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AMCP MANAGED CARE & SPECIALTY PHARMACY ANNUAL MEETING 2017

- MARCH 27-30
- COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER
- DENVER, CO



AMCP Board of Directors,
Committee Chairs Meet to



Discuss Programming, New Strategic Plan

Members of the Academy's volunteer leadership gathered in Alexandria, Va., last month to tackle a wide range of topics, including how to enhance AMCP's many offerings and guide AMCP's strategic vision into the future. The AMCP Winter Leadership Meeting, held Feb. 6-10, for the first time included incoming board members along with current committee chairs and their incoming counterparts. The leadership meeting included a discussion of the recent membership survey. The survey found members overwhelmingly (more than 90 percent) agreed that AMCP provides value by helping them stay current in the profession; providing informative publications; hosting national meetings; and providing opportunities to network. Words members used to describe AMCP included professional, knowledgeable and respected. [Read more.](#)



Former AMCP Student Pharmacist Members Move into Leadership Roles

Only a few short years ago, these rising managed care pharmacy leaders were student pharmacists, hitting the books, preparing for labs and pondering their futures. Today, they are chairing and serving on Academy committees. Their experiences demonstrate how becoming an AMCP student pharmacist member can turbocharge one's career with the right combination of education, networking and inspiration. *AMCP News&Views* reached out recently to Julie Howard, Jasmine Knight, Melissa McCart (Denno), Michael Pazirandeh and Vimal Reddy to get their thoughts on being involved in AMCP. Read them [here](#).

(Photo from left: Reddy, Knight, Pazirandeh, McCart [Denno], Howard.)



'Ripped from the Headlines' – Annual Meeting Sessions Tackle Real-Life Issues

Every morning — like many of you — I settle behind my desk, take a sip of coffee and read the AMCP Daily Dose. This publication, full of valuable news and information, frequently highlights issues and individuals we're featuring at our Annual Meeting, March 27-30, in Denver. Several caught my eye recently.

The Boston Globe, for instance, last week reported on two Harvard Pilgrim pay-for-performance programs focused on rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis aligned with adherence and effectiveness measures. The strategy is designed to curb spending while giving patients access to costly treatments.

We're delighted to have the primary architect of that program presenting in Denver. Jim Kenney, Manager of Specialty and Pharmacy Contracts at Harvard Pilgrim, will lead a session appropriately titled "Approaches to Managed Care Contracting with Pharmaceutical Manufacturers." This encore session will discuss innovations in managed care pharmacy contracting, including indication-based contracts and price protection arrangements. You won't want to miss this one. [Read more.](#)



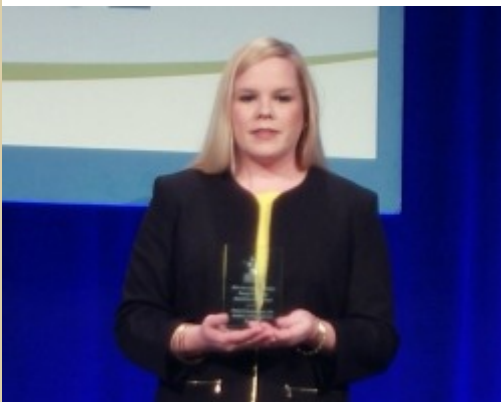
AMCP Conference Buddy Program Lets Working Professionals Share Knowledge With Student Pharmacists

AMCP's rapidly growing Conference Buddy Program was featured last month in a leading news publication covering the non-profit association world. *Associations Now* highlighted the Academy's program that connects working managed care professionals with student pharmacists and new practitioners to answer questions and encourage development of the next generation of managed care pharmacy professionals.

In three years, the program has grown from 27 to almost 150 pairings. "Our goal is to make sure that the student and professional have a good fit," said Susan Noell, AMCP's assistant director of corporate relations and membership. "We want to plant seeds for a mentorship to take root."

At the upcoming Annual Meeting in Denver, March 27-30, pairs will meet informally for roughly an hour. Becoming a Conference Buddy is a great way for seasoned veterans to give back to their profession in a concentrated timeframe. And it's a great way for newcomers to get the inside scoop. Sign up by March 6 to assure a match. Read the *Associations Now* article [here](#). For more information and to sign up as a Conference Buddy, visit [here](#).

(photo: AMCP member Christine Dube (l) with her conference buddy at a recent AMCP Nexus)



AMCP Foundation Executive Director Paula Eichenbrenner Named 'Young & Aspiring' Association Executive by *Association TRENDS* Magazine

Association TRENDS magazine recently recognized AMCP Foundation Executive Director Paula J. Eichenbrenner, CAE, as a "Young & Aspiring" Association Executive. Eichenbrenner was one of five individuals selected for this prestigious national award, presented since 1998 to the brightest rising stars of the association community. She was nominated by AMCP CEO Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE, and honored at this year's Salute to Association Excellence

in Washington, D.C. The AMCP Foundation is the Academy's philanthropic arm that focuses on medication-related research and education. [Read more.](#)



Student Pharmacist Chapter Profile: Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy

Student pharmacists from the AMCP chapter of Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy in Auburn, Ala. last fall provided basic health screenings and information at the annual Pioneer Day festival in Loachapoka, Ala. Pioneer Day is a historic fair that welcomes the community to enjoy music, food and goods from local vendors. The AMCP chapter had volunteers throughout the day measuring blood glucose and blood pressure for attendees. Volunteers also shared information about SHIP—a State Health Insurance Assistance Program. SHIP-certified counselors help qualified individuals enroll in Part D plans and, if eligible, enroll in assistance programs. This is invaluable to many members of the community, who are often unaware of the options available to them. The students really enjoyed being a part of this day. We hope to continue to serve at this event in the years to come and to encourage other students from the chapter and school to join us in giving back to the community we love!



AMCP Members in the News

Judie K. Vermilyea of Levittown, Pa., passed away Jan. 17, 2017 at Doylestown Hospital, according to the Bucks County Courier Times. Vermilyea, 70, was a long-time member of AMCP and had worked as an executive manager at numerous pharmaceutical companies over the past 25 years. Her interests included crocheting, gardening, reading and volunteering at Bolton Mansion in Levittown. Wife of the late John Vermilyea Jr., she is survived by her son John C. Vermilyea III.



Vermilyea

Drake University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences honored R. Mathew Hosford last month with an Alumni Achievement Award at the annual Pharmacy and Health Sciences Day. Hosford is an AMCP member and diplomat for the Drake University AMCP Student Chapter. In addition, he is a member of the Iowa Pharmacist Association New Practice Model Task Force, and a member of the BlueCross BlueShield Association National Council of Physician and Pharmacist Executives. He currently is vice president and chief pharmacy officer for Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Hosford also has been appointed by the governor of Iowa to a four-year term as a commissioner on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

Hunterdon Healthcare System in New Jersey appointed Roseann Peluso Nguyen, PharmD, to its board of trustees, according to NJ.com. Peluso-Nguyen is a member of AMCP, as well as the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. Peluso-Nguyen received her doctor of

pharmacy from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and her undergraduate pharmacy degree from Rutgers College of Pharmacy. She completed her drug information residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Peluso-Nguyen has worked for Johnson and Johnson for 18 years in various roles, and now is the Director of Institutional Business.

* If you have a news item, please send it to Neal Learner at nlearner@amcp.org.



Eight Finalists Announced for 17th Annual National P&T Competition

The AMCP Foundation is pleased to announce eight Student Pharmacist Chapter finalists in the 17th Annual National P&T Competition. The teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights at the upcoming AMCP Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. The competition takes place from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 29 in Room 4D-4E of the Colorado Convention Center. We invite you to view the live presentations. Congratulations to:

Mercer University
Ohio Northern University, Raabe College of Pharmacy
Touro University California
University of Iowa
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy
University of the Pacific
University of Washington

The Foundation also would like extend a special “THANK YOU” to the semi-final judges for their dedication and tremendous support of the AMCP Foundation P&T Competition! For more information, visit [here](#).

(photo: last year's winners from University of California, San Diego)



Business Visionary Derreck Kayongo to Present Keynote Address at Annual Meeting General Session

Attendees of the AMCP Annual Meeting’s General Session will hear a moving keynote address from Derreck Kayongo, founder of the Global Soap Project and CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Kayongo’s presentation will inspire you to seize the power of observation to identify issues and effectively solve any challenge before you. His own story is inspiring, rising from a young Ugandan refugee to a successful entrepreneur, human rights activist and renowned global health expert. With undeniable charm, palpable passion, and endearing wit, Kayongo brings his story and guiding principles, coined as S.E.L.F. — standing for service, education, leadership

and faith — to life in emotionally packed presentations that stay with you long after his closing remarks. The General Session is sponsored by Intarcia Therapeutics. For more information visit [here](#).



Annual Meeting Offers CE Credit at Satellite Symposia

The AMCP Annual Meeting offers attendees opportunities to earn additional CE credit at nine non-commercial, industry-supported Satellite Symposia! Presented at no additional charge to registered meeting attendees, satellite symposia extend the educational experience of meeting attendees and offer continuing pharmacy education credit, with some also offering continuing medical education credit, continuing nursing education credit, or both. Topics include management of multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic disease, atopic dermatitis, Alzheimer's disease, Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Multiple Myeloma Update, Emerging Treatments for Type 2 Diabetes and Advancements in Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis. The symposia will be held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. For more information, click [here](#).



Denver Offers Annual Meeting Attendees Many Amenities

Besides attending education sessions, Annual Meeting attendees will have the chance to enjoy beautiful Denver, a city that boasts 300 days of sunshine, a thriving cultural scene, diverse neighborhoods and abundant natural beauty. Located at the base of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, Denver's "Mile High" nickname derives from the 13th step on the west side of the Colorado State Capitol Building, which is exactly one-mile high at 5,280 feet above sea level. It is located on high rolling plains, 12 miles east of the foothills, a series of gentle mountains that climb to 11,000 feet. Just beyond is the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, a series of formidable snowcapped peaks that rise to 14,000 feet. The mountain panorama from Denver is 140 miles long. For more information on Denver, visit www.denver.org.



Volunteer Opportunities Available at Annual Meeting

AMCP is still looking for attendees to participate in a variety of activities at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Volunteering is a great way to network with others and maximize your conference experience. Click on the titles below to learn more and sign up!

- [AMCP Booth Volunteers](#): Booth volunteers help staff the AMCP Concierge booth at the Annual Meeting.
- [AMCP Foundation Poster Mentor](#): Poster mentors prepare poster presenters to speak about their research by visiting assigned posters, asking questions of the presenters and providing feedback.
- [AMCP Foundation Kiosk Volunteer](#): These volunteers help promote Foundation programs, including giving opportunities and charitable initiatives like our sock collection.
- [AMCP Foundation Best Poster Judge](#): Poster judges review and score a set of poster abstracts assigned to them prior to the competition.

(photo: volunteers working the concierge booth at last year's Annual Meeting)

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