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AMCP CALIFORNIA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Message from Our President

As we move into the final quarter of the year, I am proud to reflect on the incredible momentum and engagement across AMCP California. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors, members, and partners, our chapter continues to provide meaningful opportunities for education, networking, professional development, and community service throughout the state.

AMCP California has had an exceptionally active year, hosting 13 events to date that have connected managed care professionals across California. Most recently, we held our annual Day of Education on September 19 at the USC School of Pharmacy, welcoming more than 120 attendees for high-quality educational programming, networking, and meaningful discussion on issues shaping healthcare today. A particular highlight of this year's Day of Education was our first-ever panel discussion on PBM reform, bringing together leaders representing the diverse managed care landscape in California. The panel featured key leaders from Sharp Health Plan, Kaiser Permanente, Stellarus (a Blue Shield of California company), and Ventegra, who shared their perspectives on the evolving regulatory environment, the future of pharmacy benefit management, and the opportunities and challenges facing payers, providers, and patients. The discussion provided attendees with valuable insights from multiple sectors of managed care and demonstrated AMCP California's commitment to bringing together thought leaders to address the most pressing issues affecting our industry.

Beyond Day of Education, we continued our commitment to professional development and member engagement through our inaugural Northern California and Southern California mentor-mentee mixers, which created new opportunities for connection and career growth. Looking ahead, we are excited to serve as the hosting affiliate for AMCP Nexus here in California. We look forward to welcoming colleagues from across the country and showcasing the strength, innovation, and engagement of our chapter. As part of Nexus, AMCP California will host an offsite networking event at Punch Bowl Social on October 27, providing another opportunity for members to build relationships and expand their professional networks. We are also proud to support the next generation of managed care leaders by awarding 10 student travel scholarships of $1,000 each to help students attend Nexus and gain valuable exposure to the profession.

The success of our affiliate is driven by the engagement and support of our members and sponsors. Thank you for your continued involvement and investment in AMCP California. Together, we are strengthening the managed care pharmacy community, fostering future leaders, and advancing the education, collaboration, and innovation that improve healthcare for patients across our state. To stay informed about upcoming programs and opportunities, please follow us on LinkedIn. I look forward to continuing our work together and building on the strong foundation we have established this year.





Nancy G Pham, PharmD
President, AMCP California

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Q3 2026 RECAP

SOCIAL EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Volunteer Beach Clean-Up

July 25, 2026

Sponsored by BeOne

We kicked off Q3 with our annual volunteer beach clean-up, this year returning to Long Beach!

Thirty-three volunteers spent the morning picking up a total of 168 lbs of trash! We were rewarded with food and drink at Belmont Brewery.

We thank BeOne for sponsoring this event, as well as our awesome custom t-shirts!























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SOCIAL EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Educational Event in Walnut Creek

August 5, 2026

Sponsored by PTce

We had 24 attendees join us for our NorCal event, held at Ruth's Chris in Walnut Creek!

We were fortunate to hear from Ami Gopalan, PharmD, MBA, FAMCP, who brought deep clinical and managed care expertise, and a personal perspective living with IgA nephropathy. Thanks to Dr. Gopalan, we have a much better understanding of this disease state and the treatment landscape!











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Networking Event in Orange

August 25, 2026

Sponsored by novo

AMCP California members and friends gathered at Orange Hill Restaurant for an evening of connections, conversations, and stunning sunset views overlooking Orange County!

We were thrilled to see over 70 attendees come together for one of our largest events. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to Novo for making this evening possible!



















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Networking Event in Huntington Beach

September 9, 2026

Sponsored by BAYER



We had 53 attendees fill the room at Huntington Beach Fogo de Chao for a great evening of conversation, introductions, and very filling meals!

This event was made possible by our generous Gold sponsor, Bayer! We thank Brian Hocum, PharmD, MD, for presenting on asundexian, an investigational oral FXIa inhibitor for stroke prevention.













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DAY OF EDUCATION

Welcome Reception

September 18, 2026

Sponsored by BeOne

We kicked off our 3rd annual Day of Education with a welcome reception at Hyatt House LA, generously sponsored by BeOne! Fifty-six attendees gathered for an evening to connect before a full day of activities the next day.



This event was organized by DOE coordinators **Krystal Ngo** and **Kimmie Moore**. We are extremely grateful to our lead event volunteers **Mia Burgos** and **Vincent Nguyen**, as well as **Cole Cornwell, Tracy Vu,** and **Kenneth Lee** for helping to check people in and ensure a smooth evening!







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DAY OF EDUCATION

September 19, 2026

We are still buzzing with energy from our 3rd annual Day of Education, held at USC School of Pharmacy! Our 122 attendees heard about AI in managed care to a candid panel on PBM evolution and pricing pressures in another successful DOE!

This event was made possible by our DOE sponsors:

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Venue provided by:

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We are eternally grateful to our DOE coordinators, who put in countless hours to ensure a successful event:

Krystal Ngo, PharmD
Director, Medical Values and Outcomes at Arcutis



Kimberly Moore, PharmD
Medical Outcomes Science Liaison at Abbvie



We thank our wonderful speakers, many of whom have joined us at past DOEs:

Mitzi Wasik, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, FCCP, FAMCP,
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Jennifer Cashman, PharmD, Senior Director of Drug Use Management at Kaiser Permanente

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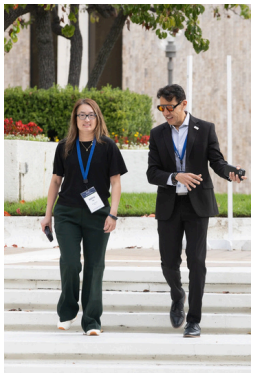
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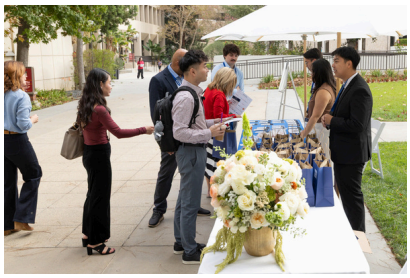




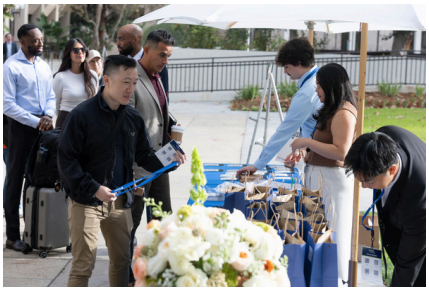




























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Mentor-Mentee Mixers

We held our very first mentor-mentee networking events, helping our mentors and mentees connect with each other face-to-face. We hope to host more of these in the future!

A huge thank you to our student affairs volunteer, **Serena Zhang,** PharmD, for coming up with this idea and planning both events, as well as her work in re-igniting the mentorship program this year!



September 23, 2026 (Anaheim, CA)



September 25, 2026 (San Francisco, CA)



Interested in joining our program as either a mentor or mentee?

SIGN UP HERE!

OR SCAN BELOW TO FILL OUT THE INTEREST FORM

AMCP California Upcoming Events

2026

SAT • OCT 24

Check-in begins 9 AM PST

Western Regional Conference

Chapman University Orange Campus Beckman Hall in Orange, CA

This is a student-run event hosted by Chapman University, with the goal of exposing students to managed care pharmacy! AMCP California welcomes any of our student and professional members to attend.

RSVP Link

MON • OCT 26

7:30–8:30 PM PST

AMCP Nexus Business Meeting

Port of San Diego 3 Room
Gaylord Chula Vista
No RSVP necessary



TUE • OCT 27

7–10 PM PST

AMCP Nexus Social Event

See page 13 for more details!

RSVP Link

TUE • NOV 3

Starts 5:30 PM PST

Networking Event sponsored by Ascendis

Foothill Restaurant in Pasadena, CA

RSVP Link

THU • DEC 3

Time TBD

Jazz Pharmaceuticals and AMCP California Holiday Dinner

Mastros in Costa Mesa, CA

RSVP Coming Soon!

Follow our LinkedIn to stay up to date for more events!

AMCP California

NETWORKING EVENT DURING AMCP NEXUS

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

7PM - 10PM PST

Punchbowl Social,
Downtown San Diego

1485 E St, San Diego, CA

Food.
Drinks.
Bowling.
Karaoke.
And more!

Transportation

Free Charter Bus transportation for the first ~110 guests who arrive!

- **Pick up Time: ~6:30 pm from Gaylord Main Lobby entrance**
- **Return from Punchbowl to Gaylord: 10 PM.**

RSVP HERE

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Congratulations!

2026 AMCP Nexus Student Travel Grant Recipients

San Diego, CA • Oct 26–29, 2026

Each recipient receives $1,000 to cover travel expenses



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Keck Graduate Institute (KGI)



Ashley Fung
USC Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy



Kemisha Her
Western University of Health Sciences



Sophia Jaberi Vivar
UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy



Caitlin Nicole Mallari
Western University of Health Sciences



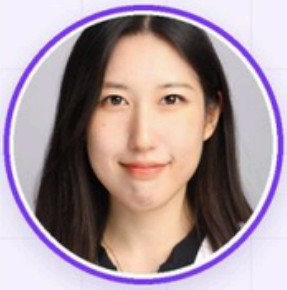
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Recipients listed alphabetically by last name

Thank you to all who applied — see you in San Diego!

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