

**NEW YORK CITY SOCIETY OF  
HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS**

*55th Annual*

**INSTALLATION PROGRAM  
VIRTUAL EVENT  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18th, 2020**



**Welcome – Director-At-Large**  
Emily Messing

**Outgoing Presidential Address**  
Maabo Kludze

**Award Presentations**  
Charrai Byrd

**Installation of Officers**  
Frank Sosnowski  
*Installation of the Board of Directors*  
*Installation of the President*

**Incoming Presidential Address**  
Harshal Shukla

# OUTGOING PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS 2020

Maabo Kludze, PharmD, MBA, CDE, BCPS

The unexpected arrival of COVID-19 has challenged and transformed us in many ways but one thing that remains constant is our oath as pharmacists. In which we pledge to a lifetime of service to others and consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering. Thank you to everyone who continues to do so.

Our new normal calls for us to adapt, be nimble, and create new ways to interact like never before. Despite these challenges, we were still able to accomplish much together. We held our usual in person continuing education programs that eventually became virtual. We had a number presentations on financial management with topics ranging from paying back student loans to saving for retirement. I want to thank Emily, Sefa and Sybil for leading our inaugural mentorship program. A special thank you to Vicki Powell for teaching us that communication is a vital to becoming a successful a leader. Under Jamie's guidance the student Professional Development Roundtable and the online clinical pearl jam student presentations were highly attended and very successful.

During the height of the pandemic NYCSHP donated money to help provide meals to HIV positive patients who were unable to get meals on their own; we sent 'thank you' meals to pharmacy departments; and we donated face masks to nursing home residents to keep them safe.

I would like to thank each one of my board members, committee chairs and members, and volunteers who have sacrificed their time to make NYCSHP better. Thank you, Victor, for being our secretary for the past 2 years – we appreciate your dedication. Thank you, Amber for being so detailed oriented and keeping track of our finances. Thank you to Christian, Alla, and Sasha for the many years and time you put in to pull the Bulletin together. Thank you, Josh, for jumping in and taking over as DAL and Dominique for posting our memories on social media. Charrai, you were always ready to answer any of my questions, it was greatly appreciated. Finally, the students from Touro and LIU have continuously showed their support by helping with game night and were a constant source of energy.

I leave knowing that Harshal will continue to move NYCSHP forward and I look forward to all the exciting activities he already has planned.



# INCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS 2020

Harshal Shukla, PharmD, BCPS

## **Collaboration, Innovation & Well-Being**

Thank you everyone. It truly is a humbling experience to be here with you today and be installed as the President of the New York City Society of Health-System Pharmacists. I would like to first acknowledge all the work that is being conducted by all healthcare heroes including pharmacists, technicians, residents across New York City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a local organization, we stand committed to do whatever is necessary to support, embrace and advocate for health-system pharmacy professionals.

As I begin my term as president, I take this opportunity to reflect and realize the small steps and achievements along my path which have brought great meaning to my journey. I would like to first thank my parents and sister for all their sacrifices and time spent in helping me pursue my goals. My family and friends have played an instrumental role in my development. It is with their blessings that I have been able to achieve many of my goals and aspirations. I first started my New York City chapter journey as a student at Long Island University (LIU) when Kanika Ballani invited me to my first program. It was an interview workshop for students pursuing residency or fellowship training. It was my first glimpse into the vital role professional organizations play in shaping future pharmacy leaders. As a student at LIU, my passion for clinical pharmacy and residency training was cultivated by Dr. Roopali Sharma. During my APPE rotation, rounding with the Internal Medicine teams at SUNY Downstate highlighted the impact pharmacists play as gatekeepers for safe and effective medication use. She encouraged me to pursue residency training and played a pivotal role in my early professional development. Thank you Roopali for being a wonderful teacher and encouraging me to always dream big.

As I completed my residency training and transitioned to new practitioner, I received a phone call from Dr. Jason Babby. He was serving as the President of the New York City chapter at the time and discussed with me his vision of creating a committee for New Practitioners. I served as co-chair for the New Practitioners Committee with my colleague Dr. Pavel Goriacko. Together we created the first local New Practitioners committee for the New York State council. The committee was extremely successful and was highlighted by ASHP for its efforts on engaging new graduates at the local level. My experiences as New Practitioners Committee remain one of my most enjoyable moments of my New York City chapter career. This year will mark the committee's fifth year anniversary.

It has been wonderful to witness the efforts made across New York State for New Practitioners. I am excited to announce Drs. Jackie Chirico and Dimitri Savva as the new co-chairs for the New Practitioners Committee this year. They will continue to support new practitioners' transition into real world practice and hopefully inspire the next set of new graduates for lifelong involvement in professional organizations. I am excited and confident they will do a great job progressing our efforts forward. When I was co-chair of the New Practitioners Committee, I remember sitting with Frank Sosnowski my boss discussing the organization and he asked me "When are you going to be President of the New York City chapter?" I looked at him quite surprised at that time, I could not have imagined that in a few years I'll be here virtually installed as the president.

As I was writing this speech, I gathered much needed inspiration from past ASHP Harvey A.K Whitney Award winners. One of the powerful lectures that resonated with me was conducted by Dr. Rebecca Finley in 2018, founding dean and a professor at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She wrote, "Gratitude is defined as the appreciation of what is valuable and meaningful to oneself and as a general state of thankfulness or appreciation". In these unprecedented times we all have many things to be grateful for this year. I feel extremely grateful for my entire Montefiore family. To all the directors, clinical pharmacy managers, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, thank you for your continued support and mentorship over the past six years. A special thanks to – Michael Thomas, Laura Alfieri, Ruth Lyttle, Toshiba Morgan-Joseph, Pavel Goriacko, Angela Cheng, Nadia Ferguson and Leslie Serrano. Many of you have seen my transition from a student, resident, staff pharmacist and now as a clinical pharmacist practicing in the areas of surgery and anesthesia. What a transition it has been!

I would like to specially thank Frank Sosnowski and Mark Sinnett. I am blessed to work for the best pharmacy management team in New York State. Your passion for pharmacy is unquestionable. I could have never imagined coming out a residency, scrambling to look for jobs in a competitive field that I would have the good fortune to have mentors like yourself. Your leadership and overall passion for what you do are truly infectious. Thank you Mark and Frank!

Another special thank you is to my entire New York City chapter family. Thank you to all the past-presidents and board of directors for your continued support. I have met so many pharmacy leaders throughout my 8-year New York City chapter career that have left an indelible mark with me. A few names that I must mention that have played a pivotal role in my development include Jason Babby, Kanika Ballani, Maabo Kludze, Charrai Byrd, Amber Johnson, Emily Messing, Victor Chen, Amisha Arya Leimbach and Leila Tibi Scherl. Thank you for your encouragement and support over the years!

With the start of every New York City chapter year comes with it a new unique theme and initiatives. The theme for 2020-2021 will be Collaboration, Innovation and Well-Being. This year we will be creating several new committees to advance our pharmacy profession and organization forward for the next decade. Burnout in the healthcare setting has been associated with increased rates of medical errors, healthcare-associated infection, and patient mortality. Last month, the New York State council announced the adoption of an official policy statement supporting the development of programs intended at the recognition, prevention and treatment of burnout. As a result, we will be creating our first ever New York City chapter Well-Being and Resilience committee. The committee will be chaired by Drs. Jessica Snead and Alana Ciolek. We will be creating wellness programs, workshops and educational sessions geared to providing our members resources to promote overall well-being and building resilience. This has become more evident than ever due to the mental health toll of the COVID-19 crisis on all healthcare workers.

Digital technology has been playing an increasingly critical role in the operation of the New York City chapter, and it's even more so now that various stages of social distancing require us to conduct our meetings virtually. To stay ahead of the game, we will be launching our first digital solutions committee. This committee will focus on improving our organization's overall efficiency and communication with our members. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Selvin Soby and will ensure that we can transition to virtual programming seamlessly and make our organization more prepared for any changes in the future.

With the surge of new experimental therapies during the COVID-19 crisis, it's becoming imperative that we continue to provide evidence-based care and promote safe and effective medication use. We will be creating the first ever Science, Research and Evidence Based Medicine committee. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Pavel Goriacko and will focus on fostering cross-institutional collaboration on pharmacotherapy research, as well as support educational programming on research methodology and literature evaluation. This is a critical time for pharmacists to advocate for a rational and evidence-based approach to medication use, and this committee will be a crucial step in that direction.

It has been quoted, "behind every great leader, at the base of every great tale of success, you will find an indispensable circle of trusted advisors, mentors and colleagues". We all have come across the opportunity to teach and mentor pharmacy students, residents and new staff members. Mentorship and preceptor development require practice, patience and constant feedback from both mentor and mentee. We will be creating a new preceptor development committee that will be chaired by Drs. Kanika Ballani and Jason Babby and the committee will ensure we provide our members resources on developing the necessary skillset for the future of our pharmacy profession.

Finally, another major collaboration will be with our New York City chapter Past Presidents. Over the past few years, Past Presidents Amisha Arya Leimbach and Leila Tibi Scherl created a Past Presidents Committee. We will incorporate and formally introduce the New York City chapter Past Presidents Committee. The committee will be open to our Past Presidents to help discuss a strategic plan for the next five to ten years. The past presidents provide a plethora of knowledge and expertise that our current board members will need to utilize in shaping our professional organization for the future. I am looking forward to working with them and discuss how we can stay ahead and continue the strong legacy of the New York City chapter.

I am very enthusiastic to work with all our dedicated board members – Maabo Kludze, Amber Johnson, Jamie Chin, Emily Messing, Joshua Rickard, Sefa Kploanyi and Matthew Li - as well as our 30 new committee chairs to continue the fantastic work and effort that has been a constant over the past several years. I would be remiss if I did not mention our outstanding membership. I have met and spoke to many of you throughout the years and feel extremely honored to serve as your President this year.

I would like to end by quoting Arthur Ashe. "Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome". And with those sentiments, I thank everyone for attending the 55th Annual New York City Chapter Virtual Installation Ceremony. I'm poised to make the best of this year and keep the New York City chapter tradition going. Thank you everyone. See you at our events!



**2020**  
**Outstanding Student Award**

Kateryna Kovalenko, PharmD  
Long Island University



The Outstanding Student Award is presented by the New York City Society of Health-System Pharmacists to an exceptional pharmacy student who has expressed dedication to health-system pharmacy. The New York City Society of Health-System Pharmacists Board of Directors selects the award recipient.



**2020**  
**NYCSHP New Practitioner Achievement Award**

Emily Messing, PharmD, BCPS  
Montefiore Medical Center



NYCSHP established the New Practitioner Award in 2016 to recognize an exemplary new practitioner (<5 years in practice) who has made significant contributions to the society, the profession, and who, through professional practice and activities has promoted the mission of NYCSHP.



**2020**  
**NYCSHP Pharmacy Advocacy Award**

Lilia Davenport, PharmD  
Long Island University



NYCSHP established the Pharmacy Advocacy Award in 2017 to recognize an exemplary member who has made significant contributions to the society and profession through commitment to pharmacy advocacy on the local, state, and/or federal level and through active participation and leadership within the New York City Grassroots Lobbying Committee.



**2020**  
**NYCSHP Joel Yellin Award of Merit**

Andrew Kaplan, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP  
Mount Sinai West



NYCSHP established the Joel Yellin Award of Merit in 1967 to honor an individual or a group of individuals for significant contributions, which have had a positive effect on the practice of hospital pharmacy in the metropolitan New York area.



# PAST PRESIDENTS NEW YORK CITY SOCIETY OF HEALTH- SYSTEM PHARMACISTS

1956-57 Harold Neham	1988-89 Barry Goldstein
1957-58 Harold Neham	1989-90 Ray Gizienski
1958-59 Norman Baker	1990-91 Catherine Dow
1959-60 Arthur Dodds	1991-92 Anne Sorrentino
1960 April Leo Blackman	1992-93 Michael Barrone
1960 June Albert Kossler	1993-94 John Manzo
1961-62 Albert Kossler	1994-95 Frank Sosnowski
1962-63 Joel Yellin	1995-96 Ted Friedman
1963-64 Joel Yellin	1996-97 Abby Rosen
1964-65 Robert Leventhal	1997-98 Jean Tang
1965-66 Gilbert Simon	1998-99 Vincent Giambanco
1966-67 Gilbert Simon	1999-00 Frances Jordan
1967-68 Bernard Mehl	2000-01 Jennie Kopystianskyj
1968-69 Bernard Mehl	2001-02 Vickie Powell
1969-70 George Goldstein	2002-03 Darren Culshaw
1970-71 Eugene Mills	2003-04 Danielle Longo
1971-72 Robert Feinberg	2004-05 Heather LaCorte
1972-73 Ronald Post	2005-06 Bernadette Ellegard
1973-74 Marvin Lew	2006-07 Catherine Tom-Revzon
1974-75 Eleanor Schleider	2007-08 Emmanuel Palmero
1975-76 Mary Link Bishop	2008-09 Leila Tibi
1976-77 Michael Morrone	2009-10 Joe Pinto
1977-78 Seymour Katz	2010-11 Monica Mehta
1978-79 Harry Hicks	2011-12 Kwaku Marfo
1979-80 Dorothy Testa	2012-13 Elizabeth Palillo
1980-81 David Adelman	2013-14 Mary Choy
1981-82 Diane Gerbauckas	2014-15 Amisha Arya
1982-83 Harriet Ellis	2015-16 Yi Guo
1983-84 Michael Better	2016-17 Jason Babby
1984-85 Harvey Maldow	2017-18 Karen Berger
1985-86 Richard Zeitoun	2018-19 Charrai Byrd
1986-87 Bruce Kaye	2019-20 Maabo Kludze
1987-88 Anthony Pramberger	





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