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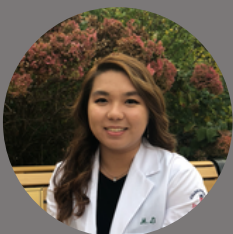
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As my term as President comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared and express my deepest gratitude to each of you. This past year has been one of growth, collaboration, and impact—none of which would have been possible without the dedication of our members and leadership team.



When I chose 'Building for Our Future: Engage. Empower. Elevate.,' as our guiding theme, my hope was to inspire action, strengthen connections, and create opportunities that would leave a lasting impact on our profession. Together, we have engaged with our communities, empowered one another through education and mentorship, and elevated our organization to new heights!

From powerful partnerships to innovative initiatives, we have worked to ensure that our profession remains strong and forward-thinking. Seeing the passion and commitment within this organization has been truly inspiring, and I have no doubt that the momentum we've built will continue long after my presidency.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your President. It has been an honor to lead, but more importantly, to learn from all of you. As we move forward, I encourage you to remain engaged, uplift one another, and continue shaping the future of our profession.

With gratitude and optimism,

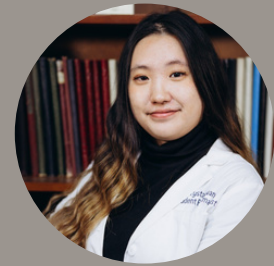
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AFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO DEI



**By Shanice Coriolan, PharmD, BCPS,
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At NYCSHP, we believe that honoring our differences is what brings us together, and that our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion makes us stronger, both as healthcare professionals and as human beings. As pharmacists serving some of the most diverse communities in the country, we know that DEI is not just a concept we talk about, it's a daily practice that shapes how we care, how we lead, and how we connect.

DEI represents efforts to promote environments where individuals from all backgrounds have fair access and equal opportunities to thrive. These efforts are grounded in four foundational pillars: education, empathy, engagement, and accountability. These pillars help create a culture that not only values representation but also works to remove the systemic barriers that have long stood in the way of progress.

While DEI is often seen as a modern movement, its roots trace back to the 1950s and 1960s, following the civil rights legislation that sought to dismantle discriminatory laws and open doors for historically marginalized communities. What began as a fight for basic rights has since evolved into a broader, more intentional effort to foster belonging, address disparities, and build more equitable systems, including in healthcare.

Today, DEI continues to be essential in improving workplace culture, strengthening team dynamics, and, most importantly, delivering better care to the patients we serve. A healthcare system that embraces diversity and leads with inclusion is one that listens more closely, acts more compassionately, and earns the trust of those who need it most.

Over the years, NYCSHP has taken intentional steps to embed these values into our culture. From the formation of our DEI Committee to hosting impactful programming on LGBTQ+ health, women's health equity, and minority health, we've created platforms for important conversations and made space for voices that deserve to be heard. These events have not only educated us, but they've also helped shape who we are as an organization.

We're proud of the progress we've made but the work doesn't stop here. We're continuing to invest in mentorship pipelines for underrepresented pharmacists, expand our advocacy efforts around health equity, and create more opportunities for connection and collaboration. DEI is a journey, and we're committed to walking it together.

To our members: your voice, your story, and your presence matter! We encourage you to stay engaged, to be curious, and to keep showing up, not just for each other, but for the communities we serve. Our blended backgrounds and shared values are what make us who we are. Let's continue to lead with purpose and grow together, with DEI at the heart of everything we do.



CLINICAL PEARL TAKEAWAYS

AMITA SINGH, PHARMD CANDIDATE

"ABRYSVO, BIVALENT PREFUSION F VACCINE IN PREGNANCY TO PREVENT RSV ILLNESS IN INFANTS"

ABRYSVO is a subunit vaccine composed of the RSV F protein stabilized in its prefusion state. ABRYSVO demonstrates a favorable safety profile for both mothers and infants. While the vaccine reduces the severity of RSV-positive lower respiratory tract infections, it does not entirely eliminate their occurrence. Post-surveillance marketing for preterm births is crucial. Future studies are warranted to analyze safety and efficacy in high-risk pregnancies.

Future Plans: Matched PGY-1 Residency at Peconic Bay Medical Center with interests in infectious diseases or pediatrics



GIAVANNA CARR & CARA DAIDONE, PHARMD CANDIDATES

"IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR ASSOCIATED AUTOIMMUNE DIABETES MELLITUS: A CASE REPORT"

Immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs), such as programmed cell death (PD-1) inhibitors and programmed cell death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) inhibitors, are a type of immunotherapy used in the treatment of various malignancies, such as lung and breast cancer. Potential endocrinopathies are associated with ICIs including hypophysitis, hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, adrenal insufficiency, and insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus. This case report identified a patient with new onset Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus and DKA following initiation of an ICI. This patient's DKA and subsequent T1DM diagnosis could be attributed to her ICI use. We strongly suggest that patients should be asked about their personal or family history of autoimmune diseases prior to initiating ICI therapy, as this may put them at an increased risk of developing ICI induced diabetes mellitus.

Future Plans: PGY-1 Pharmacy Residents at North Shore University Hospital



NAIDA KOURA-MOLA, PHARMD

"CRACKING THE CODE: FLUCONAZOLE RESISTANCE IN CANDIDA GLABRATA"

Fluconazole is an appropriate alternative for management of *C. glabrata* infections. Understanding fluconazole MIC for *C. glabrata* is key in determining appropriateness of use.

Future Plans: Practice in an academic medical center as an infectious diseases clinical pharmacist with opportunities to precept students and residents





CLINICAL PEARL HIGHLIGHTS





STUDENT CORNER: STUDENT TECHNICIAN SPOTLIGHT

Featuring Anita Asante, Pharmacy Technician at Mount Sinai Hospital



I never planned on becoming a pharmacy technician; it found me. I started as a cashier at CVS, but one day, while restocking items, I noticed the pharmacy line growing longer and longer. Something in me just wanted to help, so I offered my assistance and stepped in. From that moment on, the pharmacy team kept calling me back, and within a month, I officially transitioned from cashier to technician. Looking back, that moment changed the entire course of my career.

For the longest time, I thought I would become a doctor. But that dream quickly faded the day I discovered my fear of blood. I still remember the exact moment, standing in my kitchen, accidentally cutting my thumb while cooking, and freezing in place. It hit me right then and there that I wasn't meant to be a doctor. But I also wasn't ready to let go of my passion for healthcare. That's when I found pharmacy, a field where I could still make a difference in patients' lives without the sight of blood holding me back.

One of the things I love most about being in the pharmacy world is the connections I build with patients. It's more than just handing out medication; it's about being a familiar, trusted face in someone's healthcare journey. I'll never forget an older patient I had at CVS who shared my birthday. We bonded over that simple coincidence, and every year, we would celebrate together in a small but meaningful way. After he passed away during the pandemic, his wife continued the tradition. She would come to the pharmacy on his birthday, and we would remember him together. It's moments like these that remind me why I love what I do.

Being a pharmacy technician has also opened my eyes to just how essential pharmacy is in the medical field. People often underestimate our role, but I've seen firsthand how pharmacists and technicians can save lives, whether it's catching a dangerous drug interaction, helping a patient choose the right over-the-counter medication, or simply being a source of support when they need it most.

For anyone thinking about becoming a pharmacy technician, my biggest advice is to just go for it. If you're unsure where to start, retail pharmacy is a great stepping stone, but if you have your sights set on a hospital setting, look into pharmacy technician training programs. No matter where you begin, be ready to learn. This field is constantly evolving, and there's always something new to discover.

As for the future, I hope to see better communication between pharmacies, doctors, and insurance providers. Too often, we find ourselves caught in the middle, trying to bridge the gap for patients who just want access to the medications they need. If those barriers were lowered, patient care could be so much smoother.

I'm incredibly proud to be a pharmacy technician. But my journey isn't stopping here. One day, I hope to take everything I've learned and step into the role of a pharmacist. Until then, I'll continue learning, growing, and making a difference in the lives of the patients I serve every day.



STUDENT CORNER: TOURO COLLEGE CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



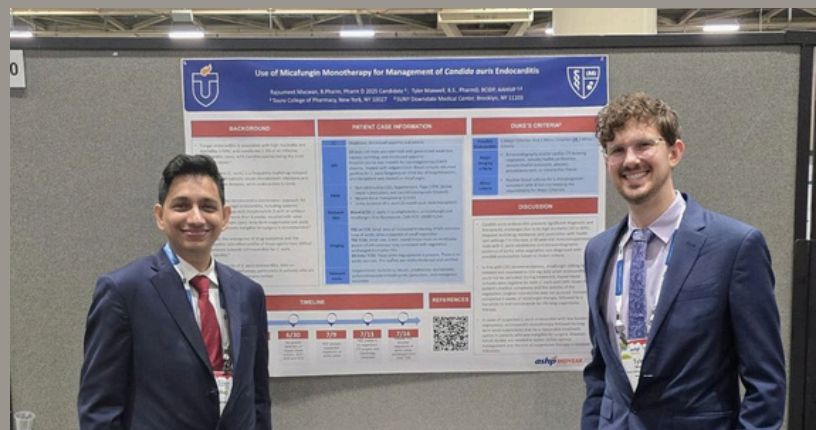
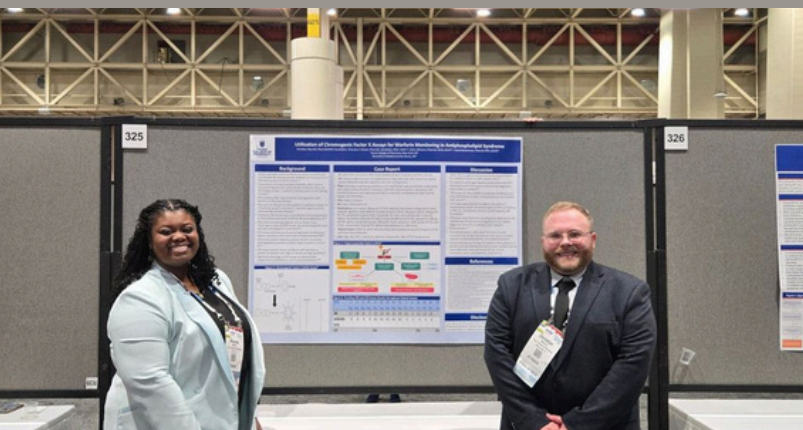
By Rhonda Moton, PharmD Candidate Touro College Student Liaison

Touro's SSHP chapter has had a dynamic and eventful year, filled with opportunities for growth and engagement. Throughout the year, we successfully conducted a voter registration drive, empowering our students to participate in the democratic process and make their voices heard.

At the Midyear Clinical Meeting, we had the largest turnout of student presenters from our school, reflecting our members' dedication to showcasing their knowledge and skills on a national stage.

In addition, one of our student liaisons presented a CE to Royal Counties Society of Health-System Pharmacists on PARP inhibitors in cancer, offering valuable information on how homologous recombination deficiency status is utilized to guide therapy in treating ovarian cancer. These initiatives reflect our commitment to professional development and community engagement within the pharmacy field.

As we reflect on our achievements, we also encourage students to take their pharmacy careers to the next level by engaging with NYSCHP. Start by becoming a member and attending events and conferences where you can connect with pharmacy leaders. Volunteering for committees, getting involved in your local chapter, and seeking mentors are all great ways to expand your network and deepen your knowledge. Stay ahead of the curve by taking advantage of professional development opportunities and contributing to advocacy efforts that help shape the future of the profession. Be sure to follow NYSCHP on social media for updates and to stay connected with the latest trends in health-system pharmacy. The more engaged you are, the more you'll grow professionally and make a meaningful impact on the field.





ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2025





NYCSHP IN A YEAR

See what our committees accomplished this year!

38,775.59+



RAISED IN FUNDS

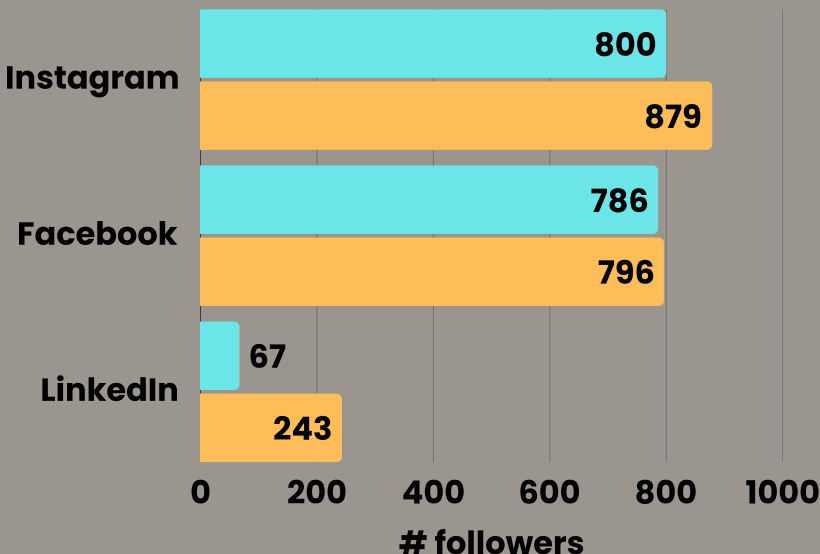
- \$1,430.20 for **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** by **Special Projects & Community Outreach** (in collaboration with WCSHP)
- \$3,345.39 for **Cycle for Survival** by **Well-Being & Resilience**
- ~\$18,000 via **Winter Exhibit** by **Industry Relations**
- \$5,000 donation to support DEI initiatives and community outreach programs secured by **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**
- \$11,000 grant from **AstraZeneca** to support educational programs



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New members joined NYC chapter (up to 626 total as of May 2025 from June 2024)
Membership Committee

● August 2024 ● May 2025



+90



new followers across social media

Instagram: 9.9% increase
Facebook: 1.3% increase
Linked In: 362.7% increase

>19,000 person reach from posts
Social Media Committee



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exhibitors at the 2025 Winter Exhibit via **Industry Relations**

4

events by **New Practitioners**
(Pharmacy Resident Networking Program, New Practitioners Networking Program, Clinical Specialist Panel Event, Annual BCPS Board Review Session)



3

events by **Well-Being & Resilience**
(Pasta Making Class, Paint Night, and Cycle for Survival)

20

Pharmacy technicians awarded one year complimentary membership via **Pharmacy Technician Executive Committee's** RXTech Empower Membership Program, launched Oct 2024

New

Our **Advocacy Committee** hosted 2 events: **Voter Registration Drive** (Sep 2024), resulting in 3 successful voter applications and hosted a **CE Program: "Navigating Article-137A: An Overview of NYS Registered Pharmacy Technicians Law"** (Apr 2025) with 60+ attendees.

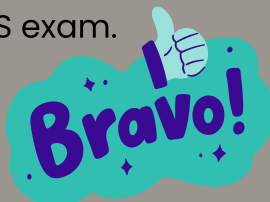
The **DEI Committee** had **4 PharmGradWishList winners** and donated **100+ books** for the **Harlem Holiday Book Drive**.

The **New Practitioner Committee** awarded **two \$200 stipends** for the BCPS exam.



3 collaborations hosted with the chapter this year

- NYCSHP x **NPhA** (NYJPharmSociety): Voter Registration Drive
- NYCSHP x **TCOP**: APhA Delivery MTM Certificate Program
- NYCSHP x **AMCP**: Bridging the Care Gap: Payer & Health System Collaboration for Population Health Panel





PAST EVENT HIGHLIGHTS





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Until next time!

