

2021-2022

UCI Anteaters in
in Pharmacy

MENTORSHIP DIRECTORY

**FIND YOUR PERFECT MENTOR IN OUR ANTEATERS
IN PHARMACY MENTORSHIP DIRECTORY!**

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Dr. Sherman Ho

**CO-FOUNDER
WESLEY ENTERPRISE, INC**

I took a non-traditional career path (at the time) coming out of pharmacy school. It has been successful with great quality of life, and I like to give back. After completing BS Biology in UCI, I went to UCSF for pharmacy degree (not my first choice at the time). I completed a general residency and a health econ fellowship. I then plunged into the pharma industry as MSL and later Medical Affairs trainer. In 2003, I started our unique medical communications agency (serving clients in Medical Affairs) when our son Wesley was born, to achieve a great work-life balance.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Biology
- UCSF- PharmD

Location:
Orange
County, CA

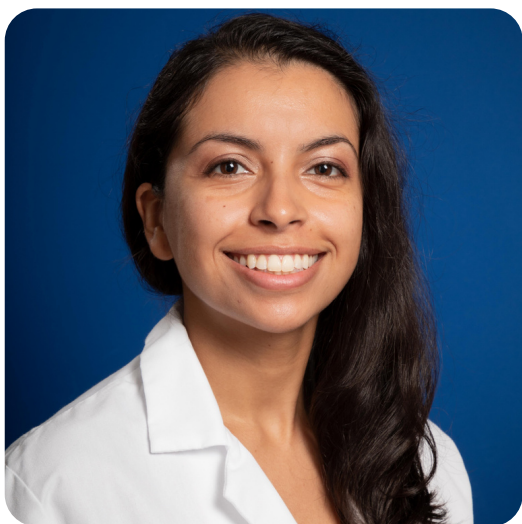
Career Experience

- Business/Administrative
- Pharmaceutical Industry - MSL/Medical Affairs

Skills

- Course Selection
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits

Mode of Contact: In-person, Zoom, Phone



Dr. Jessica Knechel

**CLINICAL PHARMACIST
KAISER PERMANENTE**

Hello prospective mentee! I grew up and attended school in Southern CA. I graduated from UCI with a bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2014, then graduated from Western University of Health Sciences in 2019. I then completed a PGY1 (general) and PGY2 (ambulatory care) at Kaiser Permanente Northwest based in Portland, Oregon. I was recently hired as a clinical pharmacist by Kaiser Permanente in the Bay area. As a newly practicing pharmacist, my mentoring would focus on advice regarding success in pharmacy school, studying for licensure exams, applying for residency, and how to get the most out of residency. I can also describe my experiences transitioning from a P1 to a P4, and the transition from student to pharmacist. When I was going through this process myself, I did not see myself as the "stellar" or most high-achieving candidate, and would most likely suit a mentee that has similar perceptions or is hesitant about their ability to succeed. I am interested in mentoring because I know how stressful and uncertain the future can seem, and would love to help aspiring, future pharmacists in any way I can. I wish you all the best of luck!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci
- Western University - PharmD

Location:
Mountain View, CA

Career Experience

- Medical - Clinical
- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing
- Pharmacy School Process

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Lilian Allahverdian

**CLINICAL PHARMACIST
ANTHEM**

Hi! My name is Lilian and I graduated from UCI in 2012 (biology) and CNU in 2016. I started working at Rite Aid after graduating and switched over to managed care a year later. I have experience in formulary management, clinical program development, MTM, drug information, and prior authorizations. I enjoy helping students! I was thankful to the mentors I have had in my life and want to give back!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Biology
- CNU- PharmD

Location:
Irvine, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Retail
- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Course Selection
- Networking & Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Planning for Additional Degrees
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Managed Care Education

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Rosalin Preechakul

**AMBULATORY CARE PHARMACIST
KAISER**

After graduating from UCI, I received my PharmD at USC in 2010 and completed a PGY1 at VA Greater Los Angeles. After residency, I began my career with Kaiser Permanente as an Inpatient Pharmacist Specialist in various areas including Medicine/ICU, NICU/PEDS, and Home Health. Currently I am an Ambulatory Care Pharmacist in the Dermatology Clinic at Kaiser Permanente. I've been a part of the UCI BioSci mentorship program for many years and I'm excited to hear that UCI now has a pharmacy school and has a Pharmacy Mentorship Program.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Bio Sci
- PharmD

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Mock Interviews
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing

Mode of Contact: Email



Dr. Aaron Tran

**CLINICAL PHARMACIST SPECIALIST
VA LOMA LINDA**

I have been mentoring students since I entered pharmacy school in 2011 and continued to precept pharmacy trainees throughout my professional development. Giving back to the next generation of pharmacists is my goal.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Bio Sci
- University of the Pacific - PharmD

Location:
Loma Linda,
CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Mock Interviews
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- Networking
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits
- Job Search Strategies

Mode of Contact: In-person, Email, Phone, Zoom



Dr. Janelle Agustin

**PGY-1 PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENT
FOUNTAIN VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Hello! My name is Janelle Agustin and I am a current PGY-1 pharmacy resident at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital. I graduated from UCSF this past year (last of the four year program) and throughout my experience here, I gained a passion for clinical pharmacy. I am interested in becoming a mentor because I want to help foster future pharmacists to gain confidence in applying for school and having a solid baseline prior to starting pharmacy school.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Public Health
- UCSF- PharmD

Location:
Orange
County, CA

Career Experience

- Medicine - Clinical
- PGY-1 Residency
- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Craig Luis

**SENIOR REGULATORY AFFAIRS
ASSOCIATE
GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.**

I am a Senior Associate Regulatory Affairs at Gilead Sciences, Inc. where I am a US Regulatory Lead for HBV cure and HIV early development products. I graduated from the University of Southern California in 2020 where I received my PharmD and MS in Regulatory Science. During my time at USC, I have held internships and externships at Amgen, Allergan, and AbbVie in regulatory and clinical roles. Also, I have previously worked at the FDA in the Office of Clinical Pharmacology in pediatrics. In my free time, I like to cook and bake, hike, exercise, and go fishing. During pharmacy school, I had a rotation in Anchorage, Alaska where I went ice fishing! I am interested in being a mentor since I believe in giving back to the next generation and provide insight for students who have an interest in the pharmaceutical industry.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci
- USC - PharmD

Location: San Francisco, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Pharmacy - Regulatory

Skills

- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume Cover Letter Editing and Writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom



Dr. Andy Nguyen

**PGY-2 POPULATION HEALTH
MANAGEMENT & DATA ANALYTICS
PHARMACY RESIDENT
UC DAVIS HEALTH**

Hi! I am the current PGY-2 pharmacy resident in population health management and data analytics at UC Davis Health. I graduated from UCI as a pharmaceutical science major in 2016. Afterwards I attended UCSF School of Pharmacy and graduated with an emphasis in Health Service and Policy Research (HSPR) in 2020. As a mentor, I hope to share my journey and passion for the pharmacy profession while promoting curiosity and exploration into the different areas of pharmacy practice. My aim is to provide the necessary guidance and serve as a resource for students to discover and achieve their career goals.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci
- UCSF- PharmD

Location:
Orange
County, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Mock Interviews
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits
- Networking

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom



Dr. Dalen Chan

**POSTDOC
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

Hello my name is Dalen, I'm doing a postdoc right now at the NIH, but interested in a career in industry. I know that navigating their future can be complicated and I would like to provide some insights.

Degrees

- UC Davis
- BS in
Chemistr
y
- UCI - PhD
in Pharm
Sci

Location:
Washington,
DC

Career Experience

- Government
- Academia

Skills

- Job Search Strategies
- Course Selection
- Planning for additonal degrees
- Networking
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Jim Aichelman

**PHARMACIST IN CHARGE
KAISER PERMANENTE**

I took an unusual path to pharmacy, majoring in Spanish Literature before going to pharmacy school. Also, after I had been a pharmacist for 10 years, I got a Masters in English Literature from Cal State Fullerton, in the hopes of teaching a writing class at a junior college on the side. My pharmacy career has been mostly in outpatient, and I'm currently a Pharmacist-in-Charge (Name on License) for Kaiser Permanente. I'm interested in mentorship because I've been very lucky to have a lot of good mentors, and I'd like to return the favor.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Spanish Literature

Location:
Garden
Grove, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Planning for additional degrees
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits
- Job Search Strategies

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Chris Tran

PHARMACY INTERN CHA HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER

From Westminster, CA, I am a second-year pharmacy student at the USC School of Pharmacy. At UCI, I majored in Pharmaceutical Sciences and minored in Psychology and Social Behavior. I worked as a pharmacy clerk at an independent pharmacy and then at Rite Aid Pharmacy. Upon starting pharmacy school, I became a pharmacy intern at Rite Aid. I recently left there to pursue an inpatient internship at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center. My career interests are in psychiatric pharmacy and ambulatory care. In my first year of pharmacy school, I served as the Level 1 Representative for the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) student chapter and on the Student Admissions Committee at USC. Now, I am the President-Elect for CPNP USC. I am interested in being a mentor because I enjoy helping students reach their fullest potential and spreading knowledge and resources. In addition, I am a proud Anteater for life and would like to give back!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci
- USC - PharmD

Location:
Monterey
Park, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Pharmacy - Retail

Skills

- Course Selection
- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Ivan Herrera

CLINICAL PHARMACIST
OPTUM RX

I am a graduate of UCI (BS Chemistry '97) who went on to receive my PharmD degree from The University of IL at Chicago ('03) and have just over 18 years of experience as a pharmacist. My roles over the years have included retail, mail order, Medication Therapy Management (MTM), and Formulary Operations. Upon learning that UCI will be commencing their PharmD program, I wanted to give back to my alma matter by helping any way I can.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Chemistry
- University of Illinois - PharmD

Location:
Chicago, IL

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Pharmacy - Retail

Skills

- Course Selection
- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Nicole Quang

**CLINICAL PHARMACIST
IEHP**

My name is Nicole and I graduated UCI back in 2014 and pursued a PharmD at California Northstate University shortly after graduating. I started off my career in managed care as a contract prior authorization pharmacist for OptumRX. I was recruited by LA Care Health Plan to join them as a clinical programs pharmacist early February 2019 and subsequently encouraged to reapply for residency. I completed my managed care residency at Aetna Medicaid in Phoenix, AZ June 2021 and now I am continuing my journey at IEHP as a clinical pharmacist. I am interested in being a mentor to inspire the future generation(s) of pharmacists and network them to the appropriate persons to help them obtain more knowledge and passion for the field.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci
- CNU - PharmD

Location:

Orange
County, CA

Career Experience

- Business/Administrative
- Government
- Medicine
- Managed Care

Skills

- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Email, Zoom, Text



Jenny Nguyen

**FULL-TIME PHARM-D STUDENT
UCSD**

Hello! My name is Jenny and I'm currently a P1 student at UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. I just graduated from UCI in Spring 2021. UCI has given me so much and continues to, but I was ready to move a little bit farther from home and try something new! I am currently interested in specializing in perhaps psychiatry, pediatrics, or women's health. However, I am open to everything and am ready to explore throughout my pharmacy school career and rotations! There's much that can change over these next few years. I would love to be a mentor to undergraduate students so that I can share any wisdom and experiences with them! I think it's great to have someone you can rely on to help you with your worries, answer your questions, and even be there for you when things are getting a little tough. Being a guide is something I've loved throughout my undergraduate experience as well, when I was fortunate enough to serve as a mentor for Commuter Connection, Pharmaceutical Sciences Mentorship Program, as well as being a leader in Pre-Pharmacy Society. I love being able to help others with the knowledge I have and ease the way!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci

Location: San Diego, CA

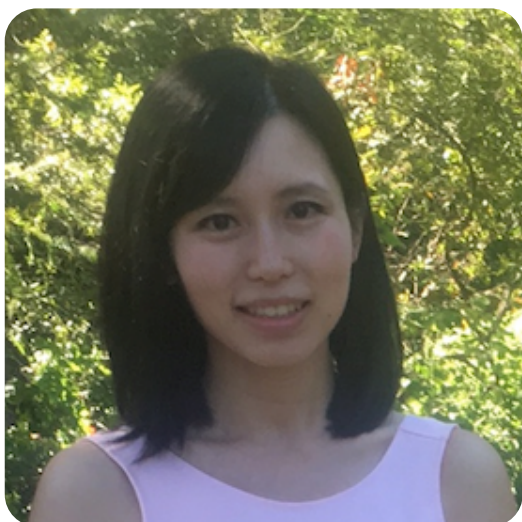
Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Retail

Skills

- Networking
- Course Selection
- Job Search Strategies
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Michelle Ding

**CLINICAL PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACIST
KAISER PERMANENTE**

I grew up in Irvine, CA and attended UCI for my undergrad degree in Biological Sciences. I greatly enjoyed my experiences at UCI, so I have always wanted to give back to the school and become a mentor. I moved out-of-state to attend pharmacy school at University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy. Afterwards, I completed clinical pharmacy residencies at San Francisco General Hospital & Trauma Center for my PGY1 and at University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy for my PGY2 residency specializing in psychiatry. I decided to finally settle down in Los Angeles after I completed my training and had worked as a clinical psychiatric pharmacist in both the inpatient and ambulatory care mental health settings. Most recently, I gained wonderful experience working in the pharmaceutical industry as a medical science liaison, but ultimately decided to return to my clinical roots to work as a psychiatric pharmacist at Kaiser Permanente Mental Health Center in Los Angeles. I always love working with students and sharing my experiences with them. I hope to help guide students to work towards their career goals in pharmacy.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Bio Sci
- University of Colorado- PharmD

Location:
Monterey
Park, CA

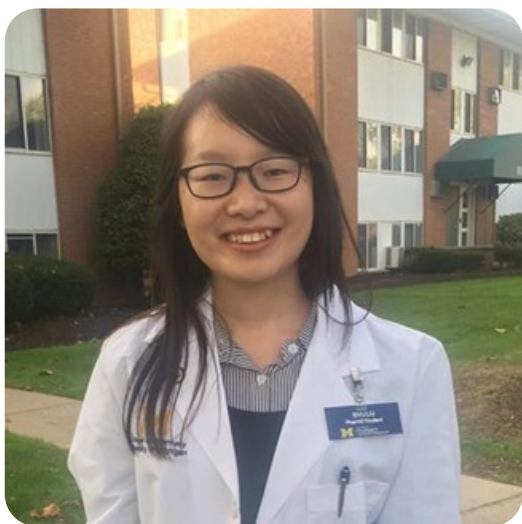
Career Experience

- Pharmaceutical Industry - MSL/Medical Affairs
- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Psychiatry

Skills

- Networking
- Planning for additional degrees
- Job Search Strategies
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing
- Career Advice

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Siyu Liu

PHARMACY INTERN MICHIGAN MEDICINE

Hello. My name is Siyu Liu. I am a P4 student at the University of Michigan. I worked in Children's Hospital as a pharmacy intern, and my goal is to be a ambulatory care pharmacist one day. I want to become a mentor to help UCI students to learn more about pharmacy, become more competitive pharmacy school applicant, and have fun networking and socializing.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci

Location: Ann Arbor. MI

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Pharmacy - Retail

Skills

- Networking
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Allen Tran

**AMBULATORY CARE PHARMACIST
KAISER PERMANENTE**

I am an ambulatory care pharmacist with the privilege to serve our geriatric patients with complex needs. I have always enjoyed teaching in various avenues, whether that be through educating my patients about their medications, whether that be precepting pharmacy students and pharmacy residents in clinical practice, or whether that be mentoring students or underclassmen to help guide them towards their dreams. I would love to serve as a mentor to either help my mentees explore ambulatory care pharmacy, or, to help my mentee network by connecting them with one of my colleagues in other pharmacy careers!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci
- UCSF- PharmD

Location: San
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Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Amanda Tran

**ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR
KECK GRADUATE INSTITUTE**

I graduated from UCI in 2012 with a B.S. in Biology and from UCSF in 2018 with a Pharm.D. During my time at UCI, I really enjoyed teaching and mentoring as a LARC tutor and providing patient care as a COPE volunteer at HOAG hospital. These passions remained during and after pharmacy school, which is the reason why I pursued and completed a PGY-1 at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and PGY-2 at University of Washington focused in ambulatory care and academia. Upon completing my PGY-2, I started my career as an Assistant Clinical Professor at Keck Graduate Institute. I am currently practicing as a geriatrics clinical pharmacist and will be starting in a family medicine clinic this upcoming September.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Biology
- UCSF- PharmD

Location:
Orange
County, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Pharmacy- Academia

Skills

- Networking
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits
- Planning for additional degrees
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Bussola Oladernu

**PY-1 STUDENT
UCI**

When I was an undergraduate student I wish I had someone I could go to for advice who went through the same thing I was. So, I'd like to help someone else find out what they want to do with their career!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci

Location:
Orange
County, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Pharmacy- Retail

Skills

- Networking
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits
- Planning for additional degrees
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Cover Letter/Writing
- Course Selection

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Pam Lincoln

**SR. DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC GROWTH
TABULA RASA HEALTHCARE**

I'm a pharmacist in a non-traditional role that has had an interesting career trajectory. I love my job. I love what I do. I want to share my story and encourage other pharmacy students to search for nontraditional roles and expand the practice of pharmacy.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Biology
- USC- PharmD

Location:
Orange
County, CA

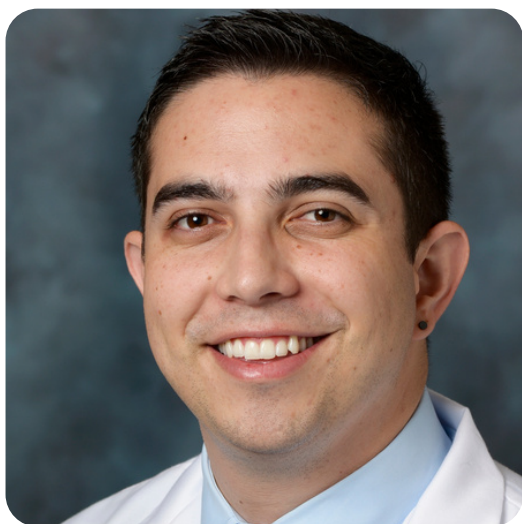
Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Business/Administrative
- Managed Care, PBM, Payer, Provider Group

Skills

- Networking
- Job Search Strategies
- Mock Interviews

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Email, Zoom, Text



Dr. Ryan Hays

**CLINICAL PHARMACIST
SHARP MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

My name is Ryan Hays and I am a Clinical Pharmacist at Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego, CA. I graduated from UC Irvine PharmSci program in 2013 and USC School of Pharmacy in 2018. I then went to complete residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA. I am interested in being a mentor as I want to give back to the current students and help them reach their goals. I know when I was in undergrad, I looked to my mentors for direction and support and want to be able to provide the same and give back.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci
- USC- PharmD

Location:
San Diego, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Business/Administrative

Skills

- Networking
- Job Search Strategies
- Mock Interviews
- Additional Degree Planning
- Resume & cover letter editing and writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Cheng-Yu Wang

**INTERN PHARMACIST
KAISER PERMANENTE**

Hi, my name is Cheng-Yu and I am a current P2 at UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. I did my undergrad at UCI and was part of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Class of 2020. I absolutely loved my time at UCI and credit a lot of what I've accomplished to the experiences I had as a PharmSci major. With that said, the journey as a pre-pharm major can be extremely challenging; however, it's not impossible! I'd love to help you and be a part of your pharmacy journey! :)

Degree

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci

Location:

Orange County,
CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Pharmacy - Retail
- Compounding Pharmacy
- Hospice Pharmacy

Skills

- Course Selection
- Job Search Strategies
- Additional Degree Planning
- Resume & cover letter editing and writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Diana Peters

**SENIOR SALES CONSULTANT
BECKMAN COULTER LIFE SCIENCES**

Hi! I've been in medical device sales for the last ten years. It's not easy to break into this field of work, but through the UCI Career Fair, I was fortunate enough to have found my match with Beckman Coulter. Through my career, I've worked in the Mid Atlantic and East Coast as well as back in SoCal. I sell centrifuges and cell analyzers into all sorts of laboratories. A lot of people don't realize a science degree or business degree can take you into sales too, and I'd love to share that with anyone that may be interested.

Degree

- UCI - BA in Economics & BA in International Studies

Location:
Pasadena, CA

Career Experience

- Government
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Medical Equipment Sales
- Academic Labs & Biotech Companies
- Start-Ups

Skills

- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. Denis Kitayama

**PHARMACY PROJECT MANAGER
KAISER PERMANENTE**

I was a clinical pharmacist and pharmacy director at a large healthcare system and managed care pharmacist for a medical group before joining Kaiser Permanente (KP) in 2001. My current position is Pharmacy Project Manager for KP's electronic health record. My team configures medication orders in the computer system to optimize patient safety, therapeutics, and efficiency.

I enjoy teaching, precepting, and mentoring students and residents. I was a mentor for UCI's BioSci and Physical Sciences Undergraduate Mentor Programs for several years and value the relationships established with my mentees. I hope to mentor at least one undergraduate student with the goal of becoming a pharmacist.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Biological Sciences
- Univ of the Pacific - PharmD

Location:
Orange County,
CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Academia
- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Technology
- Start-Ups

Skills

- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Additional Degree Planning
- Resume & cover letter writing and editing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. Lauren Law

MEDICAL SCIENCE LIAISON ABBVIE

Hi, my name is Lauren and I am a pharmacist who has taken a nontraditional route in pharmacy with a career in the pharmaceutical industry. I am medical science liaison - my job focuses on serving as a scientific resource for healthcare providers through educational programs, group roundtables, and individual discussions on important topics in my therapeutic area. My day-to-day is never the same, but involves a great deal of communication and staying abreast of the latest research and newest publications. I work closely with principal investigators on clinical trials as well as physicians, advanced practice providers, and pharmacists in clinic to ensure they have the information they need to make the best clinical decisions for their patients. I love my job and the field of pharmacy! I am passionate about giving back to students who may have an interest in pharmacy and helping them discover what their best career path looks like for them!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Biological Sciences
- UCSF - PharmD

Location:
Orange County,
CA

Career Experience

- Pharmaceutical Industry - Research & Development
- Pharmaceutical Industry - MSL/Medical Affairs
- Pharmacy - Academia
- Start-Ups

Skills

- Networking & Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Course Selection & Additional Degree Planning
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits
- Resume & cover letter editing and writing

Mode of Contact: In-Person, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. Eric Samuels

**SCIENTIST
ABBVIE**

I completed my PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences at UCI and am currently a scientist in drug development (pharmaceutical sciences) at AbbVie. I have many research interests, but my background is mainly a combination of both biology and chemistry. I am quite passionate about mentoring others interested in graduate school or R&D careers since I feel many can benefit from my experiences in both academia and industry. With so many competitive career options, it can be very challenging to make the first step. Hopefully I can help make the transition a little easier.

Degrees

- UCSC - BS in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- CSUCI - MS in Biotechnology
- UCI - PhD in Pharm Sci

Location:
Long Beach, CA

Career Experience

- Pharmaceutical Industry - Research & Development

Skills

- Networking
- Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Additional Degree Strategies
- Resume & cover letter writing and editing

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Vu Dang Nguyen

**PHARMACY INTERN
CVS HEALTH**

My whole undergrad career I felt like I was behind the pack. I pulled myself together in my latter years, but I felt as though it was not enough to what I could have done as a student. Now that I'm in pharmacy school, I look back and I realize all the small changes that could have added up and projected me even farther than I am now. Working at CVS, working harder to make more connections, and be involved with my undergrad cohort; I regret not doing these things. However, I was fortunate enough to meet people along the way that benefited me greatly and I want to do the same.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci

Location:
Orange County,
CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Retail

Skills

- Mock Interviews
- Course Selection
- Resume & cover letter writing and editing

Mode of Contact: Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. John Ko

**SENIOR DIRECTOR, VALUE, EVIDENCE &
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

BEAM THERAPEUTICS

From 2017-2021, I worked at Alnylam in Cambridge, MA where I held the positions of Senior Director of Value & Evidence Strategy and Global Medical Director. He has co-authorship in prestigious journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, Hepatology, Value in Health, and Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy. I recently joined Beam Therapeutics as Senior Director of Value, Evidence & Development Strategy where my work will encompass leveraging patient-reported outcomes, real-world analyses, and economic analyses to ensure that the evidence generated for our products appropriately represents the perspectives of patients and addresses the evidentiary needs of HCPs and payers. I am interested in the mentorship program to give back to UC Irvine and guide future leaders in pharmacy. I have managed post PharmD fellows for several years now and enjoy fostering professional growth and success.

Degrees

- UCI - BA in Psychology
- USC - MS & PharmD

Location:
Cambridge, MA

Career Experience

- Pharmaceutical Industry - Clinical, MSL, Medical Affairs, Research & Development
- Start-Ups

Skills

- Networking & Job Search Strategies
- Course Selection
- Additional Degree Planning

Mode of Contact: In-person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. Dangling Yan

**STAFF PHARMACIST
ALBERTSONS**

I am a retail pharmacist with Savon- Albertson's. I really loved my time at UCI as an undergraduate (met my husband forming in Middle Earth!) and would love to give back and mentor students heading into or interested in the field of pharmacy. We offer many clinical services at my work place and I would love to show students another side of retail should they be interested in community pharmacy.

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Biological Sciences
- USC - PharmD

Location:
Orange County,
CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Retail

Skills

- Networking
- Course Selection
- Job Shadowing/Site Visits

Mode of Contact: In-person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. Michelle Nguyen

**PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENT
MICHIGAN MEDICINE**

Hello! My name is Michelle and I am born and raised in Garden Grove, California. I attended UC Irvine for my undergraduate career where I studied pharmaceutical sciences and education. I then went to University of Michigan where I recently graduated with a PharmD and am now a PGY1 resident at Michigan Medicine, also known as University of Michigan Health System. I am currently interested in becoming a pediatric pharmacist and a preceptor. I've served as a mentor during these past years, including my time at UCI, so I would love to continue to be able to provide guidance to students. In addition, I think this would also be a great way to reconnect with my alma mater as an alumni!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci & BA in Education Sciences
- U of Michigan- PharmD

Location:
Ann Arbor, MI

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical

Skills

- Job Shadowing/Site Visits

Mode of Contact: In-person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Emily Hou

**INTERN PHARMACIST
HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL
CENTER**

My name is Emily, and I am a third-year pharmacy student at the USC School of Pharmacy. I am originally from Visalia, CA but have been in SoCal ever since I started college at UC Irvine, where I graduated with a degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2019. I enjoy being involved, so I am currently serving as the President for the Associated Students of the School of Pharmacy (ASSP) and Treasurer for Phi Lambda Sigma (PLS) at USC. I am also a student fellow for California Right Meds Collaborative and currently work as an inpatient intern pharmacist at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center. My current career interests lie in ambulatory care, academia, and clinical pharmacy. I hope to pursue a PGY-1 residency in the near future. I am passionate about helping the community and encouraging others to pursue their goals. I have encountered many mentors throughout my journey who have made a large impact on my personal and professional growth. I hope to pay it forward by providing others with the encouragement to build upon their strengths and recognize their potential for leadership and making a difference!

Degrees

- UCI - BS in Pharm Sci

Location:
Los Angeles, CA

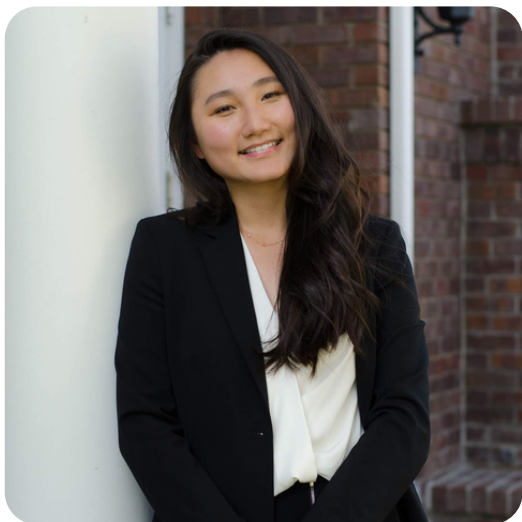
Career Experience

- Student Pharmacist

Skills

- Networking & Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume & cover letter editing and writing

Mode of Contact: In-person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Christie Lee

STUDENT PHARMACIST UCSF

My name is Christie Lee and I am a first-year student pharmacist at the UCSF School of Pharmacy. I graduated from UCI in 2021 with my Bachelors in Public Health Sciences and was involved in various campus organizations, such as the Pre-Pharmacy Society and Camp Kesem. Although I am only beginning my pharmacy career, I am currently interested in clinical pharmacy, specifically ambulatory care and oncology. I am interested in being a mentor because I love mentoring and fostering meaningful relationships. I personally learned a lot from my own mentors while in undergrad and would love the opportunity to pass on my experiences and knowledge to help the next generation of pharmacists as well.

Degrees

- UCI- BS in Public Health Sciences

Location:
San Francisco, CA

Career Experience

- Student Pharmacist

Skills

- Course Selection
- Networking & Mock Interviews
- Additional Degree Planning

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. Francie Nguyen

**CLINICAL PHARMACIST
MEMORICAL CARE**

I currently work as a clinical pharmacist at MemorialCare Medication Foundation. I have a dual-role in my position, working in both managed and ambulatory care. I review authorizations and cost savings strategies for in-office injectable medications. I also manage our Medicare population, specifically curtailed to the following CMS measures: medication reconciliation post-discharge, medication adherence, and statin use in cardiovascular and diabetes. During my college and pharmacy school years, I was blessed with amazing mentors who helped guide me along in my academic and work career. I have always had a passion for teaching, which is why I felt inspired to provide the same guidance and mentorship to young students who are interested in a career in pharmacy.

Degrees

- UCI- BS in Biological Sciences
- USC - PharmD

Location:
Orange County,
CA

Career Experience

- Pharmacy - Clinical
- Ambulatory Care
- Managed Care

Skills

- Course Selection
- Networking & Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume & cover letter editing and writing

Mode of Contact: In-person, Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. David Colby

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINAL
CHEMISTRY
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**

I have mentored sixteen pharmacy students and they have taken positions in the pharmaceutical industry, nuclear pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, and retail pharmacy. Many of these students have successfully competed for residencies and fellowships.

Degrees

- UCI- PhD in Organic Chemistry
- Univ. of Iowa - PharmD

Location:
Oxford, MS

Career Experience

- Academia, Pharmacy
- Academia, Start-Up

Skills

- Planning for additional degrees
- Networking & Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume & cover letter editing and writing

Mode of Contact: Phone, Email, Zoom, Text, Google Meet



Dr. Laura Wong

**CLINICAL PHARMACIST
CITY OF HOPE MEDICAL CENTER &
CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER**

Nearly 20 years of experiences working in a multitude of healthcare centric environments, with primary career emphasis in Pharmacy that extends into outpatient clinics, inpatient hospitals, retail pharmacies, regulatory compliance, and public health. Previous work includes roles as an Oncology Pharmacist, Operating Room Pharmacist, and Clinical Pharmacist for various hospital health systems in Northern and Southern California. Science-based skills also extend into microbiology, veterinary medicine, marine biology, teaching, and coordinating community outreach. Currently, I work with Cedars-Sinai Med Ctr in IV services and City of Hope Med Ctr at outpatient oncology based infusion clinics.

Degrees

- UCI- BS in Biological Sciences
- UCSF - PharmD

Location:
Orange County,
CA

Career Experience

- Academia: Pharmacy Business/Administrative
- Clinical Pharmaceutical Industry
- Regulatory, Pharmacy
- Marine Biology, Microbiology, Veterinary Pharmacy
- Operating Room; Public Health

Skills

- Planning for additional degrees & course selection
- Networking & Mock Interviews
- Job Search Strategies
- Resume & cover letter editing and writing

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