**Our Mission Statement:**
To strengthen the communication and professional networking among the stakeholders using medication management principles and strategies to improve healthcare for all, while supporting the overall mission and aims of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy.

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**Students At Nexus**

**The Ohio State University - Kendra Thomas**

“Nexus is always such a great opportunity to learn about the current conversations in managed care from the leading experts in the field. As a student, it is great to be surrounded by the professionals that are changing the managed care and industry landscape. I also enjoyed meeting like-minded students and learning about their internships, APPE rotations, and AMCP events. I look forward to staying involved to give back to an organization that has given me so much during pharmacy school.”

**University of Kentucky - Mandy Chen**

“I’d say Nexus was a great opportunity to network with other students and managed care/industry pharmacists and learn about some of the newest pharmaceuticals available; I really enjoyed the diverse seminar topics and got to learn a lot more about managed care!”

**Ohio Northern University - Ben Johns**

“Pharmacy is getting more and more competitive every year and the same goes for residency programs. That is why it is so crucial to start planning your short term and long term goals and to see what your organizations and other extracurriculars can offer to help you stand out as a future pharmacist and residency candidate. It definitely helps to start attending conferences such as NEXUS and AMCP’s annual meeting as a P4 or P5 to make some personal connections with managed care. You don’t realize how important networking is until you’re applying for jobs and residencies. And finally, try and find yourself a managed care mentor. Favorite part of NEXUS was the residency showcase. It allowed me to see the endless possibilities with Managed Care and the vast opportunity that are available for us.”
Dr. Akesha Edwards, Ph.D., Pharm.D.
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
The University of Findlay

How long have you been an AMCP member and why did you choose to be involved?

I will be honest and say that when I did my PharmD I did not receive a whole lot of content about Managed Care and I had no practical experiences at a Managed Care site. However, when I was pursuing my PhD, Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research was a major topic. AMCP as well as ISPOR were two organizations which students were referred to for content in this area. Also, I was one of the founding members of our Pharmacy Graduate Ph.D. Association for our university. At this point, myself and other members became affiliated with AMCP. Not to age myself but it has only been since 2015, although, I am way more active now while in academia than when I first became active with this organization.

Briefly describe your current position as a professor and what you enjoy most about the position.

Currently, I teach 5th year Pharmacy students Pharmacoeconomics, Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacy Administration. Throughout my career I have always mentored and precepted students. I consider it my duty to always pay it forward. Interacting and educating students is one of the ways I do this. Also, I learn a lot from students because they bring a different point of view to this exchange. This is invaluable.

How has AMCP influenced your career?

As a PhD candidate, I frequently used many of the educational tools available on AMCP’s website. I felt like it is here that many of my curiosities specifically about Managed Care were satisfied. I did not pursue my PhD with an initial interest in Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes research. But as my knowledge of this specialty grew I decided to focus more on this area. I am thoroughly fascinated by the challenges posed by our current healthcare system and the problems experienced by healthcare professionals in overcoming these challenges for the benefit of patients. All while, trying to control costs. So it has now become one of my goals to expose students as much as I possibly can to the Managed Care setting and educate them on the need for pharmacists to be involved in this area.