



**CONVOCATION
CEREMONY**
in honor of
**THE CLASSES OF
2026**



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



On behalf of the faculty and staff of the University of Colorado Anschutz Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, I congratulate our Doctor of Pharmacy graduates on reaching this remarkable milestone. Your journey to this moment has required dedication, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to excellence—qualities that will continue to define you as pharmacists and leaders in healthcare.

Along the way, you have been supported by family, friends, mentors, and faculty who have encouraged and guided you. This achievement is not yours alone—it is shared with those who stood beside you through every challenge and success.

As you step into the next chapter, you enter a profession filled with opportunity and purpose. Whether you pursue community pharmacy, hospital practice, research, residencies, fellowships, or other paths, you are now joining the CU Anschutz Pharmacy alumni community—professionals located around the globe who share a common foundation and commitment to excellence. Wherever your career takes you, you will always remain part of the CU family.

We are proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to the impact you will make in advancing patient care and shaping the future of pharmacy.

With pride and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Tsuji".

Dean Brian Tsuji, PharmD, FCCP, FCCM, FIDSA

More graduation content available here:



CONVOCATION PROGRAM

Introductory Remarks

Michael D. Wolcott, PharmD, PhD, BCIDP
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
Associate Professor

Welcome from the Dean

Brian Tsuji, PharmD, FCCP, FCCM, FIDSA
Dean and Professor

Remarks by the 2026 Faculty Member of Distinction

Robert Page, PharmD, MSPH, BCPS (AQ-cards), BCGP, FAHA, FHFSa, FCCP, FASHP
Professor

Remarks by the Representative of the Entry Level PharmD Class of 2026

Jay-Quan Dill, PharmD
Class of 2026 Convocation Speaker

Introduction and hooding of the Distance Degrees and Programs Doctor of Pharmacy Graduating Classes of 2026

Shaun Gleason, PharmD, MGS
Assistant Dean for Distance Degrees
Associate Dean for Education (Interim)
Associate Professor

Introduction and hooding of the Doctor of Pharmacy Graduating Class of 2026

Gina Moore, PharmD, MBA
Sr. Associate Dean for Operations and Regulatory Affairs
Professor

Recitation of the Oath of a Pharmacist

Kimberly Stultz, PharmD
Assistant Dean of Experiential Programs
Associate Professor

Alumni Remarks

Harold Okocha, PharmD, MBA, CPM
President, Skaggs School of Pharmacy Alumni Association

Concluding Remarks

Brian Tsuji, PharmD, FCCP, FCCM, FIDSA
Dean and Professor

The following list of candidates is not an official record that all candidates have been awarded such degrees.



2026 Recipients of the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree

Yasmeine Abbassi	Meaghan N Ireland, <i>Rho Chi</i>	Neil Paco Royx, <i>Rho Chi</i>
Laila Amani Adl, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Jalen Kobe Jackson	Andrew T Rukavina, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>
Lillian S Afrifa	Unnum Khan	Mackenzie Elise Ryan, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>
Douha M Al Kassi	Mitsy Ledesma, <i>PLS</i>	Mariah Alyiah Sandoval
Aaya M AlKassi	Diane D Lee	Courtney Kristen Seele
Haitham Alanbaky	Ethan R Lentz, <i>PLS</i>	Keyla Judith Segovia Medina
Hala Alizzi	Ashley Elizabeth Lindell, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Samantha Shen
Cyara Alexys Brooks	Bryan Loew	Khokolah Sherzad
Allison Rachel Burback	Ava Clare Lyons, <i>PLS</i>	Simarta Kaur Sidhu
Kiri Carmody, <i>PLS</i>	Jazmin Danai Maceo	Yonas Shimelis Simme
Marcos Fenandez Carreon	Allison Anne Maisells	Amrita Kaur Singh
Doriangeli Castellano Perez	Mya Leah Maliyevsky, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Grayson Michael Smith
Christopher Kwoon Sing Chan	Deontay Natiano Martinez	Dorsa Hannah Soltanieh
Michelle Daly	Jenna Mayer, <i>PLS</i>	Hannah Jordan Sosa
Nicole Leigh DeLeon, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Andrew Garrett Maynor, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Ellen McCall Stevens, <i>PLS</i>
Angelina Delabbio, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	*Tess Marie McGill	Laura Analy Stricker, <i>Rho Chi</i>
Sharmin Dianatnejad	Alexander R McHugh	Evan Tait Sutherland
Jay-Quan Nickai Dill, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Kumiko Xena Morris	Vy Tran
Alexander Quang Do	Mackenzie L Moynahan, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Kelly Hoan-Kim Nguyen Trinh
Madison Ashley Edwards	Jennifer Ngo, <i>PLS</i>	Fernanda N Vazquez-Castillo
Cyril Chukwunonso Ekwakor	Mai Tram Ngoc Nguyen, <i>PLS</i>	Chia Howe Wang
Shehab Elhaddad	Quynhtram Catherine Nguyen	Yue Wang
Trevor L Fitzgerald	Benjamin Michael Ntalamu	Liam Joseph Birchmore Watts
Jessica Marie Folsom	Jacob Sky Olaerts	Abigail Ann Westra, <i>Rho Chi</i>
Sidonia Machinia Gagnon	Eduardo Ornelas	Hailey White
Robert Dennis Gale, <i>PLS</i>	Cynthia Perez	Tabitha Paige Willden, <i>PLS</i>
Nina Adoma Gyasi	Khanh L Phan, <i>Rho Chi</i>	John Paul Williams
Melina Harris	Soraya Piyanat	Karolina Anna Wisniewski
Moriah Joy Hart, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Raymond Arroyo Porras, <i>PLS</i>	Katelyn Yadao
Lucia Hoang	Zachary Principe, <i>Rho Chi</i>	Benjamin David Young
Zehra Hrbatovic	*Nori Rickaby, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>	Sheren Zaidawi
Isaiah Hunter	William Tait Roach, <i>PLS</i>	Michael John Zupko, <i>PLS, Rho Chi</i>

*Graduating with honors



Recipients of the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree Distance Degrees & Programs

North American-Trained PharmD Program

August 2025

Juby O. Thuruthumaly

December 2025

Sana Samra

May 2026

Ro'a Abdelgadir

Ayobami Deborah Balogun

Melda Evelyn Chambers

Ahmed Elazab

Gregory Filipowski

Abubakr Ragab

International-Trained PharmD Program

May 2026

Liza May Fernandez Gunkemeyer

Ronak Ajitkumar Patel

Gabriela Wimperis



Recipients of the Degree Doctor of Philosophy

August 2025

Daniel Foster
Rama Kant

Toxicology
Toxicology

December 2025

Sophia Clune
Jason Groegler
Lauren Rutt

Toxicology
Pharmaceutical Sciences
Toxicology

May 2026

Shilpa George
Alexandra Lucas

Pharmaceutical Sciences
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Recipients of the Degree Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

August 2025

Jessica Benjamin
John Davey
Rio Dean
Fabiola Estrada

December 2025

Emma Myers
Praveen Ramaswamy

May 2026

David Angarita
Natalie Carter
Zoe Moss
Akanksha Pawar
Sebastian Santos
Peyton Smith
Alec Teel
Justin Wong



Academic Dress

Those who are receiving the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will receive a hood as they cross the stage. The hoods are lined with the University of Colorado school colors, silver, and gold. The velvet border of the hood indicates the degree and field of study and usually follows the same code as the color of the tassel. For pharmacy, the color is olive green. Graduates wearing cords signify recognition of individual achievement and participation in various organizations and honor societies.

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (Blue/White): This cord recognizes active members of the University of Colorado's AMCP student chapter. These individuals have demonstrated dedication to the practice of managed care pharmacy and leadership within the student chapter and in the community.

Advanced NAPLEX Readiness (Old Gold/Bronze/Silver): This cord celebrates students who successfully demonstrated academic achievement towards preparation for the national pharmacy licensure exam. It reflects their dedication to learning and commitment to excellence as they enter the pharmacy profession.

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (Burnt Orange): This cord recognizes membership and participation in the AAPP student chapter. Any paid member of the AAPP collegiate chapter is eligible to receive a graduation cord.

American College of Clinical Pharmacy (Royal Blue/White): This cord recognizes the achievements of its graduating student members and are worn during commencement ceremonies to symbolize a student's exceptional dedication to ACCP and personal growth in clinical pharmacy.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (Teal/Blue): This cord distinguishes student pharmacists who have demonstrated a high level of involvement in and commitment to the SSPPS APhA-ASP chapter.

American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy (Royal Blue/Orange): This cord symbolizes students' hard work and dedication to both the Colorado Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists and profession. Eligibility for this cord designates active membership and participation in activities of the local, state, and national organizations of health-systems pharmacists while in school.

Colorado Pharmacists Association Student Academy: (Orange/Royal Blue): This cord reflects active participation and leadership within the CPS Student Academy.

CU-PediatRx: Student Chapter of the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (Green): This cord distinguishes pharmacy graduates who have maintained active involvement in or contributed to the establishment of CU-PediatRx, the student chapter of PPAG at the University of Colorado SSPPS. Through hard work and dedication, these students have demonstrated commitment to the practice of pediatric pharmacy and are actively engaged in improving the care of children through communication, education, research, and advocacy at the local and national levels.

National Community Pharmacy Association (Royal Blue): This cord designates active members within University of Colorado's NCPA student chapter. These students have demonstrated dedication to the practice of independent pharmacy and actively participated in community health and outreach events at both local and national levels.

Pharmacy Outreach Program (Gold/Black/Rust): This cord recognizes student pharmacists who mentored and educated high school students about the pharmacy profession. By sharing their personal journeys, they empowered future healthcare professionals and promoted the advancement of public health across Colorado.

Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity (Maroon/Gold): This cord designates active brothers within the University of Colorado's Sigma Chapter of the national organization, founded in 1883. These students have actively contributed to advancing PDC's mission of promoting leadership, professional and community service, scholarship, and brotherhood.

Phi Lambda Sigma Society (Green/Gold): This cord designates members of the Phi Lambda Sigma Society. These students have demonstrated dedicated service and leadership in the advancement of pharmacy, are of high moral and ethical character and are in good academic standing.

Rho Chi National Honor Society (Purple/White): This cord designates active graduating members of the Rho Chi Honor Society of Pharmacy. The Alpha Theta chapter of Rho Chi at the University of Colorado inducted these students in recognition of their excellence in intellectual achievement and their potential for lifelong leadership in pharmacy.

Student Chapter of the Industry Pharmacists Organization (Maroon/White): This cord represents students who have demonstrated active engagement in the Student Chapter of the Industry Pharmacists Organization. As such, these students are leaders in the organization, being committed to supporting the organization's local and national goals, while also learning about the pharmaceutical industry.

Student Council (Silver): This cord recognizes active members of the School of Pharmacy's Executive Student Council. Student Council members are class leaders who foster and maintain a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship among the SSPPS (including its student body, faculty, and staff) as well as the University of Colorado Anschutz.

Student National Pharmaceutical Association (Black/White): This cord recognizes active members of the University of Colorado's SNPhA student chapter. These members have demonstrated commitment to addressing critical issues affecting healthcare and practice in diverse and underserved communities.

The Honors Program offers Pharm.D. students the opportunity to design and execute a research-oriented project. Honors Program students pursue special research interests with a high degree of individual attention from a faculty mentor within the school. Recognition for students completing the Honors Program is noted on their transcript and diploma as having graduated "with honors in research."



OATH OF A PHARMACIST

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will treat all patients with dignity and respect.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

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