

School of Pharmacy

Scholarship Profile



Harrison Johnson
Class of 2019
Casper, WY

Student Bio

Harrison is originally from Casper where he graduated from Kelly Walsh High School. He was very active in sports in high school, receiving multiple All-State awards, and he has pursued this passion by coaching youth soccer in Laramie.

Harrison began college with a double major in Kinesiology and Physiology before entering pharmacy school. He says "I am very proud of being from Wyoming and the exceptional program that we have, I also love to give back to the community that has given so much to me, so there was no question about going to any other pharmacy school, besides Wyoming."

Harrison is interested in hospital and clinical pharmacy, so he hopes to complete hospital and ambulatory care electives during his rotations. He also shares "I have recently been approached about an opportunity for a transplant pharmacy residency, which I am interested in." During his time at the School of Pharmacy he has enjoyed the opportunity to be active in student pharmacy organizations, taking part in Phi Lambda Sigma, Rho Chi, ASHP, and APhA.

In addition to his successes in pharmacy school, Harrison is active with Wyoming Big Brother Big Sister. In 2016, Harrison was recognized as the Wyoming Big Brother of the Year.

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.

