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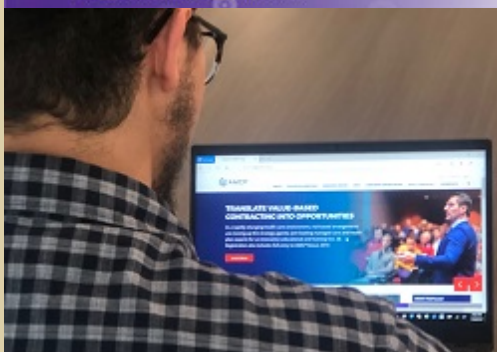
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## AMCP Launches New Website

AMCP recently flipped the switch on a brand-new [website](#) that is easy to navigate, search, and view on your desktop, tablet, and phone. Explore the many new features of our online home, including information-rich resource pages: [Academia](#), [Diplomats](#), [Residents & Fellows](#), [Student Pharmacist Center](#). While visiting, please take a look at the new AMCP Foundation website at [www.amcpfoundation.org](http://www.amcpfoundation.org). AMCP thanks all who contributed to the website's development — from

focus groups to those who offered one-on-one feedback. We welcome any additional feedback on the site at [website@amcp.org](mailto:website@amcp.org).



## AMCP Board of Directors Meet to Discuss Strategic Plan, Advocacy and More

The AMCP [Board of Directors](#) met July 17 and 18 at AMCP headquarters in Alexandria, Va., to discuss a wide range of issues and opportunities facing managed care pharmacy and the organization, including [AMCP's strategic plan](#), advocacy efforts, and position statements requiring board input. The group also received updates on federal initiatives affecting managed care pharmacy, as well as specific topics such as biosimilars, upcoming [Partnership Forums](#) and progress on AMCP's new brand and website.



## CEO Blog: Ensuring Patients Get Needed Medicines

**Blog by AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE:** Managed care pharmacy professionals work to ensure patients get the medicines they need at a cost they can afford. But what happens when the medicines our patients need are not available? Unfortunately, we have seen firsthand the repercussions when critical medicines are in short supply or when the unthinkable occurs and tainted medicines enter our supply chain. [Read more.](#)



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The AMCP Committee on Nominations is seeking candidates for president-elect and three director slots. Applications are due Sept. 4. The terms of office will begin at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. The president-elect serves a total of three years (one year each as president-elect, president, and immediate past president), while directors serve two-year terms. For more information, and to apply, visit [www.amcp.org/election](http://www.amcp.org/election).

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## AMCP Diplomat Spotlight: Jane Guo at Long Island University School of Pharmacy

[AMCP Diplomats](#) are an invaluable resource for managed care pharmacy information and opportunities at schools and colleges of pharmacy across the country. Diplomats also assist AMCP Student Chapters on developing and implementing projects and meetings. This month's AMCP Diplomat Spotlight features Jane Guo, PharmD, MBA — Co-Diplomat at Long Island University. [Read more.](#)



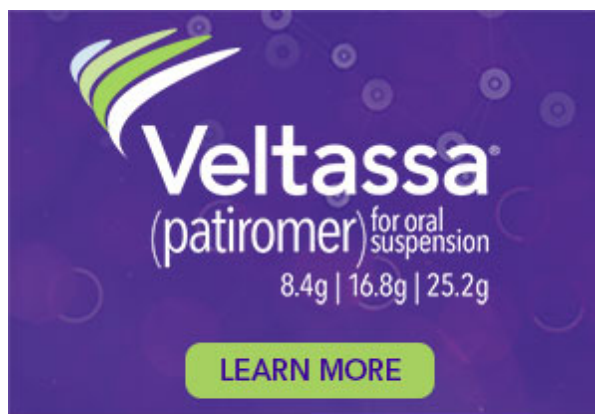
## What's Happening at AMCP Headquarters

\* **AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell** (third from left) gave the keynote address on Aug. 9 at the Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2023. \* **Beth O'Brien**, AMCP's director of meetings and conventions, was a featured presenter at an Aug. 1 session of the Reston Herndon Meeting Planner Association Summer Meeting. Her presentation, "How to Affect Event Innovation in Associations Today," drew approximately 150 attendees. \* **Afton Wagner**, AMCP director of regulatory affairs, on July 22 met with students and faculty at Northeastern University School of Pharmacy to explain the latest federal regulatory developments aimed at addressing rising drug costs.



## JMCP Seeks Reader Input as it Prepares for 25th Anniversary

AMCP's *Journal of Managed Care and Specialty Pharmacy* (JMCP) will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2020. Both AMCP and JMCP staff are proud to mark this important milestone. To prepare for the next 25 years, JMCP editors are seeking member input on various aspects of the peer-reviewed journal. Please take a short survey, and enter to win a \$50 gift certificate. The survey closes Wednesday, Aug. 14. Take survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9SWCYJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9SWCYJ).



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## Nexus General Session to Feature Best-Selling Author Dan Heath

[AMCP NEXUS 2019](#) kicks off Oct. 30 with a not-to-be-missed General Session featuring [Dan Heath](#), co-author of the best-selling business book “Made to Stick.” Dan’s talks weave together research-based tools, fascinating stories, and a liberal dose of humor. His work explores why certain brief experiences can jolt, elevate, and change us — and how we can learn to create these extraordinary moments in our life and work. His insights will help attendees make the most of where the profession is now: at the intersection of value and care. AMCP NEXUS 2019 takes place Oct. 29-Nov.1 in National Harbor, Maryland. [Early bird registration ends on Friday, Aug. 16.](#)



## New at Nexus: APPE Preceptors Can Connect With Peers

AMCP NEXUS 2019 will offer a new networking activity for preceptors of managed care Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) programs to share tips and ideas. [Peer Connect: Tricks to Being a Successful APPE Preceptor in Managed Care](#) will be held in [The Exchange](#) on Thursday, Oct. 31. Participants can discuss specific topics, such as designing an APPE curriculum, preparing for a student pharmacist, student activities and projects, providing meaningful feedback, and best practices for teaching managed care basics. Specific topics and facilitators to be announced soon! Check back [regularly for updates.](#)

## AMCP Foundation Offers Sleep-In for Wellness at AMCP NEXUS 2019





AMCP NEXUS 2019 attendees can choose the [Sleep-In for Wellness](#) option and donate \$20 toward future Foundation wellness programs. If you Sleep-In for Wellness, you won't report to Sunrise Yoga--but you can still pick up an AMCP Foundation Means Well(ness) T-shirt at registration! Sleep is an important part of wellness, too!



## APPE Student Pharmacists Present Research Projects Last Month

Christina Marinari (*right*), 2020 PharmD candidate at Duquesne University, and Rachel Mehta, 2020 PharmD candidate at Notre Dame of Maryland University, recently completed their AMCP Experiential Program in Association & Leadership Management at AMCP headquarters. [AMCP's five-week APPE](#) rotation gives students hands-on experience with association and leadership and management practices, including effective communication, education, and advocacy. In addition, the students conducted original research they presented to AMCP/Foundation staff last month. Marinari presented on deprescribing in managed care pharmacy, and Mehta presented on infertility and managed care. For more information, visit [www.amcp.org/amcpappe/](http://www.amcp.org/amcpappe/).



## AMCP Foundation Salutes Summer Interns For Work in Real-World Settings, Research

In recognition of National Intern Day on July 25, the AMCP Foundation gave a [social media shout-out](#) to nine student pharmacists who participated in [summer internship programs](#) offered with partners [Pfizer](#), [Allergan, Inc.](#), and [Genentech](#). *Some summer highlights:* AMCP Foundation Pfizer interns (*pictured*) visited Pfizer headquarters in New York City to present research on digital therapeutics, value-based agreements, real-time benefit check, refill care coordination in specialty pharmacy, narrow 90-day pharmacy networks, and utilization of immunomodulators and DMARDS. This summer's Genentech Evidence for Access intern Gilbert Ko investigated the effects of CMS's Oncology Care Model on patients and caregivers. And Allergan summer intern Wilson Hoang conducted research on real-world treatment patterns in cryolipolysis, while fellow Allergan intern Ryan Thaliffdeen examined costs-over-time calculations of massive depressive disorder. Visit the AMCP NEXUS 2019 poster hall to view findings of these varied research projects. [AMCP Foundation salutes all of our summer interns!](#)

## AMCP Foundation/Pfizer Managed Care



## Research and Nonprofit Leadership Intern Presents Research

Shyra Bias, 2021 PharmD candidate at Howard University College of Pharmacy, spent 10 weeks this summer at AMCP Foundation headquarters as the AMCP Foundation/Pfizer Managed Care Research and Nonprofit Leadership Intern. Shyra presented her research last week on “Digital Therapies: What Are They and Where Do They Fit in Pharmacy and Medical Benefits?” Her research included a survey assessing barriers payers face when considering coverage of digital therapies in preparation for next month’s AMCP Partnership Forum on this topic. Shyra also is a member of the AMCP Student Pharmacist Committee ([view AMCP NEXUS 2019 programs for students](#)).

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