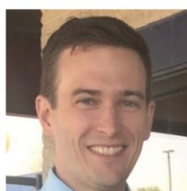


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Meet the 2021 AMCP Midwest Team as we proudly present the FIRST edition of our newsletter!



The Spirit of Detroit located in Detroit, MI



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 15 – 12:30 PM EST**
PTCE on Sickle Cell Disease – Click [HERE](#) to register
- **September 24th** – AMCP
Midwest Day of Education in Detroit, MI
- **November 19th** – AMCP
Midwest Day of Education in Chicago, IL
- **October 18th - 21st** –
AMCP Nexus National Conference in Denver, CO – Click [HERE](#) for details

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello AMCP Midwest Members!

I am delighted to welcome all of you to our inaugural newsletter. I hope that this publication will provide information that is of interest to you. We see this communication as a different way for us to connect with and update you on information that is relevant to our affiliate members.

We do not want to clutter your email unnecessarily so we will be sending this newsletter only when we feel that we have something of value to communicate to you. This edition is just one of so many surprises we have in store for you this year.

I hope that you enjoy our first issue and I welcome you to send me any ideas or topics that you would like to see us cover in upcoming issues.

Make it a great day!

[**Manjula D. Jayabalan**](#)

President of AMCP Midwest Region

Welcome to the 2021-2022 AMCP Midwest Team

A warm welcome to both new and continuing AMCP Midwest team members as we kick off the 2021-2022 Board and Delegate cycle!

Congratulations to the following newly appointed individuals:

- Troy Koch – President – Elect
- Casey Lucas – Secretary
- Joy Wahawisan – Education Co-Chair
- Judy Stein – Fundraising Co-Chair
- Julia Ursan – Delegate (IL)
- Jay Eickman – Delegate (WI)

Congratulations and thank you to the following individuals for their continued service in their current term:

- Manjula Jayabalan – President
- Chris Van Wynen – Treasurer
- Jason Sarber – Education Co-Chair
- Jennifer Shear – Fundraising Co-Chair
- Avin Yaldo – Student Liaison
- Ryan Martin – Social Chair
- Kevin Shinaberry – Delegate Chair and Delegate (MI)
- Andy Erickson – Immediate Past President
- Kevin Graham – Delegate (MI)
- Edie Dodson – Delegate (IN)
- Dan DeZee – Delegate. (IN)
- Aisha Hussain – Delegate (IL)
- Sunny Hirpara – Delegate (WI)

AMCP Midwest Scholarship

AMCP Midwest is proud to once again offer our student scholarships to help students attend the upcoming AMCP Nexus conference in Denver, CO from October 18th through October 21st. We will be choosing two pharmacy students to receive \$1500 each.

- The AMCP Midwest 2021 Scholarship application can be found [here](#).
- Scholarship applications DUE: Wednesday, September 8th by 11:59 PM EST
- Scholarship winners notified no later than Monday, September 20th

If you teach, work with or know of any pharmacy students interested in managed care pharmacy, please pass along this opportunity to them and encourage them to apply. We look forward to reviewing their applications!

AMCP 2021 Day of Education

AMCP Midwest is currently in the process of planning for our annual day of education events. We are excited to host our event in Detroit on September 24th and our event in Chicago on November 19th. The topics that we are planning for include COVID-19 lessons learned, digital therapeutics considerations, legislative updates from a federal and state perspective, pipeline drug update and best practices to address rising drug costs.

We have made the decision to move forward with an in person conference event in both cities. Your safety is our number one priority and we will be looking at federal, state and local best practices and guidance to help ensure the health and safety of all attendees. Please watch your email as we will be opening registration soon.

COVID Considerations & Updates

In the past year of COVID-19, lockdowns, and quarantines, every aspect of life and business has changed. Our collective work functions are no exceptions. Everyone has adapted new ways to accomplish what we did prior to the pandemic, mostly from positions of solidarity. Now as we move into the summer of 2021, the vaccines are providing opportunities to return to face-to-face social, educational, and work-related activities which pose new challenges as well as opportunities.

Our board has actively researched, surveyed, and monitored many credible sources including, but not limited to, the CDC, as well as state/local ordinances and guidance from health officials to help guide our decision making around meeting in person or virtually. After careful consideration, we are excited to announce that we have decided to move forward with in person events this year in Detroit and Chicago.

There are new questions which need answers: How do we handle vaccinated versus non-vaccinated attendees? What constitutes a “safe” venue? We are not taking these issues lightly! We are going to do everything we can to still provide the same robust, high quality CE sessions we have always provided to you, while also ensuring that we comply to the latest guidance/protocols to ensure your safety. The health and safety of our attendees remains our number one priority. Projections and scenarios around vaccinations and the pandemic change daily and we will be working with both hotels and local officials to ensure we provide a safe onsite experience for all of our attendees.



Hold the date! Hold the budget!

Has your organization sponsored our Days of Education in the past? Is your organization interested in sponsoring our event this year once again or as a first time sponsor? We would love to hear from you!

We recently emailed out details of our sponsorship program. You can also find our sponsorship informational flyer [here](#). We really hope that you take the time to review the information and consider sponsoring our event. Your consideration and support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please email us at midwestamcp@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

AMCP Midwest Student Engagements

Pharmacy students Fadi Manuel and Joseph Paul Javier, past and current presidents for the AMCP student chapter at Wayne State University, share their experiences with the Midwest AMCP Managed Care Discussion Panel and the P&T Competition.

AMCP Midwest Managed Care Discussion Panel

FM: “One reason I became interested in AMCP was a discussion panel that was held about two years ago as the Midwest AMCP chapter was gaining interest in our campus. The discussion panel was a remarkable success. I had met Dr. Avin Yaldo and Dr. Manjula Jayabalan at networking events and ever since they have been instrumental in helping our student chapter at Wayne State University establish itself.

The panelists displayed wonderful enthusiasm and shared with the students their experiences in managed care pharmacy. Managed Care is still not well understood at our school and the discussion panel helped our students gain a grasp of the field and allowed our chapter to gain new members.”

JPJ: “We were fortunate enough to have a great roster of managed care pharmacists join our panel discussion: Dr. Joy Wahawisan, Manager, Clinical Pharmacy Services at Priority Health; Dr. Manjula Jayabalan, Director of drug trend and formulary rebate strategy at Express Scripts; Dr. Troy Koch, Director, Account Medical Lead at Takeda; Dr. Aisha Hussain, Clinical Pharmacist, Specialty Client Solutions at CVS Specialty; and Dr. Avin Yaldo, Health Economics and Outcomes Researcher at Bayer HealthCare.

As the incoming AMCP president at Wayne State University’s chapter, I look forward to expanding what we started this past year. We are determined to inform our fellow student pharmacists about managed care and assist those that think this a future career path.”

P&T Competition

FM: “Participating in the P&T competition has been an extraordinary accomplishment. This was the first time our school had competed in this competition, and to be able to make it to the top 3 teams and place in 2nd is a great honor. As the student coordinator, I prepared my team for the competition by explaining the deliverables and assigning the tasks each team members had to complete.

This experience allowed me to develop my leadership skills as well as my organizational and presentation skills. Furthermore, this competition helped all our team members strengthen our ability to evaluate clinical and economic literature. To be dubbed the Cinderella story of this year’s competition by the competition facilitators lead our school to gain recognition and increased the interest in our chapter. I look forward to using that experience in my new role as P&T competition coordinator to guide our Wayne State students to succeed in this competition.”

A special congratulations to the 2021 AMCP Annual National Student P&T Competition winners! We are proud that 2 out of the top 3 winners are both Michigan’s very own colleges of pharmacy: Wayne State University (second place winner) and University of Michigan (third place winner). CONGRATULATIONS! #MidwestBest

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