

# UCSF SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

2025-2026 NEWSLETTER

## CSHP X SNPHA: PHARMACY IN BEAUTY & WELLNESS

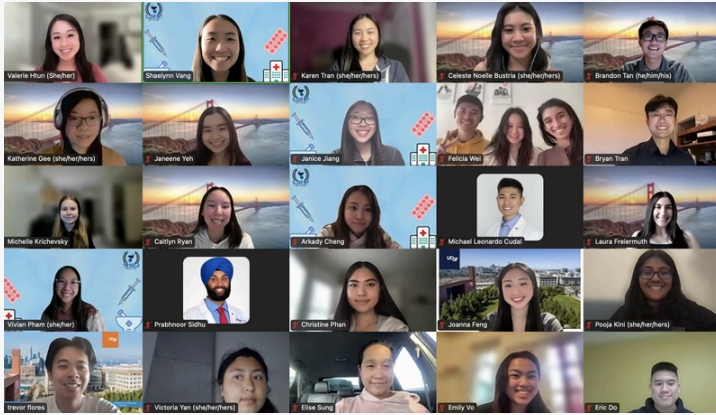


Photo of CSHP 2025-2026 Board with Dr. Ethan Melillo



Dr. Ethan Melillo discusses the pathway he took to get to where he is now to UCSF students

Over the summer, CSHP at UCSF partnered with SNPhA to host Ethan Melillo, PharmD, Senior Manager of Integrated Health at L'Oreal Dermatological Beauty. Dr. Melillo, shared his career journey and offered insights into the expanding role of pharmacists within the beauty/wellness industry. During his talk, he highlighted the science behind skincare and cosmetic products and explored emerging opportunities for pharmacists to engage in product safety within this niche. Students were given practical tips for carving out nontraditional career paths and staying informed about evolving trends that merge clinical pharmacy with consumer health. The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where students asked about career preparation and innovative ways pharmacists can impact the beauty and wellness space.



Zoom Call for PGY-1 Residency Match Panel

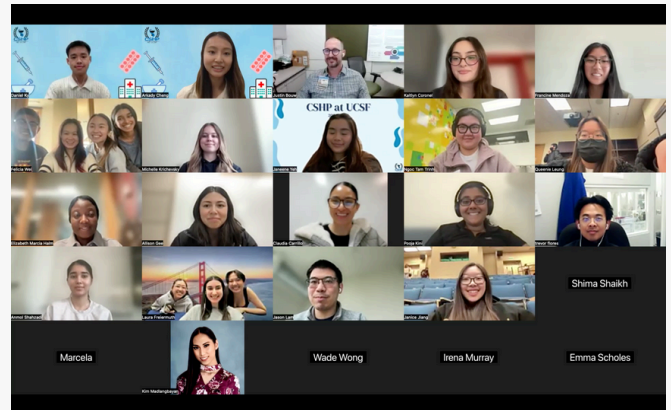
## PGY-1 RESIDENCY MATCH PANEL

Our annual PGY-1 Residency Match Panel is a highly anticipated event designed to provide insight and guidance for students interested in pursuing postgraduate residency training that featured five outstanding P3s who recently matched with renowned residency programs, including UCSF Health, Kaiser Permanente, UCLA Health, UC Davis Health, and Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). Throughout the panel, the speakers shared their unique journeys to matching, highlighting key strategies for building a competitive application, preparing for interviews, and selecting programs that align with personal and professional goals. Panelists also reflected on their clinical experiences, leadership involvement, time management during APPEs, and how they approached their letters of intent and recommendation requests.

Attendees had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions, fostering open dialogue around the challenges and growth that come with the residency application process. The panelists’ candid advice and diverse experiences provided valuable takeaways for students at all stages of their pharmacy education. The event served as an inspiring reminder of the opportunities available through postgraduate training and encouraged early planning and self-reflection among attendees.

## RESIDENCY 101

Residency 101 educated students about residency, the one the many paths they can take after graduation. For this event, the residency program director (RPD) of the UC San Diego Health PGY-1 Program (Ambulatory Care Focus), Dr. Justin Bouw, shared practical tips on how to prepare for residency and stand out as a competitive candidate. Topics discussed included obtaining strong letters of recommendation, maximizing didactic coursework and clinical rotations, and strategies for showcasing strengths during the application process. The event was well-attended by students eager to learn more about post-graduate training; attendees appreciated Dr. Bouw’s in-depth advice and left with a clearer understanding of what it takes to succeed in the residency journey.



Zoom Call on Residency 101 featuring Dr. Justin Bouw

## CSHP LEGISLATIVE DAY DEBRIEF

Legislative Day Debrief was an online event that began with an overview of CSHP Pharmacy Policy and Legislative Day, taking place back in April 2025 and the three bills that were advocated for during the event. Following the overview, students rotated through two breakout groups, with one led by Dr. Keith Yoshizuka to discuss AB 1366 on expanding pharmacist reimbursements, and another led by Dr. Marilyn Stebbins and Amiee Alden to discuss SB 40 on capping insulin co-pays.

## CSHP-CPD NETWORKING AT A CONFERENCE

Networking at a Conference is a yearly event that is hosted by CPD in conjunction with CSHP to provide an interactive program where students can learn useful networking skills. Anna Reeves from CPD presented to us on various topics including how to exit conversations with grace and on joining discussions that appear closed off. We had volunteers from the crowd and board demonstrate examples of scenarios which was then followed by the opportunity for attendees to practice the skills they just learned. This was a successful lunch event as there was good attendance and great feedback from attendees.

## THINGS I WISH I KNEW MIXER

The "Things I Wish I Knew" Mixer is an annual event, hosted by CSHP at UCSF, where board members shared insights and advice they wish they had known as incoming pharmacy students. Topics include internships, study strategies, and recommendations for life in San Francisco. This casual and informative session gave new students an opportunity to connect with upperclassmen, ask questions, and gather tips for navigating pharmacy school and the city life in San Francisco.



Photo of Pharmacists & Pharmacy Students from UCSF Attending CSHP Legislative Day

## PAA-CSHP CAREER ROUNDTABLE 2025

4 UCSF Alumni speakers were invited and participated in a Career Roundtable over Zoom. Students were able to connect with them, ask questions, and listen to their experiences post graduation from UCSF. Students learned a lot about different career paths and were able to learn about different career paths that exist in the field of pharmacy.

## CSHP AT UCSF LOCAL CLINICAL SKILLS COMPETITION

Seventeen teams formed pairs of two to race against the clock to work up a patient case on recommendations, then defend those recommendations against a panel of pharmacists to move to the competition at CSHP Seminar & ASHP Midyear. After the swift competition, Danika Cruz and Sophia Chan have come up on top; they will be representing UCSF in the Clinical Skills Competition at CSHP Seminar at San Diego.

# 2025-2026 BOARD



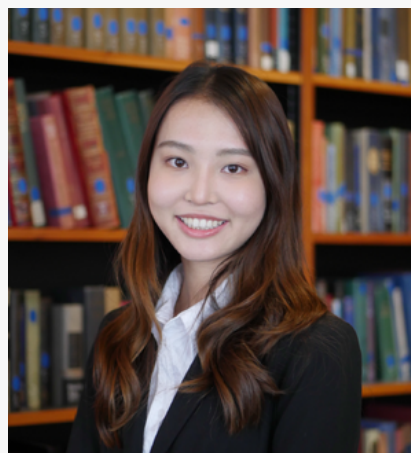
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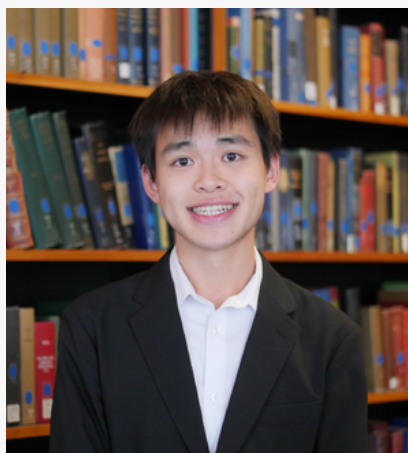
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