

March 2019

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## President's Update



### President, Carly Rodriguez, Pharm.D.

It has been another great year for the NW AMCP Affiliate thanks to our wonderful membership that continues to grow. This Spring, we are excited to expand upon our commitment to student growth and opportunity within managed care by rolling out our student travel grant and mentorship programs. Our Affiliate has been very active over the past 12 months and we look forward to continuing to offer educational and social programming in 2019. We hope to see you in San Diego!

## Elections are here – Don't forget to vote!

Please be sure to participate in the 2019 official election! Per AMCP-NW policy, candidates must be elected through this official voting process. As such, your participation is strongly encouraged and welcomed.

Check your  
email - ballots  
were sent 2/22

- ✓ Candidate bios are available at this [link](#)
  - **President Elect:** Armen Khachaturian, PharmD, MBA
  - **Vice President:** Marti Groeneweg, PharmD, BCPS
  - **Secretary/Treasurer Elect:** Chris Ferrin, PharmD
  - **Programs & Education Coordinator(s):** Leslie Mann, MBA, & Steve Boekenoogen, PharmD
  - **Membership Engagement/Communication Coordinator:** Michelle Bice
- ✓ The deadline for voting is March 9, 2019

## What's happening in the Northwest Region? 2018 Year End Highlights

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September 20<sup>th</sup>,  
**PRIME CME,**  
**Portland**

**Managed Care CE Presentation – Implications in Persistent Asthma: Navigating New Evidence, Comorbidities, & Patient Factors**", presented by Giselle Mosnaim, MD, MS, Division of Pulmonology and Critical Care, Northshore University Health System, Chicago, IL. Conducted at Irving Street Kitchen, this event had a great turn out and engagement from multiple Health Plans across the Portland area as well as Industry.

**October 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Industry Relations  
Event, Portland**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
AMCP Nexus,  
Orlando**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Educational  
Event, Seattle**

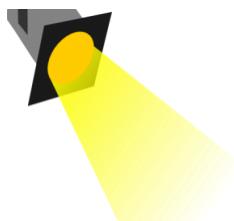
First Industry event to discuss partnership opportunities between AMCP-NW and our Industry members. The goal was to provide value for all members from Health Plans, Industry, and our AMCP Student Chapters throughout our broad region. Twenty Industry and Board members came together and brought forward sponsorship ideas for 2019.

We had great engagement at AMCP-NW Chapter meeting at the Marriott World Center, with standing room only. The agenda consisted of a recap and overview of upcoming educational and social events, as well as College of Pharmacy events and initiatives, and ended with some time for Regional networking.

**Biosimilars in the US: Landscape, Utilization, and Post-Marketing Surveillance to Support Treatment and Coverage Decisions** was conducted at the Talaris Conference Center in Seattle, presented by Cate Lockhart, MS, PharmD, PhD (Program Director, BBCIC). Over 50 attendees including new faces from Amazon, Regence, WA HCA and students from UW School of Pharmacy. Our Affiliate created a festive evening with good food, company and educational content.

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## Student Spotlight



**Managed Care 101 Speaker Series for Pacific University:** August 30<sup>th</sup> Board members Armen Khachatourian, Leslie Mann, and Randy Gustafson, were invited to provide the School of Pharmacy students an introduction to managed care and all the career opportunities that it encompasses.

### Managed Care Day (Oregon)

- ✓ Held in late November, 15 students from University of Washington, Pacific University and Oregon State spent a full day touring, exploring and learning managed care first hand with the help of local health plans. Thomas Lee, AMCP-NW Colleges of Pharmacy Liaison, coordinated tours and presentations for the students at Regence BCBS, Moda Health and Pacific Source. The students learned about different career opportunities, the current challenges in managed care, and how to be a competitive residency applicant. The students had the chance to ask questions during several Q&A sessions with managed care pharmacists, pharmacy residents, and residency program directors. They also had the opportunity to do on-site tours at three health plans to get a feel for the day-to-day life of a pharmacist.
- ✓ New this year – Students finished the day with an Industry Roundtable, engaging with Pharmacists working in a variety of roles within Industry, including: Mary Kemhus, Novartis; Dan Allen, Sanofi; and Bridget Hernandez, Boehringer Ingelheim.
- ✓ Feedback from students was positive, energetic and definitely would attend another MCD! Huge Thanks to Thomas for his incredible work on this event!

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### **Student Travel Grants: 2019 AMCP Annual Meeting in San Diego**

- Travel grants applications were open to current PharmD students who are attending pharmacy schools within the AMCP-NW Region and who are current members of AMCP. The applicant had to complete a brief essay on what they will gain from attending the AMCP Annual Meeting and how that experience will contribute to their professional goals.
- We received seven applications from four different pharmacy schools. The AMCP-NW Board is proud to offer travel grants to each of the following individuals:
  - **Kaitlyn Molina (Oregon State University/Oregon Health & Science University)** - Kaitlyn is very involved in AMCP at the student level and is currently the President-Elect of the student chapter at OSU/OHSU. One of her goals in her leadership position is to improve students' participation in the P&T competition. Through this competition, students gain hands-on experience with the fundamentals of formulary management and explore their interest in managed care. One way she hopes to encourage teams to compete is by organizing a speaker series for participating students which will give them the skills necessary to be successful in the competition. By attending the 2019 AMCP Annual Conference, she hopes to talk to successful teams and gain insight on the types of speakers she should invite to best prepare her classmates. She has also enrolled in the Chapter Leadership Academy where student chapter leaders are given tools and best-practices to improve the student chapter experience.
  - **Ryan Scherrer (Washington State University)** - Ryan is one of the founding members of the newly created student chapter at WSU. One of the biggest challenges that the new AMCP chapter faces is understanding what resources they need to attract new student members and to encourage engagement, growth, and professional development. By attending the 2019 AMCP National Conference, Ryan will be able to connect with students from more established chapters and learn best-practices that he can bring back to WSU. Ryan also has a personal interest in research which initially led him to be curious about managed care pharmacy. He expressed a desire to understand the kinds of projects that managed care pharmacists are involved in and how they are addressing the current challenges facing the healthcare system. By attending the conference, this will give him the opportunity to meet practicing pharmacists and understand the innovative solutions that are being implemented to improve care for patient populations.
- Congratulations to Kaitlyn and Ryan. We look forward to hearing a brief summary of their meeting experience at a future AMCP-NW Chapter meeting.

**WELCOME Emily Tsiao, PharmD** - Incoming Colleges of Pharmacy Liaison (CPL)! The CPL position's role is to help advance AMCP's mission to foster student pharmacist professional development in the field of managed care by providing information, resources, and opportunities related to managed care pharmacy.

- Emily is currently completing her PGY-1 Managed Care residency at Premera Blue Cross in Mountlake Terrace, WA. In pharmacy school at University of Washington, Emily was very involved in student leadership, and also served as the founding President of the Auburn University AMCP student pharmacist chapter. She competed in the student P&T competition and she went on to become the P&T Competition Coordinator for her chapter. During that time she organized many different events to promote active participation and interest in managed care within the student body.
- Throughout Emily's exceptional track record of student leadership there is one common theme: her desire to help students discover and develop a passion for managed care pharmacy. We are confident that her previous experiences and her fresh perspective will make her a great addition to the NW AMCP Board and we are very excited that she will be joining us.

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## Upcoming Events & Getting Involved

This is your chance to get involved and network with AMCP Northwest Region members. We hope you will join us! Mark your calendars:

➤ March:

- ✓ Annual Meeting 2019: AMCP-NW Chapter Meeting will occur Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:15-8:15am in Room 3 at the San Diego Convention Center

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➤ April:

- ✓ We are currently planning an event in Seattle – details to come soon

### Student Mentorship

We have received multiple requests to initiate a new Student Mentorship Program. If you are a Pharmacist in Managed Care or Industry who is looking to give back via mentoring, please, email a bit about your background and interests to the Board at: [NorthwestAMCP@gmail.com](mailto:NorthwestAMCP@gmail.com).

**Give back!  
Mentor a  
Student**

## Thanks to the Board for a great Year!

### 2018-2019 AMCP-NW Board

<b>President:</b>	Carly Rodriguez, PharmD
<b>President Elect:</b>	Grant Knowles, PharmD, CSP
<b>Vice President:</b>	Armen Khachatourian, PharmD, MBA
<b>Secretary/Treasurer Acting:</b>	Michelle Bice
<b>Secretary/Treasurer Elect:</b>	Diann Matthews
<b>Program and Education Coordinators:</b>	Leslie Mann, MBA and Kara Tyler
<b>Membership Engagement &amp; Communication Coordinator:</b>	Bridget Hernandez, PharmD
<b>National AMCP Liaison:</b>	Raulo Frear, PharmD
<b>Board Advisor:</b>	Randy Gustafson
<b>Colleges of Pharmacy Liaison:</b>	Thomas Lee, PharmD
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Stuart O'Brochta, RPh

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