

# *PRN Newsletter*

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SCHOOL OF PHARMACY EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION



## *What's New*

### ***Rolling into the 2025-2026 Rotation Year***

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**2024-2025  
Preceptors of the  
Year**

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**Medical Service -Learning  
Opportunity**

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**MedLife Flyer-San  
Jose, Costa Rica**

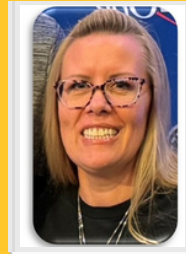
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Hello!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the cooler weather autumn is providing. As we wrap up the last quarter of the year, we would like to recognize **THREE** of our outstanding preceptors who were selected as Preceptors of the Year for the 2024-2025 academic year. They were selected out of several nominations submitted by both our P2 and P4 rotation students who wished to acknowledge the preceptors who made a difference in their lives. The three preceptors selected for this prestigious honor for the last academic year were *Breanne Bell*, *Jay Walck*, and *Cindy Geile*. We seek Preceptor of the Year nominations from students after every rotation block throughout the academic year, so maybe YOU will be our next Preceptor of the Year!

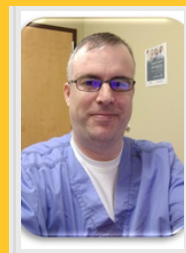
**Breanne Bell:**

Breanne has been a preceptor for 20 years. She says being a pharmacy preceptor is a role that's brought her endless fulfillment and purpose. Breanne graduated from the University of Wyoming School of pharmacy in 2004 and jumped straight into inpatient care at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC). She then moved to the Cheyenne Veterans Administration Medical Center in 2010 where she has served patients as an inpatient clinical pharmacy specialist. She began precepting students in 2005 at CRMC and has remained committed to mentoring pharmacy students and residents ever since.

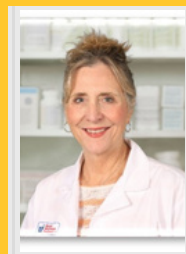
**Jay Walck:**

Jay is also a pharmacist at the Cheyenne Veterans Administration Medical Center. There he works in inpatient operations, anticoagulation management, and is the primary pharmacist for the substance use disorder rehabilitation unit. He greatly values his position at the VA as he is a combat veteran with over 10 years in the Army. After his tour in Baghdad, Iraq in 2004-2005, he was able to attend pharmacy school at St John Fisher College, Wegmans School of Pharmacy in Rochester, NY where he graduated in 2010. He now finds himself helping folks he can very much relate to.

Jay started precepting students in 2012 when he was at the Buffalo VA in Western NY. He appreciates the opportunity to have students from the University of Wyoming, as well as other areas from time to time, to keep his skills and feel as though he is able to give some time back to the profession of pharmacy. He still talks to many of his own preceptors and the students he has had as they all move through their careers, which he finds to be very rewarding.

**Cindy Geile:**

Cindy graduated from the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy in 1987. She and her husband, Mike, settled in Wheatland, WY where she started working in a small independent retail pharmacy. Working there helped her connect with the community in a way that revealed her love for retail pharmacy. After a combination of 22 years working between that first independent pharmacy and a Pamida pharmacy, the time came for her to grow into opening her own pharmacy. She officially opened South Street Pharmacy in 2010. Service to community has been at the center of her values since that very first day. From demonstrations for school kids of all ages, science fair judging, first responder training, baby fairs, and precepting, sharing her passion and educating others about pharmacy has been enlightening more so for her than those she educates.



To learn more about these three preceptors and our other Preceptors of the Year, please visit our [past preceptors of the year page](#).

**UWSOP SOCIAL MEDIA**

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY STAKEHOLDERS MEDICAL SERVICE- LEARNING OPPORTUNITY - SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Dr. Jessica Richards, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy and Dr. Tracy Mahvan, Associate Professor, will be taking a second group of volunteers on a Medical Service-Learning trip to San José, Costa Rica, from January 3-11, 2026. They would love for others to join them, so please consider this as your official invitation to join the trip!

This opportunity is open to students, alumni, stakeholders, and their family members—no medical background is required, just a heart for volunteering.

In partnership with MedLife Movement, this transformative week-long program allows volunteers to engage directly with local communities through mobile medical clinics and a community development project. By working hand-in-hand with community members, participants will gain invaluable insight into the realities of extreme poverty while building personal connections that transcend borders. Optional excursions include exploring the rainforest, surfing, or visiting the renowned Manuel Antonio National Park.

You can learn more by visiting MedLife's website.

**COST OF THE TRIP:** \$2,090

**Included:** Accommodations, weekday meals (Monday-Friday), transportation to and from clinics and projects, English-speaking trip leader, safety equipment.

**Not included:** Flights, optional excursions, weekend meals

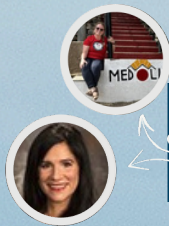
If you are ready to be the change you want to see in the world, [register here!](#)

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Richards at [jpapke@uwyo.edu](mailto:jpapke@uwyo.edu) or Dr. Mahvan at [tbaher@uwyo.edu](mailto:tbaher@uwyo.edu), if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful fall!!!

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# SAN JOSE COSTA RICA

## MEDICAL SERVICE LEARNING



**JANUARY 3 - 11, 2026**

**COST**  
**\$2090 +**  
**FLIGHTS**

- Optional excursion to Manuel Antonio National Park
- Scholarships available for UW students
- No medical experience required!

- Work hand-in-hand with a local community on mobile medical clinics, development projects, and more!



**REGISTER HERE!**



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