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The 2026 Latiolais Review

Purpose and Progress

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

Dear Latiolais Community,

This year's Latiolais Year-In Review revolves around two central ideals: purpose and progress. These ideals have long been at the heart of pharmacy leadership and continue to guide our community as we navigate an ever-evolving healthcare landscape.

Purpose serves as the foundation of effective leadership. It is the commitment to improving patient care, advancing the profession, and investing in the growth of others that inspires leaders to make a lasting impact. Progress reflects the continuous pursuit of innovation, learning, and excellence. Together, purpose and progress drive meaningful change by empowering pharmacy leaders to address today's challenges while shaping the future of healthcare. Throughout the Latiolais community, these values are demonstrated daily through the accomplishments, service, and leadership.



Within the pages of this Year in Review, you will find a celebration of the achievements and milestones that defined the 2025–2026 academic year. From the 66th Latiolais Leadership Program Celebration to the recognition of this year's Latiolais Award recipient, Alex Varkey, and the graduation of our Master of Science in Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership students, this publication highlights the people and events that continue to strengthen our program. As you read through this review, you will also see highlights from our graduates and meet the newest residents joining the MS-HSPAL program. These emerging leaders represent the next generation of changemakers in pharmacy practice.

This edition also introduces a new feature that we are especially excited to share: our Alumni Spotlight section. The Latiolais Leadership Program is fortunate to be supported by an extraordinary network of alumni whose leadership extends across health systems, academic institutions, professional organizations, and communities nationwide. Through this section, we hope to recognize and celebrate the professional achievements, contributions, and impact of our alumni while strengthening the connections that unite our growing network.

On behalf of the Latiolais Leadership Program, thank you for being an essential part of our community. Your engagement, mentorship, and support make our continued success possible. As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering meaningful connections, developing exceptional leaders, and upholding the tradition of excellence that defines the Latiolais Leadership Program. Together, we will continue to advance our shared mission and inspire future generations of pharmacy leaders.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Trisha Jordan".

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 Latiolais Leadership Program Alumni and Friends,

As I reflect on another remarkable year with the MS HSPAL program, I am filled with gratitude for this community—one built by leaders who continue to shape and strengthen health-system pharmacy across the country.

This year centered on progress with purpose: preparing leaders to advance pharmacy practice through innovation and collaboration. Guided by our strategic plan, we continued enhancing the curriculum, expanding alumni engagement, and strengthening the leadership pipeline for our profession.

Our students remain at the center of that work. This year, we celebrated another exceptional graduating cohort whose professionalism, adaptability, and commitment to growth exemplified the leadership mindset we strive to cultivate in every graduate. We also welcomed one of our largest working professional cohort to date, reflecting the growing demand for flexible, graduate-level leadership education.

As healthcare continues to evolve, so must leadership development. The rapid emergence of artificial intelligence has challenged all of us to think differently about teaching, learning, and leading. In response, we are intentionally integrating AI into the student experience and preparing graduates to engage with these technologies thoughtfully, responsibly, and effectively.

This year also reinforced a critical reality: health-system pharmacy faces a growing need for formally trained leaders. To help address this need, we advanced “Operation Affordability = Accessibility,” an initiative focused on reducing financial barriers to graduate leadership education for working professionals. Through residency and employer partnerships with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, OhioHealth, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and Comprehensive Pharmacy Solutions, along with expanded scholarship opportunities at the College of Pharmacy, students now have more pathways to reduce out-of-pocket costs while pursuing an MS HSPAL degree.

Beyond the classroom, alumni engagement continues to grow through initiatives such as the Latiolais Annual Review and the INSPIRE Mentorship Program, which connects alumni mentors with current students throughout their graduate journey. I am deeply grateful to the many alumni who continue to invest their time, expertise, and mentorship in the future of this program.

As I look ahead, I remain excited about the future of our MS HSPAL program and the opportunities ahead to develop the next generation of pharmacy leaders. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and investment in our students. I look forward to continuing this important work together.

Warm regards,



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

*Program Director, MS Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership
The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy*



Congratulations, Class of 2026



Adeola Balogun
PharmD, MBA, MS '26
Nationwide Children's PGY1/2 HSPAL

Position:
Clinical Operations Manager
at Boston Children's



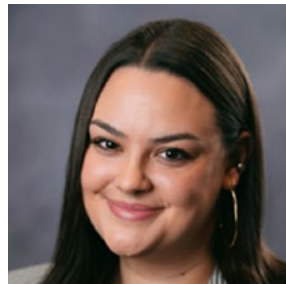
Isaac W. Schmiesing
PharmD, MS '26, BCPS
OSUWMC PGY1/2 HSPAL

Position:
Manager of Cancer Infusion Pharmacy
Services at The Ohio State University
Wexner Medical Center



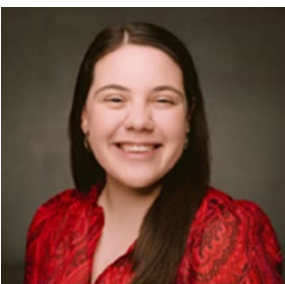
Stephanie Godon
PharmD, MS '26, BCSCP
Working Professional

Position:
Vice President, Pharmaceutical Services
Mashall Medical Center



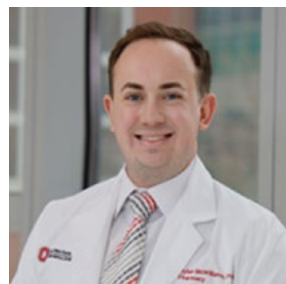
Rebecca Volkert
PharmD, MS '26
CPS PGY1/2 HSPAL

Position:
Director of Pharmacy,
SUN Behavioral Kentucky



Hanna J. Iarussi
PharmD, MBA, MS '26, BCPS
OSUWMC PGY1/2 HSPAL

Position:
Manager of Infusion and Ambulatory
Surgery Pharmacy Services at The Ohio
State University Wexner Medical Center



Dylan McWilliams
PharmD, MS '26, BCPS, CSP
OSUWMC PGY1/2 SPAL

Position:
Pharmacy Consultant at
Visante Specialty Pharmacy

MS HSPAL Class of 2026 Graduation Celebration



Timothy D. Moore Award Recipient

This award memorializes Timothy D. Moore, RPh, MS, former pharmacy director and administrator at Ohio State's University Hospital, by recognizing an outstanding graduate student in the MS Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership program.

Hanna J. Iarussi
PharmD, MBA, MS '26, BCPS

Welcome, Incoming Students

Join us in welcoming the next generation of pharmacy leaders.



Lauren Ashton
NEOMED
Matched at CPS SPAL



Veronica Bundang
University of California
at San Francisco
Matched at
Nationwide Children's HSPAL



Samantha McCord
Ohio Northern University
Matched at OSUWMC HSPAL



Maddy Drebelbis
Purdue University
Matched at OSUWMC HSPAL



Garrett Shay
University of Cincinnati
Matched at OhioHealth
Grant Medical Center HSPAL



Jordan Dubbs
University of Findlay
Matched at OhioHealth
Riverside Hospital HSPAL



Sydney Stevens
The Ohio State University
Matched at
Nationwide Children's HSPAL



David Joseph
The Ohio State University
Matched at OSUWMC HSPAL



Xander Whalen
University of Cincinnati
Matched at CPS HSPAL



Aden Kolb
The Ohio State University
Matched at OSUMC SPAL



Sarah Zimmerli
University of Findlay
Matched at OSUWMC HSPAL

Welcome, Returning & Incoming Students

Join us in welcoming the next generation of pharmacy leaders

Site	PGY1/2 HSPAL	PGY1/2 SPAL
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center	- Jacqueline Fisher '27 (Ohio Northern University) - Leah Jones '27 (Ohio State University) - Maddy Drebelbis '28 (Purdue University) - Samantha McCord '28 (Ohio Northern University) - David Joseph '28 (Ohio State University) - Sarah Zimmerli '28 (University of Findlay)	Aden Kolb '28 (Ohio State University)
OhioHealth Grant Medical Center	- Faith Whitlock '27 (Purdue University) - Garrett Shay '28 (University of Cincinnati)	
OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital	- Corbin Fuschino '27 (Ohio Northern University) - Jordan Dubbs '28 (University of Findlay)	
Nationwide Children's Hospital	- Veronica Bundang '28 (University of California, San Francisco) - Sydney Stevens '28 (The Ohio State University)	
Comprehensive Pharmacy Solutions - Dublin	Xander Whalen '28 (University of Cincinnati)	Lauren Ashton '28 (NEOMED)

Working Professional Students

- Kristin Brower, PharmD, BCPS
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH
- 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
- Justin Bramel, PharmD
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center James Cancer Hospital, Columbus, OH
- Heidi Straitiff, PharmD, BCPS
MetroHealth, Cleveland, OH



Latiolais Leadership Program celebrates 66 years and Clifton J. Latiolais Award Recipient at ASHP Midyear

Alumni, faculty and staff gathered on Dec. 7 at the House of Blues in Las Vegas for the [2025 Latiolais Leadership Program Alumni Social and the presentation of the Clifton J. Latiolais Award](#).

Held in conjunction with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting & Exhibition, the annual gathering celebrates Ohio State's MS in Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership program.

Alex C. Varkey, PharmD, MS '07, FAPhA, was named the 2025 recipient of the Clifton J. Latiolais Leadership Award, recognizing outstanding leadership in institutional pharmacy. He began his career as a PGY1/PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Resident from 2005 to 2007 and has since dedicated nearly two decades of service to the American Pharmacists Association, serving as its 169th president. During his 16-year tenure at Houston Methodist Hospital, he led transformative pharmacy initiatives, including a nationally recognized Controlled

Substance Diversion Prevention Program and an award-winning Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership residency program. Dr. Varkey currently serves as Senior Director of Strategic Accounts at Visante, continuing his leadership in health-system pharmacy.

In his keynote, "Where Leadership Begins: Stepping into the Places We Weren't 'Supposed to' Go," Dr. Varkey challenged pharmacy professionals to rethink the boundaries of their influence and responsibility. He reflected on how the places we are often told we don't belong, or feel least prepared to enter, can become the very spaces where our purpose and future take shape. Leadership, he emphasized, does not belong to silos, titles or traditional pathways. It belongs wherever the profession and the public need us most. Dr. Varkey encouraged attendees to move beyond perceived limits and step confidently into new roles, conversations and systems of care. The future of pharmacy, he noted, cannot be a story of constraints; it must be a story of leadership. And whether we feel ready or not, the message is clear: we are supposed to be here.



2025 College of Pharmacy Alumni Awards

The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy held its annual [Alumni Awards Ceremony](#) on Nov. 14 at the Longaberger Alumni House. The event invited alumni award winners and their friends and family, along with college faculty and staff, to reunite and celebrate the outstanding achievements of this year's eight awardees.

Awardees from the Latiolais Leadership Program include:



Robert Weber, PharmD '10, MS '82, BS '80, BCPS, FASHP

The Lifetime Achievement Award



Binita Patel, PharmD, MS '08

The Distinguished Alumni Award



William H. Puckett, MS '70, MBA, RPh, BS '68, FASHP

The Distinguished Alumni Award



The Dr. Robert J. and Barbara B. Weber Pharmacy Classroom

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 20, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy unveiled the Dr. Robert J. and Barbara B. Weber Pharmacy Classroom located on the second floor of the college's new [Vrable Center for Pharmacy Excellence](#) in the Riffe Building.

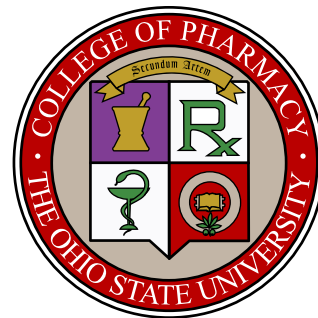
Robert Weber, PharmD '10, MS '82, BS '80, BCPS, FASHP, is a retired clinical professor and former director of the Master of Science in Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (MS HSPAL) program at the College of Pharmacy. He previously served as the chief pharmacy officer at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the administrator and assistant dean for medical center affairs of The Ohio State College of Pharmacy and Ohio State Wexner Medical Center (OSUWMC). He earned three degrees from the College of Pharmacy and is this year's recipient of the college's Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I'm confident we will produce the best pharmacy practitioners in the country," Dr. Weber shared at the event. "Importantly, I encourage students to take ownership of their learning and make the most of this space."

Alumni Spotlights

Divya A. Varkey, PharmD, MS '06

A clinical associate professor and graduate program director at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, was honored with the [2025 Roger W. Anderson Leadership Award](#) during The Houston Program's annual leadership celebration. The award recognizes pharmacy professionals who demonstrate exceptional leadership, mentorship and service in health-system pharmacy administration.



Dr. Varkey was celebrated for her lasting impact on students and residents, her contributions to pharmacy education and research, and her commitment to developing future healthcare leaders through mentorship and innovation.

Christy M. Norman, PharmD, MS '08

Senior vice president of pharmacy services at Emory Healthcare, was elected to serve on the [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(ASHP\) Board of Directors for the 2026–2029 term](#). Recognized for her leadership in advancing pharmacy practice, education and patient care, Dr. Norman has held numerous leadership roles within ASHP and state pharmacy organizations. Her election reflects her longstanding commitment to innovation, mentorship and strengthening the future of health-system pharmacy.

Lisa Stump, PharmD, MS '93

Executive Vice President and Chief Digital Information Officer at Mount Sinai Health System, was recognized with a She Shapes AI award for her leadership and innovation in advancing AI and digital transformation in healthcare. In her LinkedIn post, Dr. Stump shared her gratitude for receiving the AI Automation Game Changer of the Year Award, thanking the Stevie Awards, Persistent Systems, and her colleagues for supporting innovation and impactful AI initiatives. The recognition highlights her contributions to responsible AI adoption and technology-driven healthcare advancement.

Aisha Moultry, PharmD, MS '03

Named interim dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (COPHS) at Texas Southern University in Houston. A longtime faculty member with the HBCU, Dr. Moultry currently teaches as a professor of pharmacy practice and administration. She has held several other leadership roles within COPHS, including interim assistant dean for student services, associate dean of clinical and administrative services, associate dean of academic affairs and interim assistant dean of practice programs. Dr. Moultry holds a master's degree in pharmacy administration from The Ohio State University. She earned a Doctor of Pharmacy and a PhD in higher education administration from Texas Southern University.

Les Louden, PharmD, MS '16; Ryan Haumschild, PharmD, MS '15; and John Hertig, PharmD, MS '10

Collaborated on presentations at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, where they shared insights on pharmacy workforce challenges, medication safety and operational efficiencies in healthcare. Their sessions highlighted innovative approaches to controlled substance waste management, pharmacy leadership and the evolving role of pharmacists in improving patient care and health-system performance. The collaboration brought together nationally recognized pharmacy leaders known for advancing research, education and best practices across health systems.



Douglas J. Scheckelhoff, MS '85, BSP Pharm

Named interim executive vice president and CEO of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), effective February 1, 2026. A respected pharmacy leader with more than 24 years of service at ASHP, Scheckelhoff previously served as senior vice president of practice advancement, where he helped lead key initiatives in medication safety, pharmacy accreditation, professional development and practice innovation. His appointment follows the retirement of longtime CEO Paul W. Abramowitz and reflects ASHP's confidence in his leadership and deep commitment to advancing the pharmacy profession during a pivotal transition for the organization.

Lisa Mostafavifar, PharmD, MS '22; Phil Schneider, MS '75, BSP Pharm; John Hertig, PharmD, MS '10; and Trisha Jordan, PharmD, MS '01

Co-authored the 65th Latiolais Leadership Program (LLP) commentary published in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, titled "Honoring the past, preparing for the future: Celebrating 65 years of Latiolais Leadership at Ohio State." The commentary reflects on the longstanding impact of the LLP in developing influential pharmacy leaders while emphasizing the importance of innovation, mentorship and leadership development to prepare the next generation of pharmacy professionals. Their publication highlights the enduring legacy of the program and its continued role in shaping the future of health-system pharmacy leadership.

John Hertig, PharmD, MS '10

Co-authored "The Pharmacy Management Playbook: Comprehensive Strategies for Practice, Leadership, and Innovation", a new American Pharmacists Association (APhA) publication designed to advance leadership, management and innovation skills within pharmacy education and practice. The textbook provides a comprehensive resource covering topics such as pharmacy leadership, healthcare finance, patient safety and entrepreneurship. **Divya Varkey, PharmD, MS '06**, also contributed as a co-author for the chapter "Leadership in Pharmacy Practice," helping to provide insight into contemporary leadership principles and the evolving role of pharmacy leaders in healthcare. Together, their work reflects a shared commitment to developing the next generation of pharmacy professionals and advancing leadership education across the profession.

Michael Ganio, PharmD, MS '15

Senior director of pharmacy practice and quality at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), [testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging](#) to address the growing national drug shortage crisis and the need for stronger pharmaceutical supply chain transparency. Representing ASHP, Dr. Ganio urged Congress to support policies that incentivize domestic manufacturing, strengthen regulatory oversight, and improve supply chain resiliency to ensure Americans have consistent access to safe, high-quality medications. His testimony highlighted ASHP's ongoing leadership in advocating for solutions to drug shortages and protecting patient care nationwide.

Kellie L.E. Musch, PharmD, MS '17, and Emmanuel N. Enwere, PharmD, MS '13

Named [2026 Fellows of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(FASHP\)](#), a prestigious recognition honoring pharmacists who have demonstrated sustained leadership, innovation, and service to the profession. This distinction reflects their significant contributions to advancing health-system pharmacy practice, commitment to education and mentorship, and active engagement in ASHP initiatives that improve patient care. As part of the 2026 class of Fellows, they will be formally recognized at Pharmacy Futures 2026 in St. Louis, joining an elite group of pharmacy leaders nationwide.

Kellie L.E. Musch, PharmD, MS '17

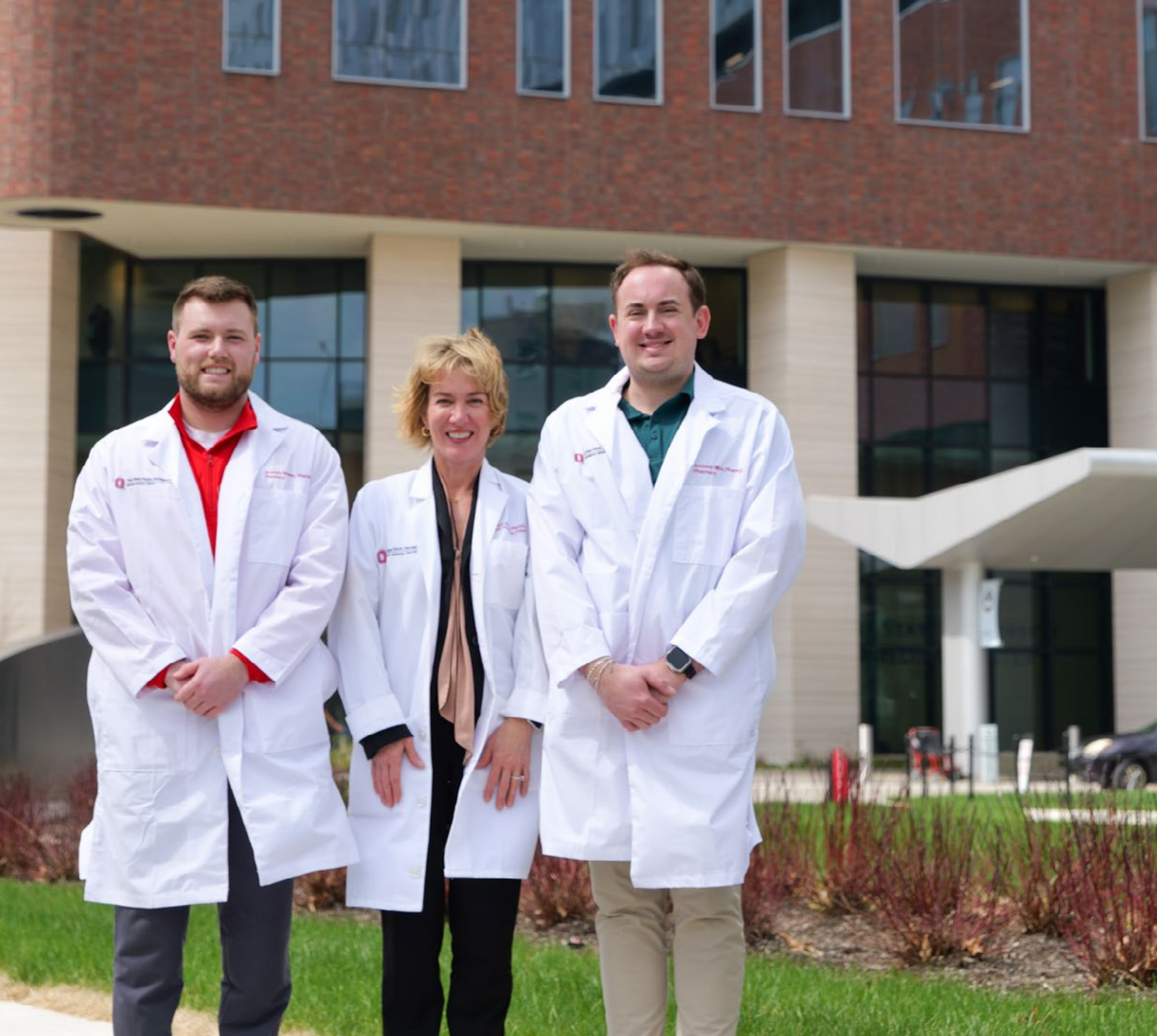
Served as President of the Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP) over the past year, leading the organization through a year focused on strategic planning, professional engagement, and advancement of pharmacy practice. In her presidential role, she helped guide board initiatives, support member development, and highlight the impact of OSHP's work in improving patient care and strengthening the pharmacy profession across Ohio. Her leadership concluded a progression of service within OSHP, reflecting her continued commitment to state and national pharmacy organizations.

Dana Wilkerson, PharmD, MS '18

[Served as president of the Ohio Pharmacists Association \(OPA\)](#), where she provided leadership for the organization's statewide efforts to advance pharmacy practice, advocacy, and professional development. During her presidency, she helped guide strategic initiatives focused on member engagement, legislative advocacy, and strengthening the role of pharmacists in patient care across Ohio. Wilkerson's term as president reflects her long-standing commitment to OPA, where she has also served in multiple leadership roles and continues to contribute as an immediate past president supporting the organization's mission to empower pharmacists throughout the state.

Are you doing something amazing in the year ahead?

We want to recognize you! Send alumni news and recognition to Lisa Mostafavifar at mostafavifar.2@osu.edu and we will be sure to incorporate it in the next addition of The Latiolais Review!



MS HSPAL student-residents get once-in-a-career opportunity opening new University Hospital

After five years of construction and nearly \$2 billion, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center's new University Hospitals tower began accepting patients on Sunday, Feb. 22. PGY2 pharmacy residents and MS HSPAL Class of 2026 students Dr. Hanna Iarussi, Dr. Dylan McWilliams and Dr. Isaac Schmiesing, became part of an [interdisciplinary cohort that gained hands-on, real-time experience](#) operationalizing the new 26-story, 820-room University Hospital tower. Drs. Iarussi, McWilliams and Schmiesing set up inpatient and outpatient pharmacies and designed drug delivery models – thinking critically about what new demands the tower will have for the pharmacy care teams.

MS HSPAL Program Financial Support



Susan T. Boyer Residency Fund

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

This year's recipients are as follows:

- Leah Jones
- Adeola Balogun
- Becky Volkert
- Hanna Iarussi
- Dylan McWilliams
- Isaac Schmiesing

Quotes from the Recipients

Becky Volkert

"Receiving the Susan T. Boyer Scholarship has been deeply meaningful to me, as it supported my commitment to advancing medication safety and systems level improvement in patient care. I used the funds to attend the ECRI/ISMP Human Factors Engineering: Systems Thinking to Enhance Patient Safety program in Chicago this past March, where I gained hands-on experience applying human factors principles to real-world medication use challenges. The training strengthened my ability to analyze safety issues through a systems lens, collaborate more effectively across disciplines, and design improvements that meaningfully reduce patient risk. I'm truly grateful for this opportunity and for the investment in my growth as a pharmacy professional and leader."

Dylan McWilliams

"I am truly honored to have had this opportunity. Without alumni like Susan, my residency would not have been the same! From the Susan T. Boyer scholarship, my co-residents and I were able to take a trip down to Tampa, FL to visit BayCare's Integrated Services Center. We wanted this opportunity as OSU does not have a centralized services center. We were able to tour their facility and learn about their operations there!"



Residency partner site discount for working professionals

Operation Affordability = Accessibility addresses one of the most significant barriers facing working professionals: out-of-pocket cost. This initiative centers on a simple but powerful premise—when affordability increases, accessibility expands and leadership pipelines strengthen.

Working professionals at residency program affiliated organizations (below) can now take advantage of the Residency Partnership Discount in addition to their employer-based tuition program.

- The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
- OhioHealth
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Comprehensive Pharmacy Solutions

In addition to partnership discounts and employer-based tuition reduction strategies, **Operation Affordability = Accessibility** is prioritizing scholarships targeted specifically toward working professionals. Scholarships will:

- Offset tuition costs not covered by discount or employer tuition assistance
- Support equitable access to leadership training across diverse practice settings
- Encourage earlier enrollment in graduate-level leadership preparation

This discount is applied at the point of program admittance and will assist in reducing out-of-pocket costs. Please contact the program to learn more about the discounted rate.



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CardinalHealth

NEW! Cardinal Health Leadership Series starting Autumn 2026

Topics will focus on the pharmaceutical supply chain and be led by Cardinal Health leaders. Calendar invitations for these events will be sent to all LLP alumni.



INSPIRE Mentorship Program: *Call for new mentors*

This program is designed to pair current students with an alumni mentor for the duration of the MS HSPAL program (two years).

Quotes from INSPIRE Mentees

Isaac Schmiesing

"The INSPIRE Mentorship Program has given me the opportunity to add to my professional network and gain valuable insight from the exceptional alumni that go through our MS program!"

Dylan McWilliams

"The INSPIRE Mentorship Program has been an incredibly valuable experience that has helped me grow both personally and professionally. Having the opportunity to connect with a mentor, receive guidance, and discuss career development in a supportive environment has been meaningful. This program has encouraged reflection, confidence-building, and intentional goal setting as I continue to develop as a pharmacy leader."

Hanna Iarussi

"The INSPIRE Mentorship Program has been such a valuable part of my PGY2 residency year. My mentor has been incredibly supportive throughout the job application process and was also a friendly, familiar face to connect with at Midyear and the Latiolais Award Ceremony. The program does an excellent job connecting alumni across the country and fostering a strong sense of community and support."

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 11 alumni mentors!**

Year in Review — Photos

Re-live some of the highlights with us!



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