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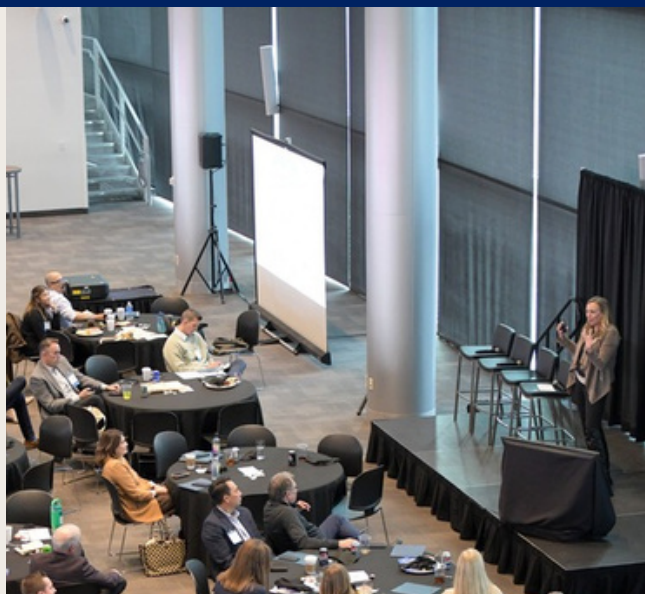
Congratulations to the LEO Pharma and Gilead student program awardees! Learn how Cody's experience in the LEO Pharma Student Program helped shape his perspective on managed care pharmacy.

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Don't miss our biggest event of the year! Explore registration details, agenda, featured speakers, and sponsorship opportunities for the 2026 Mountain West Pharmacy Summit, including a keynote presentation from Joey Mattingly.

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President's Message



Dear Mountain West Members,

I hope you all had a great summer. Our recent Top Golf event definitely helped me feel like we're back in the "swing" of things. We had an impressive turnout on August 26th, and it was great to see so many of you. I had a lot of fun catching up with old friends and making new ones, and I loved hearing all the updates: new employers, new FDA-approved indications, new drugs in development, new strategies for market access and affordability, and, of course, fun stories from summer trips. I hope everyone got away somewhere to re-energize for fall. I wore

my new Yippee Ki Yay hat all summer long, as pictured in Moab and at the Kennecott Bingham Canyon Mine. A special thanks to Shannon Sturtevant for the gift at our Affiliate Meeting in April in Nashville.

The next place I hope to see you is San Diego, CA, for AMCP Nexus 2026. Our Affiliate Meeting will be held on the very first evening—Monday, October 26th, from 7:30–8:30 pm PDT. So, let's kick off the week together while the energy is high. San Diego in late October sounds pretty hard to beat.

Closer to home, our primary focus over the next two months will be our 5th Annual Mountain West Pharmacy Summit. Our affiliate's Day of Education, what we call our Summit, will once again be held at the beautiful Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City on Thursday, November 5th, 2026, with its great mountain and city views. Are there particular emerging trends you'd like to see discussed? If so, we want to know. Please send your suggestions to mountainwest@amcp.org, and we'll do our best to bring them to the attention of our speakers, panelists, and moderator for this and future years. We always aim to make the Summit meaningful and actionable, and your input helps us get there.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year, as cooler temperatures and changing colors roll in. I look forward to seeing you in San Diego and at the Summit.

Best regards,

Michael Stapley, PharmD
President, AMCP Mountain West Affiliate



A great evening at Top Golf!

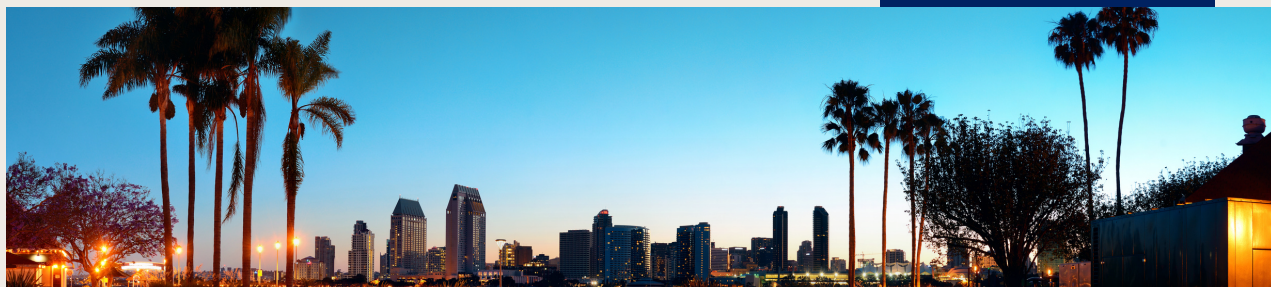


It was wonderful bringing together the AMCP Mountain West Community for an evening of networking, catching up and a little friendly competition! We hope everyone who joined us had a great time.

A special thank you to our Affiliate Board for making the event possible, especially **Roxanne Thacker** and **Heather Freml** for their efforts in bringing such a great evening together!

We look forward to seeing you at our next events!
Keep reading to learn more about our upcoming affiliate events and how you can join and support!

AMCP Nexus 2026



Affiliate Meeting



Monday, October 26, 2026
7:30–8:30 pm



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Members in Action

Poster Presentations

Xi Liang

(Research Assistant, University of Utah)

“Medicare Reimbursement Implications of Subcutaneous Versus Intravenous Oncology Biologics Across Sites of Care”

- Authors: Xi Liang, Chia Jie Tan, Phillip Sarocco, Charles Theuer, Aakash Desai, Carl Asche
- Expo Hall, #280
 - Oct 27 (Tue) 4:30–5:30 PM
 - Oct 28 (Wed) 1:00–2:00 PM

Roxanne Thacker, PharmD, BCACP

(Pharmacy Director, Optum Health)

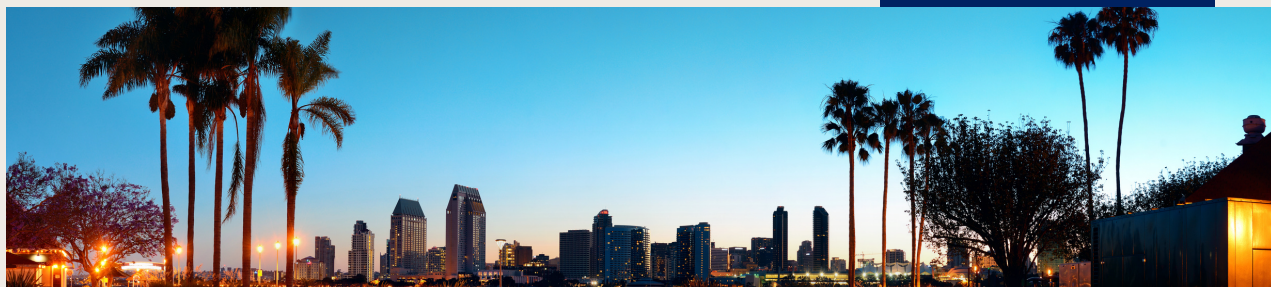
“Impact of Targeted Clinical Pharmacist Interventions on High-Risk Patients with Heart Failure and/or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease”

- Authors: Roxanne Thacker, PharmD, BCACP; Anna Furman, PharmD, Nicole Chaus, PharmD, Sheila Salamonovich, PharmD, Aph, Jason Chau, PharmD, MSCS, BCPS, BCACP, BCGP
- Expo Hall, #201
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Speakers

Diana Brixner BPharm, PhD, FAMCP

Professor Emeritus, University of Utah

Presentations:

- **(F1) Bridging the Competency Gap: A Career Development Framework for PharmD Students and Pharmacists Interested in Managed Care**
 - Tuesday, October 27, 2026
 - 10:15am – 11:15am PT
- **(R4) Payer Evidence and Decision-Making in Rare vs. Common Disease Products**
 - Wednesday, October 28, 2026
 - 10:15am – 11:15am PT



Matt Mitchell, PharmD, MBA, FAMCP

Chief Pharmacy Officer, Select Health/Scripius

Presentation:

- (R2) Repositioning of Biosimilars: How Can the U.S. Optimize Biosimilar Utilization to Improve Patient Health and Lower Total Cost of Care**
- Tuesday, October 27, 2026
 - 1:45pm – 2:45pm PT

Kayla Holland, PharmD Candidate (2027)

Student Researcher, University of Utah

Presentation:

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Cody Madsen	Student Pharmacist Committee	Member
Kenneth Garcia	Membership Committee	Vice-Chair

We are proud to recognize our Mountain West AMCP members who are taking an active role at AMCP Nexus through poster and podium presentations and AMCP Committee service. Thank you for representing our affiliate and for your continued dedication to advancing managed care pharmacy and the Mountain West AMCP Community!



Upcoming Events



PHARMACY SUMMIT

Join us for an exciting day of innovating managed care speakers and networking. More details to follow.



RICE-ECCLES STADIUM

451 S 1400 E
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84112



November 5, 2026
9:30-4:00 pm



[Register here:](#)



REAL EVIDENCE WORKSHOP AND BOWLING

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Student Corner

Congratulations

2026 LEO AND GILEAD STUDENT PHARMACY PROGRAM AWARDEES

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE MOUNTAIN WEST AFFILIATE AT THE 2026 STUDENT PROGRAMS AT LEO PHARMA AND GILEAD. THESE PROGRAMS OFFER STUDENTS AN INSIDE LOOK AT A PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURER'S DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.



Carlee Smith
University of Utah,
Class of 2028



Tyler Allen
University of Utah,
Class of 2029



Cody Madsen
University of Utah,
Class of 2028



Program Dates
Sept 17-18

Program Dates
Aug 25-26

Read more about Cody's
experience at the LEO
program



Student Corner



LEO Pharma Student Program

Cody Madsen

University of Utah

Class of 2028

Overall, the LEO Pharma Student Shadowing Day provided me an exceptional and unique opportunity to learn from leaders across medical affairs, payer strategy, regulatory affairs, drug safety, and commercial operations. Each session offered meaningful insight into how evidence generation, safety monitoring, and strategic communication support responsible access to medication therapies. I valued the thoughtful way each speaker described the purpose of their work and the considerations that guide decisions throughout the product life cycle.

A strong sense of community stood out from the moment I arrived. I was pleased to see how much of a family feel the LEO team has. Every individual I met was welcoming, supportive, and genuinely invested in helping students understand the broader impact of their roles. That environment encouraged open discussion and made it easy to appreciate how collaboration strengthens the organization.

Workshop rotations on the second day created space for deeper exploration of medical information, HEOR, and field medical strategy. Conversations in these sessions highlighted how cross functional teams approach complex challenges and how they ensure that clinical evidence, payer needs, and patient outcomes remain aligned. Transparency from each presenter made these discussions especially valuable.

This opportunity has extended far beyond the two-day program. I have formed long lasting connections with members of the LEO team, and I continue to learn from the resources, guidance, and professional support they have generously provided. Their commitment to student development has had a meaningful influence on my professional growth and the direction I hope to take in my future career.

I am incredibly grateful to both LEO and AMCP Mountain West for giving me the opportunity to participate in this experience. It truly strengthened my appreciation for the pharmaceutical industry and emphasized the importance of having a balance of evidence, communication, and collaboration in shaping patient access. I look forward to applying everything I learned to my future career in managed care and to continuing the relationships I formed from participating in this experience.



2026 Summit Agenda

Time	Agenda	Speakers/Panelists/Facilitators
9:30-10:00 AM	Check-In	
10:00-10:15 AM	Welcome & President's Opening Remarks	Michael Stapley, PharmD
10:15-10:40 AM	Introductions of Mountain West Pharmacy Associations	Mountain West Pharmacy Associations Leadership
10:40-11:00 AM	Topic: CAA and PBM legislation	Alan Pannier, PharmD, MBA
11:00-11:20 AM	Topic: Legislative Update, Federal Focus	Adam Colborn, JD
11:20-11:30 AM	Topic: Call to State Advocacy Action	Devyn Malouf, JD
11:30-11:50 AM	Networking Break	
11:50 AM-12:20 PM	Morning Speaker Panel, Q&A	Facilitator: Dana McCormick, RPh, FAMCP
12:20-1:20 PM	Lunch, Poster Viewing, Activity	
1:20-2:00 PM	Topic: Emerging Trends	Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD
2:00-2:20 PM	Topic: Drug Shortages or other Health System perspectives	Erin Fox, PharmD, MHA, BCPS, FASHP
2:20-2:40 PM	Networking Break	
2:40-3:30 PM	Payer Perspectives Panel	Panelists: · Ryan Bitton, PharmD, MBA · Sydney Diaz, PharmD, MBA · Jeff Dunn, PharmD, MBA · Kate Walter, PharmD, BCPS Facilitator: Dana McCormick, RPh, FAMCP
3:30-3:50 PM	Afternoon Speaker Panel, Q&A	Facilitator: Dana McCormick, RPh, FAMCP
3:50-4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Michael Stapley, PharmD

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- SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE PHARMACY LEADERS