



**TSHP Research & Education Foundation
2026 Scholarship Recipients**

The TSHP Research & Education (R&E) Foundation has been supporting our pharmacy community in Texas since 1977, reminding us of our shared strength in helping one another.

The TSHP Research & Education Foundation is pleased to recognize the individuals below as 2026 Scholarship Recipients.



**Austin Area Society of Health-System Pharmacists Scholarship
Madelyn Walker, University of Texas at Austin**

Madelyn (Mady) Walker is a rising fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy student at the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. Prior to pharmacy school, she earned a Bachelor of Science from Mississippi State University. From her first introduction to pharmacy, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to patient care and advancing the pharmacy profession through leadership, service, and education.

She currently serves as the Founder and President of the Texas Pediatric Pharmacy Association and as Chair-Elect of the national Pediatric Pharmacy Association Student Council. At the University of Texas College of Pharmacy, she holds several leadership roles, including Vice President of Pharmacy Council, Secretary for the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and PharmD Program Assessment Committee Student Representative.

Madelyn continues to strengthen her clinical and research skills through a variety of professional experiences. She works as a Pharmacy Charge Technician at Ascension Seton Medical Center Austin, where she gains valuable insight into pharmacy operations and patient care processes. In addition, she is actively involved in pediatric pharmacotherapy research at Dell Children's Hospital, further expanding her experience in clinical research and evidence-based practice. Beyond her clinical and research pursuits, Madelyn is dedicated to teaching and mentorship. She currently serves as a pathophysiology academic assistant for first-year pharmacy students, providing support to help them succeed in their coursework.

Madelyn plans to pursue PGY1 and PGY2 residency training with the goal of specializing in pediatric pharmacy and contributing to patient care, education, and the advancement of pediatric pharmacotherapy.



**Celso and Matiana M. Cuéllar Sr. Scholarship
Jaclyn Moreno, University of the Incarnate Word**

Jaclyn Moreno is a third-year student pharmacist pursuing her Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Business Administration at the University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy (FSOP). Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, she earned her Bachelor of Business Administration with a Concentration in Management and minor in Biology while completing her pre-pharmacy prerequisites at the University of the Incarnate Word.

At FSOP, Jaclyn currently serves as Vice President and Class of 2027 Senator for her institution's Student Government Association, President for her chapter's Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Honor Society, Lead Student Ambassador, active committee member for the Texas Pharmacy Association and Pharmacy Student Forum Advisory Group member for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and member of the American Pharmacists Association, Rho Chi Honor Society, Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity, and National Hispanic Pharmacists



Association. In her fourth year, she will complete the Longitudinal Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (LAPPE) Program at Houston Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center.

In her free time, Jaclyn enjoys spending time with family and friends, mentoring students, and educating her community on how to save lives as an American Heart Association CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS Instructor. Following the completion of her PharmD/MBA, Jaclyn's current aspirations are to pursue residency within one of her clinical interests of critical care, emergency medicine, or solid organ transplant where she can actively serve diverse patient populations, contribute to clinical research, and precept the next generation of pharmacist leaders.



Eustacio Galvan Memorial Scholarship
Marcus Villarreal, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Marcus Jett Villarreal is a first year Pharm.D. Candidate at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy. A West Texas native, Jett's commitment to pharmacy began at age 14, when on tour a single pill being life saving or ending sparked his interest. Fueled by a desire to provide compassionate, informed medication guidance to his community and the legislative level.

Jett's professional foundation began early at Holland Medical High, where he earned his Pharmacy Technician license. He gained three years of hands on experience at Thornhill's Pharmacy and Drug Emporium, developing a deep understanding of patient care and pharmacy operations. Academically, Jett has consistently excelled, earning the TTU Presidential Merit Scholarship and a recurring spot on the TTUHSC SOP Dean's List.

Beyond the classroom, Jett is a proven leader. A former varsity football captain and Academic All-State athlete, he has translated those leadership skills into professional advocacy. He currently serves as the APhA-ASP P1 Liaison and Policy Vice President-elect (2026–2027), and is an active member of the TPA Student Policy Committee. His dedication to service is evident through his work with the TTU medication cleanout events and his fundraising efforts for UMC Children's Hospital.

Driven by a strong work ethic instilled by his single mother, Jett aims to become the first doctor in his family. His long term goal is to address the pharmacist shortage in West Texas through pharmacy ownership and health-system management, ensuring that patients have accessible, trustworthy guides for their healthcare journeys.



Frederick W. Mullin Endowed Pharmacy Scholarship
Alexcia Carr, University of Texas at Austin

Alexcia Carr is a third-year Ph.D. student in the Health Outcomes Division at The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy and a Donald D. Harrington Graduate Fellow. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi, where early collaborations with Health Outcomes faculty sparked her interest in further pursuing research in health outcomes.

Her graduate work focuses on understanding and addressing barriers to chronic disease management among people experiencing homelessness. She has contributed to a project examining medication adherence in this population and is preparing to conduct dissertation research exploring facilitators and barriers to accessing medications among people experiencing homelessness. Alexcia has also contributed to research on community pharmacists' well-being and burnout, as well as studies aimed at strengthening pharmacy students' empathy, communication skills, and understanding of medication adherence. She is a co-author of the



2026 global update of Chapter 26 in Pharmacy Management: Essentials for All Practice Settings, which focuses on pharmacist-led services that advance population health.

In summer 2026, Alexcia will participate in the UT System's Graduate Archer Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C., where she will gain hands-on experience in federal health policy and explore how health outcomes research informs decisions that shape patient care and access. Across her work, she is committed to advancing pharmacy education, promoting equitable access to care, and generating evidence that informs practice and policy to improve outcomes for medically underserved populations.



Gene Lake Scholarship

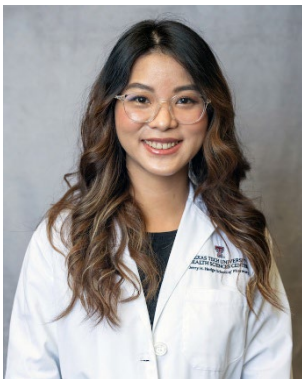
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Glenda Lawson McRee Scholarship

Ha Le, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Ha Le is a third-year pharmacy student at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Dallas, Texas. Originally from Vietnam, she moved to the United States independently to pursue greater educational opportunities. She is passionate about improving healthcare access and advancing patient-centered care, particularly within underserved and rural communities.

Throughout her pharmacy education, Ha has been actively involved in numerous professional and service organizations. She currently holds several leadership roles, including Worthy Vice Counselor of Phi Delta Chi, Vice President of FIMRC Dallas, APhA-ASP Dallas Campus Executive Director, member of the TPA-ASP Policy Committee, student liaison for DAPA. One of her favorite positions is Diabetes Education Manager at the Student-Run Free Clinic at Brother Bill's Helping Hand. In this role, she works alongside an interprofessional team of medical students to provide patient education and medication counseling to underserved populations.



Ha has also gained valuable hands-on pharmacy experiences through her work at Walmart and at UT Southwestern Medical Center, allowing her to develop a well-rounded understanding of both community and hospital pharmacy practice. Her commitment to service extends internationally through her participation in a medical mission trip to Anconito, Ecuador.

After graduating in May 2027, Ha aspires to become a clinical pharmacist. She is dedicated to lifelong learning, leadership, and giving back to the profession that has shaped her journey.



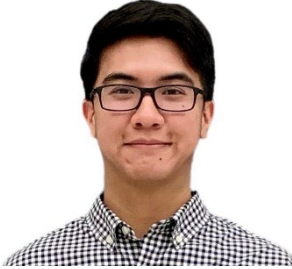
**Grace Dyan Coggin MSHP Memorial Scholarship
Brinlee Freeman, University of Houston**

Brinlee Freeman is a Class of 2028 PharmD candidate at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. Prior to beginning pharmacy school, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science with a minor in Health from Texas A&M University. During her time at UHCOP, Brinlee has demonstrated a strong commitment to leadership and professional development. She previously served as SSHP P1 Liaison and currently serves as President-Elect and will assume the role of President in the upcoming year. Through her role as President-Elect she served on the TSHP Student Section Executive Committee, where she collaborated with student leaders across the state to share ideas, contribute to presentation posters, and advance chapter initiatives. In addition, Brinlee serves as an Operation Self-Care Junior Chair within APhA and contributes to leadership development through her involvement in Phi Lambda Sigma and through the Phi Delta Chi Leadership Committee. She is also a part of the MD Anderson Cancer Center Longitudinal Pharmacy Student Extern (LPSE) Program, where she is gaining valuable clinical exposure. Her current professional interests include pediatrics and stem cell transplant, and she looks forward to exploring additional areas of pharmacy practice during her fourth year. Brinlee is passionate about patient-centered care, leadership development, and making a meaningful impact in the lives of others. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, walking her dog, reading, and trying new recipes.



**Gulf Coast Society of Health-System Pharmacists Leadership Scholarship
Sadika Eslaminejad, University of Houston**

Sadika Eslaminejad is a current PGY-2 Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) Resident at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and Masters of Pharmacy Leadership and Administration candidate at The University of Houston as part of The Houston Program. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with her BS in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences in 2019 and Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2024. Throughout her pharmacy education and career, she has served in many leadership roles and continuously dedicates herself to the pharmacy profession and community as a Houston native. She is passionate about the future generations of pharmacy and hopes to continue to work with pharmacy learners throughout her career. She plans to pursue leadership positions in Health-Systems Pharmacy and a career in Academia post-residency.

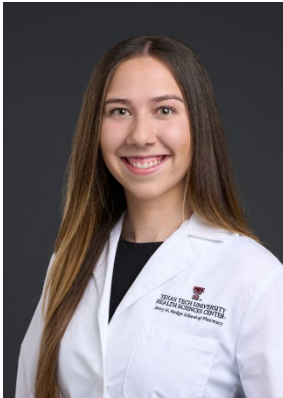


Jon Peyton Hudlow & Mark Tamble Memorial Scholarship
Alex Flores-Xie, University of North Texas

Alex Flores-Xie is a fourth-year pharmacy student at the University of North Texas Health Science Center College of Pharmacy (Class of 2026), with a background as a pharmacy technician in both community and inpatient settings. These experiences shaped his early interest in patient care and developed into a commitment to clinical practice within health-system pharmacy.

Throughout pharmacy school, Alex has remained actively involved in professional organizations, including the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP) and the Metroplex Society of Health-System Pharmacy (MSHP), where he has held leadership and liaison roles, connecting student pharmacists with the broader health-system community. He has also served as a peer tutor and UNTHSC Student Ambassador, supporting fellow students while representing the College of Pharmacy to prospective students and the community.

As a Longitudinal Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (LAPPE) student at Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center – Fort Worth, Alex has gained longitudinal experience that has strengthened his clinical development. He will continue his training at All Saints as a pharmacy resident, building on this foundation in a familiar and challenging environment. Alex is driven by an inquisitive approach to learning and a desire to grow alongside a field that is constantly evolving. He values pharmacy as a profession that requires ongoing curiosity, adaptability, and engagement, and he looks forward to continuing to build his knowledge and skills throughout his career. Outside of pharmacy, Alex enjoys travel, human geography, history, and art, and values learning through cultural exploration and diverse perspectives.



Metroplex Society of Health-System Pharmacists Scholarship
Mackenzie Reinert, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

As a third-year pharmacy student at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy, I work to embody TSHP's passion for advancing patient care through community pharmacy, local engagement, and global outreach. With a dedication for serving under-resourced populations, I actively promote health integrity locally through my pharmacy internships and globally through medical mission trips to locations such as Ecuador and Costa Rica. My commitment to pharmacy extends beyond the classroom, where I volunteer within the community through health initiatives, volunteer clinics, and church events. During my journey as a pharmacy student thus far, I co-authored and presented two publications researching pharmacy best practices. As I complete my final year and a half of pharmacy school, providing boundless care to patients through pharmacy provides motivation beyond belief!



Michael Patry/Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy EPASHP Memorial Scholarship
Asha Oommen, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Asha Oommen is currently a third-year pharmacy student at Texas Tech University Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy (Dallas). She was born in Houston, Texas but spent a number of years living in both India and Southern California, the latter of which is where she completed her prerequisites at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Throughout her pharmacy school career, Asha has strived to take on leadership and mentorship roles and pursued numerous professional development opportunities. Asha is an active member of SSHP and MSHP and has served in leadership roles within SCCP, PDC, PLS, the Dallas Area Pharmacy Association (DAPA), and more. She also serves as Co-Chief Intern for the Acute Care



Pharmacy Internship at UT Southwestern Medical Center, an experience that has further solidified her desire to pursue a career in health-system pharmacy.

Asha's career goals include pursuing a PGY1/PGY2 HSPAL residency upon graduation. She hopes to become a strong healthcare leader in the state of Texas and is passionate about mentoring future pharmacy students, just as past HSPAL graduates have inspired and guided her. In her free time, Asha enjoys working on her reselling business, attending concerts, spending time with friends and family, and exploring new cities.



Micheline & Bourjois Abboud Scholarship
Ashley Cao, University of Houston

My name is Ashley Cao and I am a P3 student at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. During undergrad I volunteered in a pharmacy which sparked my interest in the field. During COVID I made 150 toiletry kits and donated them to Next Step Shelter in my hometown of Honolulu, Hawaii, which sparked my interest in serving the underserved. I currently serve as the Treasurer for the Vietnamese-American Pharmacy Student Society (VAPSS) and Graduate Relations Chair of Kappa Psi. I also served as the Historian of VAPSS and Chapter Achievement Partners (CAPs) Program Chair of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA). Through my roles in VAPSS, SNPhA, and Kappa Psi, I was able to foster collaboration and serve the community. Most notably, I was able to hold joint Health Fairs and Houston Foodbank events with Texas South University (TSU) College of Pharmacy. As well as attended numerous Health Fairs in Houston to provide health screenings. I aspire to become a clinical pharmacist and am interested in specializing in internal medicine. I also hope to become a preceptor to share my experiences with future pharmacy students. In my free time I love shopping, baking, and crocheting.



Phyllis B. Ginsburg Memorial Scholarship
Yulianna Laurencin, Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center

I am a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) candidate at Texas A&M University, Class of 2027, and an active member of the TSHP student chapter. I am honored to be selected as a recipient of the Phyllis B. Ginsburg Memorial Scholarship, which reflects values that closely align with my own commitment to service, compassion, and the pharmacy profession.

My passion for pharmacy is rooted in patient-centered care and a desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Through my role as a pharmacy intern, I work closely with patients and providers to ensure safe and effective medication use, while also taking time to educate patients on their conditions and therapies. These interactions have strengthened my dedication to compassionate care and advocacy for patient well-being.

Beyond my clinical experience, I am actively involved in service and leadership within the pharmacy community. I hold leadership roles in several student organizations, where I focus on mentorship, outreach, and supporting my peers' professional growth. I also serve as a Supplemental Instructor, helping fellow students succeed academically by making complex material more approachable.

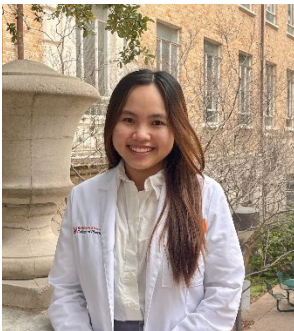
Additionally, my involvement in research and academic initiatives has allowed me to contribute to the advancement of pharmacy knowledge while developing skills that will support my future practice.

Receiving this scholarship is especially meaningful to me, as it recognizes not only academic achievement but also a genuine commitment to serving others. I am grateful for this support as I continue working toward a career dedicated to compassionate, patient-centered care.



**Richard Cadle Mentoring Scholarship for Pharmacy Leadership
McKenzie Erwin, University of Houston**

McKenzie Erwin graduated with her PharmD in May 2025 from The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. She is currently a PGY1 Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) resident at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas and concurrent Masters of Pharmacy Leadership and Administration student at The University of Houston through The Houston Program collaborative. McKenzie is a past UT SSHP Vice president and TSHP Student Section executive committee member as well as the 2025 Glenda Lawson McRee Student Awardee. She has continued her involvement through her role in the ASHP Pharmacy Administration and Leadership Residents' Collaborative (PALRC), where she serves on the Student Engagement Committee presenting to colleges of pharmacy across Texas on HSPAL residencies. She also actively participates in Gulf Coast chapter, most recently serving as a pharmacist for the Dinner with a Pharmacist event series. McKenzie prioritizes her passion for professional development and leadership by dedicating her time to shaping a brighter future for Longhorn pharmacists through the co-founding of the UT Pharmacy Alumni Ambassador Program, while also mentoring and supporting the growth of University of Houston students. Beyond her extracurriculars, McKenzie has gained invaluable experience in various pharmacy practice models throughout her academic experiences and internship with Mayo Clinic that she now translates to her practice within several hospital medicine and oncology service lines during residency. She is on her way to becoming a versatile and resilient pharmacy leader for the next generation of pharmacists through her residency and master's coursework.

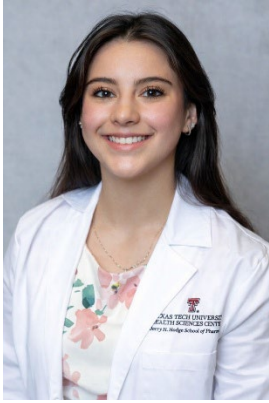


**Robert G. Leonard Memorial Scholarship
Minh Nguyen, University of Texas at Austin**

Minh Nguyen is a third-year pharmacy student at The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. She is pursuing the Research Honors and the Inpatient Distinction Pathway, reflecting her strong interest in clinical research and pharmacy practice. Born and raised in Vietnam, Minh brings a culturally informed perspective to pharmacy practice and is passionate about improving patient care and medication access for diverse communities. Prior to entering pharmacy school, she earned a Bachelor in Biochemistry and Economics from The University of Texas at Austin, providing her with a strong scientific background alongside an understanding of economic factors that affect patient care.

Minh is actively involved in leadership across several pharmacy organizations. She currently serves as President of the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP) after previously serving as Vice President. Minh also holds leadership roles as Drug Updates Chair for the Network for Collaborative Oncology Development & Advancement (NCODA), Alumni Relations Chair for the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society, and Director of Professional Programming for the Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO). She was also active in community outreach through the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) as National Power to End Stroke Subcommittee Chair.

Minh previously worked as an outpatient pharmacist intern at Ascension Seton Medical Center Austin, where she gained hands-on experience in patient care and medication management. Her professional interests include oncology and cardiology, with a focus on improving patient care and medication access. In her free time, Minh enjoys exploring new restaurants, playing badminton and traveling to national parks.



Sidney Phillips Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Alvarado, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Samantha Alvarado is a third-year pharmacy student at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy. She was raised in an underserved community in El Paso, Texas, where her passion for healthcare and commitment to improving access for vulnerable populations began.

She started her journey in pharmacy as a technician at Walgreens while completing her prerequisites at Texas Tech University. Upon entering pharmacy school, she became actively involved in student leadership and service. She currently serves as President-Elect of the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC), Historian for the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), and is an active member of Phi Delta Chi (PDC) and the Texas Tech Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (Double T). Through these roles and organizations, she has been involved in initiatives focused on community outreach, health education, and service to underserved populations. She is also a TTUHSC Pharmacy Student Ambassador, where she promotes student involvement and fosters a culture of service.

Samantha is passionate about patient-centered care, emphasizing empathy, trust, and effective communication in every interaction. Her experiences have solidified her interest in pursuing postgraduate residency training, with career goals in ambulatory care and academia. She is dedicated to advancing her profession while mentoring future student pharmacists and advocating for equitable, accessible healthcare.
