

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy

Commencement Ceremony



May 17, 2025

Graduation Program

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

Processional	Platform Party, Faculty, Graduates
Presiding	Grace M. Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D. <i>Dean, Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center</i>
Invocation	Katie Thomas, Doctoral Candidate
Welcome	Grace M. Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D.
Introductions	Grace M. Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D.
Greetings	Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D. <i>President Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center</i>
Salutation	Shelley Sweatt, Ed.D. <i>Regent Texas Tech University System</i>
Student Recognitions	Grace M. Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D.
Introduction of Speaker	Grace M. Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D.
Address to Graduates	Alex Varkey, Pharm.D., MS, FAPhA
Conferring of Degrees	Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D.
Presentation of Class	Grace M. Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D.
Alumni Welcome	SOP Alumni Association Board Chair Amber Elliott, Pharm.D.
Oath of a Pharmacist	Afsana Musharof, Pharm.D. <i>Banner Bearer</i> and Denise Anderson, Pharm.D. <i>Bowl of Hygieia</i>
Benediction	Colby Coiner, Pharm.D.
Matador Song	Brian Terrell, Pharm.D., BCACP
Closing Remarks	Grace M. Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D.
Recessional	Platform Party, Faculty, Graduates

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Craig Cox, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCACP
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Ron Hall, Pharm.D., MSCS., BCPS
Trista Bailey, Pharm.D., BCPS
Ranee Basse-Lenz, Pharm.D.

Commencement Speaker

Alex Varkey, Pharm.D., MS, FAPhA

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Dr. Alex Varkey, PharmD, MS, FAPhA, is a nationally recognized pharmacy leader who has dedicated more than 20 years to advancing the pharmacist's role in patient care, health-system innovation, and professional well-being. He currently serves as Senior Director of Strategic Accounts at Visante, where he partners with health-system leaders across the country to improve pharmacy operations, expand clinical services, and implement cutting-edge technologies that enhance patient outcomes.

Prior to this role, Dr. Varkey served as Director of Pharmacy at Houston Methodist Hospital, a 950-bed academic medical center, where he led the implementation of advanced technologies—ranging from electronic health record transitions and robotic sterile compounding to RFID tracking and Raman spectroscopy for diversion prevention. He established a nationally recognized Controlled Substance Diversion Prevention Program and oversaw the expansion of a suite of clinical pharmacy services and education initiatives, including the hospital's award-winning PGY1/PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership residency program.

A dedicated servant leader, Dr. Varkey's passion for professional service began early—as national president of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA–ASP)—and has continued for nearly two decades. He most recently served as the 169th President of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), becoming the first Indian-American to hold this office in the organization's 172-year history. He previously served as a trustee on the APhA Board of Trustees and chaired APhA's Well-Being Steering Committee, where he championed pharmacist well-being as essential to a high-functioning healthcare system.

Dr. Varkey has also demonstrated exceptional leadership in times of crisis. He led pharmacy operations during natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey and multiple extreme weather events, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic—coordinating large-scale efforts to vaccinate and treat over 150,000 individuals across Houston.

He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Houston and a Master of Science in Health-System Pharmacy Administration from The Ohio State University, completing a two-year residency at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.



Academic Awards and Honors

BANNER BEARER

The Banner Bearer is a title conferred upon the top-ranking graduate of the class, who thereby earns the honor of escorting the School of Pharmacy's Banner in the Graduation Ceremony.

2025 Afsana Musharof, Pharm.D.

BOWL OF HYGIEIA

The Bowl of Hygieia is an internationally recognized symbol for the profession of pharmacy. Universally depicted as a snake wrapped around a bowl, it comes to us from Greek mythology. Hygieia is the daughter of Zeus and the goddess of purity. Her bowl represents medicine, and the snake indicates potency. Taken altogether, the Bowl of Hygieia symbolizes "pure and potent medicines."

The Bowl of Hygieia is awarded to a graduating Doctor of Pharmacy candidate who best exemplifies the qualities most desirable in a pharmacist. Most important of these attributes include leadership, high ethical standards, dedication, and promotion of the profession of pharmacy.

Faculty and students alike choose the recipient of this distinguished award. Candidates are nominated by fellow students and endorsed by a letter of support from a faculty member. Selections are then made by an awards committee consisting of the Regional Deans. All TTUHSC School of Pharmacy campuses are represented on the committee.

The recipient is given the honor of carrying in the Bowl of Hygieia at the commencement ceremony. The recipient also holds the privilege of leading the class in the recitation of the Oath of the Pharmacist. The Bowl of Hygieia, along with a special plaque engraved with each recipient's name, will stand on display throughout the year at the Amarillo campus of the School of Pharmacy.

Past Recipients of the Bowl of Hygieia:

2000 Susan Lynn Burgoyne Cordi, Pharm.D.	2013 Chiamaka Ike, Pharm.D.
2001 Jeanie Elizabeth Jaramillo, Pharm.D.	2014 Justin Thomas, Pharm.D.
2002 Shawn Anthony Gautreaux, Pharm.D.	2015 Jordan Burdine, Pharm.D.
2003 Jason Price Haire, Pharm.D.	2016 Teryn J'Nae Bibb, Pharm.D.
2004 Ben Brister, Pharm.D.	2017 Brandi Kay Dahl, Pharm.D.
2005 Shawna Elizabeth King, Pharm.D.	2018 Hayden MaryAnne Stewart, Pharm.D.
2006 Alisia Diane Baker, Pharm.D.	2019 Michael Dean, Pharm.D.
2007 Theresa Marie Gerst, Pharm.D.	2020 Justin Langreck, Pharm.D.
2008 Laura Christine Patterson, Pharm.D.	2021 Anthony Phan, Pharm.D.
2009 Ryan Lester Burke, Pharm.D.	2022 Madeline Ann Scarbrough, Pharm.D.
2010 Aby Rajagiriyl, Pharm.D.	2023 Eric Earl Kennison, Pharm.D.
2011 Antonia Leigh-Pettit Edgar, Pharm.D.	2024 Gracie Klaire Daniels, Pharm.D.
2012 Jacqueline Petty, Pharm.D.	2025 Denise Shavon Anderson, Pharm.D.

AWARD WINNERS

Each year, graduating students are honored with prestigious awards, nominated by peers, faculty, preceptors, and staff. These awards recognize outstanding accomplishments throughout the curriculum—including leadership, academic excellence, community service, perseverance, clinical achievements, and advocacy for the pharmacy profession. Previously presented at the school-wide Celebration of Achievement, these honors highlight the distinctive contributions of our graduates.

Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication

This award recognizes a student who is in the top 25% of the class academically and has demonstrated superior verbal and written, clinical communication skills.

Chandler A. Batson

Superior Patient Care Award

This award recognizes excellent performance during pharmacy rotations and focuses on patient relations in both hospital and community practice.

Michaela Ann Reynolds

Community Outreach Award of Excellence

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated excellent overall community involvement and outreach; the student will have participated in community service including philanthropic events.

Denise Shavon Anderson

Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award

Recognizes high academic achievement and personal motivation. Student must be in the top 25 percent of the class academically and intend on entering practice upon graduation.

Afsana Musharof

Hannah Leigh Thompson Resilience Award

This award is named in honor of Hannah Thompson, a member of the Class of 2019 who passed away during her P4 year. It recognizes a resilient student who overcame major setbacks and exemplified a positive attitude in the face of difficulties.

McKinzie R. Richmond

Based on outstanding performance during fourth-year clinical rotations, students are recognized with core rotation awards. Nominated by preceptors and selected by faculty teaching teams, these awards honor clinical excellence, professionalism, and dedication to practice. Previously presented at the school-wide Celebration of Achievement, they celebrate graduates' impact in advanced pharmacy practice.

Excellence in Ambulatory Care Award

This award recognizes a student who demonstrates a high degree of excellence and commitment to the practice of ambulatory care pharmacy.

Ronnie Reed McCarty

Excellence in Community Practice Award

This award recognizes a student who excels in community-based rotations demonstrating both outstanding clinical judgement in patient care and excellent patient interactions.

Jamie Tam Nguyen

Excellence in Geriatrics Award

This award recognizes a student who demonstrates a high degree of excellence and commitment to the practice of geriatrics.

Faith Collum

Excellence in Internal Medicine Award

This award recognizes a student with exemplary patient care, teamwork, and problem-solving skills and who is committed to inpatient clinical practice.

Chandler A. Batson

Dr. Janie Robles Excellence in Pediatrics Award

This award is named in honor of Dr. Janie Robles, a cherished alumna and dedicated faculty member in pediatrics, whose passion and commitment continue to inspire us. It recognizes a student who demonstrates a high degree of excellence in pediatric pharmacy through classroom, experiential, and organizational participation. The award also recognizes the student whose career will involve the care of pediatric patients.

Chandler A. Batson

Alán Linh Arago Nguyen

Top Ten Percent Grade Point Average

Afsana Musharof

Jimmy Ly

Jake G. Herrin

Chloe Grabenhorsto

Duke Cullins

Brayden Key

Oluwanbo I. Olanrewaju

Alexandria Perez

Jacy Sconce

Graduates Earning Dual Degree Pharm.D./MBA from the Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University

Red stole - received by all

Amalia Angweh Akwar

Jessica Taylor Honey

Afsana Musharof

Charles Borromeo

Jake G. Herrin

Alán Linh Arago Nguyen

Alessandra Cardona

Christine Lachica

Jamie Tam Nguyen

Armand Ghazanfar-Pour

Praneeth Manne

Atik Syed

Hannah Gorczyca

David D. Mara

Sritej Veeramachaneni

Graduates Earning the Honors in Research Designation

Janelle Agolue

Irina Gradinaru

Alexandria Perez

Chandler A. Batson

David D. Mara

Huiyan Yang

Student Professional Organizations

Students are strongly encouraged to become actively involved in one or more professional organizations during their academic journey. These organizations offer programming and activities that support professional growth, excellence in practice, and leadership development. Members also benefit from opportunities to serve their communities and build valuable networks. Eligible members may be awarded cords to wear at graduation, based on criteria established by their respective chapters and national guidelines.

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists

Burnt orange, charcoal, and turquoise cords

No graduates this year

American College of Veterinary Pharmacists

Orange and green cords - received by all

Janelle Agolue	Taygan Henderson	Senco Selimovic
Faith Collum	Brenda J. Ortiz	Taylor Stark
Armand Ghazanfar-Pour	Alexandria Perez	Amira Zakrya
Irina Gradinaru		

American Pharmacist Association & Texas Pharmacy Association

Academy of Student Pharmacists

Light blue and white cords - recipients noted by asterisk*

Janelle Agolue*	Hannah Gorczyca	Brenda J. Ortiz*
Yasmeen Masood Al Karimi	Irina Gradinaru*	Norma A. Sanchez*
Danish S. Alam*	Christine Lachica	Denise Serna*
Denise Shavon Anderson*	Khadijah I. Mohiuddin*	Taylor Stark
Heleen Barwari*	Afsana Musharof*	Atik Syed*
Charles Nino Borromeo*	Jaime Nguyen*	Kim Ngan Tu*
Alessandra Cardona*	Michaela Ann Reynolds*	Huiyan Yang*
Faith Collum*		

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Purple and green cords – received by all

Faith Collum	Huiyan Yang
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Christian Pharmacists' Fellowship International

Blue and gold cords - recipients noted by asterisk*

Chandler A. Batson*	Dejene L. Mideksa
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Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children

Royal and light blue cords – received by all

Janelle Agolue
Karla Aringo
Heleen Barwari

Alessandra Cardona
Brenda J. Ortiz

Norma A. Sanchez
Senco Selimovic

Industry Pharmacists Organization

Maroon and gold cords - received by all

Danish S. Alam
Jacob Awkal
Irina Gradinaru

Jake G. Herrin
Praneeth Manne

Irene Mwangi
Atik Syed

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity

Red and gray cords - received by all

Delta Pi - Amarillo

Chandler A. Batson

David D. Mara

Sritej Veeramachaneni

Eta Beta-Dallas

Jacob Awkal
Charles Nino Borromeo
Zoya Hassan
Jake G. Herrin

John Huynh
Christine Lachica
Praneeth Manne
Irene Mwangi

Alexandria Perez
Atik Syed
Joel Zapata

National Community Oncology Dispensing Association

Navy blue, orange, and silver cords – received by all

Denise Shavon Anderson
Heleen Barwari

Aaima Mustafa

Kim Ngan Tu

National Community Pharmacists Association

Silver and blue cords - recipients noted by asterisk*

Irina Gradinaru

Alexandria Perez

Faiza Ikram Yasin

Pharmacogenomics Club

Royal blue, kelly green and gold cords - received by all

Denise Shavon Anderson
Jacob Awkal

Faith Collum
Zoya Hassan

Dejene L. Mideksa

Phi Delta Chi

Wine and gold cords - recipients noted by asterisk*

Beta Rho - Amarillo

Jonathan Ciacco
Colby Coiner

Jennifer E. Hale*
Brayden Key

Seng Mai
Michaela Ann Reynolds*

Gamma Eta - Abilene

Denise Shavon Anderson*
Elyjah P. Farmer*

McKenzie R. Richmond*
Klarisa Sanchez*

Kourtney Seaton*

Delta Kappa - Dallas

Janelle Agolue*
Danish S. Alam*
Aava Azad*
Som Bahadory*
Heleen Barwari*
Alessandra Cardona*

Felicia M. Chavez*
Armand Ghazanfar-Pour*
Taygan Henderson*
Georgia Inman*
Urva Malik*
Ronnie Reed McCarty*

Afsana Musharof*
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen*
Brenda J. Ortiz*
Olivia Reeb*
Norma A. Sanchez*
Senco Selimovic*

Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society

Yellow and green cords - received by all

Janelle Agolue
Denise Shavon Anderson
Som Bahadory
Faith Collum
Hannah Gorczyca
Taygan Henderson
Irina Gradinaru

David D. Mara
Khadijah I. Mohiuddin
Afsana Musharof
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen
Brenda J. Ortiz
Alexandria Perez

Olivia Reeb
Norma A. Sanchez
Senco Selimovic
Denise Serna
Katie Anne Thomas
Amira Zakrya

Rho Chi Honor Society

Purple and white cords and medals - received by all

Chandler A. Batson
Duke Cullins
Chloe Grabenhorst
Irina Gradinaru
Jake G. Herrin

Georgia Inman
Brayden Key
Afsana Musharof
Alexandria Perez
Olivia Reeb

Denise Serna
Maneli Tahafi
Lathaniel P. Thompson
Huiyan Yang
Joel Zapata

Student College of Clinical Pharmacy

Royal blue and white cords – recipients noted by asterisk*

Aava Azad
Hannah Gorczyca*
Taygan Henderson*

Ronnie Reed McCarty*
Afsana Musharof*
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen

Olivia Reeb
Senco Selimovic*
Amira Zakrya*

Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Black and white cords - received by all

Faith Collum
Jennifer E. Hale
John Huynh
Christine Lachica

Afsana Musharof
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen
Michaela Ann Reynolds
Maneli Tahafi

Linh Tran
Sritej Veeramanchaneni
Amira Zakrya

Student Pediatric Pharmacy Association

Light blue and light pink cords – received by all

Janelle Agolue
Christine Lachica
Jimmy Ly

Afsana Musharof
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen

Olivia Reeb
Maneli Tahafi

Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists “Double T”

Blue and orange cords - recipients noted by asterisk*

Aava Azad*
Faith Collum
Duke Cullins
Hannah Gorczyca*
Chloe Grabenhorst*

Urva Malik
Ronnie Reed McCarty
Khadijah I. Mohiuddin*
Afsana Musharof*
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen

Jamie Tam Nguyen
Alexandria Perez*
Olivia Reeb*
Senco Selimovic
Alexander F. Thompson

State/Regional/National Organization Service

Danish S. Alam

Texas Pharmacy Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists
Membership Committee – 2024-2025

Faith Collum

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
Regional Ambassador – 2023-2024
Texas Pharmacy Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists
Policy Committee Member – 2023-2024

Afsana Musharof

Texas Pharmacy Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists
Communications Committee Member – 2024-2025

Alán Linh Arago Nguyen

Pediatric Pharmacy Association
Networking Chair – 2024-2025

Alexandria Perez

American College of Veterinary Pharmacists

Board Member – 2023-2024

National Community Pharmacists Association – Professional Compounding Centers of America

Student Ambassador – 2023-2024

Texas Pharmacy Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists

Patient Care Committee Member – 2023-2024

Olivia Reeb

Texas Pharmacy Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists

Membership Committee Member – 2024-2025

Atik Syed

Texas Pharmacy Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists

Communications Committee Member – 2023-2024

Huiyan Yang

Texas Pharmacy Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists

Junior Director – 2023-2024

Senior Director – 2024-2025

School of Pharmacy Class Officers

Red and black cord - received by all

Abilene

President:

Katie Anne Thomas 2021-2025

Vice President/Treasurer:

Jessica Taylor Honey 2021-2022

Taylor Stark 2022-2025

Secretary:

Klarisa Sanchez 2021-2025

Amarillo

President:

Chandler A. Batson 2023-2025

Brayden Key 2021-2023

Vice President/Treasurer:

Colby Coiner 2022-2023

Kelly Pham 2020-2021

David D. Mara 2023-2025

Kamren Shelton 2021-2022

Secretary:

Jennifer E. Hale 2021-2025

Dallas

President:

John Huynh 2021-2022

Norma A. Sanchez 2022-2025

Vice President/Treasurer:

Denise Serna 2022-2025

Secretary:

Ronnie Reed McCarty 2021-2022

Jamie Tam Nguyen 2022-2025

Lubbock

President:

Brayden Key 2023-2025

Vice President/Treasurer:

Jonathan M. Chavez 2023-2025

School of Pharmacy Executive Student Council

Abilene

President: Katie Anne Thomas	2023-2024
Vice President/Treasurer: Taylor Stark	2023-2024
Secretary: Klarisa Sanchez	2022-2023
Katie Anne Thomas	2024-2025

Amarillo

President: Jennifer E. Hale	2024-2025
Vice President/Treasurer: Jennifer E. Hale	2023-2024

Dallas

President: Norma A. Sanchez	2024-2025
Vice President/Treasurer: Denise Serna	2024-2025
Secretary: Jamie Tam Nguyen	2022-2023; 2024-2025
Norma A. Sanchez	2023-2024

Lubbock

President: Brayden Key	2024-2025
Vice President/Treasurer: Jonathan M. Chavez	2024-2025

School of Pharmacy Honor Council

Red and black cord - received by all

Abilene

Denise Shavon Anderson 2021-2025

Amarillo

David D. Mara	2021-2023
Michaela Ann Reynolds	2023-2025

Dallas

Senco Selimovic 2021-2025

Lubbock

Duke Cullins	2023-2025
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School of Pharmacy Student Ambassadors

Red and navy blue cord - received by all

Amalia Angweh Akwar	2022-2025	Abilene
Denise Shavon Anderson	2022-2025	Abilene
Taygan Henderson	2022-2025	Dallas
Afsana Musharof	2022-2025	Dallas
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen	2022-2025	Dallas
Klarisa Sanchez	2022-2025	Abilene
Denise Serna	2022-2025	Dallas
Senco Selimovic	2024-2025	Dallas

Student Government Association Senators

TTUHSC Student Government Association

Medal - received by all

Janelle Agolue	2022-2024
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Abilene Student Government Association

Medal - received by all

Yasmeen Abugalyon	2021-2022
Denise Shavon Anderson	2021-2025
President	2024-2025
Benjamin Baker	2021-2025

Amarillo Student Senate

Red and black cord - received by all

Jennifer E. Hale	2023-2025
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Armed Forces Recognition

Black and white camouflage stole - received by all

Jonathan M. Chavez	United States Air Force
Seng Mai	United States Marine Corps

Office of Global Health - Recognition of Global Engagement

Red, black and white cords - received by all

Janelle Agolue	Costa Rica	2023
Praneeth Manne	Costa Rica	2023
Alán Linh Arago Nguyen	Costa Rica	2023
Klarisa Sanchez	Costa Rica	2023
Kourtney Seaton	Costa Rica	2023
Senco Selimovic	Costa Rica	2024
Sritej Veeramachaneni	Costa Rica	2024

TTUHSC International Affairs Advisory Board

Janelle Agolue	2023-2025
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School of Pharmacy

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

May 2025

Yasmeen Abugalyon..... Irving, TX

Janelle Agolue..... Dallas, TX
PGY-1 Children's National Hospital - Washington D.C.

Amalia Angweh Akwar..... Abilene, TX
M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.S., University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio
Community Pharmacy - Abilene

Yasmeen Masood Al Karimi Dallas, TX
Community Pharmacy - Dallas

Danish S. Alam Frisco, TX
Community Pharmacy - Costco - Dallas/Fort Worth

Denise Shavon Anderson..... Pomona, CA
Hospital Pharmacy Practice - Hendrick Medical Center - Abilene

Karla Aringo..... Houston, TX
M.S., University of New Orleans B.S., Texas Tech University
Community Pharmacy - Albertsons - Dallas/Fort Worth

Aava Azad Friendswood, TX
PGY-1 Houston Methodist Hospital - Houston

Som Bahadory..... Plano, TX
PGY-1 Dallas VA Medical Center - Dallas

Benjamin Baker Boerne, TX
B.S., Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Community Pharmacy - Texas

Heleen BarwariWylie, TX
Community Pharmacy - HEB Pharmacy - Dallas

Chandler A. Batson Amarillo, TX
PGY-1 The Medical University of South Carolina - Charleston

Ariana Borunda..... Sunray, TX
Community Pharmacy - Amarillo

Chandler A. Boyd Bakersfield, CA
B.S., Texas Tech University
Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice - VA Amarillo Health Care - Amarillo

Alessandra Cardona..... Brownsville, TX
M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.S., University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Community Pharmacy - HEB - Dallas

Felicia M. Chavez..... Clint, TX
B.S., University of Texas at El Paso
PGY-1 Baylor Scott & White - Temple

Jonathan M. Chavez Shallowater, TX
B.A., Texas Tech University
PGY-1 Indian Health Services - Northern Navajo Medical Center

Faith Collum.....Lumberton, TX
B.S., Texas A&M University
PGY-1 Methodist Charlton Medical Center - Dallas

Katelyn McKenzie Cozart Zephyr, TX
Transitional Care Pharmacy - Hendrick Medical Center - Abilene

Duke Cullins.....Lubbock, TX
Hospital Pharmacy Practice - University Medical Center - Lubbock

Cynthia Dang Dallas, TX
B.S., University of Texas at Dallas

Elyjah P. Farmer.....Rockwall, TX
Community Pharmacy - United Supermarkets

Armand Ghazanfar-pour The Woodlands, TX
 M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.S., University of Houston
 PGY-1 Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital - Amarillo

Aide Alatorre Gonzalez Amarillo, TX
 A.S., Amarillo College
 Community Pharmacy - Amarillo

Hannah Gorczyca Richardson, TX
 M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.S., Texas Tech University
 PGY-1 University of Louisville Health - Louisville

Chloe Grabenhorst Dallas, TX
 PGY-1 Texas Health Presbyterian - Dallas

Irina Gradinaru Rockwall, TX
 B.S., University of Washington
 PGY-1 Medical City - Plano

Jennifer E. Hale Lubbock, TX
 Community Pharmacy - HEB - Waco

Zoya Hassan Queens, NY
 M.S., Johns Hopkins School of Education B.S., Fordham College at Lincoln Center
 Community Pharmacy - Alberstons/Tom Thumb

Taygan Henderson Holliday, TX
 B.S., Texas Tech University
 PGY-1 Houston Methodist Hospital - Houston

Taylor Henderson Flower Mound, TX
 Community Pharmacy - Walmart

Tylor Henderson Dallas, TX
 Community Pharmacy - Dallas/Fort Worth

Jake G. Herrin Allen, TX
 M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.S., Texas Tech University
 Field Medical Affairs/MSL Fellowship - Neurocrine Biosciences/USC - San Diego

Jessica Taylor Honey Merkel, TX
 M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.A., University of Texas at Arlington
 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy/Comprehensive Medication Management - Hendrick Medical Center - Abilene

John Huynh Houston, TX
B.S., University of Houston

Georgia Inman..... Boerne, TX
Hospital Pharmacy Practice - San Antonio

Brayden Key..... Lubbock, TX
B.S., West Texas A&M University
PGY-1 Covenant Health Medical Center - Lubbock

Christine Rose Lachica Odessa, TX
M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.A., Texas Tech University

Emily Kate Lundy Stephenville, TX
B.S., Tarleton State University
Ambulatory Care Pharmacy/Comprehensive Medication Management - Hendrick Medical Center - Abilene

Jimmy Ly Dallas, TX
B. S., University of Texas at Dallas
Community Pharmacy - Tom Thumb

Seng Mai..... Pharkant, Burma (Myanmar)
B.S., University of Dental Medicine Yangon, Myanmar

Urva Malik Plainfield, IL

David D. Mara San Antonio, TX
M.B.A., Texas Tech University B.A., St. Mary's University
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences -Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Ronnie Reed McCarty..... Boerne, TX
PGY-1 South Texas Veterans Affairs - San Antonio

Dejene L. Mideksa Dallas, TX
B.S., Jimma University at Jimma
Community Pharmacy - CVS - East Texas

Khadijah I. Mohiuddin..... Dallas, TX
B.S., University of Texas at Dallas
PGY-1 Methodist Richardson Medical Center - Richardson

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About Our School

Amarillo

When the Texas Legislature established Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Pharmacy in 1993, it created the first publicly supported pharmacy program in the United States in nearly five decades. State legislators also mandated that the School of Pharmacy be located in Amarillo. The first classes began in August 1996 and the school's steady growth since that time has helped the state of Texas address its pharmacist shortage: more than 90 percent of students who have graduated from the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy have remained in the Lone Star state.

Since its inception, the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy has embraced new classroom technologies to advance its curriculum and prepare students for the ever-increasing opportunities that exist in pharmacy today. It was the first program in the nation to require all of its students to have laptop computers and to deliver materials and email services in support of coursework. The school also requires its students to complete more clinical training hours than most other pharmacy programs in the country.

In November 2009, the School of Pharmacy expanded the Amarillo campus by opening its Pharmacy Academic Center. The 23,000 square-foot facility provides state-of-the-art classrooms and clinical simulation facilities and gave the school the ability to increase its Amarillo class sizes from 90 students in 2009-2010 to 115 students beginning in 2010-2011.

The TTUHSC campus in Amarillo also includes a new 48,000-square-foot biological sciences research building and the School of Pharmacy presently occupies approximately 80 percent of the facility's assigned laboratory and office space. School of Pharmacy researchers collaborate with TTUHSC School of Medicine investigators whose research is focused upon cancer biology and therapeutic drug delivery.



Lubbock

The School of Pharmacy's Lubbock regional campus opened in January 1998. The campus is located in the main TTUHSC building in Lubbock and deploys students to clinical sites in Lubbock and the surrounding communities. School of Pharmacy faculty members in Lubbock have many clinical interests, including adult internal medicine, primary care, geriatrics, pediatrics, community pharmacy and infectious disease research. Their clinical practice sites include University Medical Center, TTUHSC clinics/pharmacy, TDCJ Montford and local area nursing homes.

Lubbock faculty and residents also operate the TTUHSC Pharmacy, which provides medications and biologicals to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Montford Unit Regional Medical Facility; the TTUHSC International Pain Institute; and TTUHSC clinics in Lubbock, Odessa and El Paso.



Abilene

The concept for expanding the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy program into Abilene first came about in 2004 when a group of community and private organizations approached SOP with a vision to offer four-year pharmacy education and research to their community and region.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the expansion in January 2006 and the school began making plans for extending its Pharm.D. and Post-Graduate Pharmacy Education programs into the Texas Big Country. Since that time, a 40,000 square-foot campus has been constructed and classes began in August 2007. The Abilene campus has continued to expand and now includes buildings and facilities for the School of Pharmacy's Department of Immunotherapeutics and Biotechnology, the TTUHSC School of Nursing and TTUHSC's Department of Public Health.



Dallas/Fort Worth

Roughly one-half of the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy student population has historically come from within a 100-mile radius of the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) Metroplex, an area of the state where the shortage of pharmacists has often been described as critical. To help ease the shortage, the school started developing its DFW regional program in 1997 with clinical placements for a few fourth-year students.

In 1999 the School of Pharmacy officially opened its DFW regional campus using facilities leased from Baylor University Medical Center, and in 2002 the campus was relocated to the grounds of the North Texas Veterans Affairs Hospital in Dallas, where a 4,800 square-foot building was renovated and dedicated to the School of Pharmacy. Additional construction during 2003 increased the size of the school's Dallas VA campus to approximately 8,000 square feet.



In August 2008, TTUHSC expanded its DFW program to a second location inside the Southwest Professional Building adjacent to the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center. The 9,300 square-foot facility includes a 75-seat state-of-the-art classroom, research labs and administrative support areas. The location affords faculty and students better access to the Dallas Medical Center and several of the School of Pharmacy's important partners, such as Children's Medical Center, Parkland Memorial Medical Center and the UTSW Medical School clinics and hospitals.

In February 2018, the School of Pharmacy revamped its DFW program to include all four years of its doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.) curriculum. The initial class of up to 40 first-year students was admitted in August 2018.

Hybrid "Pioneer Pathway"

The School of Pharmacy's Pioneer Pathway for the PharmD program was established in 2024, with the first cohort beginning classes in the Fall of that year. The pathway offers flexibility and convenience by combining online classes that can be taken from anywhere in the country with immersion weeks on the Amarillo campus for the first two and half years. This is followed by twelve months in-person, didactic and experiential courses, and three additional rotations.

Oath Of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

- I *will* consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.
- I *will* treat all patients with dignity and respect and will not discriminate against any patient.
- I *will* apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.
- I *will* respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.
- I *will* accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.
- I *will* hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.
- I *will* embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.
- I *will* utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

Academic Dress

The wearing of academic dress at commencement dates from the early history of the oldest universities somewhere in the twelfth or thirteenth century. Since educated people were almost always of the clergy, the black gown is somewhat of an adaptation of the cape, a mantle of silk or other cloth worn by church dignitaries in procession and on other occasions. The long gown and cowl (similar to the academic hood of today) were worn by priests and monks for warmth in the cold medieval buildings.

In the early centuries, a great diversity of color and style of cap, gown, and hood appeared in different universities of Europe. The European custom of wearing academic dress was later introduced at American colleges. Not until after 1895 was a uniform academic dress code adopted by most colleges and universities in the United States. Today, the black robe, hood, and cap are worn at most institutions of higher learning.

The gown is cut differently for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees. Usually the bachelor's robe has long pointed sleeves; the master's has closed sleeves, square at the end with a slit at the elbow; the doctor's is faced with velvet and has round open sleeves with three bars of velvet.

The doctor's hood has side panels and is slightly longer than the one worn for the master's degree. The color used in the velvet border of the hood indicates the field of study. The velvet border is widest on the doctor's hood. The color of the lining of the hood indicates the college or university that conferred the degree. For example, those who have received advanced degrees from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center wear hoods lined with red. The Olive green signifies the pharmacy degree.

The Tam is black and has a tassel fastened to the side. The tassel is usually worn with the pendant over the left front of the cap. Different colored tassels are often worn on the bachelor's and master's caps to indicate the type of degree. The tassel on the cap of the doctor's candidate, except for professional degrees, is either gold or black.

Matador Song

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*Fight, Matadors, for Tech!
Songs of love we'll sing to thee,
Bear our banners far and wide.
Ever to be our pride,
Fearless champions ever be.
Stand on heights of victory.
Strive for honor evermore.
Long live the Matadors!*

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TTUHSC Alumni Association

Your membership in the TTUHSC Alumni Association makes it easy to enhance your career and create personal bonds that last a lifetime. Your membership helps support the future of health at TTUHSC. Membership dues provide deserving students with scholarships. As a member we invite you to join us at alumni events, gain access to continuing education programs, access to select library services, Pulse and more.

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