

# School of Pharmacy

## Scholarship Profile



**Sidney Ren**  
Class of 2019  
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### Student Bio

Sidney has lived in Laramie since 2002, and considers it his hometown. He chose to stay in Laramie because he enjoys the class size and the sense of community in the School of Pharmacy. It also allows him to avoid student loan debt by living at home. He notes that the Walgreens Scholarship also helps him avoid debt and takes pressure off of him during pharmacy school.

Sidney is part of the Honor's Program as well as the Pharmacy Honor's Program. He has participated in the Pinky Poison Control Prevention program, where pharmacy students provide education to school children in Wyoming about medication safety and poison prevention. Sidney says "interacting with the kids, either as a presenter or being Pinky is an incredible experience I recommend to anyone who enjoys educating children."

Sidney has also enjoyed his experience on research projects at the School of Pharmacy. He says "my experience with different faculty has allowed me to see my own strengths and weaknesses. Overall, it's helped me to be more independent and use resources like PubMed much more efficiently."

While Sidney isn't completely sure yet what his long term career goals are, he wants to be as well rounded as possible by graduation.

### Walgreens Diversity Fund for Pharmacy

Charles R. Walgreen, Sr. founded his first store in 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. His energy and enthusiasm soon led to new ideas and ambitious expansion. By 1909 the second store had opened, and by 1926 one hundred stores were incorporated as Walgreen Co. In 2012, the 8,000th store was opened in Los Angeles. Alliance Boots, a leading international pharmacy-led health and beauty group, merged with Walgreens in 2014.

As a part of their annual gift to support diversity at the School of Pharmacy, Walgreens provides annual support to students of an underrepresented minority group whose efforts have raised awareness in diversity and community outreach.

