



COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2025 PharmD Commencement Ceremony

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Program

HORACE H. RACKHAM SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

PharmD Class of 2025 Graduates and College of Pharmacy Faculty

Faculty Marshals:

Heidi Diez, PharmD '04

Lydia Benitez, PharmD '14

PRESIDING AND REMARKS

Vicki Ellingrod, PharmD, FCCP, FACNP

Dean and John Gideon Searle Professor of Pharmacy

RECOGNITION OF 2025 TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENT

Mustapha Beleh, PhD

*Frank J. Ascione Collegiate Teaching Professor of
Medicinal Chemistry*

STUDENT REMARKS

Lydia Joyner, PharmD '25 Class Representative

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kristen Flaharty, PharmD '87

Founder and CEO, Trilogy Laboratories

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Vicki Ellingrod, *Dean*

Karen Farris, PhD '93, *Senior Associate Dean*

Gundy Sweet, PharmD

Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Assessment

Hanna Phan, PharmD '03, FCCP, FPPA

Director of Experiential Education

Amy N. Thompson, PharmD

Director of Community Health and Engagement

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

Madeleine Jia-Chee Chong, PharmD '25 Class Representative

ALUMNI SOCIETY WELCOME

Megan Cadiz, PharmD '10

RECESSIONAL

Faculty and Graduates

MUSIC

Today's Brass Quintet

Today's Commencement Speaker



KRISTEN FLAHARTY, PHARM D '87
Founder and CEO, Trilogy Laboratories

Dr. Kristen Flaharty, a board-certified clinical pharmacologist, earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Michigan, followed by a clinical residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and a research fellowship in clinical pharmacology at Jefferson Medical College. She has held assistant professor positions at the University of Utah and Nova Southeastern College of Pharmacy, where she taught and conducted research. Dr. Flaharty has published numerous

scientific articles and presented at many professional meetings.

Much of her career has been devoted to clinical research and development with a focus on regulatory strategy in the pharmaceutical industry. She played a significant role in bringing more than 20 prescription drugs to market in the US and worldwide and holds a patent on combination therapy for inhibition of platelet aggregation.

After working in the pharmaceutical industry, she founded Trilogy Laboratories in 2014, a company dedicated to formulating and manufacturing small-batch, high-quality, medical-grade skincare products for physicians, estheticians and small-to-medium-sized beauty brands worldwide. Her company has received several industry accolades, including Small Manufacturer of the Year, Florida Companies to Watch and has been recently named a top 10 Global Private Label Manufacturer.

In addition to being a successful business owner, Dr. Flaharty is active in her community, chairing hospital Institutional Review Boards, serving on Canterbury School's Board of Trustees, supporting STEM education for local students and mentoring future professionals. She also hosts educational events at her lab. Her philanthropic interests include education and science and she and her husband have endowed a scholarship for Michigan Medicine students.

2025 Teaching Excellence Award

**THE COLLEGE'S TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD RECOGNIZES
EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING IN THE PHARM D AND PH D PROGRAMS.**



MUSTAPHA BELEH, PHD
*Frank J. Ascione Collegiate Teaching Professor of
Medicinal Chemistry*

Dr. Mustapha Beleh earned his BS in Pharmacy from Alexandria University and a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry from The Ohio State University. His career spans roles in hospital and community pharmacy, pharmaceutical research and academia. He is currently a Teaching Professor and Director of Education at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Beleh is deeply involved in teaching and mentoring PharmD and undergraduate students, coordinating the Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacology course sequence. His research focuses on the scholarship of teaching and advancements in pharmaceutical education.

He has received numerous awards, including being a two-time recipient of the College of Pharmacy's Teaching Excellence Award (2019, 2025), Teacher of the Year and the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching at South Dakota State University, as well as the Golden Apple Award, and special recognition for teaching at the University of Michigan. He has also received multiple student appreciation awards.

Additionally, Dr. Beleh is a Computerworld Honors Laureate and a finalist for the 21st Century Achievement Award from the Smithsonian.

Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE 2025

Stella Archiyan
Selena Feng Beck †††‡Σ
Harold Gene Betanco-Masters
John Bennett Braganza †††
Elaine Burley †††‡
Sara Busam ††
Annie Cheung †††‡
Madeleine Jia-Chee Chong ††
Lindsay M. Cohen ††Σ
Francis Corrado †††‡
Hannah Marie D'Antonio ††
Makenzie Dopierala †††Σ
Juan C. Esquivel
Emma Laine Fransen ††
Abigail Lee Garber ††
Michael Gruntfest
Sophia Guo †
Iris He †††‡
Carleigh Hendrickson †††‡Σ§
Eunice Herman Forogau Σ
Brian Hernandez
Nhan Hoang
Allesandra Hoover ††
Zackary Hren †††‡Σ
Tuba Jaherun Σ
Ahmad Jaradat †††‡Σ§
Asya Jawad-Makki
Hussein Basam Jeafar
Lauryn Johnson †§
Lydia Joyner †††‡
Salena Kasha
Christiana Junghyun Kim †††‡Σ
Heeseo (Lily) Kim †††‡
Vivian Long-Sze Leung
Hilary Mary Mansoor †
Keerat Multani
Niki Musick
Safaa Nagi §
Leia Nazario Hernández
Emma Neema
Angela Sylvi Nofal †††‡
Emily O'Keefe †††
Douglas Obenrader †††‡Σ
Jessica Chioma Orizu Σ§
Kari M. Ostaszewski †
Dunia Nader Oweis
Cyulee Park
Nathaniel C. Park †††‡

Anjali Patel †
Jasmine Penton †††‡
Lisa Pierce
Hailey Marie Pike Σ
Emily Berdan Punzal ††
Megan Michelle Pyrett
Amanda Ravitz ††Σ
Dianna M. Resto-Santos †††
Garrett Shepard
Julieta Sholinyan ††
Ellie Stichter Σ
Sherry Sun †§
Vikram Ram Surendran †
Vicky Xinyi Tang
Monica Thai
Gabrielle Elena Toreja ††§
Hayley Julia Torres †
Mary Vue
Nick Wagner †
Calise Wang †††‡
Georgia Rose Warmbein
Noah Wegener
Rachelle Marie Wendt ††
Wesley Wright †††
Lauren Yates †
Brent Zahn §
Natasa Zera †

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- ††† With Highest Distinction
 - †† With High Distinction
 - † With Distinction
 - ‡ Rho Chi Member
 - Σ Phi Lambda Sigma Member
 - § Community Service Award Recipient

Degrees will be granted upon completion of formal requirements. Honors shown are tentative and will be confirmed following posting of all final grades.

PhD Graduates

THROUGH DECEMBER 2024

Yingzi Bu

(Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Kristen Wai Yan Hong Dorsey

(Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Abbie Diane Leino

(Clinical Pharmacy)

Chengyi Li

(Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Shuhan Liu

(Clinical Pharmacy)

Ana Lopez-Medina

(Clinical Pharmacy)

Andrew McGrath

(Medicinal Chemistry)

Ryan Rutkoski

(Medicinal Chemistry)

Wenbin Tu

(Medicinal Chemistry)

Luis Fernando Cervantes Vasquez

(Medicinal Chemistry)

Katherine Renee Guild

(Medicinal Chemistry)

Ziyun Xia

(Pharmaceutical Sciences)

The University of Michigan is located on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people. In 1817, the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bodewadami nations made the largest single land transfer to the University of Michigan. The land was offered ceremonially as a gift through the Treaty at the Foot of the Rapids so that their children could be educated. Through these words of acknowledgment, the nations' contemporary and ancestral ties to the land and their contributions to the University are renewed and reaffirmed.

Commencement Committee

Madeleine Jia-Chee Chong, PharmD '25 Class Representative

Monica Thai, PharmD '25 Class Representative

Hailey Boyk, PharmD '26 Class Representative

Delina Kamposh, PharmD '26 Class Representative

Sheila May, Event Planner and Manager

Hilda McDonald, Senior Assistant to the Dean

Mark Nelson, Assistant Dean for Student Services and Admissions

Members of the Stage Group

Laurie K. McCauley, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Regents of the University of Michigan

Jordan B. Acker, Michael J. Behm, Mark J. Bernstein, Paul W. Brown, Sarah Hubbard, Denise Ilitch, Carl J. Meyers, Katherine E. White, Santa J. Ono (ex officio)