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Seventy years of
INNOVATION

Celebrating 70 years of
milestones, programs
and impact. **pg 11**

Mentorship through Medicare:
Guidance beyond clinical
training. **pg 9**



Paying it **FORWARD** to fellow **FIRST-GENERATION** students

The moment I stepped onto this campus, I was welcomed by a community that believed in my potential and was deeply committed to helping me achieve my goals. The emphasis on student success wasn't just a mission statement but a lived experience shaped by the encouragement of faculty, staff and preceptors who genuinely cared about my growth.

That culture of support, still alive and thriving today, is amplified by the generosity of alumni and donors who understand the power of opening doors for the next generation. The impact of higher education doesn't stop with a degree; it ripples outward into families — including my own — who witness what is possible, into communities that gain skilled health care professionals and into future generations.

Both of my parents immigrated from Norway. They believed in higher education, but they didn't have the tools to help me navigate the path from high school to college. It was my high school guidance counselor who introduced the idea of a career in pharmacy. As graduation drew near, I found myself at a crossroads: one path led to becoming a veterinarian and the other to becoming a pharmacist.

During an open house at Pacific, I met **Ralph L. Saroyan '64**. He opened my eyes to the breadth of the pharmacy profession. I am immensely grateful for all the individuals who have helped steer me in the right direction.

Without scholarships, I would not have been able to attend University of the Pacific. I would not have been able to grow — to thrive — in this supportive environment. Last year, as I reflected on that formative period of my life, I felt compelled to pay it forward. This July, the Dean Gundersen First-Generation PharmD Endowed Scholarship was awarded for the first time. It was an exciting and deeply meaningful moment.

Just as my journey has been shaped by the support of many, this endowed scholarship was established through the collective generosity of 114 individuals who rallied behind the vision of supporting first-generation students. My hope is that this scholarship not only eases the financial burden for students but also reminds them that they belong here and that their dreams are achievable. Together, we are building a legacy of excellence, opportunity and belief in what's possible for the next generation of leaders in pharmacy.

Sincerely,

Berit Gundersen '84, PharmD
Dean



Sidney Nguyen '26 received the Dean Gundersen First-Generation PharmD Endowed Scholarship.

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Front cover: Seven decades of pharmacy excellence. **Katherine (Lum) Owyong '59**, RPh, one of 16 graduates from the inaugural Class of 1959, stands alongside four members of the Class of 2025 in celebration of the school's 70th anniversary. From left: **Ashley Ewen '25**, PharmD, **Carson Potter '25**, PharmD, Owyong, **Sunny Kler '25**, PharmD and **Mia Garcia '25**, PharmD.

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From 90 minutes to

7 DAYS

Dr. Alhamadsheh's team has extended the efficacy of naloxone from an hour and a half to an entire week.

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Explore



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From the classroom to the clinic to the community, our faculty, staff, students and alumni are shaping the future of health care.





Paul Ambrose '92,
PharmD, FIDSA

pRxcision
Co-founder, CEO

The first infectious disease AI platform that continuously monitors patient data and equips clinicians with real-time insights to make informed, life-saving decisions.



Tim Linnet '10, PharmD
Pharmacycompounding.ai
Co-founder, Partner, Investor

AI-driven workflows tailored for compounding pharmacies, offering real-time calculations, compliance support and accuracy checks for safe and precise compounding.



Ome Ogbru '95, PharmD
AINGENS
Founder, CEO

MACg is the company's user-friendly, AI-powered platform that streamlines scientific writing by drawing from peer-reviewed literature to create engaging scientific content.

HARNESSING the power of AI

Personalized medicine isn't on the horizon; it's here, and it's being driven by artificial intelligence. Our alumni are on the forefront, forging new paths in this rapidly evolving space. These entrepreneurs are leveraging AI as a tool to transform how pharmacists conduct research and deliver patient-centered care.

By Anne Marie H. Bergthold

What are you excited to share about the work your company is doing?

Ambrose: pRxcision started with a bold question: What if we could give every clinician the power to make the right antibiotic choice — instantly? Our mission is to reduce clinician burnout, restore clarity to complexity and deliver better outcomes for patients who can't afford delay.

Linnet: As a pharmacy director, I experienced the pressure of sterile compounding inspections. I started building these AI products to satisfy my own needs. Seeing the benefits, such as dramatic time savings, accuracy and stress relief, led me to start Pharmacycompounding.ai to help other pharmacists. In the last quarter alone, we've experienced a tenfold increase in usage.

Ogbru: As a clinical pharmacist, I saw how long it took to find the right information. AINGENS was born out of a need to simplify research. With MACg, users can access over 37 million citations, in seconds, to generate dynamic content.

How have you seen AI transform patient care?

Ambrose: AI identified a patient with multidrug-resistant pneumonia. Within minutes, the care team shifted the therapy and the patient survived the infection. That's not theoretical; that's what happens when the right information reaches the right hands in real time.

Linnet: AI was used to confirm a critical calculation for a patient in heart failure who needed to start medication right away. The calculation was performed instantly and accurately. This helped defuse the stress of the situation and get the drug to the patient more quickly.

"AI does not replace the clinician's view from the foot of the hospital bed. That moment — human, holistic, full of context — will always matter most. The best AI honors that perspective and makes it stronger."

Paul Ambrose '92, PharmD, FIDSA

How has your pharmacy background been an asset?

Ambrose: My background in clinical pharmacy is more than relevant, it's the engine. I know what it means to stand at a patient's bedside — to weigh options when time is short and stakes are high. I also understand the transformative power of data when it is distilled, timely and relevant.

Ogbru: It gives me a deep understanding of the health care system, patient-care challenges and practical issues pharmacists face. These insights are invaluable when designing advanced, customized AI systems that integrate seamlessly into pharmacy workflows.

What exciting opportunities does AI present for the field of pharmacy?

Ambrose: The future of pharmacy will be powered by intelligence — human and artificial. We can now tailor decisions in real time, detect safety risks before they escalate and help clinicians make sense of massive, shifting data. AI will never replace the human insight required to weigh risk, explain complexity or advocate for a patient. But it can make pharmacists more powerful as trusted clinical decision-makers. For decades, pharmacists have been the stewards of safe and effective medication use. Now, we can become architects of data-driven care.

Linnet: Every day, I see pharmacists complete work in minutes that would have taken hours. We should embrace AI as a continually evolving tool that enhances our ability to deliver better patient care, as well as alleviate stress and workload. ●

New single-dose INNOVATION OFFERS HOPE in opioid crisis

By Dua Her '09

For patients facing an opioid overdose, timing is everything. Naloxone, a life-saving antidote, usually works for only 30 to 90 minutes, but fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, can linger in the body for hours. **Mamoun M. Alhamadsheh**, PhD, professor of pharmaceutical chemistry, and his team have found a way to extend that window for at least seven days.

"This technology represents a new frontier in drug delivery systems," said Dr. Alhamadsheh. "Its ability to extend the duration of action of small molecules, such as naloxone, could save lives in acute opioid emergencies and be applied to a wide range of therapeutic areas."

Their breakthrough, published in *Nature Communications*, introduces a first-of-its-kind delivery platform derived from Acoramidis, a Food and Drug Administration-approved drug co-discovered by Dr. Alhamadsheh in collaboration with Isabella A. Graef, MD, CEO of Shenandoah Therapeutics and former Stanford University faculty member. This new system forms a depot under the skin, releasing naloxone gradually and precisely for at least one week from a single injection, dramatically surpassing the one-hour window provided by conventional doses.

Leading the charge alongside Dr. Alhamadsheh was **Hala Aldawod '24**, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow and first author of the study.

"Knowing our work could save lives, particularly among vulnerable populations, drives my passion for innovation," Dr. Aldawod said. "This work gave me a deeper sense of purpose and showed me how science can directly change and save lives."

The contributions of fellow Pacific researchers and co-first authors **Arjun Patel '24**, PharmD, PhD and **Rasha Emara '25**, PhD were integral to advancing this breakthrough. The project was supported in part by a \$1.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

As the opioid crisis continues to affect communities across the country, this new approach offers a powerful tool for long-term protection. It's a reminder of what's possible when research, innovation and purpose come together to shape the future of patient care. ■



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Adesuwa Aigbuza '25, PharmD



Beyond the clinic: MENTORING THROUGH MEDICARE

By Dua Her '09

For nearly two decades, the word “Medicare” has echoed through the halls of Pacific. Since 2007, more than 800 doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) students have dedicated countless hours to learning drug plans, counseling patients, navigating the complexities of Medicare Part D and performing medication therapy management. In 2022, Pacific’s nationally recognized program entered a new chapter with the launch of a mentor-mentee program designed to provide PharmD students with knowledge, support and expertise as they pursue their career goals.

Through the Medicare Mentor-Mentee program, students participate in curriculum vitae review, mock interviews and one-on-one mentorship. What sets this program apart is its personalized approach. Each student is thoughtfully paired with a pharmacist whose experience aligns with their career goals, whether that means entering the workforce or pursuing a residency or fellowship. For students interested in specialized residency training, the mentorship begins as they enter clinical rotations and continues over the course of eight months. During this time, the mentor-mentee pair engages in discussions that range from case presentations and journal clubs to writing a strong letter of intent and navigating work-life balance.

“The longitudinal mentorship that participating alumni provide to students interested in pursuing a residency or fellowship is invaluable,” said **Rajul A. Patel '01, '06**, PharmD, PhD, professor of pharmacy practice. “They better position our students for success by sharing their knowledge and experience through every step, including who to reach out to for letters of recommendation, how to write a compelling personal statement, clinical practice questions, interview tips and more. I believe students who participate in this initiative feel more comfortable and confident as a result of their involvement.”

As a student, **Adesuwa Aigbuza '25**, PharmD knew pursuing a postgraduate residency would be a competitive path. Thanks to her participation in the program, she didn’t have to walk that journey alone.

Dr. Aigbuza successfully matched with a PGY1 acute care residency at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She credits much of that success to the mentorship she received.

“As a mentee, my Pacific experience has been positively impacted in the best way,” she shared. “I was able to receive impactful advice about the residency process and the pharmacy field in general. These tips and tricks allowed me to be very successful in securing the next step in my career.”

Among the many meaningful conversations she had with her mentor, one left a lasting impression.

“I was feeling conflicted about which path to pursue within pharmacy,” she recalled. “During a phone call, my mentor and I talked deeply about both my long-term and short-term goals. I’ll never forget what she said to me: ‘Keep an open mind about anything and everything. You are in the perfect position to learn many things. Don’t close yourself off so early.’ That advice shifted my mindset. From that point forward, I gave everything a try during my Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience rotations, and I’ll carry that openness into my residency.”

On the other side of the conversation was **May (Chen) Lui '16, '20**, PharmD, MS a clinical pharmacist specializing in ambulatory care. Since earning her doctor of pharmacy from Pacific in 2016, Dr. Lui has mentored pharmacy students informally and formally through the Medicare program.

“I remembered how much I relied on mentors during my own APPE year,” Dr. Lui said. “The decisions felt so heavy because they impacted the trajectory of my career. I want to be a sounding board for students and provide honest insight about today’s pharmacy landscape.”

Dr. Lui’s proudest moment as a mentor came when she found out Dr. Aigbuza had matched at UCSF.

“It was such a proud moment! Knowing that I played even a small part in her journey made everything worth it.”

As a medical science liaison in oncology at Boehringer Ingelheim, **Utsav Patel '16**, PharmD is passionate about empowering students to network and explore career opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry.

“I was introduced to industry through a fellow Pacific alum, **Raj Gandhi '09, '10**, PharmD. He helped me see how a clinical background could translate to industry roles,” said Dr. Utsav Patel. “If it weren’t for the strong alumni network at Pacific and Kappa Psi, I wouldn’t be where I am today. My motivation is to help our graduates find a career they love and feel proud of.” ■

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Utsav Patel '16, PharmD



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The 16 graduates of the inaugural class all passed the state licensure exam on the first attempt.

Class of 1959

1957

A student chapter of the American Pharmaceutical Association, what is now known as the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists, was established at Pacific.

1959

Bachelor of science in pharmacy degrees were awarded to the inaugural class.

Classes for the newly minted school of pharmacy were held in Weber Hall.

1955

2

One classroom, one laboratory

TIMELINE OF ACHIEVEMENTS

A LEGACY of IMPACT

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It all starts here.

1955

10,000+ alumni

1960

The school reached peak enrollment of 250 students, a testament to the quality of the program and the catalyst for the development of North Campus.

250 Students

1961

Cisco Kihara '61 was the first master of science graduate at the school. She worked with **Carl C. Riedesel**, PhD on extracting and investigating the alkaloids in daffodil bulbs.

1969

David H. Show '69, PhD, under the advisory of **Donald Pace**, PhD, was the first doctor of philosophy graduate at the school.

1969

Construction on Edward and Alice Long Memorial Hall was completed.

16

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience regions

Since its inception, the decentralized model has been a key part of our success.

1st

Three-year accelerated PharmD program in the nation

The doctor of pharmacy degree under the accelerated program was awarded at Pacific for the first time.

The preceptor-intern program was established.

1970

#1

Highest number of PGY-1 residency matches in California in 2025

#1

Highest NAPLEX passage rate in California in 2024

16

California Pharmacists Association presidents

14

California Pharmacy Hall of Fame inductees

7

California Society of Health-System Pharmacists presidents

Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy

The Rotunda has served as a home to many programs including pharmacy, drama and physical therapy.

1976

2000

The Pharmaceutical and Chemical Sciences Program was established in partnership with the College of Pacific, Department of Chemistry.

2001

Pacific's regents accepted a \$13 million grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation. The name Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy recognizes more than \$20 million of support from the foundation and the Long family over the course of the school's history.

\$13
million

2003

Chan Family Health Sciences Learning Center and Clinics was completed.

Yearbook editorial team

The school published a yearbook for the first time. The effort was led by yearbook editor

Chauncey Lowe '74, RPh.

1973

\$2.7
million

total potential Part D plan
cost savings to beneficiaries
assisted in 2024

Renovations to the Chan Family Health Sciences Learning Center and Clinics added classrooms, offices and study spaces.

2018

Sachin A. Shah, PharmD led the launch of the Fellowship in Industry Program.

2017

Rajul Arvind Patel '01, '06, PharmD, PhD launched the Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics.

2007



2020

Jie Du '93, PhD made a transformative gift to establish the Jie Du Center for Innovation and Excellence for Drug Development.

The Master of Science in Regulatory Science launched.

2024

Received Second Runner-Up Division A Chapter Achievement Award.

2023-24

Received Operation Heart Region 8 Award.

2023-24

The Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences launched.

2023



212

We celebrated 199
PharmD, nine PhD and
four MS graduates.

Class of 2025

2024

Received National Award for Operation Diabetes.

2024

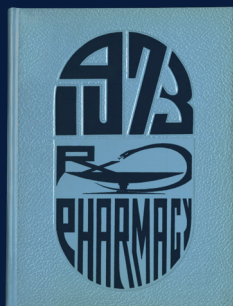
The 200th Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics event is held.

Today, the Rotunda consists of the Jonathan Chan and Megan Chan Auditorium, various classrooms and faculty offices.

2025

Discover

Step back in time by viewing the digital collection of yearbooks.



Chan Family
Health Sciences
Learning Center





From RURAL ROOTS to TRANSFORMATIVE giving

By Dua Her '09

"I am loyal to Pacific and am grateful for the education I received."

Norman Kobayashi '70, '73

Before he walked the halls of University of the Pacific or led quality-assurance teams, Norman Kobayashi '70, '73 lived in a small farming community 140 miles from Stockton.

As the only son, he spent much of his childhood dutifully working alongside his father, toiling in the hot sun as they tended their family vineyard.

The words of his father motivated him to pursue higher education. His father once said, "If you don't study hard and do well in school, you'll end up right here helping me on the farm when you get older."

With a keen interest in science and a quiet determination to explore opportunities beyond his rural upbringing, Kobayashi found his way to pharmacy.

He earned his bachelor of science in pharmacy and his master of science in pharmaceutical sciences from Pacific. He credits his faculty advisor, the late Professor Emeritus **James C. King**, PhD, for laying the foundation for a remarkable career in pharmacy.

"Dr. King established the first clinical pharmacy experience with San Joaquin General Hospital," said Kobayashi. "This allowed pharmacy students to make rounds on the hospital floor alongside other health care students. Dr. King also helped me navigate my career goals while I was pursuing my graduate education."



From left: Scott, Norman, Jeff Kobayashi

Starting out in the pharmaceutical industry in dosage form design, Kobayashi quickly distinguished himself with his technical skill and problem-solving mindset. His career evolved into commercial manufacturing and ultimately into quality assurance, where he was responsible for upholding the quality of clinical and commercial products.

After stepping back from the pharmaceutical industry, Kobayashi launched Kobayashi and Associates, LLC, which offers quality assurance and compliance services to emerging biotechnology companies.

"Quality and compliance is the same whether you are developing a proof of concept or taking a product to market," he said. "In every case, the underlying goal is improving medical care."

For more than 15 years, Kobayashi has championed Pharmaceutical and Chemical Sciences Program (PCSP) graduate students who have had the opportunity to present their research at national or international conferences. This year, the travel stipend was transformed into a Powell-matched endowed scholarship by his sons, Scott and Jeff.

Reflecting on his own experiences, he views professional conferences as powerful catalysts for connection and professional growth.

"My hope is this scholarship allows students to meet people and network, explore research or employment opportunities," he said. "And have a good time, too."

As an undergraduate student at Pacific, Kobayashi spent summers and holidays behind a counter at a local pharmacy where he gained first-hand experience working with patients.

"When I came to pharmacy school, I was pretty naive about everything. I had never been behind the prescription counter. Now, I want to help students get behind their own counters and see what's out there."

Kobayashi helps shape the education of future pharmaceutical scientists by serving on the PCSP Industrial Advisory Board, where he shares crucial industry insights and offers guidance on curriculum changes. He also maintains strong ties to Pacific as an active brother of the Gamma Nu chapter of the Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity and by serving on the Kappa Psi - Gamma Nu Education Foundation board of directors. ■

Join Kobayashi in helping emerging researchers show up, stand out and shape the future of health care.

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William K. Chan, PharmD, PhD and Allyson Chan '23, PharmD

A SHARED LEGACY of discovery and growth

By Anne Marie H. Bergthold

Flashing lights, beeping monitors and the pounding footsteps of health care professionals responding to a code blue — **Allyson Chan '23**, PharmD thrives in this environment.

Through a PGY1 pharmacy residency and a PGY2 cardiology residency at Loma Linda University, she discovered that she remains calm and collected in high-intensity situations.

"After being exposed to clinical pharmacy and the opportunity to pursue residency, I realized I am passionate about acute care inpatient medicine and I enjoy being involved in the interdisciplinary team, as well as being hands-on and at bedside for emergent situations such as codes and intubations," she said.

In July, she joined Scripps Mercy Hospital San Diego as a clinical pharmacist, working primarily in the cardiology and intensive care unit.

In contrast, her father, **William K. Chan**, PharmD, PhD, professor of pharmaceutical sciences, is at home in the hushed quiet of his research lab, tucked away in the lower level of Edward and Alice Long Memorial Hall. Unwavering focus and steadfast resolve have sustained him for over three decades. Since 1993, Dr. William Chan has been studying the aryl hydrocarbon receptor and has been awarded seven National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants. This receptor, activated by the environmental contaminants encountered in daily life, plays a key role in regulating immune response and cell growth, making it a prime candidate for innovative drug development.

"I hope to discover useful knowledge about this receptor so that new, effective drugs can be created for the treatment of diseases," he said.

Since 1996, Dr. William Chan has been a pillar of the pharmacy faculty. As a

student at Pacific, his daughter witnessed first-hand his commitment to teaching.

"I admire the way he is not only knowledgeable, but he goes out of his way to help students learn and he is bold about his faith," she said. "I want to be just like that — to excel in my job, but to also be a light to those around me and to consider the needs of others before my own."

In turn, he expressed the pride he feels: "Allyson is gifted in academics and is passionate about clinical pharmacy practice. I admire her ability to handle stress with ease and always perform at a high level with a contagious smile."

Like the Chans, **Rajesh "Raj" Patel '87**, PhD, and his daughter, **Anika Patel '21**, PharmD, PhD, share a strong bond through pharmacy. Their connection is rooted in pharmaceutical research. While interning at her father's company

in high school, she gained first-hand experience in drug development as the team worked on the first implantable drug to deliver long-lasting medication to treat opioid dependency. In 2016, Probuaphine™ received Food and Drug Administration approval.

"It's a very cool thing to say your dad has a drug on the market," she said. "But what really inspires me is the fact that even after reaching that endpoint, he wasn't done. He kept going. Now he's trying to work on other disease states and other types of addictions. With drug development, there's so many new things that still need to be developed, and the fact that we keep going is so important. That really pushes me to want to make a difference and, hopefully, do more research in cancer therapeutics and, ultimately, improve the lives of patients."

In February, ReacX Pharmaceuticals, where Dr. Rajesh Patel serves as chief

operating officer, announced it had received a three-year, \$10.35 million NIH grant. In his role as principal investigator, Dr. Rajesh Patel will lead efforts to advance the clinical development of a six-month implant utilizing Proneura™, the proprietary drug delivery platform used to prevent opioid addiction relapse.

Thirty-eight years after her father crossed the stage to accept his diploma, Dr. Anika Patel earned her doctor of philosophy in pharmaceutical sciences from Chapman University School of Pharmacy. Graduating with distinction, she received the James L. Doti Outstanding Graduate Student Award, the university's highest honor for graduate students. Her father also drew attention to the four peer-reviewed publications she co-authored during graduate school.

Driven by purpose and inspired by each other, these fathers and daughters are transforming patient care. ■



Anika Patel '21, PharmD, PhD and Rajesh "Raj" Patel '87, PhD



ALUMNUS of the YEAR

**Anthony P.
Morreale**

**'83, PharmD, MBA, CPEL,
BCPS, FASHP**

By Anne Marie H. Bergthold
Photo by Anthony and
Suzanne Morreale



**Waiting in silent anticipation
as two full grown tigers
approach a watering hole,
two young cubs in tow.
Fine tuning a formulary,
knowing a veteran's well-
being hangs in the balance.**

Though worlds apart, wildlife photography and patient care advocacy demand the same core traits: patience, tenacity and the ability to anticipate direction. These qualities are found in Alumnus of the Year **Anthony P. Morreale '83**, PharmD, MBA, CPEL, BCPS, FASHP. He and his wife, **Suzanne Morreale '85**, PharmD, are

passionate wildlife photographers who have explored more than 135 countries.

"I see this recognition as a testament to the collaborations and successes of hundreds of my colleagues who worked closely with me in so many different settings over decades," said Dr. Morreale.

His colleague, **Helen K. Park '99**, PharmD, BCPS, FCPHA, FCSHP, shared:

"Over the past several decades, Dr. Morreale has made tremendous contributions to the profession of pharmacy and has been instrumental in advancing pharmacy practice in multiple practice settings. After meeting Dr. Morreale, it is hard to walk away without feeling motivated and excited about the pharmacy profession. Those of us who

have benefited from his mentorship can attest that his energy is infectious, his dedication to pharmacy is admirable and his ability to move pharmacy forward is aspirational."

Dr. Morreale served in various clinical and leadership roles at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from 1985 until 2010, when he was selected to create the Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. He served in that role until his retirement in late 2024.

His efforts to utilize pharmacists have expanded health care access for veterans nationwide. In 2016, a transformative \$120 million grant from the Veterans Health Administration

Office of Rural Health (ORH) added 175 advanced practice pharmacists to health care teams throughout the VA, placing medication experts in prime positions to provide expertise for veterans with pain management or mental health needs. In 2019, a \$25 million grant from ORH expanded clinical pharmacy services for substance abuse disorders. He and his team also established the VA's first centralized anticoagulation hub, and four years later secured \$10 million to expand nationwide.

Another significant contribution was his role in the spread of pharmacoeconomics and the creation of a national formulary system. Prior to its implementation, each of the roughly 150 VA sites had their own formulary. Standardizing the formulary process helped ensure all veterans had access to high quality treatments. Beyond dramatically improving patient outcomes and equity, the initiative generated substantial cost savings.

He and his team received the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Best Practice Award in 2008 and 2024. Dr. Morreale has been recognized as a Fellow and Certified Pharmacy Executive Leader by ASHP. His notable honors include the American Pharmacists

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**Anthony P. Morreale '83,
PharmD, MBA, CPEL, BCPS, FASHP**

Association Distinguished Federal Pharmacist award in 2018 and ASHP Board of Directors Award for Excellence in 2020.

The Morreales recently established the Powell-matched Anthony and Suzanne Morreale Endowed Scholarship for Advancing Clinical Pharmacy and Veteran Care.

"Pacific has been a great role model for promoting clinical pharmacy, which both Suzanne and I have spent the majority of our careers practicing and advocating," he said. "Pacific is and always has been one of the premier pharmacy schools in the country, and we're proud to call it our alma mater." ■



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Michael Pavlovich
inducted into California
Pharmacy Hall of Fame

A trailblazer in sports medicine who is trusted by professional athletes nationwide, **Michael Pavlovich '89**, PharmD, FAPhA was inducted into the California Pharmacy Hall of Fame in 2025.

In addition to working with collegiate athletes, he has advised clients from the MLB, NBA, NFL and NHL. At the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, he supported Team USA as team pharmacist, one of only two pharmacists to have served in that role. He also lent his expertise to the medication management guidelines developed by the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

He owns and operates Westcliff Compounding Pharmacy in Newport Beach and is the inventor of a patent for two dosage forms used in the management of opiate and alcohol addiction.

Dr. Pavlovich served as president of the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) in 2000 and as trustee of the American Pharmacists Association from 2008 to 2014. He was named the CPhA Pharmacist of the Year in 2021.

1960s

Robert Pori '66, RPh and his wife, Jan, celebrated their 42nd anniversary in 2024. He retired in 2018 after 26 years as an independent pharmacy owner and 52 years as a pharmacist. An accomplished musician, he played violin and viola in various symphonic orchestras from 1958 to 2022 and was the fiddler in a bluegrass band for six years after moving to Boise, Idaho.

1980s



Gina Curry Moore '83, PharmD, MBA was installed as president of the American Society for Pharmacy Law at the society's annual meeting in Phoenix. Dr. Moore is the senior associate dean for operations and regulatory affairs at University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.



Anthony P. Morreale '83, PharmD, MBA, CPEL, BCPS, FASHP and his team were named recipients of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Best Practice Award for "Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner Led Substance Use Disorder Care Across an Integrated Health-System." He was recognized at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition, Dec. 8-12, 2024, in New Orleans.

Rajesh "Raj" Patel '87, PhD, chief operating officer at ReacX Pharmaceuticals, is proud to announce that the company has been awarded a three-year \$10.35 million grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse under the National Institutes of Health HEAL Initiative. Dr. Patel, who serves as the principal investigator on this grant, will lead efforts to advance the clinical development of a six-month implant utilizing Proneura™, the company's proprietary drug delivery platform used to prevent opioid addiction relapse.



Zachary Contreras '88, PharmD was profiled by American Healthcare Leader about his leadership style and how he manages high-performing teams. He also presented the poster "Survey of Health Plan Coverage of Guideline and Expert-Recommended Treatments in Eosinophilic Esophagitis" at the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Annual Meeting, March 31-April 3, 2025, in Houston. He serves as sponsorships and engagement co-chair on the California AMCP Affiliate Board. Dr. Contreras has been the director of pharmacy benefits for Sharp Health Plan in San Diego since May 2020.

1990s



Jamie Tobitt '90, PharmD, MSL-BC received a rare Complement Circle award from Medical Affairs at his company, Apellis Pharmaceuticals, for his contributions as a medical value liaison in 2024. He was recognized for stepping up to help in various roles, including health economic product development, mentoring new hires and collaborating with multiple cross-functional teams to ensure their products were reviewed and properly covered by several health plans, both commercial and public.

Gregory Ono '94, PharmD received the Pacific 2025 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Preceptor of the Year award for the Sacramento region.



Ome Ogbu '95, PharmD, CEO and founder of AINGENS, proudly announced the launch of MACg, a complete AI medical writing and research assistant. MACg has a multimodal AI, reference and citation manager, Pubmed and web search, editor and chart tool in a user-friendly platform. MACg is the ideal platform for students, researchers, professors, clinicians and scientists in biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies.



Tony J. Park '96, PharmD, JD presented "Practical Compliance for CA Pharmacists" and co-presented "Pharmacy Law Update 2025" at the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) Western Pharmacy Exchange, April 4-6, 2025, in San Diego.



Melissa Chase '99, PharmD, CPEL, BCSCP earned her Certified Pharmacy Executive Leadership from ASHP. Dr. Chase is director of pharmacy services at Valley Children's Healthcare in Madera. She is a member of the school's Dean's Leadership Council.

2000s

Lisa Kipper '02, PharmD et al. presented "Perfect Prescription for Residency Success" at the 2025 CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange.



Susana Srey '02, PharmD accepted a position as a director of pharmacy at Sutter Delta Medical Center in Antioch in February 2025. Prior to accepting the new role, she was the director of pharmacy for Adventist Health and Rideout and Oak Valley Hospital District. Dr. Srey is board certified in pharmacotherapy, critical care and sterile compounding.



Rebecca Chumbley '05, PharmD received the Pacific 2025 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Preceptor of the Year award for the LA/Long Beach region.



Jitendra Lal '06, PharmD received the Pacific 2025 Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience - Community Preceptor of the Year award.

Sean McNary '07, '23, PharmD accepted a position as an ambulatory care pharmacist at Kaiser Permanente in South Sacramento in July 2024.



Jonathan Chan '09, PharmD and his wife, Xia, welcomed their son, Jax Sun Chan, on May 3, 2025.

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Jie Du receives Distinguished Professional Service Award

Pharmaceutical entrepreneur and Regent **Jie Du '90, '93**, PhD received University of the Pacific's Distinguished Professional Service Award, recognizing her notable career achievements.

After a successful corporate career in the pharmaceutical industry, she founded JDP Therapeutics Inc. and led as president and chief executive officer until its acquisition in 2019. She developed Quzyttir, an innovative injectable therapeutic for acute allergic reactions.

In 2020, she donated \$5 million to establish the Jie Du Center for Innovation and Excellence for Drug Development at Pacific. The center promotes entrepreneurship through education, training and mentorship as well as fosters collaboration between Pacific students and industry experts.

Additionally, a \$3 million gift spurred the development of the Jie Du Inn — transforming a former sorority house into boutique, on-campus guest lodgings. The inn also provides hands-on learning for students in the hospitality management program launched in the fall of 2025.

Dr. Du has served on Pacific's Board of Regents since 2022.

2010s



Lawrence "Larry" Chang '12, '16, PharmD, BCACP, APH received the Pacific 2025 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Preceptor of the Year award for the San Jose region.

Jeremy Lim '12, PharmD accepted a position as executive director of clinical science at Candid Therapeutics in San Diego in August 2024.

Benjamin Wang '12, PharmD, BCCP was named residency program director for the PGY-2 cardiology residency at Stanford Health Care in September 2024, where he is a cardiology clinical pharmacist. Dr. Wang also received the Pacific 2025 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Preceptor of the Year award for the Palo Alto region.



Sahil Kumar '13, '18, PharmD, accepted a position as an outpatient pharmacy at Kaiser Permanente in Stockton in November 2024.

Carly A. Ranson '13, '18, PharmD, MS, BCGP and **Cynthia Samantha Valle-Oseguera '12**, PharmD, BCACP, BCGP presented "Taking Care of More Than Just Business" at the 2025 CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange.



Jin Dong '16, PhD joined the editorial board of the peer-reviewed journal Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics in February 2025. He also co-authored "Inhibition of OATP1B1/3 Rather Than UGT1A1 May Be the Major Cause of the Bilirubin Elevation After Atazanavir Administration," published in Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics in December 2024. Dr. Dong is an associate director of clinical PBPK modeling at AstraZeneca in Gaithersburg, Maryland.



May (Chen) Lui '16, '20, PharmD, MS accepted a position as an ambulatory clinical pharmacist at Sutter Health in February 2025.



Sheel Patel '16, '19, PharmD was promoted to director of clinical science at BeOne Medicines in March 2025.



Sanaz Ziad '16, PharmD co-presented "Empathy is the Secret Sauce in the Recipe of Leadership" at the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) Seminar, Oct. 31– Nov. 3, 2024, in Palm Springs. Dr. Ziad is a clinical account director with the clinical value and outcome team at AstraZeneca.



Corey Nakata '17, PharmD received the Pacific 2025 Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience - Hospital Preceptor of the Year award.



Christina Nyaung '18, PharmD completed a PGY1 at Kaiser Permanente in San Rafael and matched with a PGY2 cardiology residency at Loma Linda University.



Andy Szeto '18, PharmD accepted a position as an associate director of clinical science at Agios Pharmaceuticals in November 2024.

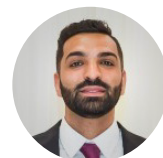


Arindom Pal '19, PhD co-authored the poster "PBPK Modeling to Predict the Effect of Gastric pH on Bioequivalence of Dabigatran Etexilate Capsules" presented at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists PharmSci 360, Oct. 20–23, 2024, in Salt Lake City. Dr. Pal is a staff fellow at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in White Oak, Maryland.

2020s



Celine Chandler '20, '23, PharmD, MBA earned her master of business administration from University of California, Davis Graduate School of Management and completed a PGY2 hospital residency at UC Davis Medical Center in June 2025. She was accepted to the doctor of jurisprudence program at UC Davis School of Law. Dr. Chandler also joined the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Usuf "Joseph" Hashim '20, PharmD received the Pacific 2025 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Preceptor of the Year award for the Modesto/Sonora region.



Angela Pascuzzi '20, PharmD was promoted to director of pharmacy, home delivery and specialty at Ascension in Austin, Texas, in November 2024.



Ramneet Chhina '21, PharmD accepted a position as a clinical pharmacist at Stanford Health Care in Palo Alto in October 2024.



Elizabeth Lindemann '21, PharmD accepted a position as a senior clinical trial project manager at Veradermics in March 2025. She also earned a Project Management Professional certificate from Project Management Institute.



Sabrina Wu '21, PharmD is the chief executive officer and co-founder of Shanti Wellness, a luxury wellness brand inspired by global destinations.



Samantha Teshima '22, PharmD, APH accepted a position as an ambulatory care pharmacy supervisor at Kaiser Permanente Redwood City in July 2024. Dr. Teshima presented "New Practitioner Growing Pains: An Interactive Session and Discussion on New Practitioner Leadership Opportunities" at the 2024 CSHP Seminar and continues to serve on the CSHP Board of Directors as the new practitioner director and chair of the CSHP New Practitioner Executive Committee. She joined the Pacific Pharmacy Alumni Association Board of Directors in January 2025. Dr. Teshima also presented "Strategies for Success in Pharmacy" at the 2025 CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange.



**Jonathan Hashimoto
receives Excellence in
Innovation Award**

Jonathan M. Hashimoto '08, PharmD, APh was recognized by the California Pharmacists Association for his groundbreaking work in reshaping the landscape of pharmacy. In 2025, he received the prestigious Excellence in Innovation Award.

"It's an honor to have something I've helped build be recognized," he said. "I hope it can be an example of what pharmacists can do in the community setting. We can provide services that are beyond what most people think — and in an accessible way."

Dr. Hashimoto is the chief clinical officer at Avina Health, a division of Komoto Healthcare. Their approach to transition of care has received national recognition. His team provides clinical care to high-risk patients throughout the Central Valley and in South Los Angeles. In addition, he serves as a preceptor for the Komoto Healthcare PGY1 residency, a partnership with the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy.

Pacific holds a special place for him, it's where he joined the Kappa Psi brotherhood and met his wife, **Kami (Nakagiri) Hashimoto '10**, PharmD, APh.

"The lifelong bonds I formed and the support they provided during my time at Pacific—and even to this day—have been life-changing," he said.



Lena Tieu '22, PharmD was promoted to senior manager of global medical affairs at Gilead Sciences in Foster City in January 2025.



Amir Chadha '23, PharmD completed a post-doctoral fellowship in clinical science and operations with a focus on oncology at Genentech and accepted as position as a clinical scientist at Revolution Medicines in April 2025.



Eric Daniels '23, PharmD accepted a position as a clinical pharmacy manager at Benewah Community Hospital in Saint Maries, Idaho, in December 2024.



Nikolet Gorgiz '23, PharmD completed her PGY1 managed care residency and accepted a position as a clinical development pharmacist at Clarest Health in July 2024.



Benson Leung '23, PharmD was hired as a pharmacist I for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.



Ken Nguyen '23, PharmD accepted a position as a manager of global medical affairs and HIV prevention research at Gilead Sciences in June 2025.



Crystal Wong '23, PharmD, completed a PGY1 acute care pharmacy residency at County of Santa Clara Health System and accepted a position as a clinical pharmacist at Sutter Health Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley in July 2024.



Simran Dhaliwal '24, PharmD accepted a full-time position as a California district support pharmacist at CVS Health in Fresno in January 2025, allowing her to apply clinical knowledge and skills in a patient-centered environment.



Stephanie Khuc '24, PharmD, was promoted to manager for clinical development trial lead, immunology at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis in May 2025. Dr. Khuc also successfully completed Lilly's Visiting Scientist Fellowship program.



Adrienne Kim '24, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency and matched with a PGY2 psychiatric residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System.



Victoria Lam '24, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency and matched with a PGY2 ambulatory care residency at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut.



Katie Lee '24, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford, Oregon, and matched with a PGY2 pediatric residency at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Tampa, Florida.



Kayla Pak '24, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency and matched with a PGY2 psychiatric residency at Riverside University Health System.



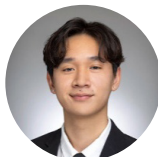
Sridivya Raparla '24, PhD accepted a position as scientist, analytical research and development at Formurex in Stockton in September 2024.



Timofey Shimko '24, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency in Kaiser Permanente, South Sacramento Area and matched with a PGY2 medication-use safety and policy residency at Kaiser Permanente Northern California Pharmacy Operations in Oakland. Dr. Shimko also serves as a pharmacy preceptor at Clínica Tepati, a student-run free clinic that serves uninsured or underinsured patients primarily from the Latino community in Sacramento.



Chiron Tran '24, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency at Kaiser Permanente, Santa Clara Service Area and matched with a PGY2 cardiology residency at Tufts Medical Center in Boston.



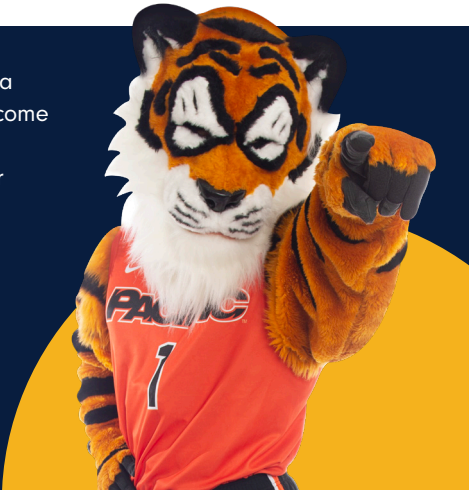
Jack Vo '24, PharmD completed a PGY1 residency at Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican - Siena Campus in Henderson, Nevada, and matched with a PGY2 medication-use safety and policy residency at City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte.

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