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Students Head to AAPP 2026 to Pursue Psychiatric Pharmacy

Thanks to the generous support of the AAPP Foundation, AAPP Past Presidents' Destiny Fund, and AAPP members, 33 Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) students have been awarded \$310 registration grants to attend the 2026 AAPP Annual Meeting in Bellevue, Washington, on Seattle's Eastside! Recipients were selected based on the merits of their applications and each student received strong recommendations from faculty. Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Sierra Aguilar, The University of Texas at Austin
- Emma Anderson, University of Minnesota
- Sara Bhimani, The University of Texas at Austin
- Sophia Buchanan, University of North Carolina
- Danielle Burch, University of California, San Diego
- Julie Burress, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- Georgia Cockerham, Belmont University
- Michael Criscito, Duquesne University
- Fatamah Feron, Belmont University
- Adriana Hamar, Keck University
- John Hawkins, Samford University
- Haley Hughes, Oregon State University
- Fatimah Hussein, University of North Carolina
- Jaslyn Jimenez, Nova Southeastern University
- Roberta Joseph, Nova Southeastern University
- Danielle Ladines, Belmont University
- Tyler Leote, University at Buffalo
- Feonie Lesman, Rutgers University
- Arielle Mamaril, University of Washington
- Isabel Mateo, The University of Texas at Austin
- Aspen Montello, High Point University
- Christian Moon, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Chae Mortimer, The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
- Bridget Moss, Belmont University
- Saira Pacheco, Western University of Health Sciences
- Rachel Prado, Nova Southeastern University
- Edwin Rice, The University of Texas at Austin
- Delandra Robinson, The University of Texas at Austin
- Sydney Saenz, The University of Texas at Austin
- Xzavier Sciarretta, Duquesne University
- Acacia Smallwood, University of North Carolina
- Miriam Sprei, Touro University
- Lily Tews, Rutgers University

Applicants were required to submit a personal essay describing their interest in AAPP and psychiatric pharmacy. Please enjoy this excerpt of the essay by grant recipient, Tyler Leote:

“AAPP as an organization has allowed me to learn so much about psychiatric pharmacy at the local level, and I would love the opportunity to learn more from psychiatric pharmacists throughout the country... The expanding role of the pharmacist in the United States and our integral role on the healthcare team is important for psychiatry especially, which has patients that need support and advocacy who may not be able to advocate for themselves.”

AAPP 2026 has numerous opportunities for students, including a student education track, a mentoring opportunity, dedicated networking events, and more! Learn more at aapp.org/2026. Psychiatric pharmacists are encouraged to [donate](#) to keep this important grant program going!

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