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AAPP Foundation Awards Student Registration Grants to AAPP 2024

Thanks to the generous support of the [AAPP Foundation, AAPP Past Presidents' Destiny Fund, and AAPP members](#), 19 PharmD students from 16 different colleges of pharmacy have been awarded \$235 registration grants to attend AAPP 2024 in Orlando, Florida! Recipients were highly recommended and selected based on the merits of their applications. Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Juliana Freisen, University of Southern California
- Taylor Garrett, North Dakota State University
- McKenna Geesey, Belmont University
- Cameron Hallisey, University of Southern California
- Meghan Hammond, University of Georgia
- Ansley Hayes, University of Mississippi
- Anna Krienert, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Vivian Liang, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Nicholas Meyers, University of Arizona
- Nilhari Miranda Merced, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University
- David Novak, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Soriene Ozcan, Medical College of Wisconsin
- Abby Shields, East Tennessee State University
- Vileen Singh, Rutgers University
- Lindsay Solano, University of Florida
- Rachel Sturdevant, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Taylor Ward, University of Georgia
- Katelin Warner, University of Minnesota
- Nicole Zachwieja, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

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, Nicole Zachwieja:

“As I prepare for this year’s annual meeting, my main objectives include gaining presentation experience, enhancing my understanding of psychiatric/neurologic pharmacotherapy, and connecting with practicing psychiatric pharmacists. In collaboration with a classmate and faculty mentor, we've submitted an abstract on implementing and evaluating the impact of a Peer Support Program within our school of pharmacy. I look forward to presenting our work as a poster and sharing our experiences. Looking through the meeting programming schedule, I am so excited by the topics of the planned sessions, and I cannot wait to attend and learn as much as I possibly can in four short days. However, I am most looking forward to meeting new people, building connections, and exploring the diverse opportunities in psychiatric pharmacy. Particularly, a classmate and I are doing an independent study

(out of pure interest) in harm reduction this semester; we are looking forward to having the opportunity to identify and chat with at least one psychiatric pharmacist who works in substance use disorder treatment. In summary, my pharmacy school experience has been molded by a program that values raising empathetic future pharmacists, my active involvement in AAPP, and my passion for psychiatric pharmacy. Looking ahead to this year's AAPP meeting, my objectives mirror my commitment to learning, presenting, and networking- a continuation of my dedication to becoming an impactful psychiatric pharmacist.”

AAPP 2024 has numerous opportunities for students, including a student education track, a mentoring opportunity, a research trainee poster session, networking, and more! Learn more at aapp.org/2024. AAPP Foundation supporters are encouraged to [donate](#) to keep this important grant program going! To ensure the donation is designated for this purpose, please add “student grants” in the order comment box.

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