



ASHP Foundation News Release

Methodist University Hospital Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency Program Receives ASHP Foundation 2018 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Program Award

ASHP Foundation will also recognize 2018 Preceptor and New Preceptor Awardees during the ASHP 2018 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, California

BETHESDA, MD (November 21, 2018) -- The ASHP Research and Education Foundation has selected the recipients of the 2018 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards. This award program, sponsored by Amgen, Inc., recognizes pharmacy residency preceptors and programs that have demonstrated innovation in training pharmacy residents and serve as models for other residency programs and preceptors.

The Program Award will be given to the Methodist University Hospital Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program for its outstanding program. Established in 1964, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare is comprised of a multisite PGY1 and five PGY2 training programs. Their residencies are primarily located at University Hospital, a community academic medical center affiliated with the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center (UTHSC). The program provides opportunities for both learning and teaching. Residents educate patients, pharmacy students, and other health professionals, while serving on various committees and participating in departmental projects.

Residents are able to explore their interest by completing a major project related to the pharmacy practice topic of their choice. They have the opportunity to participate in the UTHSC Teaching and Learning Program and complete didactic lectures within the college of pharmacy. Residents also have access to a variety of interactive learning sessions with preceptors, including the longitudinal pharmacy resident conference, research development series, and leadership development series.

Methodist University Hospital strives to ensure that pharmacists leave the program as versatile practitioners capable of excelling in patient care, teaching, and research.

“We feel very honored to have received the 2018 ASHP Foundation Award for Excellence in Residency Training,” said Jennifer Twilla, Pharm.D., BCPS, PGY1 Residency Program Director. “At Methodist, we are committed to advancing patient care and the pharmacy profession through residency training. This recognition not only highlights the high level of pharmacy practice at Methodist University Hospital but also across the state of Tennessee. I could not be more proud of the preceptors who devote their time and expertise as well as the past residents who have utilized the skills learned at Methodist to establish clinical excellence in pharmacy across the United States.”

The other Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award recipients are:

2018 Preceptor Award

Lisa Hall Zimmerman, B.S., Pharm.D., BCPS, BCNSP, BCCCP, FCCM
New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Wilmington, NC

Dr. Hall Zimmerman has been instrumental in enhancing the critical care and research experiences for her residents as the director of the PGY2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency Program and a critical care pharmacist practicing in the Cardiothoracic ICU. Dr. Hall Zimmerman is also a Fellow of Critical Care Medicine, a Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist, a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, and a Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacist.

“I am so honored to receive the Pharmacy Residency Excellence Preceptor Award,” said Dr. Hall Zimmerman. “Being involved in teaching residents, working with amazing colleagues locally and around the country, and impacting the professional experiences of residents truly provides meaning for me being a preceptor.”

2018 New Preceptor Award (individual that has served 3-5 years as a preceptor)

Emily Kosirog, Pharm.D.
University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy
Aurora, CO

Dr. Kosirog is a Clinical Pharmacist at Salud Family Health Centers and Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist. As one of the first clinical pharmacists at Salud, she developed and implemented robust clinical pharmacy services that have provided care for thousands of underserved patients. She also routinely precepts pharmacy doctoral students, encouraging them to explore the unique community health center environment.

“I’m honored to receive the New Preceptor Award,” said Dr. Kosirog. “I’m thankful for each of the pharmacy residents who have allowed me to challenge them and encourage them in their own unique passions and skill sets. I have learned so much from each of our residents; it is an honor to serve as a mentor and teacher to such incredible pharmacists. I am also grateful for my colleagues at the University of Colorado Ambulatory Care Residency who have helped me become a better preceptor – you all challenge me daily!”

The awardees will be formally recognized at a reception on December 1, 2018, at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, California.

For More Information

For more information regarding this awards program and the recipients, please visit our website at www.ashpfoundation.org/residencyawards.

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, was established in 1968 by ASHP (www.ashp.org) as its charitable partner. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe, and effective medication use, relying on the leadership and expertise of pharmacists.

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