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AMCP CALIFORNIA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Q1 2026 NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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- 2026 Sponsors
- Quarterly Recap: Social Events, Educational Programs
- Upcoming Events
- Student Accomplishments
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Board of Directors and Volunteers

Message from Our President

Dear AMCP California members,

It has been such an honor to serve as your president the past year. Your continuous support has helped us grow the affiliate and AMCP membership tremendously across our state. We have built many meaningful relationships across the state including matching new mentors and mentees and working with other pharmacy organizations, including CSHP and CPhA in our state. A huge thank you to those who were able to attend our affiliate reception in Nashville!

We started the year with a Pharmacy Times CE event on the topic of Breast Cancer treatments in Walnut Creek, followed by an Impact Education CE event in La Jolla on management of Macular Degeneration with an insightful panel. We then held a networking event hosted by Vertex Pharmaceuticals in Long Beach (with over 60% payer attendance!) where we learned about Vertex's pipeline and exciting products. After AMCP Annual, our next event will be another networking event in Huntington Beach sponsored by Madrigal. We will also be hosting a CE dinner sponsored by Pharmacy Times in the greater San Diego area on June 10th and another Pharmacy Times sponsored event on June 24th in Orange County. We are also planning a beach cleanup volunteer event at the end of July, Please look for more updates on [LinkedIn](#). Over the past quarter, in addition to the California AMCP events, some of our board members attended the USC building bridges event in March and had the opportunity to meet with students who would like to pursue careers in managed care.

During AMCP Annual in Nashville, we said goodbye to some of our board members and volunteers. I am excited to welcome new board members and announcing the expansion of our policy work group for 2026-2027 across the state. I am also especially excited to introduce and welcome Nancy Pham, our incoming president. Nancy is currently the Vice President of Value and Access at Petauri and has been working closely with me and the board over the past year as President-Elect. Nancy's presence has been vital to our success over the past year and I am looking forward to her leadership over the 2026-2027 year.

Thank you and looking forward to another great year ahead!

Hiva Pourarsalan, PharmD
President, AMCP California

Special thanks to our 2026 sponsors!

Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



Q1 2026 RECAP

SOCIAL EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Educational Program in Walnut Creek

January 13, 2026

In partnership with **PTce**

We kicked off the year on a high note in Northern California!

Pharmacy Times sponsored a wonderful night of networking at Ruth's Chris with a high-energy presentation from Laura Bobolts, PharmD, BCOP, on the HER2+ metastatic breast cancer treatment. She kept us engaged and entertained through this complex therapeutic landscape!



Q1 2026 RECAP

SOCIAL EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Educational Program in La Jolla

February 10, 2026

In partnership with



We are grateful to Impact Education for allowing us to enjoy a night of thoughtful discussion and engagement from our multidisciplinary panel and retina specialist at Sea and Sky restaurant.

Thirty-eight attendees joined us to learn about the patient journey for better outcomes in AMD and DR/DME.



Q1 2026 RECAP

SOCIAL EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Networking Event in Long Beach

March 5, 2026



Over 50 guests joined us at 555 Steakhouse for a night of dinner and networking - a completely full house! We heard about a novel non-opioid medication for acute pain.

A special thank you to sponsor Vertex Pharmaceuticals!



Q1 2026 RECAP

AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

USC Building Bridges

March 28, 2026

We were excited to have representation at the USC School of Pharmacy for the Building Bridges event, hosted by the Student Industry Association (SIA). This event brings together engaged students with industry and managed care professionals

We have representation from 3 affiliate board members, including president Hiva Pourarsalan, and 2 volunteers.



AMCP Winter Leadership Meeting

February 4-5, 2026

Affiliate board members braved the cold in Washington DC to attend the AMCP leadership meeting, continuing productive discussions and collaboration to shape the 2026-27 service year.



THANK YOU!

To our amazing partners at AMCP National who work so hard to make our affiliate run smoothly, including Susan Noell, Ebony Clay, Zack Riley, and Mitzi Wasik!



AMCP California Upcoming Events

2026

May
12

Networking Event Sponsored by
Madrigal Pharmaceuticals

5PM

Fogo De Chao in Huntington Beach

[Register Here](#)



June
10

CE Program and Dinner
Sponsored by Pharmacy Times

Carlsbad, CA

More details and
registration
coming soon!

June
24

CE Program and Dinner
Sponsored by Pharmacy Times

Orange County, CA

More details and
registration
coming soon!

July
TBD

Beach Clean-Up Volunteer
Event

Long Beach, CA

More details and
registration
coming soon!

Sept
18-19

Day of Education
USC Campus, Los Angeles

We are currently gathering suggestions for educational
topics! Take our survey to share your thoughts! [Survey Link](#)

More details and
registration
coming soon!

Follow our [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date for more
events!

CONGRATULATIONS

JONATHAN TOFT

FOR BEING SELECTED AS A 2026
AMCP FELLOW!



The AMCP Fellow Program recognizes exceptional contributions to AMCP, long-term commitment, sustained excellence in pharmacy, and promotes awareness of pharmacists distinguished in managed care pharmacy.



Jonathan Toft, PharmD, MBA was the first president of AMCP California and joins **Michael Pazirandeh, PharmD, FAMCP** (2020 AMCP Fellow) as the second AMCP California board member to be recognized as a Fellow!

Congratulations

AMCP 2026 P&T COMPETITION

National Finalists!

UC San Diego School of Pharmacy



UCSD team: Thomas Sendino, Sophia Nguyen, Jenny Tran, Kiki Zhou

Special shout-out to 2026 P&T Semi-Finalists schools:

- UC Irvine
- UC San Francisco
- USC

Congratulations to our 2026 AMCP Annual

Travel Award Winners!



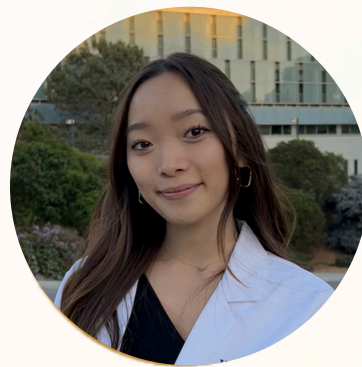
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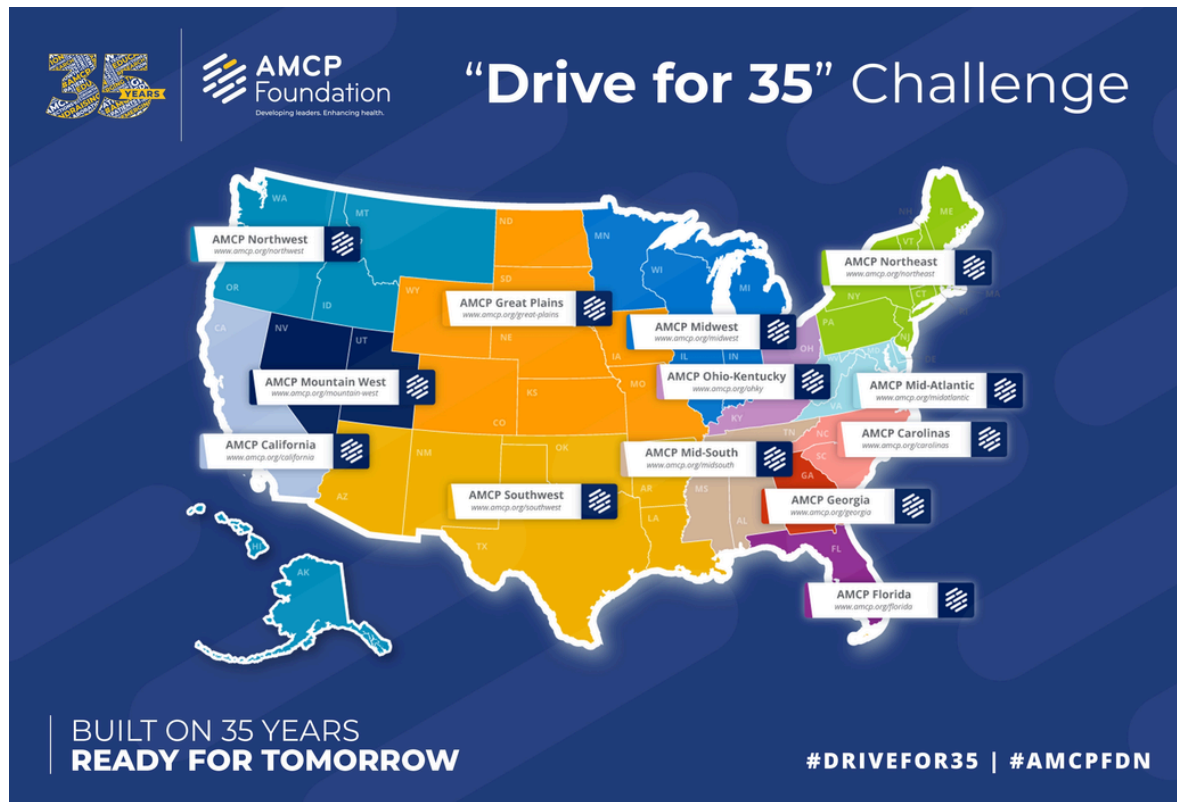


Ashley Wong
Western University



Marina Holder
UC San Diego

AMCP Foundation 35th Anniversary Affiliate Challenge



In honor of AMCP Foundation's 35th anniversary, we are holding a donation drive for AMCP Foundation, fostering community engagement and support for #AMCPFDn initiatives.

Donate Today!



2026-27 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Many companies are currently planning their sponsorship activities and associated budgets. AMCP California's offerings are listed below to help your budgeting. For a more detailed prospectus, including benefits associated with each sponsorship, or to discuss your plans, please contact us: california@amcp.org.

Corporate Membership

BRONZE - \$2,500

SILVER - \$5,000

GOLD - \$10,000

All corporate sponsors will be recognized by the AMCP CA affiliate as follows:

- Recognition on AMCP CA affiliate website, newsletter, and slide presentations at all affiliate events
- Silver and Gold partners will receive additional benefits and recognition

AMCP Annual California Affiliate Reception

• \$5,000

Networking Event

- Networking/Social Event: \$10,000 (includes up to 30-minute sponsor presentation)

AMCP Nexus California Affiliate Reception

• \$2,500

Webinar

• \$5,000

Day of Education

- Various sponsorship opportunities from \$1,000+ will be available and announced soon.
- All Day of Education sponsorships will also count toward corporate membership levels.

Interested in partnering in other ways? We are open to discussing alternative ideas or collaboration possibilities to better align with your goals.

2026-2027 Board of Directors



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2026-2027 Volunteers



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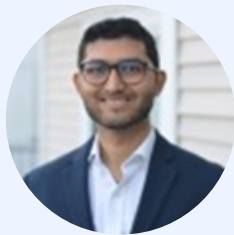
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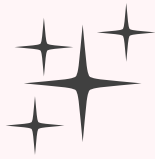
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