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AMCP FLORIDA

NEWSLETTER



AMCP Florida 2024 Day of Education — A Great Success!

Our recent Day of Education in Ft. Lauderdale was a fantastic experience! Thank you to all our sponsors, incredible speakers and panelists, and a special thanks to NSU College of Pharmacy for hosting. We're grateful for Dean Michelle Clark's continued support, our dedicated student volunteers, and all our participants.

Presentation slides will be shared with attendees via email and posted on our AMCP Florida Affiliate website. Enjoy the event photos, and we look forward to seeing you at our next gathering!



AMCP DAY OF EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

*Thank
you!*

NSU Florida

Barry and Judy Silverman
College of Pharmacy



Thursday Night, Happy Hour Networking Event

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SOLUTIONS

Friday, Day of Education



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Celebrating Our Nexus 2024 Scholarship Winners!



Congratulations to these exceptional students who have been awarded the Nexus 2024 Scholarship!

These future leaders in managed care pharmacy have shown remarkable dedication and potential. We're proud to support their journey and look forward to seeing them at Nexus 2024 in Las Vegas!



Adaisa Green
Florida A&M University



Julia Nguyen
University of Florida



Kezia Agyare
Florida A&M University



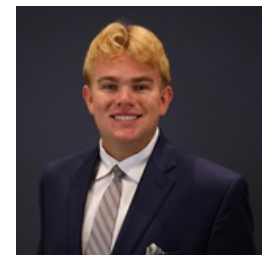
Rebecca Galvan
University of Florida

NEXUS
LAS VEGAS | OCT. 14-17, 2024

Get Ready for AMCP Nexus 2024!

We're thrilled to see everyone at the upcoming AMCP Nexus Conference in Las Vegas, NV, from October 14-17!

Don't miss the Florida Affiliate Chapter Meeting on **Tuesday, October 15, from 7-8 pm**. Be sure to bring a friend and join us for an evening of networking and fun! See you there!



Tanner Beachy
University of Florida



Committee Updates

Student Affairs Committee

Our committee members are helping students prepare for future career opportunities through one-on-one mock interviews and resume reviews.

Applications remain open to support those interested in future residencies or fellowships. Fill out the form [HERE](#) today!

Membership Committee

Our committee is excited about the ongoing growth of our chapter and is looking forward to more involvement from new and existing members. Don't forget to invite a friend to our upcoming events!

We want to congratulate Tom Heard, PharmD, BCGP, on his transition to the role of our new committee chair!



Legislative Committee

We welcome a new student member, Tanner Beachy, who brings great energy and enthusiasm for legislative initiatives!



Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is looking for volunteers to submit a brief biography for the 'Managed Care Spotlight.' This is a great opportunity to remind people of all the varied career paths available within managed care pharmacy. Don't be shy! We need to hear from you! Find form [HERE](#).

Planning Committee

We've shared a recap and photos from our successful Day of Education event on LinkedIn – be sure to take a look!

We're also exploring options for virtual continuing education programs before the year ends, offering more opportunities for our members to learn and grow. Stay tuned!

JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY!

*If you are interested in joining any of the above committees,
please email us at florida@amcp.org*

AMCP Florida's Managed Care Career Spotlight:

Jordan Almazan, PharmD, AAHIVE, BCGP | Director, Clinical Strategy and Innovation, Prime Therapeutics



As a passionate innovator and proven leader with 15 years of experience in business and healthcare, I thrive on identifying healthcare needs and building bridges to address them. I have expertise in retail healthcare, specialty pharmacy, medical pharmacy, managed care, innovative product development, pharma relations, and business acceleration. As Director of Clinical Strategy and Innovation at Prime Therapeutics, I lead our medical pharmacy product pipeline, spanning a variety of therapeutic areas including emerging cell and gene therapies and oncology. I do my best each day to engage and inspire the people around me, empowering others to make a meaningful difference. Being a first-generation Latino-American, I am committed to giving back to my community by leveraging my skills to address equity gaps for people of color and sexual and gender minorities. I believe it is the unifying mission of us all to drive toward an equitable world in healthcare. Every day is an opportunity to change the world.

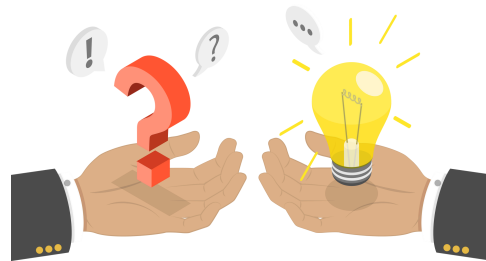
Pivotal Career Moment

A pivotal moment in managed care for me was helping my aunt navigate her healthcare journey through the jolts of highs and lows, which is a rather typical experience in healthcare for many Americans. Prior to her diagnosis with a rare, debilitating autoimmune condition, my aunt had already been living with Type 2 diabetes for years and her condition was being managed with multiple forms of insulin. Almost overnight she began losing strength and quickly lost the ability to walk. After a period without answers, she was diagnosed with a rare condition that required her to start treatment with new medications, both oral and infused. The side effects of these medications threw her blood sugars into disarray and she struggled with the ability to get new doses approved while avoiding medical emergencies from high blood sugar. Meanwhile, she had to quit her job and transition her healthcare coverage. With my experience as a pharmacist and managed care expert, I was able to support her through this complicated journey and ensure she was taken care of.

But I also saw first-hand that no one in the healthcare landscape was going to look after her care holistically. When I think about the number of folks who don't have a personal healthcare concierge to navigate our highly complex system, I am emboldened to double-down on the work that I do – to support the simplification and integration of our fragmented processes in managed care that can drive better outcomes for patients.

Success Factors

Success can be defined in so many ways and everyone has their own definition of success. I believe that professionals who are most successful are those who have a combination of focus and adaptability – focus to deliver results consistently and adaptability to thrive in situations that are uncomfortable but show a lot of promise.



Future of Managed Care

I anticipate that managed care will become more integrated and simplified, driven by demands from health plans, providers, and members to have a more transparent and simplified approach to managing treatments and costs. However, I don't think the path to get there will be straightforward. Organizations will need to invest and spend a great deal of time considering how to integrate people and processes and compete with or combine new technologies that can drive efficiency in the UM and care delivery spaces.

Managed Care Pearl for Aspiring Professionals

Ask as many questions as you can and make it a point to understand more than just your role in your organization but how your work connects to the big picture. This helps tremendously with finding purpose in everything we do.

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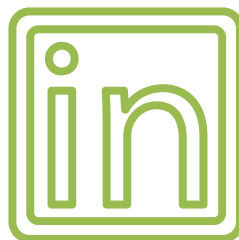
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