Skaggs School of Pharmacy
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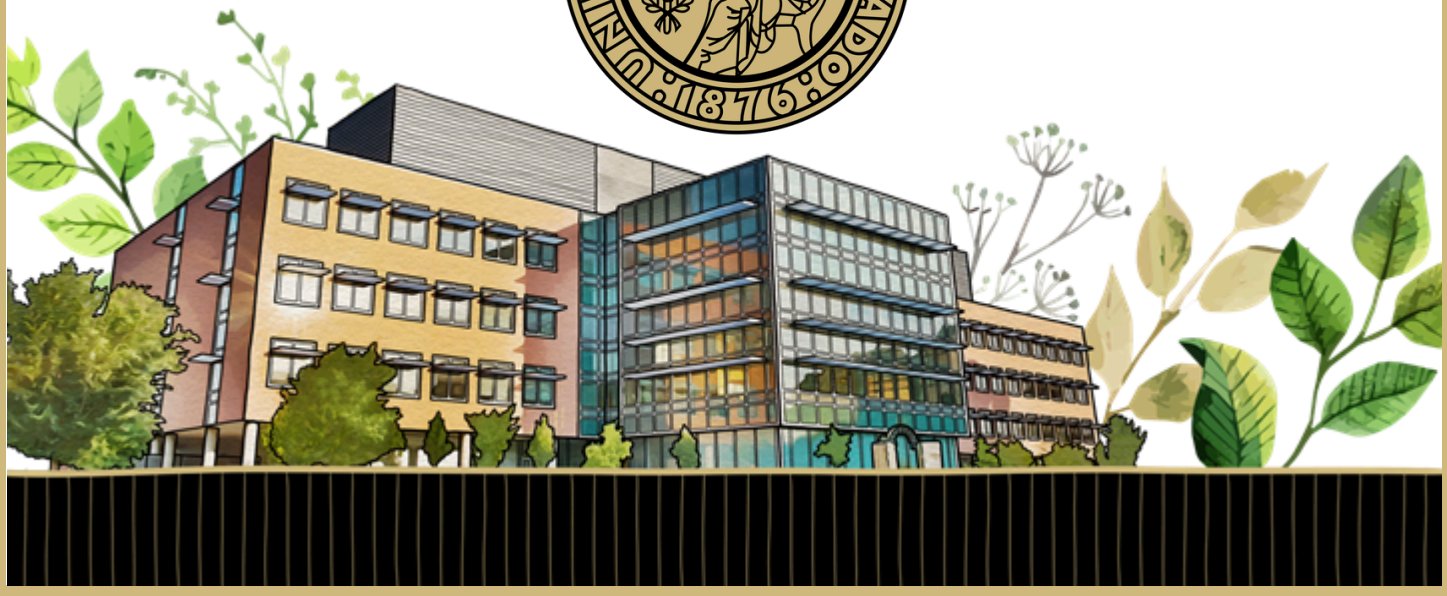
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS**

CONVOCATION CEREMONY

in honor of

THE CLASSES OF 2025



University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
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Class of 2025

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, I extend to each member of the Class of 2025 my enthusiastic congratulations on the occasion of your graduation.

You have successfully completed one of the most challenging academic programs in higher education under trying circumstances. Prior to enrolling in our school, you had to endure and succeed during the COVID-19 pandemic disruptions that changed all of our lives. You likely learned more than you might have in normal times: you witnessed rapid change, adaptations and resilience of the health care system and professionals like yourselves; and very early on you contributed to a historic public health effort in our country, as you joined our school the first year COVID-19 vaccines were available. Through it all, you succeeded and thrived; you deserve to take great pride in your accomplishments.

You are entering into professional practice at a time of extraordinary change in America's health care system, some brought about by the pandemic, others driven by advances in therapeutic measures – RNA based vaccines, immunotherapies, cell-based therapies, CRISPR and more - and by technologies, including artificial intelligence and ChatGPT (which, if you are wondering, I did not use to write this letter). With these changes most certainly will come many challenging and exciting opportunities. We have done our best to prepare you for these opportunities and we urge you to seize upon them whenever and wherever they may arise.

We wish you good fortune in the years that lie ahead. If the confidence we have in your abilities is matched by the confidence you have in yourselves, your ultimate success is virtually guaranteed. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have you as part of our Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences family, and we welcome you into the ranks of our distinguished alumnae/i.

I will leave you with one final thought. "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." – *Oscar Wilde*

My best wishes to you all,

Ralph J. Altiere, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor

Convocation Procession

Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Administration

Ralph J. Altiere, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor

Heather Anderson Ph.D.
Director of Assessment and Outcomes

Douglas N. Fish, Pharm.D.
Chair, Department of Clinical Pharmacy

Michelle Frankovich, MBA
Associate Dean for Finance and Administration

Erika Freitas, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean for Culture and Wellness

Shaun Gleason, Pharm.D., MGS
Assistant Dean for Distance Degrees and Programs

Blake Hill, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Gina Moore, Pharm.D., MBA
Sr. Associate Dean for Operations and Regulatory Affairs
Interim Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Cindy O'Bryant, Pharm.D.
Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs

Manisha Patel, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

Joseph Saseen, Pharm.D.
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

Kimberly Stultz, Pharm.D.
Assistant Dean of Experiential Programs

Jennifer Trujillo, Pharm.D.
Associate Dean for Education

Convocation Program

Introductory Remarks	Gina Moore, Pharm.D., MBA Sr. Associate Dean for Operations and Regulatory Affairs Interim Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Welcome from the Dean	Ralph J. Altiere, Ph.D. Dean and Professor
Remarks by the President's Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient	Robert MacLaren, Pharm.D., MPH, MCCM, FCCP Professor | Department of Clinical Pharmacy
Remarks by the Representative of the Entry Level Pharm.D. Class of 2025	Annagabriela Figueroa Class of 2025 President
Remarks by the Representative of the Distance Degrees and Programs Class of 2025	Julie Strong DDP Student of the Year
Introduction and hooding of the Distance Degrees and Programs Masters & Doctor of Pharmacy Graduating Classes of 2025	Shaun Gleason, Pharm.D., MGS Assistant Dean for Distance Degrees
Introduction and hooding of the Doctor of Pharmacy Graduating Class of 2025	Gina Moore, Pharm.D., MBA Sr. Associate Dean for Operations and Regulatory Affairs Interim Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Recitation of the Oath of a Pharmacist	Kimberly Stultz, Pharm.D. Assistant Dean of Experiential Programs
Alumni Remarks	Harold Okocha, Pharm.D., MBA, CPM President, Skaggs School of Pharmacy Alumni Association
Concluding Remarks	Ralph J. Altiere, Ph.D. Dean and Professor

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

2025 Recipients of the Degree Doctor of Pharmacy

Batton Acree
Immer Alipio, *PLS*
Calvin Althoff
Faviola Alvarez Delgado, *PLS*
Topanga Aradanas, *PLS*
Kate Jolene Bates
Joshua Batson
Megan Bell
Amanuel Berhe
Carlie Brown, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Sophia Brown, *PLS, Rho Chi*
*Sabrina Cassis Burkholder
Ava Butrynski
Jacob Carocci
Seoyeon Chae
Ermilo Rafael Chavez
Webster Cleveland
Bailie S. S. Culbert, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Alexander Dinh-Vu
Jesse Roman Duran
Jaime Elliott-Shields
*Annagabriela Figueroa, *Rho Chi*
Madelyn Floysand, *PLS*
Victor Alonso Galvan
Darian Corrine Gamez, *PLS*
Angelica Elena Garcia, *PLS*
Henok Gebremichael
Dylan George, *PLS*
Deidre Kristin Greyeyes
Jordan Hahn
Tasnuva Haider
Kyra Halton
Gina Hardgraves
Rebecca Maile Harris
Lawrence Christopher Holder
Aseel Husein
Carli Ing, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Kyla Michelle Jantz, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Miyoki Kimberly Kawamoto
Sean Kennedy
Saige Kiedinger, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Richard Komson, *Rho Chi*
Michelle Wood Krey, *PLS*
Lily Kuang
Dahlia Kurdmisto
Judy Lee
Emily Losinski
Nada Mansour, *Rho Chi*
Jose Marquez
Kaylee Misiti
Yaxaira Monge Espinosa
Pia Mae Moreno, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Courtney M. Murray, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Ariel Musheyev, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Yulia Nagai
Sarah Emily Neff
Timothy Huy Nguyen, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Andrew Oskanian
Alina Popriyenko
Workinesh Rade
Soodabeh Rahgozar
Alejandro Cordero Rosario
Esmeralda Salazar
Renee Navato Sapasap, *PLS*
Devon Schley
Areej Ibrahim Sekeb
Joshua Semock
Khristine Kumarie Singh
Heather Kristen Sroka
Dominic Stewart
Kaitlyn Sullivan
Jenna Taffe
Tamanna Talwar, *PLS, Rho Chi*
Andrew Tang
Steven Thornhill
Nitasha Tran, *Rho Chi*
Melissa Trinh, *Rho Chi*
Anthony Vassar
Sophia Villa
Adrian Wierzbiak
Victoria Williams

*Graduating with honors

Recipients of the Degree Doctor of Pharmacy - Distance Degrees & Programs

North American-Trained Pharm.D. Program

December 2024

Albeir Messiha
Kingsley Ogoh

May 2025

Oluwaseun Ademulegun
Ahlam Almasarwah
Charisse Alynn Lozano
Shahla Nayyal
Mae Samala Ochoa
Adeyinka Olanrewaju Soyinka, *Rho Chi*
Julie Strong, *Rho Chi*

International-Trained Pharm.D. Program

May 2025

Rhoda Annoh Gordon
Oneida Aquino Manalaysay

Recipients of the Degree Doctor of Philosophy

August 2024

Timothy Kellett	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Sue Kwon	Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research
Jonathan Taylor	Pharmaceutical Sciences

December 2024

Nicholas Mendola	Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research
Arthur Stem	Toxicology

May 2025

Monica Bianchini	Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research
Baharak Davari	Toxicology
Yue Li	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Courtney McGinnis	Toxicology
Juliet Mullen	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Casey Patrick	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Alaa Radwan	Pharmaceutical Sciences

Recipients of the Degree Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy

August 2024

Methode Nezerwa
Nguyet Thi Pham
Sudha Ashok Pillai

December 2024

Sadim M.K. Shoshaa

May 2025

Michelle Renee Cooley
Azmina Nayani
Siamak Parsaee

Recipients of the Degree Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

August 2024

Abhinav Pentyala

December 2024

Jose Barron
Archi Shah
Wanzhu Zhao

May 2025

Brandon Finley
Erica Rhodes
Mary Rouse
Tylor Savage

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 – These cords recognize 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.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists: Teal/Blue – These cords distinguish 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 – These cords symbolize students' hard work and dedication to both the Colorado Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists and profession. Eligibility for these cords designates active membership, participation in activities of the local, state, and national organizations of health-systems pharmacists while in school.

CU-PediatRx: *Student Chapter of the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPAG):* Forest Green – These cords distinguish 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 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 – These cords designate 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 (POP): Gold/Black/Rust – These cords recognize 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 – These cords designate 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 – Phi Lambda Sigma Society are individuals who 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 – These cords designate 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 Council: Silver – These cords recognize 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 Medical Campus.

Student National Pharmaceutical Association: Black/White – These cords recognize 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.

Adopted by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Board of Directors and the American Pharmacists Association Board of Trustees in April 2025.