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A Message from Our President



Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! I cannot believe how quickly 2018 passed. It seems like last week we were all at Catch the Wave (CTW). If you were not able to attend, there are amazing [photos on the CSHP website](#) that I encourage you to view and hopefully, you will be able to join us next year.

I also would like to congratulate the CSHP award winners who were recognized in November at the CTW Awards Luncheon (see *Members in the News* below). Thank you all for what you do to advance our profession and care for our patients.

I also would like to recognize our newly installed Board Members who will be leading us into a fun and exciting 2019! Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have any questions or are looking to get involved. We would love to hear from you.

- President: Molly Billstein Leber, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP; Manager of Medication Policy and Formulary Management, Yale-New Haven System
- President-elect: Elizabeth A. Cohen, PharmD, BCPS; Clinical Pharmacy Specialist and Residency Program Director for Solid Organ Transplant, Yale-New Haven Hospital
- Treasurer: David Goffman, PharmD, BCPS; Manager of Pharmacy Operations, Bridgeport Hospital
- Secretary: Matthew Morrison, PharmD; Staff Pharmacist in Emergency Medicine, Hartford Hospital
- Senior Board Member: Teresa Papstein, RPh, BCNS; Pharmacy Clinical Manager and Residency Program Director, Bridgeport Hospital
- Junior Board Member: Colleen Teevan, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP; Critical Care Pharmacist and PGY1 Residency Program Director, The Hospital of Central Connecticut
- Immediate Past President: Nicholas Tessier, PharmD, MBA, BCPS; Pharmacy Director/East Region, Hartford Healthcare Eastern Region

Now that the Holiday Season is over, I am excited for all of the new initiatives and activities planned for 2019. We will be unveiling our new website and re-defining the CSHP brand. We have

created a Social Media Chair that will help spread the word on what CSHP is working on and encourage members to share the great things they are doing.

I also would like to take this time for an Advocacy Call to Action. The Legislative session has started (see Update below) and we all need to make sure that we are up to date on any drug-related issues. Now is the time to learn who your representatives are and make sure they know issues that will affect you and your patients. Please make every effort to attend Pharmacy Day at the Capitol, Thursday, March 7, 2019. We are working on drafting a summary document and speaking points to share with members.

I would like to end with thanking all of your continued support of CSHP and look forward to seeing you at the Capitol!



Molly Billstein Leber, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP
2019 CSHP President

Members in the News

Congratulations to CSHP's 2018 Honorees

Submitted by Agnes Krudysz, PharmD, Awards and Nominations Chairperson

In the previous issue, we reported that the Paul Pierpaoli Award was presented to Michael Culligan, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center's Director of Pharmacy.

Student Award Winners

The CSHP Student Excellence Award honors students who have made significant contributions to CSHP, who demonstrate leadership among their peers and significant interest in pursuing a career in health system pharmacy.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. **Sagune Sakya** (center left), the 2018 CSHP University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy Student Award winner, currently a PGY-1 resident at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Also, congratulations to Dr. **Sarah McLarty** (center right), the 2018 CSHP University of St. Joseph School of Pharmacy Award winner, currently a PGY-1 Specialty Innovations Resident at CVS Health.



CSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award: William "Billy" Nolan

The **CSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award** is given annually to a CSHP member of the highest integrity who best exemplifies the profession of pharmacy through their cooperation with the entire health care team, service to the profession of pharmacy and service to the community. This year the award winner is Dr. Billy Nolan.

Billy was chosen for his contributions to the multi-disciplinary team at the Hartford Hospital Bone and Joint Institute and well as for his role in pain management of post-liver transplant patients. Billy completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at Hartford Hospital and a PGY-2 Pharmacy residency in Pain Management at UC Davis Medical Center. He is currently practicing at Hartford Hospital as a clinical pharmacy specialist, focusing on pain management of orthopedic patients.

Billy exemplifies his dedication to the pharmacy profession. At the Hartford Hospital Bone and Joint Institute, he has focused on providing pain management to orthopedic patients throughout their care journey, including assessing and educating at-risk patients before surgery. He has also assisted Hartford HealthCare with developing an opioid-avoidance protocol for post-transplant patients, a novel multi-modal approach to pain management of this high-risk population.

Billy precepts and mentors pharmacy students and residents on his orthopedic and pain management rotations. He also is involved in academic research projects related to pain, and has published in his field. His colleagues consider him “one of the best pharmacists in the field of pain management in the state of Connecticut.” Please congratulate Billy on his well-deserved recognition.

CSHP Meritorious Team Achievement Award: Yale-New Haven Health Outpatient Specialty Pharmacy

The CSHP Meritorious TEAM Achievement Award is given annually to a team of pharmacy professionals (with an active CSHP member) who has contributed to the enhancement of patient care by 1) initiating an innovative pharmacy service or 2) helping people achieve optimal health outcomes.



This year the award winner is Yale-New Haven Health (YNHH) Outpatient Specialty Pharmacy. The YNHH team, led by Dr. Lori Lee, was chosen for their contribution to the enhancement of patient care by initiating and providing an innovative pharmacy service in Connecticut.

In 2015, YNHH started its own Specialty Pharmacy to invest in safe quality care of patients in the outpatient setting. The Pharmacy offers the integrated quality of care to YNHH patients with chronic disease such as Hepatitis C, HIV, inflammatory diseases and others through all transitions of care, and supports patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service has greater than 99% patient satisfaction rate and prescription dispensing accuracy. YNHH Outpatient Specialty Pharmacy has been locally and nationally recognized for their innovative clinical care. Please congratulate Lori and her team on this well-deserved recognition.

Continuing Education

A Call for Participation in the March CE Program: The Opioid Crisis and Opioid Stewardship

Submitted by Colleen Teevan, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP; Jr. Director and CE Program Chair

Has your institution implemented any opioid stewardship initiatives or other measures to combat the opioid crisis? We're looking for a few people to share their initiatives and practices as part of our March CE program. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Colleen Teevan](#) with a brief description of your opioid-related initiative.

Inside CSHP

Our Value Statement CSHP provides you with a community of pharmacy professionals who share their time, resources, and expertise to work together toward a common goal of professional growth and enhanced patient outcomes.

Are you past due on renewing your 2019 CSHP Membership?

My membership dues for a membership is paid though

Thank you if your membership is current as of today.

If you are past due, we offer several options:

- [Renew online](#) using the abbreviated form and remit dues using a credit card.
- Mail your amended **form & check or credit card information** to our office.
- Fax your amended **form** with **credit card information** to 781-245-6487.
- **Most convenient!** Pharmacist (Active, ActiveJoint, Retired): Sign up for **automatic, recurring annual dues payment**. Enter credit card information on your form, mail or fax the form, or call the CSHP office toll free and we'll do the processing for you.

*Note: If remitting dues using a credit card and our secure shopping cart, you will receive an electronic receipt by email. If you do not receive a receipt, the transaction was not successful, most often because of a billing address (AVS) mismatch.

Mock Interview Recap

Submitted by Stephanie Lombardi & Taylor Harkness, Resident Task Force Chairs

On January 11th, CSHP's Resident Task Force (RTF) hosted our 5th Annual CSHP Mock Interview event. Student and residents members gathered to practice their interviewing skills, with current CSHP members, as they start their journey to pursuing residency and jobs. On behalf of the RTF, we would like to thank everyone that participated in the event. Best of luck to all in their future pursuits.

New CSHP Website Update

Submitted by Elizabeth Cohen, PharmD, BCPS

We are looking forward to the release of the new CSHP website, with an anticipated go-live date of March 1st. We're ironing out the final look and content with our new logo and are hoping to bring you a fresh look for CSHP with more integrated content and social media.

Get More from Your CSHP Membership

[Click](#) to read about our many committees and task forces and who you can contact to get involved even if you only have an occasional hour or two.

Legislative Update

Submitted by Thomas Buckley, RPh, MPH, CSHP Legislative Chair

The Connecticut General Assembly has begun with a new Governor, many new Commissioners, and many new legislators and legislative committee chairs. This represents an opportunity for pharmacists to make their voices heard to improve their professional workplace and their ability to serve patients.



CSHP has been working with Fred Knous and Knous Associates as their legislative lobbyist for the past 18 years, assisting us in shepherding new laws, such as collaborative practice authority and immunization administration, and monitoring all proposed bills related to our profession that may affect us in a positive or negative way. Over 3,000 new bills will be proposed this session, with perhaps 300 leading to a new or revised law by the time the legislative session ends in early June. Each week the bill monitoring service Fred provides releases a brief review of current bills of interest in the legislative pipeline (Click to read the first "bill book" for this session).

CSHP, working in collaboration with other interested pharmacy entities in the state such as CPA, will be working on **three significant new legislative initiatives this session**, in addition to closely monitoring other health care and pharmacy-related bills. **[CLICK TO READ ALL ABOUT THESE INITIATIVES AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.](#)

NOTE: Please click for a NASPA created [infographic on the role of pharmacists in tobacco cessation](#). It provides a good overview of the issue relative to our proposed bill HB 6543 for this legislative session



Pharmacy Day

Thursday, March 7, 2019

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

State Legislative Office Building (LOB) Atrium

Legislators need to hear from their constituents – who are pharmacy professionals – on our issues. CSHP advocates for your professional interests throughout the year. It's imperative that you get involved in securing your professional future. Talking points and instructions will be available for your visits to individual legislators.

To RSVP, call CSHP at 888/506-3784 or email to office@cshponline.org

Questions? Contact [Tom Buckley](#)

2019 Looking Ahead

March 7
Pharmacy Day at the CT State House
March 2019
Evening CE Program
April 24, 2019
4th Annual Connecticut Compounding Conference
June 2019
The Great Eight Residents' Showcase
Sept. 2019
Evening CE Program
Friday, Sept. 20, 2019
7th Annual TriState Health-System Pharmacy Educational Summit
Doubletree by Hilton, Tarrytown, NY
Friday, November 1, 2019
30th Annual Catch the Wave & Greg Gousse Residency Conference
Red Lion Hotel, Cromwell
2019 Conference Chair: [Teresa Papstein](#)

Board of Directors Meetings: February, April, July, October, November/December

If you are interested in helping with any of our activities or in attending a Board meeting, please contact the [CSHP office](#)

Student Chapter News



Submitted by Thuy Duong Tran, PharmD Candidate 2021

We wish all a happy and bright New Year! On Jan 23rd, right after the end of our winter break, we held our monthly Florence Mill Blood Pressure Clinic in Vernon, CT. It was a great opportunity for our students to get back into the grind and exercise their skills from both their didactic and experiential education. As we come to the end of the first month of the year, UConn's CSHP Student Chapter is busy planning multiple events and activities for the upcoming spring semester.

In April, we will be conducting two of our most anticipated events. First, we will conduct residency and P4 residency application panels. It will be exciting for our students to meet the various residency directors throughout the State, to learn more about the application process as well as what life is like as a resident.

Our annual Dodge for ALS tournament also is planned for April. All proceeds from the dodge ball tournament will be go directly to the CT ALS Association to benefit patients and families of those who suffer from ALS. We are hoping for a great turnout from students and staff alike this year.



Submitted by Neha Siddiqui, PharmD Candidate, Class of 2020, ASHP-SSHP President

The USJ SSHP would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and as well as a successful semester to all our students.

As we settled back into the curriculum, the USJ Student chapter held its annual basketball tournament, "Hoops for Heart", on January 24th at the O'Connell Center to help raise health awareness. Our aim is to support the American Heart Association's mission to help build heart-healthy lives, improve care and advocate for better health. On AHA's National Red Day approaches, we asked everyone to wear red and gave out pins for our members to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and to save lives.

Also on January 24th, we held our first general body meeting for the semester. We discussed future endeavors including our annual residency panel and hosting the yearly PAI event.

Professional News of Note

[Recognize Courageous Service: Nominate Yourself or Your Colleagues](#)

Help ASHP publicly recognize and express gratitude to those who have gone beyond the call of duty to serve patients under adverse conditions such as in times of natural disaster. Nominations for the CEO Award for Courageous Service are being accepted until March 1.

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