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AMCP Northwest

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Message from Our President

As we kick off the 2026–2027 year, I’m excited to share that the AMCP Northwest Board has settled into its new roles and is already off to a great start. We began the year with an in-person Board retreat in Seattle for those able to attend, spending the day planning our upcoming events and priorities. I am incredibly thankful for the time, energy, and leadership each Board member brings to our affiliate.

This year, we are also excited to welcome several new committee leaders who will play an important role in supporting our Board and helping make our programs successful:

- **Education:** *Vivien Chan*
- **Day of Education Planning:** *Katie Nyquist, Michelle Bice & Chi Kohlhoff*
- **Sponsorship:** *Michael Lee*
- **Student Support:** *JT Lew & Kelli Hoang*
- **Social Media:** *Kenneth Garcia & Hoa Nguyen*

We have a great lineup ahead. Please visit the AMCP Northwest Affiliate site for the latest details and registration information. Upcoming events include our September 24 social at Amaterra in Portland, co-hosted with OncoHealth and led by Lona; Managed Care Day for students on October 9 in Portland, led by Adam, along with UW student engagement that same day, led by Tiffany and JT; and an AI education dinner in November, with details coming soon, led by John. Adam also continues to lead the Dan Allen Memorial Student Grant program. Applications closed August 14, and six \$1,000 travel grants will be awarded to support students attending AMCP Nexus in San Diego.

If you are attending AMCP Nexus, please join us for food, drinks, and an opportunity to connect with fellow Northwest members at our affiliate gathering on Monday, October 26, from 7:30–8:30 p.m. at the Port of San Diego, Rooms 4 & 5. We would love to see you there!

We will continue to use LinkedIn to share upcoming events, opportunities, and affiliate news.

Questions or ideas are always welcome at northwest@amcp.org. Thank you to our members, volunteers, and sponsors for your continued support of AMCP Northwest. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

Jennifer Polzin
President, Northwest AMCP Chapter

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Upcoming Events

AMCP Northwest and OncoHealth are
partnering up to host a networking event at
Amaterra Wines
September 24th at 5:00 pm

📌 Register here: <https://lnkd.in/gDnS8-tK>

Going to AMCP Nexus?
Come join us at the Affiliate meeting!
Monday Oct 26 7:30-8:30
Port of San Diego 4 and 5

More details coming soon!
Join us for an Educational Event on
November 18 in Seattle. Stay tuned for
registration and program details!

Join Us at #AMCP2026 in San Diego!

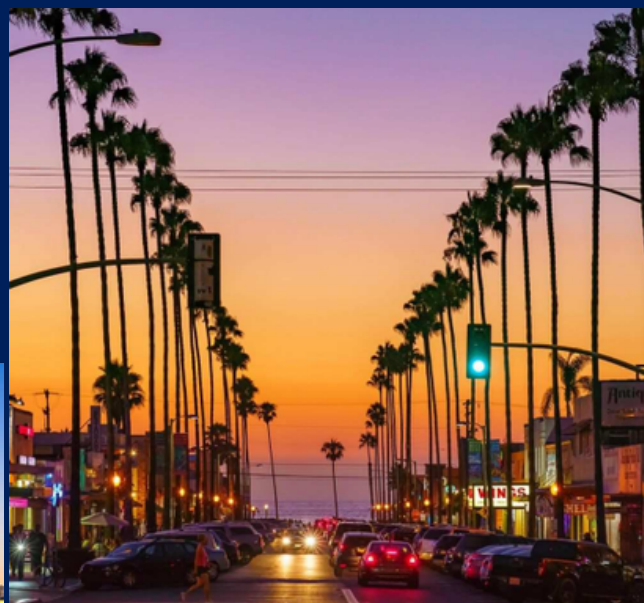
NEXUS

SAN DIEGO, CA | OCT. 26-29, 2026

Get ready for the AMCP Nexus 2026, taking place this fall in San Diego, California! This premier event brings together managed care leaders, innovators, and students to explore the evolving landscape of managed care pharmacy through thought-provoking sessions, networking opportunities, and groundbreaking research.

Join us at our Northwest Affiliate meeting at the conference, we look forward to connecting with you all in San Diego! Don't miss your chance to be part of the conversation shaping the future of managed care pharmacy.

Please join us - October 26th
Time: 7:30-8:30pm PST
Room Port of San Diego 4 and 5



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SAVE THE DATE!

AMCP NW FALL MANAGED CARE DAY



Friday, October 9th 2026
11am-4pm

Location: Moda Health, Portland OR

STUDENTS: Join us for an exciting day full of innovative managed care speakers and a reception to follow! Additional details to come.



2026

GILEAD & LEO STUDENT PROGRAM



Aaron Le
UW
Gilead



Alexa Brill
WSU
Gilead



Jackson Yu
UW
LEO Pharma

Congratulations to our selected students!



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2026 Nexus Dan Allen Memorial Student Grant Recipients

Huge congrats to our six student grant recipients! The AMCP NW Chapter is proud to support these future leaders and can't wait to see the impact they'll make!



Shebin Thomas
Oregon State/OHSU



Tshiring Sherpa
Washington State
University



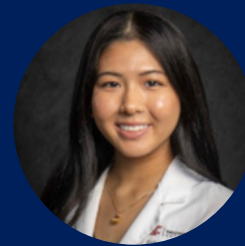
Lana Manzanares
Washington State
University



Emma Dao
University of
Washington



Cindy Chang
University of
Washington



Cassidy Phan
Washington State
University

Meet our winners in San Diego!
Connect with these rising leaders at AMCP NEXUS.

Event Highlight: AMCP NW Social

The AMCP Northwest Affiliate recently hosted its Summer Social Event at Stoup Brewing in Capitol Hill, bringing members together for an evening of networking and connection.



Attendees had the chance to catch up with familiar faces, meet new members, and exchange ideas in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Events like these remind us of the strength of our AMCP Northwest Affiliate, and how much value there is in building community and learning from one another outside the usual workplace context. It was wonderful to see so many members turn out and to celebrate the great work happening across our region.



Mentor/Mentee Spotlight: Cari Hall & Jamie Paik

What lessons have you gained from being a mentee? Being a mentee has reinforced the importance of taking advantage of every opportunity to learn. I have had amazing mentors throughout my journey as a student and each one has taught me something different. There is no such thing as learning too much from the people around you. The NW AMCP Mentorship Program is a wonderful opportunity to build genuine connections, and it has reminded me to never underestimate how much one conversation or meaningful relationship can change your perspective or influence your future.

What lessons have you learned from each other? One of the biggest lessons I've learned from Cari is that feeling like you don't have everything figured out isn't unique to being a student. Hearing about her journey through residency, the various roles she has taken on, the opportunities that didn't work out, and her current career goals has reminded me that uncertainty is part of everyone's journey. Cari has taught me that the challenges will always feel big in the moment, but staying curious, open, and resilient is what really matters.

Something I appreciate about my mentor... There are countless things that I appreciate about Cari but I am especially thankful for her genuine interest in people. We have talked about all things ranging from school, internships and fellowships to hobbies, sports, and fun weekend plans. No matter the topic she is such a thoughtful listener and always gives the best honest advice. Rather than a formal check-in, my meetings with Cari feel like a catch up with an older sister and I always leave feeling supported. Even though we've only recently become mentor and mentee, she has already been such a positive influence and I feel lucky to have her guidance!

Mentee Bio: Jamie is an incoming PY3 at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and currently serves as the UW AMCP Chapter President. Before pharmacy school she obtained a Bachelor in Science Business at the University of Notre Dame with a minor in patient advocacy. Outside of school Jamie enjoys backpacking, hiking, skiing, traveling, gluten-free baking, and pottery.



What lessons have you learned from each other? Jamie has definitely reminded me that mentoring works best when it feels like a conversation rather than just advice-giving. She comes to our meetings with so much curiosity and so many thoughtful questions about careers, leadership, school, and professional organizations that it often pushes me to think more broadly about my own experiences and lessons learned. Her enthusiasm for exploring different opportunities has encouraged me to be more intentional about sharing a variety of perspectives and paths. Honestly, working with Jamie has been a great reminder that mentoring is a two-way relationship, and I've learned just as much from her curiosity, initiative, and drive as she may have learned from me.

Something I appreciate about my mentee... Jamie is one of those students who is always looking for ways to learn and grow. She's incredibly proactive and comes to our conversations with thoughtful questions about career paths, pharmacy school, leadership opportunities, ways to get involved in professional organizations, as well as hobbies. What I appreciate most is how engaged she is both in and outside of the classroom - she's constantly seeking out new experiences and opportunities to develop herself. Jamie has a genuine curiosity about what's possible in pharmacy, and it's been rewarding to watch her explore different paths with such enthusiasm and initiative.



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As AMCP Northwest wraps up the 2025-2026 board year, the Mentor-Mentee Program celebrated tremendous growth and success. Over the past year, the program tripled in size, reflecting the strong interest from students, residents, fellows, and professionals eager to build meaningful connections within managed care pharmacy.

A major contributor to this momentum has been the continued success of AMCP Northwest's Managed Care Days, which have seen growing attendance and engagement across the region. Under the leadership of board members Adam Furman and Yayoi Toyoda, these events have created valuable opportunities for networking, education, and professional development while strengthening connections between mentors and mentees.

The chapter is excited for the future of the program as Wisam Younis steps into a leadership role guiding the initiative forward. With continued passion and dedication, the Mentor-Mentee Program is poised to expand even further, creating new opportunities for engagement, career growth, and collaboration throughout the AMCP Northwest community.

If you want to be a mentor, please add your name to this [signup sheet](#)!

If you are a mentee looking for a mentor, please reach out via email northwest@amcp.org

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

AMCP NORTHWEST ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

••• Call for Members •••

INTERESTED IN EXPANDING YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH AMCP AND ADVOCATING FOR MANAGED CARE PHARMACY? AMCP NORTHWEST IS LAUNCHING ITS FIRST ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND INVITES MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE NORTHWEST TO PARTICIPATE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL FOCUS ON NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PRIORITIES AFFECTING HEALTH PLANS, PBMS, HEALTH SYSTEMS, EMPLOYERS, MEDICAID, AND MEDICARE. NO PRIOR ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED—JUST CURIOSITY, INTEREST, AND A WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE.

COMMITMENT:

- ONE 60-MINUTE VIRTUAL MEETING EACH MONTH + 1-2 ADDITIONAL HOURS/MONTH
- FIRST MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 12 PM PDT
- UP TO 16 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WITH REPRESENTATION ACROSS STATES AND AT LEAST 50% PHARMACISTS PREFERRED

IF MORE THAN 16 MEMBERS APPLY, INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A BROADER KEY ADVOCACY NETWORK (KAN).

TO APPLY: SEND HELEN NOONAN-HARNSBERGER A BRIEF STATEMENT OF INTEREST, ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE (IF ANY), YEARS IN PHARMACY/MANAGED CARE, CURRENT POSITION, EMAIL, PHONE NUMBER, AND LINKEDIN PROFILE.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 11 PM PDT

Questions or requests for a 1:1 discussion are welcome.

Email: hnoonanhars@icloud.com

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Is your organization interested in sponsoring Northwest AMCP Affiliate for 2026 year? See below for the different opportunities! Feel free to email northwest@amcp.com for any questions.

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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.

