



October 2025 | Quarter 3

# AMCP Northwest

The official newsletter of  
AMCP-NW

## Message from Our President

Dear AMCP Northwest Members,

The NW chapter is heading into fall with a great head of steam following our very successful Portland networking event at Amaterra winery. We had a great mix of members attend with close to 80 individuals. I and the board want to thank Lona Laughunn and OncoHealth for the primary planning and assistance with financial sponsorship. I also want to thank and acknowledge the other board members that assisted with the event, Kenneth Garcia, Carley Alpert, Cari Hall and Michelle Bice (I hope I didn't forget anyone).

The board has also a number of other activities planned for the fall that I want to ensure you are aware of:

- Managed Care (student) day 10/10 at the MODA Portland offices
- School of Pharmacy career fairs at WSU campuses and Pacific University
- NEXUS - NW affiliate meeting Monday 10/27 @ 7PM EST
- Seattle educational event (innovations in managed care) 11/18

As you can see your board is busy creating opportunities for you as affiliate members and working with the next generation of health care professionals to mentor, train and promote managed care understanding and career paths. I want to personally thank each and every board member for their commitment to AMCP NW and their enthusiasm they bring to this above and beyond service – thank you!

We as a board are hard at work planning our Day of Education to be held in Portland May 14th 2026. We just got the great news that National AMCP CEO, Susan Cantrell will be joining us as a keynote speaker. Please reach out to any board member if you have hot topics you would like us to consider for the agenda.

In closing it is hard not to reflect on the recent national events. I promise not to make this political or divisive in any way. I do want to recognize this group of professionals that make up AMCP NW and how I see the opposite of what is playing out on the national stage. We are made up of a diverse group of individuals with varied roles in the health care ecosystem and yet we have a shared purpose and camaraderie around doing what is best for patients and the communities we serve. Thank you for this display of unity and respect for each other. It is my honor to serve in a small way and be part of this organization with you.

Thank you!

Stuart - President, AMCP Northwest Chapter

## Newsletter Highlights

[Member on the move](#)

[Dan Allen Memorial Student Grant](#)

[Dan Allen Student Grant Awardees](#)

[Past Events](#)

[Mentorship Spotlight](#)

[Sponsor Highlight](#)

[Thank You Sponsors!](#)



**Emily Tsiao, PharmD, BCPS**

## NW AMCP Affiliate Congratulates Emily Tsiao, PharmD, BCPS!



The NW AMCP Affiliate proudly congratulates Emily Tsiao, PharmD, BCPS, on her well-deserved promotion to **Senior Clinical Pharmacist, Trend Management Strategies and Programs** at Premera Blue Cross!

Emily brings over seven years of managed care experience to her new role, having previously served as a Clinical Pharmacist in the Utilization Management and Medical Policies departments at Premera. In her current position, she collaborates with a **multidisciplinary team to research, develop, implement, and communicate pharmacy initiatives** that support the delivery of **high-quality, cost-effective, and patient-centered care**.

In addition to her contributions at Premera, Emily has served as a Clinical Instructor at the University of Washington since 2018, **shaping the next generation of pharmacy professionals**. She was also honored with the JMCP Award of Excellence in 2024, recognizing her outstanding contributions to the field.

Please join us in celebrating Emily's achievements and this exciting new chapter in her career. Congratulations, Emily!

# Student Travel Grant Renamed to Dan Allen Memorial Student Grant



**In memory of Dan Allen, a beloved mentor, student advocate, and leader in managed care pharmacy, the Northwest affiliate is proud to announce the renaming of the Student Travel Grant to the Dan Allen Memorial Student Grant.**

**Dan Allen passed away suddenly in March 2025, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, dedication, and unwavering support for student pharmacists.**

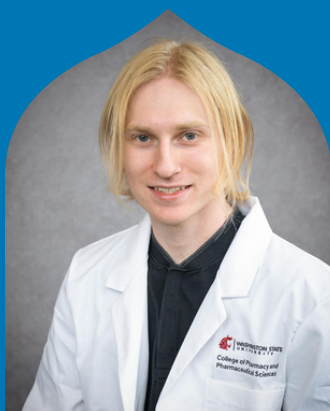
A proud graduate of the University of Washington, Dan spent decades shaping the managed care landscape in the Pacific Northwest. His influence extended far beyond his professional achievements—he was a tireless mentor who inspired and uplifted countless clinical pharmacists throughout his career.

Dan deeply understood the transformative power of professional conferences and meetings for students. He recognized not only the educational and networking opportunities they offered but also the financial barriers that often stood in the way. His advocacy for student support was rooted in a genuine desire to help the next generation thrive. Renaming the Student Travel Grant in Dan's honor is a tribute to his enduring commitment to students and colleagues, and his belief in the importance of investing in their future. The Dan Allen Memorial Student Grant will continue to provide financial assistance to student pharmacists seeking to attend conferences, ensuring that Dan's legacy lives on through every student it supports.

Dan's impact on managed care and the lives of those he mentored or worked with will not be forgotten. Through this grant, his spirit of generosity and mentorship will continue to inspire for years to come. Details on how to contribute to the Dan Allen Memorial Student Grant will be shared soon.

# *Congratulations*

## TO THE DAN ALLEN MEMORIAL STUDENT GRANT AWARDEES



**Lucas Larsom**  
WSU, 2<sup>nd</sup> year



**Amos Fung**  
UW, 3<sup>rd</sup> year



**Jamie Paik**  
UW, 1<sup>st</sup> year



**Cassie Lynch**  
UW, 4<sup>th</sup> year

**The NW AMCP Affiliate Chapter  
was able to award the Dan Allen  
Memorial Student Grant to 5  
pharmacy students, all of whom  
are involved in various aspects of  
managed care and NW AMCP. We  
look forward to hearing about your  
experience at Nexus!**



**Kiana Imani**  
UW, 4<sup>th</sup> year



# NW AMCP Chapter Expresses its Gratitude to Pete Fullerton



**The Northwest AMCP affiliate extends its sincere appreciation to Pete Fullerton, professor at the University of Washington, for his generous financial support. Over the past two years, Pete has contributed significantly to student scholarships and related activities, helping expand opportunities for future pharmacy professionals.**

**His commitment to innovation and excellence continues to strengthen our programming and professional development efforts across the Pacific Northwest. We are grateful for Pete's enduring partnership and dedication to the managed care pharmacy community.** 5

## Past Events Highlights:

### Recap: Fall Social



The AMCP Northwest Affiliate recently hosted our Fall Social at Amaterra Winery, sponsored by [OncoHealth](#).

It was a wonderful evening of connection and conversation. Members from across the country came together to share ideas, enjoy the beautiful venue, and strengthen professional and personal relationships.

These gatherings are an important part of building our community - creating space not only to network, but also to learn from each other and celebrate the work being done across our field. We are grateful to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening such a success.

We look forward to seeing you at our next AMCP Northwest event!

## Upcoming Events:

### AMCP NEXUS: CHAPTER AFFILIATE MEETING

Be sure to drop by for our NW Chapter Affiliate meeting at AMCP Nexus to kickstart a great week at National Harbor! This is an excellent opportunity to meet chapter members in person, grab a quick refresher, and warm up for the conference!

The event will be held on **Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM.** We hope to see you there!



### FALL EDUCATION PROGRAM



#### **Panel Discussion:** Innovations in Managed Care

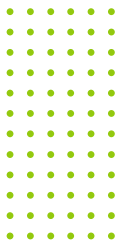
**When:** November 18<sup>th</sup> (5:30 to 8pm)

**Where:** Dockside at Dukes, Seattle

**Panelists:** Peter Martin (Kaiser Permanente), Amy Chuang (Regence), Julie Nelson (Premera), Kevin Li (Sanofi)

FALL 2025

# MANAGED CARE DAY



**Free Annual AMCP  
membership will be  
awarded to all  
pharmacy  
students that attend!**

STUDENT REGISTRATION

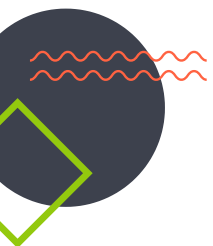


**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 10, 2025**

**11:00AM - 4:00PM  
MODA HEALTH**

Deadline to register:  
September 30 , 2025

Presented by the  
Northwest AMCP Chapter  
✉ [northwest@amcp.org](mailto:northwest@amcp.org)





**SAVE THE DATE!**

**AMCP NW**

**DAY OF  
EDUCATION**



**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Location & Time: TBD**



**AMCP**  
Northwest

# Mentor/Mentee Spotlight: Rose Hong & Stuart O'Brochta



**Rose Hong** (OSU/OHSU, 4<sup>th</sup> year) with  
**Stuart O'Brochta**, RPh, AAHIVE

## **What have you gained from being a mentee?**

As a mentee, I've gained valuable knowledge and clarity about my path as a pharmacy student. Having a mentor to turn to for both general guidance and insight into industry or non-traditional career paths has been incredibly helpful in shaping my post-graduate plans. When I express interest in a particular field, Stuart often connects me with professionals in that area, expanding my network and understanding of real-world opportunities.

## **What lesson(s) have you learned from each other?**

I've learned that the pharmacy field is constantly evolving, and there's always more to learn. My mentor has shown me the importance of staying curious, adaptable, and open to new developments in the profession. We recently reviewed my CV and found this opportunity to be very helpful.

## **Something I appreciate about my mentor...**

Something I appreciate about my mentor is how genuinely invested Stuart is in my growth. During a busy conference, he made the time to connect with me, asking thoughtful questions about my background and interests. He consistently shares valuable insights from his own career and offers practical guidance on how I can shape mine. His support has made a real difference in my journey.

## **Something I appreciate about my mentee...**

Something I appreciate about my mentee, Rose, is her initiative and preparation. She takes the lead in scheduling our meetings and always comes prepared with thoughtful questions and topics to discuss. Her clear communication and engagement make our virtual meetings productive and meaningful.

# Unlock Your Potential with our Mentorship Program!



Photo Courtesy of Shutterstock

**Program goal:** to provide guidance to student pharmacists and pharmacy residents on career development, collaboration with other professionals, and personal growth. This program is open to all students and residents currently enrolled in a pharmacy program, though, priority is given to students and residents enrolled in programs in the Northwest region.

What is Mentorship? Mentorship is a unique opportunity to connect with experienced peers who can guide you through your academic and career journey. Whether you're a P1 or pharmacy resident, having a mentor can make a world of difference in your managed care experience.

## Why Sign Up?

- Gain insights from those who've been in your shoes
- Navigate academic choices and career pathways
- Build meaningful connections and lifelong friendships
- Discover your true potential and passion

## Exciting Update: NW Mentor/Mentee Program Refresh

AMCP Northwest is updating its Mentor/Mentee Program this year to make it easier than ever to get involved. If you're interested in joining the new program, simply add your name and contact information to this [signup sheet](#)!

If you are actively mentoring one or more students already for 2025, please make sure we have you and your mentee noted in our Active Partnerships log (please reach out to Jennifer Polzin [jennifer@freemarkethealth.com](mailto:jennifer@freemarkethealth.com) to confirm).

We're looking forward to connecting more people through meaningful mentorship! Thank you for the continued support of the program!!!

# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2025 ANNUAL SPONSORS!

## Gold Sponsors



## Silver Sponsors



## Bronze Sponsors



## SPECIFIC WORKSTREAM SPONSORS



# 2025 - 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

The Northwest AMCP Affiliate is immensely appreciative for your contribution to our event! Your support has enabled us to continue our mission to serve the AMCP membership in the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. It means the absolute world to us, and we feel genuinely encouraged by your commitment and cannot express enough gratitude for trusting in our mission.

Is your organization interested in sponsoring Northwest AMCP Affiliate for 2025-2026 year? See below for the different opportunities! Feel free to email [northwest@amcp.com](mailto:northwest@amcp.com) for any questions.

## 2025 Sponsorship Levels & Benefits



<i>"Assist us in our ongoing efforts to serve our members in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington!"</i> – Northwest AMCP Affiliate				
	WORKSTREAM \$1,000   Per Event	BRONZE Partner \$2,500   ANNUAL	SILVER Partner \$5,000   ANNUAL	GOLD Partner \$7,500   ANNUAL
Reception access prior to NWAMCP event	X	X	X	Included
Dedicated 2-minutes to provide an update at a NWAMCP event *	X	X	Included	Included
Dedicated Sponsor Spotlight on NWAMCP quarterly newsletter *	X	X	Included	Included
Recognition of sponsorship on NWAMCP quarterly newsletter	X	Included	Included	Included
Company logo on NWAMCP webpage and social media posts	Included	Included	Included	Included
Public recognition from the podium during NWAMCP events	Included	Included	Included	Included
# of registrations at # of NETWORKING events **	1 Registration at either Networking OR Educational Event	1 Registration at 1 Networking Event	2 Registrations at 1 Networking Event	2 Registrations at 2 Networking Events
# of registrations at # of EDUCATIONAL events **		1 Registrations at 1 Educational Event	2 Registrations at 1 Educational Event	2 Registrations at 2 Educational Events

\* Any shared updates must be vetted by NWAMCP

\*\* Complementary registration(s) included in Workstream/Annual Sponsorships do not apply for Day of Education registration

# NATIONAL AMCP UPDATES

## **AMCP Collaborate is now LIVE!**

Collaborate is a platform for AMCP members to connect and share ideas and solutions about the most vexing challenges in health care today. Join conversations today within the Collaborate connected communities. Learn More [Here](#).

## **AMCP Drug Product Pipeline**

Check out AMCP's Drug Product Pipeline! Your gateway to tomorrow's medications, treatments, and cures. AMCP and Apperture are proud to present the AMCP Drug Product Pipeline, the latest innovation in providing access and insight into the formulary decision-making process. Learn more [Here](#) about three versions of the Pipeline available for use.

