Student Bio

Heather is from Laramie, Wyoming. She began college in the field of internal medicine, but chose to go into pharmacy so that she could make a difference in patient’s lives. She says “for me, pharmacy was a good fit because I love interacting with people and enjoy counseling people on medications. I chose the UW SOP because I am from Wyoming and would like to practice in the state when I am finished. I also did my undergraduate degree at UW, so it was my top choice for my pharmacy education.”

Heather values the experience she has had working with a faculty member to produce a qualitative research paper. She says “my previous research experience in my undergraduate degree focused on quantitative research so it has been great to learn how to do qualitative research.” She has enjoyed learning how to do literature searches, analyze qualitative data, and writing and submitting their work.

Looking forward to rotations, Heather is most interested in doing an oncology elective. She says “I also hope to do an elective in geriatrics as I feel this will help me in any field I ultimately go into. I would like to do an infectious disease rotation as I love microbiology and antibiotics and am interested in antibiotic stewardship.”

John and Joyce Vandel Pharmacy Scholarship

Natives of Torrington, 1957 alum John (pharmacy) and Joyce (business) owned Vandel Drug from 1966-2010. John served as the dean of the School of Pharmacy from 2003 to 2012. During his time as dean, Joyce took over the management of the store. John was very involved in pharmacy organizations including the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy, the Wyoming Pharmacy Association, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). John was also very active in the development of the Pharm.D. program when he served on the boards of the APhA and NCPA. John and Joyce first started giving scholarships to pharmacy students when they owned Vandel Drug. The Vandels then endowed the scholarship in 2000.