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The 2025 Latiolais Review

Momentum & Milestones

A Message from the Latiolais Leadership Program (LLP) Executive Director

Dear LLP Community,

I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you as we launch this annual newsletter for the Latiolais Leadership Program. This year marks the 65th celebration of the Latiolais Leadership Program, a remarkable milestone that we proudly commemorated at the ASHP Annual Midyear Meeting in December. In the following pages, you will find highlights from the 2024-2025 academic year, including the 65th LLP Symposium and Celebration, LLP Award Recipient Edward Stemley, LLP MS Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership graduation, and much more.

Our program has continuously evolved and grown, and this newsletter showcases the vibrant and dynamic community we have cultivated. Inside, you'll find updates on our incoming students, an introduction on a new mentorship program we are launching and information on how to stay connected.

Thank you for being a part of our journey and for your unwavering support. Together, we will continue to stay connected and foster the leadership and excellence that the Latiolais Leadership Program stands for.

Warm regards,



Trisha A. Jordan, PharmD, MS '01

*Assistant Dean for Medical Center Affairs, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy
Chief Pharmacy Officer, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Executive Director, Latiolais Leadership Program*



A Message from the MS HSPAL Program Director

Dear LLP Alumni,

The MS HSPAL program kicked off 2025 with renewed focus and momentum following the 65th Anniversary Celebration of the Latiolais Leadership Program at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in New Orleans. This meaningful milestone underscores our enduring commitment to excellence in health-system pharmacy leadership.

This year, we aligned our strategic plan with that of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and collaborated closely with our instructors to thoughtfully update and enhance the curriculum. We will continue to prioritize engagement with current and future program partners, as well as our working professional students, while expanding communication efforts to reconnect with alumni and invite them more actively into our learning environment.

Most importantly, we proudly graduated another outstanding class of students and celebrated their many accomplishments throughout the program, including recent announcements of the exciting positions they will be stepping into in just a few short months and continuing our record of 100% job placement within three months of completing an MS HSPAL degree.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to welcome 15 new students to the program this fall. As always, we remain deeply committed to developing each of them into confident, capable leaders who will help shape the future of pharmacy through innovation, collaboration and a steadfast dedication to patient-centered care.

Thank you for your continued support of the MS HSPAL program. I look forward to connecting with you in the year ahead!



Lisa Glance Mostafavifar, PharmD, MS '22, BCPS, BCNSP

Associate Professor – Clinical, Division of Pharmacy Practice and Science

Director, Master of Science in Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership Program

The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy





MS HSPAL Celebrates 65 Years at ASHP Midyear

While cruising along the Mississippi River on a riverboat in the heart of New Orleans, 120 alumni, students, faculty and staff of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy MS in Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (MS HSPAL) program celebrated its 65th anniversary.

The milestone celebration was held on Dec. 8 in conjunction with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition, which draws faculty, staff, students, residents and alumni from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and other programs every December.

Past and current members of the MS HSPAL degree program also belong to the Latiolais Leadership Program (LLP), which was established by Clifton J. Latiolais to inspire a culture of support and comradery among students, residents and alumni of the program. All MS HSPAL students are invited to participate in LLP, which grants them lifetime access to events for networking and mentorship. The program currently includes over 400 alumni.

Ohio State has been a leader in health-system pharmacy administration and leadership largely because of Latiolais, who brought international distinction to The Ohio State University Hospitals and the College of Pharmacy since his career at Ohio State began in 1958. For the next quarter century, Latiolais would publish widely adopted textbooks and teach and operate under a philosophy he coined, “Enthusiasm for Excellence.”

The 65th anniversary celebration was facilitated by Trisha Jordan, PharmD, MS ’01; Philip Schneider, MS ’75, FASHP, FASPEN, FFIP; Anna Lattos, PharmD, MS ’23; John Hertig, PharmD, MS ’10; Jacob Thompson, PharmD, MS ’10; Julie Kennerly-Shah, PharmD, MS ’14; and Associate Professor Lisa Mostafavifar, PharmD, BCPS, BCNSP, MS ’22.

During the anniversary event, the Clifton J. Latiolais Leadership Award was presented to Edward Stemley, PharmD, MS ’98, for his significant contributions to health-system pharmacy. Dr. Stemley’s Clifton J. Latiolais Leadership Award speech encompassed the meaning of “Followership.”

Congratulations to Our Graduating Class of 2025!



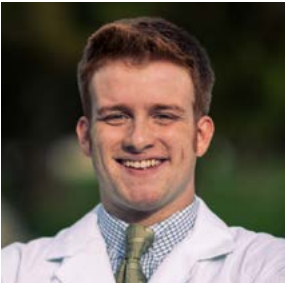
Madison Campbell
PharmD, MS | PGY1/2 HSPAL
Comprehensive Pharmacy Solutions

Position:
Fairfield Medical Center
Clinical Pharmacist



Samantha Savard
PharmD, MS | PGY1/2 HSPAL
The Ohio State University
Wexner Medical Center

Position:
Martin North Cleveland Clinic
Inpatient Operations Manager



Gavin Craig
PharmD, MS PGY1/2 HSPAL
OhioHealth Grant Medical Center

Position:
Pharmacy Site Manager
OhioHealth Grady Memorial Hospital
and Delaware Health Center



Brittney Sjulstad
PharmD, MS | PGY1/2 HSPAL
The Ohio State University
Wexner Medical Center

Position:
Visante
Pharmacy Consultant



Caitlin Hawkins
PharmD, MS | PGY1/2 HSPAL
Nationwide Children's Hospital

Position:
Nationwide Children's Hospital
Pharmacy Controlled
Substances Coordinator



Somer Slappey
PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCCCP
Working Professional
Baycare Winter Haven Hospital

Position:
Baycare Winter Haven Hospital
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Coordinator



Tierra Jackson
PharmD, MS | PGY1/2 HSPAL
The Ohio State University
Wexner Medical Center

Position:
Indiana University Health
Oncology Pharmacy Manager

Health System Pharmacy Administration & Leadership Class of 2025 Graduation Celebration



Timothy D. Moore Award Recipients

The intent of the Timothy D. Moore Award is to recognize and support one or more outstanding graduates of the Master of Science in Health-System Pharmacy Administration & Leadership (MS HSPAL)

Caitlin Hawkins

PharmD, MS | PGY1/2 HSPAL
Nationwide Children's Hospital

Brittney Sjulstad

PharmD, MS | PGY1/2 HSPAL
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center



Alumni — We See You!

Ohio State Alumni Award Recipients

The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Alumni Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025. We are pleased to share that Binita Patel, PharmD, MS '08, will receive one of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and Robert Weber, PharmD '10, MS '82, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to this year's awardees!

Becker's Recognizes 75 Outstanding Chief Pharmacy Officers

Congratulations to MS HSPAL alumni Andre Harvin, PharmD, MS '15, Chief Pharmacy Officer for Cone Health (Greensboro, N.C.); Trisha Jordan, PharmD, MS '01, Chief Pharmacy Officer for Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (Columbus); Binita Patel, PharmD, MS '08, Vice President of Pharmacy Services at Memorial Hermann Health System (Houston); Ryan Roux, PharmD, MS '01, Vice President for the Division of Pharmacy at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston); and Jeff Thiel, PharmD, MS '07, System Vice President of Pharmacy for Endeavor Health (Evanston, Ill.) for being recognized by [Becker's Hospital Review as one of 75 Hospital and Health System Chief Pharmacy Officers to Know in 2025](#).

Alex Varkey, PharmD, MS '07, FAPhA, Completes Term as APhA President

Congratulations and thank you to MS HSPAL alumni Alex Varkey, PharmD, MS '07, FAPhA, for his service to APhA as the 169th president. Alex previously chaired APhA's Well-Being Steering Committee, advocating for initiatives that support pharmacists' resilience and professional fulfillment. Read Alex's reflection on a "Year of Leadership and Gratitude – All in: One Profession. United." at go.osu.edu/apha-prez.

Introducing Inspiring Next-generation Students through Pharmacy Innovation, Relationships, and Excellence (INSPIRE) Alumni Mentorship Program

We're thrilled to launch the Latiolais Leadership Alumni Mentorship Program – INSPIRE! This program is designed to pair current students with an alumni mentor for the duration of the MS HSPAL program (two years).

If you are interested in becoming an alumni mentor, please email Phil Schneider, MS '75, at schneider.5@osu.edu to learn more about the program and the alumni-student pairing process. We need approximately 15 alumni mentors!

Welcome, Returning & Incoming Students

Join us in welcoming the next generation of pharmacy leaders:

Site	PGY1/2 HS PAL	PGY1/2 SPAL
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanna Iarussi (University of Rhode Island) '26 Isaac Schmiesing (Ohio Northern University) '26 Mark Arthen (University of Georgia) '27 Jacqueline Fisher (Ohio Northern University) '27 Leah Jones (Ohio State University) '27 Amaal Ahmed (Ohio State University) '27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dylan McWilliams (Ohio Northern University) '26 Anthony Mba (University of California, San Diego) '27
OhioHealth Grant Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith Whitlock (Purdue University) '27 	
OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corbin Fuschino (Ohio Northern University) '27 	
Nationwide Children's Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adeola "Didi" Balogun (Cedarville University) '26 Veronica Bundang (University of California, San Francisco) '27 	
Comprehensive Pharmacy Solutions - Dublin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becky Volkert (The Ohio State University) '26 Lili Fayazi (actively practicing pharmacist at Golden Care Specialty LTC Pharmacy – California) '27 	
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cayden Mangum (Roseman University of Health Sciences) '27
Working Professional Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristin Brower, PharmD, BCPS – The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Columbus, OH Stephanie Godon, PharmD, BCSCP – Marshall Medical Center Placerville, CA Jessica Noble, PharmD, BS, CSP, BCPS – The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Columbus, OH Christine Prusa, PharmD, BCACP, BCPS – The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Columbus, OH Alyssa Rinaldi, PharmD, BCACP – The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Columbus, OH Jacquelyn Williams, PharmD, BCPS – The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center James Cancer Hospital Columbus, OH 	

MS HSPAL Alumni Establish New Residency Funds

We are grateful to two alumni for recent gifts to establish new residency funds. A funded residency provides needed resources to students enrolled in the MS HSPAL program, including research funding, conference travel, mentorship opportunities, special projects and other developmental opportunities. Residency funds also serve as a boost to the recruitment of top candidates and provide the financial resources residents require to embrace professional development opportunities.

Residency funds are awarded to students enrolled in the MS HSPAL program and participating in one of the Ohio State cohort residency sites. The fund will provide supplemental funding for professional development opportunities that will further their education and preparation for hospital and health-system pharmacy leadership positions. Support may be used for unique learning projects, research funding, travel to present research, advanced leadership development and more.



Susan T. Boyer Endowed Residency Fund

These funds can be applied towards opportunities that further resident education and preparation for hospital and health-system pharmacy leadership positions.

2024 Recipients

Madison Campbell
Away rotation expenses
in Houston, TX

"I am currently in Texas thanks to the Susan T. Boyer Research and Project Fund. I am very thankful for the scholarship and to be here learning!"

Tierra Jackson
BCPS Examination Fee

Brittney Sjulstad
Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification

"I am still working through the black belt program and intend to finish it by the end of the calendar year. I am excited to gain skills in process improvement strategies to help the health systems and clients we will serve at Visante be more efficient and effective. Given my significant involvement with project management initially, I know these skills will be extremely valuable to my success at my job and I appreciate the gratitude or Dr. Susan Boyer for supporting this certification!"

Dylan McWilliams
Specialty Pharmacy Conference Registration Fee
and Specialty Pharmacy Board Certification

"I plan to use the money I received to help pay for my travel to the NASP Annual Meeting in Denver, CO in September 2025. Additionally, I plan to use the rest of the funds to help pay for my CSP examination next spring!"



Jake Thompson Endowed Residency Fund

Empowering the Next Generation of Pharmacy Leaders

We are proud to announce the creation of the Jake Thompson Endowed Residency Fund, established in partnership with the Latiolais Leadership Program. This fund was created with a clear purpose: to enhance opportunities for pharmacy residents at Ohio State by supporting experiences that go beyond traditional residency training. Through this endowment, Jake Thompson, MS '10, a proud Buckeye, accomplished pharmacy leader and passionate advocate for advancing the profession, is giving back to the program that helped shape his career and his family.

Jake's connection to Ohio State runs deep. He met his wife, Kristen, during his pharmacy residency—she herself a Buckeye through and through, having completed both medical school and orthopedic residency at Ohio State. Now living in Oregon, they are raising their children as dedicated Buckeye fans, with their home filled with Ohio State memorabilia and their son already dreaming of playing soccer at Ohio State.

For Jake and Kristen, giving back is a family value. They are drawn to philanthropic efforts where they can see tangible impact – supporting programs that shaped their own journeys and demonstrating to their children what it means to invest in something meaningful. The creation of this endowment reflects their desire to strengthen the program that brought them together and gave Jake the tools for a successful, purpose-driven career.

So, why this fund—and why now?



A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Jake chose the Ohio State pharmacy residency because of its reputation for producing leaders across every aspect of the profession. With its far-reaching alumni network and emphasis on leadership development, the program offered exactly what he was seeking: a platform to grow into a leader who could make an impact anywhere his career might lead.



STRENGTHENING THE BUCKEYE PHARMACY NETWORK

In his current role at SpendMend, Jake connects with pharmacy leaders across the country, and he's constantly surprised by how often he unknowingly reconnects with Latiolais alumni. This revealed an opportunity: to better link current residents and alumni in meaningful, intentional ways.



REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Residency is a time of learning—but also financial strain. Jake vividly remembers living paycheck to paycheck as a resident. The fund aims to ease that burden by supporting opportunities that aren't typically covered by residency programs. Whether it's travel to shadow a pediatric expert across the country, attend a specialized conference or participate in advanced training for AI or analytics, this fund will make it possible.

The vision for the Jake Thompson Endowed Residency Fund is simple: eliminate barriers and create access to non-traditional, high-impact experiences that expand residents' professional development and reinforce the Buckeye presence in every corner of pharmacy practice.

“This isn't just about travel or training,” Jake shared. “It's about broadening horizons—helping residents chase passions, build connections and grow in ways that make them more confident and capable leaders. I can't wait to see how our residents use this support to push our profession forward and continue building the Buckeye brand across the country.”

Join Us

Jake's call to action is one we can all answer. Alumni and friends of the program are encouraged to support the program—whether through mentorship, financial contributions or simply helping connect the next generation of Buckeye pharmacists to the broader community. Together, we can ensure that our residents have the tools, access and inspiration they need to thrive.

It is our goal to establish a named residency fund for each entering resident. Thank you to Susan and Jake for getting us started.

How YOU Can Support the Program

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If you have questions or are interested in learning more about establishing a residency fund, please contact John Swartz, Chief Development Officer, at swartz.9@osu.edu.

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To support the Latiolais Leadership Program in general, please consider contributing to The Clifton J. Latiolais Endowed Fund in Health-System Pharmacy #603957 (giveto.osu.edu/makeagift/?fund=603957).

The Latiolais Endowment sustains our alumni network and provides critical resources for the MS HSPAL Program.

Let's stay connected! Update your contact information

Do you keep in touch with your classmates? Help us stay connected with everyone by asking them if they are getting communication from the college and encourage them to update their contact information.

To update your contact information with the college, please use the go.osu.edu link below, or reach out to Erin Dickert, Direct of Alumni and Constituent Engagement:

go.osu.edu/update-info

pharmacyalumni@osu.edu

Opportunities for alumni engagement



MS HSPAL Students Seminar Presentations (Virtual) – every Monday from 4:10-5:05 p.m. ET during autumn and spring semesters – CE Provided!



Volunteer to be an Alumni Mentor – see above for more information on the INSPIRE Alumni Mentorship Program!



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Join us at ASHP Midyear 2025 for our annual LLP Luncheon – more information to come!

Year in Review — Photos

Re-live some of the highlights with us!



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