishah Madadiy, Velvet di Durham

Favorite Memory: Participating in symposiums and collaborating on group projects.

Note of Thanks: Thanks to my husband, David. Thanks to my sister, Andrea, and my family.

Post-Graduation Plans: I would like share my vast knowledge of cannabis by advocating, educating, and helping individuals suffering from health conditions and those who are just purely interested in the cannabis plant.



KRISTIN BANKS

Master of Science

ANDREW OWEN BARTON

Master of Science



DOUGLAS ALLAN BENNER *

Master of Science

"Any educational program does not teach you all you need to know, but directs you to a road map on how to continue to learn."

Favorite Memory: The one and only live, in-person kick off symposium in Maryland.

We met key leaders and faculty of the program, and all of the other students at the start of the MSCST, including my Group 9 members.

Note of Thanks: A special thanks to my husband, Dr. Jonathan Vrban, who supported me during this journey while I also continued to work. He was an excellent editor in proofing my written assignments for grammatical errors.

Post-Graduation Plans: Continue to teach health care providers and insurance industry experts on medical cannabis. In addition, I would love to be involved with cannabis clinical research.



RACHEL S. BEYER

Master of Science

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my family, friends, and Green Trakk Counseling for supporting me through this journey! I'm honored to be an educational pioneer in the cannabis industry and part of the graduating cohort of 2021.

REBECCA ANNE BLACK *

Master of Science

"Life is our resume. It is our story to tell and the choices we make write the chapters. Can we live in a way where we look forward to looking back?"

– Matthew McConaughey, *Greenlights*

Favorite Memory: My favorite memories from my time in the MCST program are, for sure, the group projects. I mean, who doesn't love group projects in an online program? Seriously, my capstone group was an amazing group of women. We worked so well together, and I really appreciated all of the extra chatting we managed to squeeze in during our meetings. Kim, Maha, and Jackie, it was a pleasure and honor to go through the program with you.

Note of Thanks: A huge thank you goes out to my parents for encouraging me and supporting me in diving headfirst into cannabis medicine. I'm sure, for them, it has been a leap of faith – in me. Thank you to my boys, Beau (15) and Bex (14), for explaining and navigating all of the new technology that is inherent to online learning. To my boyfriend, Kevin, thank you for the seemingly never-ending hours of support to the boys and me while I have been in school during a global pandemic and working some pretty odd nursing hours. I love you all very much!

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to build a cannabis clinical rounding service for senior

living residents and provide cannabis education to the employees in those communities. There are many hurdles to obtaining medical cannabis for seniors living in facilities. I will also provide the rounding physician groups cannabis-related in-service education. I love working with an elderly population, and I have witnessed firsthand the benefits cannabis can afford this population.

BRIANNA BLAKE

Master of Science



JUNE BLANKIN

Master of Science

"It has been an exciting journey for me to be part of the first-ever graduate program"

NATHAN T. BONE *

Master of Science

JENNIFER E. BRADFORD

Master of Science



SANDRA BETH BROCK *

Master of Science

ERIKA N. BROWN *

Master of Science



TIMOTHY BYARS*

Master of Science

Note of Thanks: Rebecca, thank you for your constant support, enthusiasm, encouragement, and love.

Post-Graduation Plans: Radicle Health provides education and training to health care professionals, students, and cannabis stakeholders. Visit us at www.radiclehealthcare.com.
Get Radicle!

LORI GRACE CANTIN

Master of Science

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change."

– Buddha

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was attending the Fall 2019 symposium prior to COVID-19. It was exciting to meet all of my fellow classmates in the inaugural MCST

Class of 2021!

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my family and friends for their patience and emotional support over the last two years.

Post-Graduation Plans: To be determined!



PAIGE ELIZABETH CECCHI

Master of Science



KIMBERLY CHAVIS

Master of Science



PAIGE MARIE CHRISTOPHER

Master of Science

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate on the present."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory from my time as a student at the School of Pharmacy was the very first symposium. I looked around and at the age of only 22, I was surrounded by the most interesting and intelligent people. It was terrifying and

amazing at the same time. I could not be more proud.

Note of Thanks: A special thanks goes out to my parents and sister for all of the love and support they provide, and my girlfriend for putting up with hearing about cannabis for two years straight; I hope you are ready for more! Extra love and thanks to my grandmother Marie, who inspired me to push for what I wanted in life; you're always in my heart.

Post-Graduation Plans: Post-grad, I plan to enjoy my life, take some time for myself, and never stop sharing the love I have for cannabis with the world.



PHILIP WEN HOEI CHU *

Master of Science

Note of Thanks: This degree is dedicated to my beloved late father, Dr. Eugene P. H. Chu.



THOMAS ALBERT CLOBES

Master of Science

Post-Graduation Plans: Looking forward to applying my medical cannabis knowledge from the MCST program to my research agenda and improving perceptions and patient access.



JACQUIE CAROLYN COHEN ROTH

Master of Science

"I find there's a lot of synchronicity with the cannabis plant, sometimes it seems more like magic when you put policy, medicine, and science together for the purpose of quality"

patient care."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory from my time as a student at the School of Pharmacy is during our first semester. I was traveling to Malta to be a speaker at an international medical cannabis science conference. While on the plane, during the layover in Germany, and throughout the conference, I had my lecture presentations and transcripts always available for me to dive into. It was certainly challenging, but the success of the conference experience, diving back into chemistry, and receiving an A in a subject I quit 40 years prior is most definitely a lifetime memory for me.

Note of Thanks: I thank my cannabis industry colleagues who've encouraged and applauded my academic journey. I thank my neighbors and dear friends who helped to nourish my body and soul during a crazy and dynamic time in my life. I thank both of my parents, now deceased, for influencing my passion for lifelong learning. Lastly, I thank each of my daughters, Lindsay Roth, Kyle Roth, and Sage Roth, who have been my inspiration to show them that there are no limits to following your education and professional goals, and lifelong dreams.

Post-Graduation Plans: Immediately with the MCST program, I applied my education to both of the cannabis industry companies I'm Founder/CEO of, CannabizMD and Tea Pad. CannabizMD is centered on the integration of cannabis policy, medicine, and science to help fill the void of cannabis science education and to influence policy. Tea Pad is centered on ensuring that the cannabis industry is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. Post-grad, I will continue to grow each company, which includes collaboration with members of our cohort. As well, I'll be leading program development for undergraduate cannabis studies at a New England college.



BRANDON COLEMAN

Master of Science

"When one teaches, two learn."

Favorite Memory: Fall 2019 in-person symposium activities!

Note of Thanks: Thank you to all of the incredible faculty and staff for the support over the past two years – you are an inspiration to all of us and pioneers in a burgeoning field.

Post-Graduation Plans: Pursuing a PhD in pharmaceutical sciences with an emphasis in pharmacology at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, conducting cannabis research.

DIANE CORNING

Master of Science

AMARYAH N. CREDLE

Master of Science



ALISON DIXON

Master of Science

"The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway." – Kent M. Keith

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is of our first class symposium that took place

in person at Shady Grove in Fall 2019.

Note of Thanks: I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to my family, friends, and colleagues who have always sought to support and encourage me throughout my journey academically, professionally, and personally.

Post-Graduation Plans: Post-graduation, I plan to continue my career in medical cannabis as an outreach manager for Curaleaf in my home state of New York and in Connecticut. As cannabis continues to become more integrated in health care, I hope to have continued opportunities to educate health care professionals and patients alike about the science behind medical cannabis and its applications.

KAREN J. DIZNEY *

Master of Science

BRITTANIE DUNN *

Master of Science



VIRIDIANA EDWARDS

Master of Science

"Medical cannabis saved my life. I served for 10 years with the U.S. Army before I was medically retired due to injuries that I sustained while serving in Kandahar Afghanistan. Traditional treatments harmed me instead of providing relief. My personal experience has fueled my mission to help other veterans find relief and peace with medical cannabis."

This degree has armed me with the necessary tools to help other veterans."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory from my time as a student at the School of Pharmacy was listening to Dr. Raphael Mechoulam speak during our virtual symposium. Dr. Mechoulam is the Israeli organic chemist who isolated Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank Dr. Eddington, Dr. Sera, Mrs. Finn, and anyone else who was responsible for making this program a reality. Your hard work and dedication to the program are greatly appreciated!



JACKIE ELY BOYD

Master of Science

Favorite Memory: The Spring 2021 Symposium with Dr. Mechoulam is my most cherished memory. After the symposium, I mustered up the courage to email him and Dr. Mechoulam replied. I will forever treasure that email.

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank members of my capstone project team: Kim, Maha, and Becca. I'm so blessed to have met you and the friendship we developed throughout the program.

Post-Graduation Plans: I hope to be the change I want to see in world.

AUBREE EVANGELIST

Master of Science



KIMBERLY CHARESE EVANS

Master of Science

"Leading and learning are lifelong endeavors. They are compliments to each other and coexist where there is success."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is meeting and working with fellow students in the program, some of whom will be lifelong friends. The initial symposium was powerful as it brought together like minds and common spirits, resulting in a wonderful synergy.

Note of Thanks: Thank you to the Creator, because through Him all things are possible! Thank you to my family, who allowed me the time and support to endeavor, and to my friends who were always "there" for me. Thank you to my significant other, who through his quiet support, gave me the space, strength, and courage to complete. I am truly blessed.

Post-Graduation Plans: I will first rest and enjoy loved ones more fully. Next, I will find my place within the profession. The opportunities are open for exploration.

KARRIEM A. FARRAKHAN *

Master of Science

TECOYA NEECHELL FARRAKHAN

Master of Science



JACQUELINE ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ

Master of Science

"Keep evolving – never cut yourself short and always dream big!"

Note of Thanks: A big thank you to my fiancé, Mike. You are my rock and inspiration to keep pushing forward even when things seem to be impossible. Thanks for being so supportive throughout anything we do and always believing in me. I can't wait to spend life with you and our cats!

Post-Graduation Plans: Hoping to integrate my degree in medical cannabis science and therapeutics into my experience as an occupational therapist to promote optimal outcomes in patients' wellness journeys.

LATIA FEW

Master of Science

JASMINE FULLER

Master of Science



ROBERT W. GALAMAGA

Master of Science

"I am so glad I chose to pursue my graduate education in the MCST program. I use what I have learned every day in my cancer clinic, and my patients continue to benefit

from the education I have received at the University of Maryland."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is meeting my small group during the fall orientation. We have worked together now for two years and will become lifelong friends and colleagues!

Note of Thanks: I want to thank my wife, Dr. Rachel Mariani, for supporting my educational journey. I also want to thank my parents, Don and Margot Galamaga, for instilling in me the value of lifelong education!

Post-Graduation Plans: I will use what I have learned to discuss the benefits of medical cannabis therapy with my patients. I also plan to pursue participation in local policy discussion to ensure an equitable health policy for patients who may benefit from medical cannabis.



CHANDA DEANN GIBSON

Master of Science

"When they go low, may we all go GREEN!"

Favorite Memory: The pandemic tried to keep us apart, but thanks to social media and forming new and amazing friendships, I will walk away with new friends who understand my journey and mission.

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my parents, my fiancé, and my children for pushing me and supporting me when I needed a moment to study or complete assignments. Thankful to those who listened when I was excited about learning.

Post-Graduation Plans: My plan is to focus on patient-centered care and to bridge the gap between what is unknown and what I have learned.



MELANIE GILBERT

Master of Science

Post-Graduation Plans: Advocate to end prohibition of cannabis at the federal level so that cannabis is available to everyone it may benefit.



THOMAS M. GODWIN

Master of Science

"Take life seriously, just not too seriously."

Note of Thanks: Thanks to my wonderful professors and to my fellow students for this experience!

JANE GOLD

Master of Science



DONALD HALL

Master of Science

Post-Graduation Plans: To enjoy life to the fullest and help make cannabis a sustainable alternative medicine.

MAHA ZEHRA HAQ

Master of Science

"A jack of all trades is a master of none, but oftentimes better than a master of one."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memories are starting the School's first official cannabis student group, Medical Cannabis Student Association! And, winning the "Outstanding for the Medical Cannabis Student Association. I would also like to thank my good friend and underclassman, Meghan Bergsman, for supporting my journey in Graduate Student Involvement Award"

Note of Thanks: I want to thank Lisa Finn and Dr. Sera for serving as faculty advisors organizational leadership and for helping me with our new student club. And finally, I want to thank my capstone group-mate, Kimberly Evans.

Post-Graduation Plans: I will be continuing my cannabis consulting business, which is now serving clients in 12 states and three countries. I plan to pursue a doctorate in socio/psychopharmacology through cannabis research. I hope to establish my own licensed cannabis establishment in the coming years.

JAMES TYLER HARP

Master of Science



KATHY HARTWELL

Master of Science

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is from the first symposium. I arrived at my hotel to find other students in the dining area; we had dinner and the friendships created carried over into the symposium days and the rest of the school year.

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my husband, Drew, and our kids, Jackson and Brianna, for supporting me and my academic pursuits. Wednesday and Sunday evenings were reserved

for coursework and I greatly appreciate the time and space given to me by my family.

Post-Graduation Plans: I think I will focus on my existing business ventures, but keep an eye on the horizon for upcoming possibilities. The world is changing. I am thankful for the events that have led to the present and I look forward to the future.

PHILIP HEISER

Master of Science

STONEY HELMICK JR.

Master of Science

MICHAEL PATRICK HENNESY

Master of Science

BRIANNA MIA ALEXANDRA HILL

Master of Science



BURGAN HOBBS

Master of Science



RHAVEN EIPHANI DANAY HOLMES

Master of Science

"Knowledge is like a garden, if you don't cultivate it you cannot harvest it."

– African Proverb

This has been a beautiful cultivation process and I look forward to harvesting the knowledge I've gained to benefit myself, my family, my community, and the world at large.

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is working through our longitudinal project with the best group in the program, Group 24. I enjoyed working with such awesome individuals to produce a project that we are all so proud of. From working hard to complaining about assignments to enjoying tequila in celebration of our accomplishments, every group meeting was a good time! I will miss collaborating with Brad, Melissa, and Read, and am grateful to have been in the company of my Spelman sis, Kristin!

Note of Thanks: First, thank you God for guiding me to and through this program, and for giving me strength and confidence to pursue my dreams! Super shout out to my tribe for keeping me grounded, prayed up, and encouraged, and for being understanding while I focused on achieving this goal. Special thanks to my mum for always being in my corner and offering a listening ear when I needed to laugh, cry, complain, or share my learnings. Thank you to my friends and the rest of my family for believing in me and checking in along

the way. I love you all!

Post-Graduation Plans: With my degree, I plan to educate others on the facts of cannabis and its benefits, and generate wealth in my family and community through entrepreneurship. Follow my journey on IG and FB (@TheGardenofEpiphani) or at www.thegardenofepiphani.com.



CAMERON EMILY CRADDOCK HOWE *

Master of Science

"A younger me used to say, 'You only think you're smart because it's the smartest you've ever been.' Those words have never been more true than how I feel today.

Favorite Memory: The Fall 2019 Symposium was one of the best days of my life. It was exhilarating to be in a room full of people of all ages and backgrounds knowing we had one thing in common: a desire for knowledge about cannabis. My love for learning thrived at UMB and I look forward adding to the knowledge I gained through MCST as I enter my new career.

Note of Thanks: A huge thanks goes out to my husband, Sam. It's because of him this journey has been possible. Big thanks to my daughters, Alden and Sawyer, who now say they love learning like me. They inspired me to chase my dreams. Thank you Mama and Daddy for always believing in me. Thanks Abby and Ty for encouraging me to find a career that would make me happy. Thank you Anne Carter for taking the girls to the park. Thank you Schuyler for helping my sanity during quarantine. Thank you to my friends, grandparents, and family for loving and supporting me.

Post-Graduation Plans: I want to find a career in cannabis that allows me to help make a positive difference in this world. I hope to find one either through education, research, advocacy, or policy making.



RHEA JACOBSON

Master of Science

"Luck is preparation meeting opportunity."

Note of Thanks: Thank you to all of the instructors who were so helpful and accessible.

Post-Graduation Plans: I am not yet sure what the future holds, but I feel prepared for whatever comes next.



MATTHEW KAMPS *

Master of Science

"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better."

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my beautiful wife and son for their unwavering support of my academic pursuits. And thank you to my late mother for inspiring me every day to remain curious, creative, and driven.

LORI KANTER *

Master of Science

RACHEL KELLY

Master of Science

Favorite Memory: I will always remember the Zoom meetings with Team 12 for our capstone project, but I would be remiss not to mention the one person who has been on many adventures with me – Gregg, my husband. Thank you for encouraging both of us

to take on this challenge. We did it! I will cherish all of our memories from this program (especially competing for the better grade!) and look forward to our next journey together.

Note of Thanks: To four people who made my journey through this program a wonderfully, amazing trip: Hal, Kimber, Jeremy, and Tim. Because of you, I take with me lifelong skills from working with you every other Friday (Saturday) together. I could not be more proud than I am today because I was part of Team 12. From Tim's excellent leadership skills (this is an understatement) and Hal's responsible time management skills (when Hal said it was martini time, we knew we had about five minutes left) to Jeremy's passion for cannabis, and Kimber's love for numbers and rocking the best hair, I thank you!

KATHLEEN ANN KENNEDY

Master of Science



W A READ KNOX

Master of Science



SUMMER KRIEGSHAUSER *

Master of Science

CORRINNE GRACE KULICK *

Master of Science



GEOFFREY EMILE LARSON JR.

Master of Science

"It's not pro-marijuana, it's about pro-civil liberties." – Rick Steves

"Progress over perfection." – Anonymous

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." – Albert Einstein

"Finish strong." – Drew Brees

*"But the grass ain't always greener on the other side. It's greener where you water it."
– Big Sean*

"Hashtag(#)whylimityourself" – Me

"Sun gon' shine, but the rain won't stop." – J. Cole

Favorite Memory: The first (and sadly only) symposium, where I got the chance to meet everyone and learn about where they were on their personal journeys with cannabis. Also, seeing the Yahoo article one morning that mentioned this program was starting up.

Note of Thanks: I want to give special thanks to my girlfriend, my mom, my dad, Dr. Sera, and all of the professors involved in the program.

Post-Graduation Plans: I got a job working in a cannabis testing lab in Denver, Colorado. My future plans are to be involved in cannabis research to help perpetuate the learning, discovery, and future utilization of this magnificent plant.



LISA LEBOVITZ

Master of Science

"Nevertheless, she persisted."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is having a group project Zoom meeting at the end of a very long work day. Just kidding.

Note of Thanks: Thanks to Rich for encouraging my curiosity, and to Becky for strengthening my resolve. Thanks to Leah for creating this unique program, and to Lisa for supporting all of our success.

Post-Graduation Plans: The best way to predict your future is to create it.



RODNEY A. LEE

Master of Science

"If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got."

"Whenever you see a successful person, you only see the public glories, never the private sacrifices to reach them." – Vaibhav Shah

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." – Eleanor Roosevelt

"The ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones that do."

ERICA LEHNER

Master of Science

NEIL B. LEIKACH

Master of Science



KONYA IVY LINDSEY *

Master of Science

"I believe that food can be a way of healing our bodies. When you combine healthy, wholesome foods with the therapeutic benefit of plant-based medicine, the body can potentially perform in ways we could never imagine."

Favorite Memory: Working with my longitudinal group has been a phenomenal experience. To have the opportunity to collaborate with people from various disciplines to create a deliverable that has a strong impact on cannabis education is invaluable.

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my friends and family who have supported me from day one.

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to grow my cannabis edibles business using the knowledge and experience I have gained from this program.



ASHLEY DOMINIQUE LOFLIN-HILL

Master of Science

"Applied information changes situation!"

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was the first and only in-person symposium we had on campus. It was amazing to see so many people of different backgrounds and experiences all come together because of the education behind the cannabis plant. That day was unforgettable and I am so grateful to have been fully present.

Note of Thanks: I want to thank my family and friends. The people who continue to speak

greatness over me and encourage my out-of-the-box thinking. To India Williams, who told me about the program, and Dr. McAlpin, who "volun-told" me to apply. I am so grateful that I am not applying to get into the program two years later, but I am instead a part of history, graduating from the inaugural class of the first master's program in cannabis science in the nation. God is so good! Let's win!

Post-Graduation Plans: To live in my purpose daily and impact the lives of others around the world while doing it!

CORDULA DAVIS LUTZ

Master of Science



MARLENE MAHIPAT

Master of Science

"It is never too late to learn something new. Even if it is outside your comfort zone or not within your current level of expertise, just try it. The reward at the end is a new level of confidence and rebirth."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is the first symposium. I was so nervous, like a kid at her first day of school, and scared of meeting so many new people. At the end of that symposium, I made so many new friends and looked forward to seeing them again. One would never imagine that after that day, we would not see each other again. I am hopeful that the School will do something later where everyone can meet again.

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my husband for allowing me to just be a "warm body" in the house for the past two years. I woke up everyday at 3 a.m. to do school work before a long patient day, so after dinner I would fall asleep while we were watching a movie or hanging out together. He was there for me and offered a shoulder for me

to cry on and encouraging words. I would also like to thank my younger office manager who helped me navigate all the online tools and taught me computer literacy to help me succeed.

Post-Graduation Plans: I am not sure about future plans as yet. The world is wide open for me to create my own job description. I initially thought I would be a provider who would write scripts for medical cannabis cards, but due to state laws, my profession is not listed as a provider, so I will have to come up with another plan.

LATASHA MARSHALL

Master of Science

LESLIE SCOTT MATTHEWS

Master of Science

REBECCA ANN MCHUGH

Master of Science

DANIEL MICAH MEHLER

Master of Science

KEVIN DOUGLAS MERILLAT

Master of Science

MELISSA F. MILLER

Master of Science



ROBERT O'BRIAN MITCHELL

Master of Science

"The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it." – 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my wife, Tyler, for believing in me and supporting me through each endeavor.

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to cultivate premium genetics to assist veterans and individuals alike to heal from the perils of war and life.



MADHUMI MITRA *

Master of Science

"Do not let any doubts or negativity disrupt your goals and dreams. Believe in yourself, as you are the architect of your own fate."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was the Fall 2019 symposium, when I met so many of my classmates, including my group for the longitudinal project. We were operating with some degree of uncertainty related to our challenging project, which has now come to full fruition with commitment, dedication, and collaborations.

Note of Thanks: I thank my husband and my daughter for their unconditional support throughout my academic journey. I'm also grateful to all of my friends who encouraged me

to stay on track amidst life's challenges. The opportunity to pursue this "dream degree" was possible due to the support from my department chair and the dean at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

Post-Graduation Plans: I am a tenured full professor of biological and environmental sciences at UMES. During my academic journey at UMB, I have become interested in starting a research project in hemp cultivation and studying the impacts of utilizing seaweeds as biostimulants on the growth of various chemovars and the contents of their phytocannabinoids and terpenes. I will be teaching a new experimental course, BIOL 488X: Cannabis – Medicine, Culture, and Law for biology majors in Fall 2021, and assisting the university in developing new courses and programs pertaining to hemp sciences.



DORINDA KAY MOON

Master of Science

"No one is YOU, and that is your true power. You did not wake up to be mediocre."

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my family for their support during this journey.

A special thanks to those who believed in me, especially my husband, who encouraged me to follow my dreams.

GRADY FRANKLIN MOORE III *

Master of Science



SHARON ELIZABETH MORRISON

Master of Science

"Keep your wits about you."

Favorite Memory: My favorite interactions and projects were with the members of my longitudinal group project for MCST 612. Brianna, Lauren, Leroy, and Tom. Congratulations!

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my husband, daughters, and co-workers for supporting me during this journey.

Post-Graduation Plans: Keep on keeping on!



CATHY JO MOTT

Master of Science

SARAH ANN NEEDHAM

Master of Science

CAMERON ROYCE OLIVER

Master of Science

BRADLEY PALEG

Master of Science



LAUREN ASHLEY PALMIER *

Master of Science

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory from my time as a student at the School of Pharmacy was the Spring 2019 MCST Symposium. Due to COVID-19, this was the only in-person symposium throughout the program. It was inspiring and humbling to meet so many qualified, talented, and insightful individuals from around the world – all interested in making the world a better place through medical cannabis.

Note of Thanks: Thank you to Dr. Leah Sera and Lisa Finn for the guidance and support. Thank you to Brianna Hill, Leroy Yau, Sharon Morrison, and Tom Clobes for being such a fantastic MCST 612 group to work with over the last two years – our calls ended up being a highlight of this program, and I am thankful to have met you all. Special shout out to Tom Clobes, who became my "best bud" in the MCST program!

Post-Graduation Plans: Post-graduation, I will continue to work in the community as a pharmacist for the present, but my future goals include serving as a clinical director of a dispensary and teaching medical cannabis curriculum to pharmacy students.

KIRSTEN PANCIONE

Master of Science



HALEY SUZANNE PARCO

Master of Science

AUTRY JAMES PARKER JR.

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MEGHA PANCHOLI PATEL

Master of Science

MEAGAN PILAWSKI

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TRAVIS POONAI

Master of Science

DERWIN ANTIONE PRITCHETT

Master of Science

JOELLE RABION

Master of Science



SABINA LEILA RASOULOV

Master of Science

Favorite Memory: It has been such an honor to be amongst the first cohort for the very first graduate program concerning medical cannabis science and therapeutics.

Note of Thanks: Thank you to my support system: my family, boyfriend, fur baby, and friends.

Post-Graduation Plans: Upon graduation, I will continue to work within the Maryland medical cannabis industry, ensuring safety and quality of medical cannabis. I have an end goal of contributing to clinical or cultivation-related cannabis research. I would also like to become significantly more involved with social equity programs and expungement advocacy. As a white woman within this industry, it is my duty to stand up against the disproportionate treatment towards minority communities.

KATHRYN BETH REEDER

Master of Science

"The illegality of cannabis is outrageous, an impediment to full utilization of a drug which helps produce the serenity and insight, sensitivity and fellowship so desperately needed in this increasingly mad and dangerous world." – Carl Sagan

Note of Thanks: A BIG thank you for the support from my family over the last two years!

Post-Graduation Plans: I am excited for what is to come for the world of medical cannabis,

and I'll be there educating and sharing my knowledge helping others along the way!

SAVANNAH REEDY

Master of Science



RENEE L. REISINGER

Master of Science

Favorite Memory: My favorite memories are all of the wonderful students and teachers that I've met through this journey.

Note of Thanks: Special thank you to my mom and husband for all of the love, support, and encouragement. Another special thank you to my sister, for always being there! Lots of love for my brother, sons, nieces and nephew!

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to continue learning and teaching about my favorite plant, Cannabis sativa L. People have asked what I plan to do with this degree: "Improve the world one cannabinoid at a time!"



MAI-LAN RICHARDS

Master of Science

ZACHARY RINEY *

Master of Science



DANA RUBIN

Master of Science



DOUGLAS JAMES RUTKOWSKI

Master of Science

"It is never too late to learn."

Note of Thanks: Thanks to my amazing wife, Debbie Rutkowski.



VALERIE KATHERINE RYDER

Master of Science

"Gracias a la vida que me ha dado tanto." – Violeta Parra

Note of Thanks: To my husband Nick, thank you for your unwavering love and support through this program and beyond – I couldn't have done it without you. Deanna, thank you for your constant positivity, encouragement, and motivation. To Dennis, thank you for showing me the way. I wouldn't be here without you. To Brian, my mentor and friend, you have taught me so much. Thank you for sharing your wisdom. To Mom, Dad, and Eddie, thank you for always supporting my dreams and encouraging me to grow. And a special thank you to my Curio Wellness family.

YALONDA DENYCE SALTER

Master of Science



ANDRES MARTINEZ SANCHEZ

Master of Science
"Proba te dignum."

Note of Thanks: I'd like to thank Lehi and Khalen for their support, understanding, and sacrifices made during the pursuit of this degree. Good things are to come, and I appreciate everything you have done. I love you.

JAMIE MARCUS SELBY-PHAM *

Master of Science

JEREMY PHILIP SHAPIRO

Master of Science



CHEYENNE ELIZABETH SIMMONS

Master of Science

"When you think about quitting, think about why you started."

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory from my time as a student at the School of Pharmacy goes back to Fall 2019, when the inaugural class of the MS in Medical Cannabis

Science and Therapeutics program met for the first time. We spent the entire day getting to know one another, hearing from industry professionals, and learning about the journey ahead of us. I would not have met some of my lifelong friends otherwise. Thank you, UMSOP!

Note of Thanks: To my parents, thank you for believing in me ever since I was a little girl. Without your guidance, I would not be where or who I am today. I love you both! To my boyfriend, thank you for supporting my dreams and aspirations ever since we started dating six years ago. I do not know where I would be without your love, words of encouragement, and support. I love you, Jedadiah! To my friends, your never-ending support and love do not go unnoticed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Post-Graduation Plans: I am unsure of what's to come after graduation. Many people have told me they see me pursuing a post-graduate certificate or a PhD – maybe I will and I just don't know it yet! For now, I plan to focus on personal growth and bettering my mental health. You cannot pour from an empty glass and self-care is just as important as being educated. Until next time, UMSOP.



DOMINIQUE ALEXIS SMITH

Master of Science

"Struggle is the enemy, but weed is the remedy." – Kid Cudi

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my family and friends for their support.

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to enter the cannabis industry and help break the barriers that currently exist.

GABRIEL SPANDAU

Master of Science

JOSEPH DEWEY STONE III *

Master of Science

PAULA SEYMOUR TEDDER

Master of Science



KYLE RYAN THOMPSON *

Master of Science

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

– James Baldwin

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory from the program was attending the in-person Fall 2019 symposium at the Universities at Shady Grove, where I was able to meet with professors and peers, network with cannabis industry professionals, and listen to medical cannabis expert seminars.

Note of Thanks: Thanks to Dr. Leah Sera and Lisa Finn for managing this academic program, and also Dean Eddington for the program support. And, thank you to all of the wonderful instructors and to my dedicated and passionate peers who I have met along the way.

Post-Graduation Plans: I'd like to continue to network with cannabis industry professionals and students, and make plans to step into a creative and dynamic leadership role within the emerging cannabis industry. I'd love to own my own cannabis business one day and provide medical cannabis education to the general public.

ASHLEY UBALDINI

Master of Science



LEIGH VINO CUR *

Master of Science

KIRISTEN MARIA WARMAN *

Master of Science



TUERE KAI WHEELER

Master of Science

"In a quest for healing, I became interested in cannabis. The MCST program has allowed me to learn so much and interact with some amazing people in the cannabis space. This experience has allowed me to go forward with a new purpose to educate and advocate for something I believe in."

Note of Thanks: Although there were some unexpected challenges around the COVID pandemic and we were not able to interact as much in person as we would have hoped, I am thankful for all of the classmates and project teammates that I encountered throughout this program. Everyone in this program seemed to have a genuine interest in learning and helping one another as we navigated a new program and a new place in society for cannabis.

Thank you all for teaching me so much.



CHARLES RUSSELL WIDMER

Master of Science

"When we have inner peace, we can be at peace with those around us. When our community is in a state of peace, it can share that peace with neighboring communities."

– *The Dalai Lama*

KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

Master of Science

GREGORY ALAN WINGO

Master of Science

"West Virginia no longer has Senator Byrd as our billion dollar industry. Now we must make our own way – marijuana is our new billion dollar industry! It is our hope, our humanity, and our future!" – Gregg Wingo, Marijuana Advocate, WV Capitol Rotunda Speech, Winter 2018

Favorite Memory: Our group project when Daniel gave us a virtual tour of his basement Black Uhuru plantation and explained the advantages of hydroponics versus in-ground cultivation.

Note of Thanks: I would like to thank my partner in crime, wife, and fellow MCST graduate – Rachel Kelly – for her support and laughter through this program. I would also like to thank our daughter, Kearney, for being the light of our family and our court jester – full

of wit and wisdom.

Post-Graduation Plans: God only knows where this degree will take us moving forward.

There is much work to be done in this field as it professionalizes. We are ready for new frontiers and new adventures!

KIMBER DINEEN WISE

Master of Science

MARK GALEN WORSTER

Master of Science

MICHELLE WRIGHT *

Master of Science

KYAIRE WYNN

Master of Science

LEROY YAU

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STEPHEN ERIC ZIMBERG *

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