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2024 Summer Newsletter

President's Corner



Reflecting on the past 10 years on the Midwest AMCP Board, I have countless memories. Most importantly, is the life-long friendships is something I never expected.

With sincere gratitude for our authentic community, the board members and our sponsors, this community gives us the opportunity learn, challenge standards, develop friendships, and improve our careers as managed care professionals. Thank you for entrusting me again to lead the Midwest AMCP affiliate for one last time.

2024 will be an exciting year! The Board is working to continue the 16 year days of Education tradition, providing one-of-a-kind networking opportunities, supporting our managed care students and curating executive level workshops to bring our fearless leaders together. These workshops will challenge our thinking within our current business models and inspire innovation and creativity.

To touch on this year's programming, which is still in development, we are anticipating to include the following sessions:

- High impact drug classes - including GLP-1s, Biosimilars, Cell & Gene Therapies
- Legislative and IRA updates during the presidential election year
- A deep-dive look at innovation within employer drug carve-outs including the drug shortages across the industry, emerging digital therapeutics, etc.
- A preview into the current PBM trends, including the BCBSA model

Finally, and most importantly, we are looking to challenge our paradigm within value base contracting.

I highly encourage you to please stay in touch for any questions and urgent needs throughout the year. We are here to serve you. I look forward to seeing you all in the very near future.

With gratitude,

Andy Erickson, MBA
President, AMCP Midwest Affiliate

P.S. Registration Links

- The details and the registration links for The Midwest AMCP Fall Days of Education are located at the end of the newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone there in Detroit and Chicago!



15th Annual Chicago Day of Education– Recap

- Midwest AMCP held another highly successful Chicago Day of Education on November 17th, 2023, where nearly 300 of our colleagues gathered to learn and network. Our event was held at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel in the lovely city of Chicago. The night before the main event, there was a happy hour networking reception at the hotel with over 75 attendees.
- Immediately following, Midwest AMCP hosted a dinner at the Untitled Supper Club, which was attended by the Midwest AMCP Board, Delegates, and most of our gracious volunteer speakers.
- After a tasty breakfast and some networking from 6:30 to 7:30 am, the meeting kicked off with a simple introduction and some housekeeping by our Immediate Past President, Casey Lucas, PharmD.

- The first session of the day began strong, with Doug Long, BA, MBA, Vice President of Industry Relations for IQVIA, providing insight into the current trends of healthcare and the pharmaceutical marketplace.
- Daisy Amann, PharmD, Senior Director of Specialty Client Solutions at CVS Health followed with a riveting look into specialty pharmacy trends and new therapies that will impact the market.
- A panel discussion was next, giving invaluable commentary on the legislation to watch that has and will continue to impact managed care. This lively discussion was comprised of the Director of Government Affairs, Adam Colborn, JD from AMCP, Alison Falb, JD, Health Policy Director from Applied Policy, and the Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs with The Cigna Group, Lisa Le Gette, RPh, MBA.
- After a well-deserved lunch, our final session took place which discussed topics that are disrupting managed care pharmacy, from GLP-1s to cell and gene therapy, to alternate PBM models. This session was a continuation of the well-received discussion we started at last year's Chicago Day of Education. Moderated by Rob O'Brien, RPh, Senior Vice President at Real Endpoints, Rob facilitated a riveting talk between Alex Jung, Principal, EY-Parthenon at Ernst & Young LLP, Greg Baker, RPh who is the Co-Founder and CEO of AffirmedRx, and Megan Wagner, PharmD, Vice President of National Accounts Pharmacy with HCSC.

Midwest AMCP would like to express our sincere thanks to all the sponsors of our events. We would also like to thank our speakers for volunteering their time to bring us excellent content and generating meaningful discussion, helping all of us take valuable information back to our work. And most of all, this event cannot happen without the year-long planning and dedication by the Board and the Delegates- you all are rock stars! Thank you for all you have done and will do to make each year better than the last.

AMCP Midwest offered student scholarships again to help students attend the AMCP Annual Meeting in New Orleans 2024



2024 Midwest AMCP – Scholarship Recipients

The Midwest AMCP Scholarship Application took place at AMCP Annual 2024 April 15th – 18th, 2024 Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA.

- **Overview:** Scholarship(s) of \$1,500 were awarded to two selected PharmD student(s) - Applicants must be student members of AMCP and attending a College of Pharmacy/School of Pharmacy in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, or Wisconsin (participating AMCP Midwest states)
- **Eligibility Requirements:** 1. Applicants must be either PharmD student or pharmacy graduate students in good academic standing from an ACPE accredited college or university within the fourstate affiliate region. 2. Applicants must hold an active AMCP student membership. 3. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible for the next two subsequent national meetings

SARA GANAS

Meet Sara Ganas, a passionate P3 student at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Pharmacy! 🎓 ✨

🔍 **Background:** Sara's journey is fueled by dedication and gratitude. As a recipient of the prestigious Midwest AMCP Scholarship, she had the incredible opportunity to attend the AMCP Annual Meeting in vibrant New Orleans, LA. 🎉

📄 **Student Poster Presentation:** At the conference, Sara proudly presented her student poster, sharing insights and discoveries with fellow scholars. 📊 👤

🌍 **Overcoming Challenges:** Being a student comes with limitations, especially when it comes to travel. But thanks to AMCP Midwest, Sara's educational path received a powerful boost. ✨

🚀 **Investing in Education and Career:** The scholarship wasn't just financial support—it symbolized an investment in Sara's future. It's a reminder that dreams are within reach, even when resources are scarce. 💪

Sara Ganas—inspiring, resilient, and ready to make her mark! ✨ 📖 🌟




MAKENZIE HANSEN


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 **Networking and Learning:** Makenzie seized the opportunity to connect with fellow pharmacists and students, diving deep into managed care topics that impact healthcare practices today. From the poster expo to education sessions, she soaked up knowledge like a sponge! 🍌💡

 **Beyond the Curriculum:** Her conference experience went beyond textbooks. Makenzie explored managed care in ways her pharmacy school couldn't provide—opening doors to new perspectives and insights. 📖🌍

 **Lasting Connections:** The bonds she forged with Midwest AMCP students and pharmacists are more than fleeting moments. They're the foundation for future collaborations and shared success. 💖🌟

 **Breaking Barriers:** Finances could have held her back, but the scholarship was her ticket. Makenzie's determination and the support she received made it all possible. 🤝💳

 **Looking Ahead:** AMCP Annual ignited a fire in Makenzie's heart. She's ready for more—future conferences, reconnections, and a bright path ahead! 🌟🔥

Makenzie Hansen—where scholarship meets ambition! 📚🌟



2024 Gilead and Leo Pharmacy Program and Scholarships

- Two selections for LEO program August 14-15, 2024 Sihyun Kim from University of Michigan and Boyang Dong from Purdue University
- Two selections for Gilead Program September 10-11, 2024 Sean Martin and Daniel Lee from University of Illinois Chicago

Overview: The Student Pharmacy Programs for 2024 will provide pharmacy students exposure to multiple functional areas of a pharmaceutical company, participate in a lab/facility tour, reception, and network with Pharm D's and Executive Leaders.

Focus Areas: Drug Development, Regulatory Affairs, Manufacturing & Channel Distribution, Legal & Compliance, Commercial Marketing, Market Access, Field Medical Affairs & HEOR, Fellowship Program

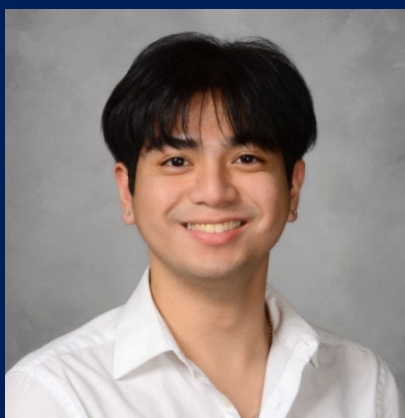
Two Program Locations and Date:

- Gilead U.S Headquarters, Foster City CA, September 10-11, 2024
- Leo U.S Headquarters, Madison, NJ, August 14-15, 2024

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Affiliates
are
eligible to
send one
student.





Due to the large number of applicants in the Midwest, we were able to secure an additional spot for the Leo Program.







Gilead Recipient



SEAN MARTIN


I am Sean Martin, a fourth-year student pharmacist at the esteemed University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). It is with immense pride and excitement that I share my recent selection for the prestigious Gilead Student Pharmacy Program.

 **A Milestone in My Professional Odyssey** This opportunity represents a pivotal moment in my journey. Through this shadowing program, I will delve into the inner workings of the biopharmaceutical industry. Imagine it as a backstage pass to the symphony of science, where molecules dance and discoveries unfold. 

 **The Art of Medicinal Mastery** My passion lies in patient-centered care and enhancing medication access. With Gilead's expertise in antiviral drug research and development, I am poised to learn from the best. Think of it as a cosmic collision between curiosity and competence. 

 **Innovation Unleashed** Gilead's innovative processes await me—an alchemical blend of lab coats, test tubes, and groundbreaking ideas. Picture a fusion of Sherlock Holmes and Marie Curie, with a dash of entrepreneurial spirit. 

 **Conversations with Industry Titans** I eagerly anticipate engaging with industry experts. These conversations will shape my future, reinforcing my commitment to making a meaningful impact in the field of pharmacy. 

 **The Path Ahead** As I step into this new chapter, I invite you all to join me. Together, we'll explore uncharted territories, decode molecular mysteries, and perhaps even discover the elixir of professional fulfillment.



Stay tuned, dear readers. Sean Martin's odyssey has just begun.  



Gilead Recipient

DANIEL LEE

Meet Daniel Lee, our dynamic incoming P3 student at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy! 🎓 ✨

🔍 **AMCP Trailblazer:** Daniel's passion for managed care knows no bounds. From serving as the P1 liaison to now leading as President of the UIC chapter, he's been at the forefront of AMCP engagement. 🤝💡

🏆 **National Recognition:** Team UIC's stellar performance in the AMCP National P&T Competition landed them a well-deserved 3rd place. Daniel's dedication and teamwork shone brightly! ✨🏆

🌐 **Local Impact:** He's not just about accolades—Daniel actively fosters interest in managed care pharmacy within his local AMCP community.



🚀 **Career Aspirations:** Managed care residency? Pharmaceutical industry fellowship? Daniel's eyes are set on the future. His internships in Medical Affairs and Medical Strategy and Operations have laid a solid foundation.



🌈 **Networking Ahead:** The Gilead Student Pharmacy Program awaits, ready to expand Daniel's professional network and shape his path. The future looks bright! ✨🌐

Daniel Lee—where ambition meets action! 🚀📖🔄



Leo Recipient

BOYANG DONG

🎉 **Hey there, pharmacy enthusiasts! Meet Boyang, our Fourth-Year Professional Pharmacy superstar at Purdue University!** 🌟

Boyang's been juggling more than pill bottles—serving as the local president in our AMCP Purdue chapter, competing in the P&T showdown (think “Pharmacy Thunderdome”), and rocking the virtual stage at the AMCP Nexus and AMCP Annual conferences. 🗣️ ✍️

But wait, there's more! Boyang's got a golden ticket—the LEO Student Pharmacy Program this fall! 🗝️ 🔍 Imagine a treasure chest filled with insights, connections, and maybe a secret potion or two. Boyang's ready to unlock their destiny as a future medical outcome science liaison. 💡 🌐

Stay pharm-tastic, friends! 👥 😊

Leo Recipient

SIHYUN KIM

🌟 **Sihyun Kim: Navigating the Path to Excellence!** 🌟

Meet Sihyun Kim, our rising P3 pharmacy star at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy! 🎓 ✨

🔍 **AMCP Journey:** Sihyun's adventure began with a captivating Day of Education in Chicago. Since then, they've been an active force within AMCP—competing in the National P&T Competition and stepping up as their chapter's president-elect. 🌟 🤝

🚀 **Future Aspirations:** Post-graduation, Sihyun has their sights set on a fellowship in either Medical Affairs or Clinical Operations. Their passion for the pharmaceutical industry knows no bounds! 📁 🌐

🌈 **LEO Student Pharmacy Program:** The opportunity to explore different functional areas awaits. Sihyun is ready to learn, connect, and shape their future. 🌟 🔥

Sihyun Kim—where ambition meets impact! 🚀 📚 🌐

Student Chapter Spotlight

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Celebrating Excellence: University of Wisconsin AMCP Student Chapter

The AMCP Chapter at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, initiated in 2015, has quickly established itself as a vibrant and influential part of the pharmacy student community. This chapter is dedicated to fostering the professional development of future managed care pharmacists and has made significant strides in enhancing the educational and professional landscape for its members.

A Year of Achievements

Over the past school year, the UW-Madison AMCP Chapter has organized several noteworthy events that have not only highlighted their commitment to professional growth but also created valuable opportunities for students. Among these, three events stand out for their impact:

1. **LINKEDIN AND NETWORKING WORKSHOP:** Recognizing the importance of effective communication and relationship-building in the field of pharmacy, the chapter hosted a networking event with Dr. Veeral Vyas designed to help students refine their networking skills. Dr. Vyas taught the students about using LinkedIn for networking. This culmination of the event provided a platform for students to engage with residents and pharmacists from Navitus Health Solutions, a local Pharmacy Benefits Manager, in a controlled environment, practice their conversational techniques, and receive constructive feedback. Student Makenzie Hansen shared that skills she learned at this event helped play a part in her obtaining a position in a summer internship with Genentech, a very competitive program. This was the most highly attended event of the year for the chapter.
2. **MENTORING PROGRAM:** The chapter launched a mentoring program that paired students with pharmacists working in managed care. The initiative allowed students to gain insights into the managed care sector, understanding the daily responsibilities and challenges faced by professionals in the field. Students also received personalized guidance and advice from their mentors. Some mentors helped their students prepare for and practice interviews. The program not only facilitated knowledge transfer but also helped build lasting professional relationships. The UW-Madison School of Pharmacy has specifically



recognized the chapter for this event and will feature it in an upcoming School of Pharmacy Newsletter.

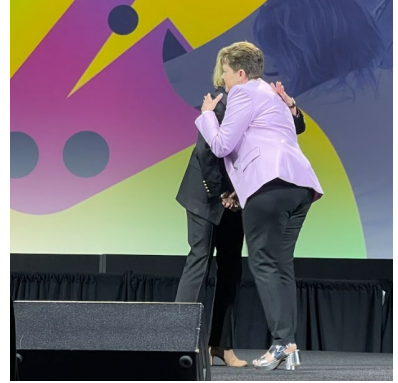
3. **P&T COMPETITION:** The Pharmacy and Therapeutics competition was another highlight of the year. The event challenged students to analyze and present drug formulary recommendations based on clinical and economic data. Such competitions are essential in honing students' critical thinking, research, and presentation skills, which are vital in managed care pharmacy. The team of Alan Albrecht, Michael Milani, Steven Do, and Mohamed Mohamed gave a mock presentation to a panel of judges comprised of pharmacists from Navitus Health Solutions. The team received timely feedback from the judges and incorporated this into their monograph as well as their national presentation. An exciting outcome was the selection of the team as a semifinalist in the 2024 AMCP National Student Pharmacist P&T Competition.

Looking Ahead: Exciting Plans for the Future

Building on the momentum of their recent successes, the AMCP student chapter has ambitious plans for the upcoming academic year. Among the most exciting developments is the introduction of the first-ever managed care professional elective. This 2-credit course will be available to third-year pharmacy students, providing them with specialized knowledge and skills relevant to managed care pharmacy.



Spring AMCP RECAP New Orleans





UIC Team placed 3rd in the National P&T Competition at AMCP Annual!

- We are thrilled to recognize the exceptional achievement of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) team, who secured an impressive third place in the National Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Competition at the AMCP Annual event. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off!
- The UIC P&T team extends heartfelt gratitude to the AMCP Foundation and our generous sponsors—**Genentech**, **Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, and **LEO Pharma Inc.**—for their unwavering support of the Annual P&T Competition. This experience remains highly valued among the AMCP Student Chapters.



Team Members:

- **Shirley Nguyen** (UIC-AMCP VP/Competition Coordinator)
- **Mags Byun** (UIC-AMCP Faculty Advisor)
- **Daniel Lee** (UIC-AMCP New President)
- **Eddie Pallares** (UIC-AMCP Team Guru)
- **Leah Song** (UIC-AMCP Outgoing President)
- **Sean Martin** (UIC-AMCP Team Lead)



Managed Care Residents Poster Showcase at AMCP New Orleans

Huge congratulations to the talented [Midwest AMCP](#) managed care residents who showcased their research posters at the [AMCP](#) Annual Conference in New Orleans last month!

Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to advancing knowledge in the field of managed care pharmacy.

[Nohal Mekkaoui](#) of [University of Michigan](#) Prescription Drug Plan

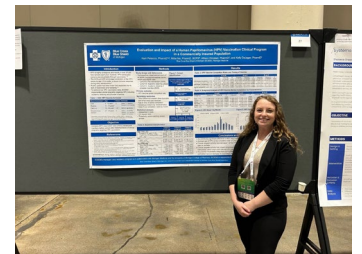
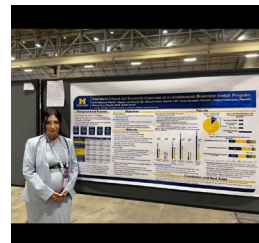
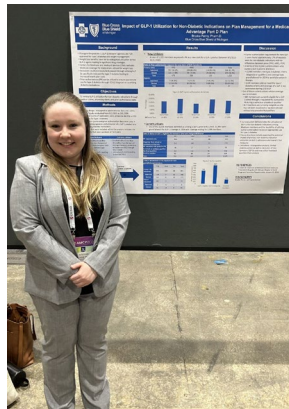
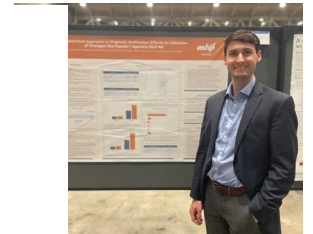
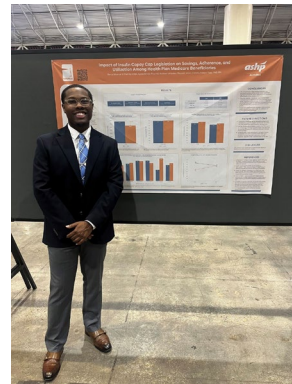
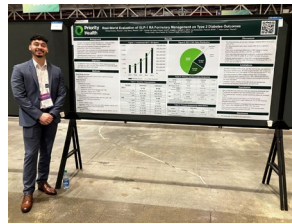
[Karli Pelaccio](#) of [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan](#)

[Michael Gomez](#) of [Priority Health](#)

[Brooke Penny](#) of Senior Health Services ([Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan](#))

[Darryl Monroe II, PharmD, MBA](#) of [Navitus Health Solutions](#)

[Trey Jones, PharmD](#) of [Navitus Health Solutions](#)



Christina Barrington Sworn in as AMCP President



Key Highlights

- **NEW ROLE:** Christina Barrington sworn in as AMCP PRESIDENT, previously held positions including treasurer and president-elect.
- **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:** Extensive experience in pharmacy management and health plan strategy at PRIORITY HEALTH.
- **VISION FOR AMCP:** Committed to enhancing access to cost-effective medications and advancing public health outcomes.

Source: [Business Wire](#)

SoHC's Take

Christina Barrington's appointment as president of AMCP marks a significant moment in the evolution of managed care pharmacy. Her extensive background in pharmacy leadership and commitment to cost-effective healthcare delivery underline the strategic direction she is likely to steer the AMCP. As she takes on this vital role, her efforts will be crucial in shaping the future of pharmacy benefits management, particularly in the current climate of healthcare reform and economic pressures. This leadership transition comes at a critical juncture for AMCP, poised to further influence healthcare policy and practice in the coming years.



2024 Days of Education – Registration Links

You're invited to join us this fall for the 16th Annual Midwest AMCP Days of Education. Please see [this flyer](#) for additional registration and sponsorship information. Session topics coming soon.

- Troy, Mich. on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, 7:30am–2pm ET @ Health Alliance Plan
 - [Book your accommodations](#) by Aug. 29, 2024.
- Chicago, IL on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, 7:30am–2pm CT @ Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel
 - [Book your accommodations](#) by Oct. 21, 2024.

Register at the AMCP site [here!](#)

Midwest AMCP's 16th Annual — DAYS OF EDUCATION —

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Come learn and connect with Midwest managed care leaders at this year's Days of Education (DOEs). We greatly appreciate your support and consideration of event sponsorship.

	Detroit, MI	Chicago, IL
	Friday, September 20 th	Friday, November 22 nd
	7:30 am – 2 pm ET	7:30 am – 2 pm CT
	Health Alliance Plan 1414 E Maple Rd, Troy, MI	Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel 1 West Upper Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL
Individual Registration Rates		
<i>Manufacturer- Non-AMCP Member: \$550 • Manufacturer- AMCP Active and Associate Members: \$450 • Plan/Payer- Active Member (e.g., Pharmacist, Physician, Nurse): \$75 • Resident/Student Pharmacist: \$0</i>		

Receive 50% OFF the 2nd event when sponsoring BOTH DOEs

	Platinum \$4000	Gold \$2000	Silver \$1000
Sponsorship Benefit			
Registrations included per event	2	1	1
Logo displayed on Midwest AMCP website and event signs	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor advertisement or logo on screens during event breaks	✓	✓	-
One seat at the pre-event Board/Speaker dinner	✓	-	-
One attendee to a Midwest AMCP Board meeting to provide a brief company presentation after the event	✓	-	-
Display table outside the event, one seat at a sponsor table near stage at event, and a brief company mention during the event	✓	-	-

Questions or interested in sponsoring?
Email: Midwest@amcp.org


More details coming to: <https://www.amcp.org/midwest-amcp>

Chicago DOA Special Event

Omar Ali – Head of Payers Verpora



VALUE-BASED CONTRACTING WORKSHOP – UNLOCKING INSIGHTS WITH OMAR ALI

 DATE: Thursday, November 21st (Pre-Chicago DOE)

- For years, we've heard the buzzwords of value-based contracting, risk shares, and outcomes-based agreements. But where are we today? Are the data requirements worth the effort? What have we truly learned? And most importantly, why do we do what we do?
- In this executive-level workshop, led by OMAR ALI, Head of Payers at Verpora, we challenge both our Payer and Industry community to jointly rethink value-based contracting—the “why” behind the agreements and the agreement development process. Through this workshop, Omar Ali will reengineer agreements and challenge our assumptions.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- SYNERGISTIC WORKSHOP: Bringing together the best minds from both Payers and Industry.
- LIMITED ATTENDEES: Reserve your spot now!
- PROGRAM DETAILS: Coming soon!

ABOUT OMAR ALI

It takes a payer to know a payer's mind, and Omar's extensive experience puts him in an ideal position to unlock critical payer insights. As a previous pharmacy & therapeutics payer and adviser to the UK national HTA appraisal body NICE, Omar's expertise spans managed entry of new medicines, health technology appraisals, market access, pricing, reimbursement, and health economics. At Verpora, Omar manages a global team of experienced pharmacy payers, providing in-depth insights for product value propositions and validation of market access strategy across international launch sequence portfolios. Currently pursuing his PhD in Value-Based Contracting, Omar is committed to advancing the field.

Where to find us:

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Upcoming National AMCP:

AMCP Nexus - October 14-17, in Las Vegas, NV

Click [HERE](#) for detail

[AMCP Nexus 2024 | AMCP.org](https://www.amcp.org)

2024-2025 Midwest AMCP Board of Directors & State Delegates

Please extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed [Midwest AMCP](#) Affiliate Board of Directors!

We're looking forward to another great year of collaborating together and advancing managed care with all of you in our Midwest AMCP community.

2024-2025 Midwest AMCP Board of Directors 

						
Andy Erickson <i>President</i>	Natalie Pirkola <i>President-Elect</i>	Casey Lucas <i>Immediate Past President</i>	Millie Mo <i>Secretary</i>	Joe Ward <i>Education Co-Chair</i>	Amina Bensami <i>Education Co-Chair</i>	Shefali Mihelich <i>Lead Delegate</i>
						
Kevin Shinaberry <i>Membership & Fundraising Co-Chair</i>	Vesal Vyas <i>Membership & Fundraising Co-Chair</i>	Avin Yaldo <i>Student Liaison</i>	Joy Wahawisan <i>Social Co-Chair</i>	Sunny Hirpara <i>Social Co-Chair</i>	Tom Banft <i>Event Operations Chair</i>	Troy Koch <i>Treasurer</i>

2024-2025 Midwest AMCP State Delegates 

			
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Wendi Powell <i>Indiana</i>	Stacie Smith <i>Indiana</i>	Jay Eickman <i>Wisconsin</i>	Amy Schmerse <i>Wisconsin</i>