# Touro College of Pharmacy Commencement

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 11:00 AM



CLASS OF 2021 VIRTUAL CEREMONY



#### VISION

In keeping with the core values of Touro College, we envision educating and inspiring students to become compassionate, influential pharmacist-practitioners and leaders who capitalize on their diverse, real-world experiences to improve health nationally and globally.

#### MISSION

The mission of Touro College of Pharmacy is to develop the next generation of pharmacists vested in promoting wellness, especially among the underserved populations in Harlem and beyond, and contributing to scientific knowledge and expanding the roles and competencies of the profession toward improving patient-centered care processes and outcomes. We will inspire and educate ethical leaders in pharmacy through a collegial culture, scholarship, and experiential opportunities, and will strive for diversity in our student body, faculty and staff.

#### **OATH OF A PHARMACIST**

The revised Oath was adopted by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) House of Delegates in July 2007 and has been approved by the American Pharmacists Association.

"I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

- I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.
- I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.
- I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.
- I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.
- I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.
- I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.
- I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public."

#### ORDER OF EXERCISES

Commencement Opening
Abraham M. Jeger, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer and Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem
Performed by Chantell Melgarejo
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2021

Invocation
Rabbi Moshe D. Krupka, Executive Vice President, Touro College and University System

Welcoming Remarks
Henry Cohen, Pharm.D., M.Sc., Dean

Message from the President

Alan Kadish, M.D., President, Touro College and University System

Greetings
Patricia E. Salkin, J.D., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Touro College and University System
Provost, Graduate and Professional Divisions, Touro College

Commencement Keynote Speaker
Paul W. Abramowitz, Pharm.D., Sc.D. (Hon), FASHP
Chief Executive Officer, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Student Address
Pharm.D. Candidates Thomas K. Jackson II and Rana Makki El-Sheikh-Ali

Memories/Moments Captured of the Class of 2021 Thomas K. Jackson II and Nader Yamout, Pharm.D. Candidates, Class of 2021

Conferring the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree
Henry Cohen, Pharm.D., M.Sc., Dean
and
Alan Kadish, M.D., President, Touro College and University System

Presentation of Individual Candidates

Abraham M. Jeger, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer and Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Zvi Loewy, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Research

Heidi Fuchs, B.S., Assistant Dean, Admissions and Enrollment Management

Michael Liu, Pharm.D., Assistant Dean, Clinical and Professional Affairs

Bupendra Shah, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, Assessment

Oath of a Pharmacist Martin Brown, M.S., R.Ph., Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

Alumní Message Emily G. Messing, Pharm.D., BCPS Clinical Pharmacy Manager, Montefiore Medical Center TCOP Graduate, Class of 2017

Closing Remarks
Henry Cohen, Pharm.D., M.Sc., Dean

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the entire graduating class of 2021! It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the tenth commencement of the Touro College of Pharmacy. We regret that circumstances do not allow us to all be in one room together today, but we are certainly joined in spirit.

Today, we honor and celebrate the culmination of your hard work and your commitment to fulfilling your dreams. I am confident that you will continue to transform your aspirations into realities.

Touro College of Pharmacy provides an innovative educational environment that combines classroom instruction with experiential training. It is our hope that this unique approach to pharmaceutical education has prepared you with the skills necessary to succeed in a field that is rapidly and constantly evolving.

Your experiences here have also been enriched by Touro's strong ties to the Harlem neighborhood. In the pursuit of our mission to educate and model the values of compassion, service and social justice, I am confident that we have instilled in you a commitment to serve humankind. You are ambassadors of our institution, and your service to your communities attests to the values of our mission. Now is the time to apply all the knowledge and skills you have learned at Touro and live with passion and purpose.

As alumni, you are members of the Touro family. I invite you to join us in alumni activities, stay connected and share your stories of success so that we may continue to take pride in your achievements. You will always remain a part of Touro's legacy and future.

Best wishes,

Alan Kadish, M.D.

President

Touro College and University System

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Members of the Class of 2021,

Congratulations on completing your Doctor of Pharmacy at the Touro College of Pharmacy. You have earned a distinction with your hard work and dedication, and an achievement of which you and your family can be justly proud, wherever your future careers take you. You are talented and passionate, and you have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to education, community and professional service and patient-centered care.

You will soon join the ranks of one of the most trusted and rewarding professions. You are the only healthcare professionals dedicated to the intricacies of drug products handling and preparation, and the sophistication of drug mechanisms, actions and uses. You are the medication experts and essential members of the healthcare team.

The hardest times teach us the most valuable lessons. You have come to maturity at a transformative time for our world and our profession. You have lived through a once-in-a-lifetime crisis. You have persevered through the extraordinary disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, in your personal lives, your professional lives, and in your education. Many of you have served on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle, conducting surveillance tests in community pharmacies, administering vaccines, compounding hand sanitizers, designing pharmacotherapy algorithms, participating in research, counseling, and advising patients. In the years to come people may well say this was our profession's finest hour – of which you were an integral part.

The vaccines are here now, and there is finally reason for optimism. You are emerging into a transformed profession, with pharmacists' roles and responsibilities increasing, and with their talents and contributions to the health care team more and more recognized and appreciated.

Now is your time! The extensive education and training you have received from the College's dedicated and passionate faculty have prepared you for a new world of opportunities - in community pharmacy, long-term care, ambulatory and in-patient settings, drug information, public health, research, management, marketing, sales, pharmaceutical industry, pharmacogenomics and more. Whatever path you choose, we are confident that you will be successful pharmacists prepared to practice at the top of your license.

Remember too that the distinction you have achieved today carries with it great responsibilities. Always be mindful of the mission of the College, to promote wellness, especially among the underserved populations around the corner and across the globe, to contribute to scientific knowledge and to improve the profession. As you provide compassionate patient care, and share your knowledge; as you maximize patient safety, and advance the profession through research and service, your reputation, and the reputation of our College will continue to grow, your achievements will inspire our future students, and patient by patient and project by project, the world will become a better place.

This is also the beginning of what we hope will be a lifelong relationship. We look forward to you sharing your knowledge and experience with our students and serving as preceptors, mentors and speakers at College events. We will always be here for you and hope you will return often. We are most proud of you and look forward to your career accomplishments. You are outstanding College of Pharmacy alumni; we are excited that you are part of the Touro family and delighted to welcome you as members of the profession.

Sincerely,

Henry Cohen, PharmD

Henry Cohen, Pharm.D., M.Sc., FCCM, BCPP, BCGP Dean and Professor, Touro College of Pharmacy

# MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST



Dear Members of the Class of 2021,

On behalf of the Administration of Touro College, it is a pleasure to congratulate you and your families on your accomplishments, and an honor to be a part of this special day. While many refer to the event as a "Graduation Ceremony," I prefer the word "Commencement," because it signals that this is not the end but a beginning. You have sacrificed and worked hard to get to this point, and now you are on the threshold of a professional career where you will have the opportunity to contribute to our society in countless important and meaningful ways by virtue of the distinction you have earned.

Scripture teaches us that to whom much is given, much is required. The privilege of becoming a licensed pharmacist also carries important responsibilities that you have learned about and prepared for throughout your Touro College of Pharmacy career. Remember why you chose Touro and why Touro chose you — a focus on

public health, cultural sensitivity, and community service – and a commitment to, among other things, serving under-resourced communities and providing outreach and education about preventive care locally and globally. When you leave here today, we know that you will take seriously these ideals and commitments and put them into practice in whatever professional setting you choose.

The COVID-19 pandemic has transformed our world, pharmacy education and the pharmacy profession along with it. Pharmacists have taken on greater responsibilities on the front lines of the pandemic, have become an increasingly integral part of research and patient care teams, and have solidified their role as the most accessible and trusted source of health care information. Now is your time. We are confident that as professionals, you will play leadership roles in the future directions of the profession, in health care, government regulation, the advancement of research and science and service to the public.

We look forward to learning of your successes, and invite you to continue your relationship with Touro as mentors, presenters, preceptors, and members of our growing alumni community. We hope you will return often; we will always be here for you.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Salkin, J.D.

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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Touro College and University System

Provost, Graduate and Professional Divisions, Touro College

# COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER PAUL W. ABRAMOWITZ, PHARM.D.,SC.D. (HON), FASHP

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS
BETHSEDA, MARYLAND



Paul W. Abramowitz is the Chief Executive Officer of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Prior to joining ASHP in September 2011, Dr. Abramowitz worked in hospitals and health-systems for 34 years. He served as Associate Hospital Director for Professional Services and Chief Pharmacy Officer at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and Professor at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. He also held prior positions as Director of Pharmacy and Associate Professor at the Medical College of Virginia and the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Abramowitz received a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry and Biology from Indiana University, a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy from the University of Toledo, a Pharm.D. from the University of Michigan, and completed his residency at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

In addition to serving as Treasurer of ASHP from 2007-10 and as ASHP President in 1993-94, he chaired the Boards of: the ASHP Research and Education Foundation, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, and the Iowa Statewide Poison Control Center.

Dr. Abramowitz has actively combined practice, teaching, and research throughout his career. He has lectured and published extensively focusing on: the effect that pharmacists have on improving outcomes of care and reducing costs; developing new care models; reducing adverse drug events; and expanding comprehensive medication management to the ambulatory setting.

He was a recipient of the John W. Webb Lecture Award in 2000 and the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award in 2009, health-system pharmacy's highest honor. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy, in 2010, the Alumni Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, and in 2013 the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science from the University of Toledo. In 2015, he was recognized as one of Washington's Trending Association Leaders by Bisnow.

Currently, Dr. Abramowitz serves on the Boards of the American Nurses Foundation, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board and the GTMRx Institute. He also is a member of the National Steering Committee for Patient Safety of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and a Professor-Emeritus at the University of Iowa.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Members of the Class of 2021,

Congratulations on this major accomplishment and significant milestone in your life! You have built your fortitude and resilience in these challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are confident that as you leave the Touro College of Pharmacy, you are prepared for your life's journey as a pharmacist. We know that the education and experiences you have received here have helped you grow intellectually, professionally and personally. With the guidance and advice of administration, faculty and staff, you have worked hard to build a solid foundation on which to establish your career. TCOP's curriculum has provided you a unique vision with abilities and conviction to be a lifelong learner. We are sure you will use these professional and clinical skills to provide outstanding health care to those you will be serving in the years to come.

As you begin the next phase in your life, remember that you will always have a home and family here at the Touro College of Pharmacy. We hope you will stay connected to the College, to the professors who have mentored you and to the friends with whom you have shared your educational journey.

We wish you the very best,

Abraham M. Jeger, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer and Associate Dean, Student Affairs Martin Brown, M.S., R.Ph., Associate Dean, Academic Affairs Zvi Loewy, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Research Heidi Fuchs, B.S., Assistant Dean, Admissions and Enrollment Management Cheuk (Michael) Liu, Pharm.D., Assistant Dean of Clinical and Professional Affairs Batoul Senhaji-Tomza, Pharm.D., M.P.H., Assistant Dean, Curriculum Bupendra Shah, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, Assessment Nelly Adel, Pharm.D., Chair, Pharmacy Practice Sidhartha Ray, Ph.D., Interim Chair, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Science Elizabeth Unni, Ph.D., M.B.A., B.Pharm., Chair, Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Thank you to the Commencement Steering Committee:

Abraham M. Jeger, Ph.D., COO and Associate Dean, Student Affairs Rana El-Sheik-Ali, Pharm.D. Candidate
Thomas Jackson II, Pharm.D. Candidate
Samantha Karabinas, Pharm.D. Candidate
Amal Khamis, Pharm.D. Candidate
Ms. Jamillah Salters, Director of Student Services, Student Affairs

# CLASS OF 2021 CANDIDATES FOR PHARM.D. DEGREE

Kristie Abdelmalak Sheril Alexander Brigitte Azzi\* Ronak Balar\* Tushar Balar\* Wagas Bhatti Ashia Bibi Katerina Blum Heba Boktor Khrystyna Bondarau Nathalie Brice Christopher Camacho Esther de Freudiger\* Garima Dixit Woodly Domond Jenna Eldib Samar El Saleh Rana El-Sheikh-Ali Abraham Englard

Daniel Fayziyev\*

Amir Gadelsayed Aalap Golwala Monica Gouda\* Aya Hammouda LeAnna Hoffman Frances Hughes Naureen Islam Maríam Issa\* Thomas Jackson II Samantha Karabinas Kirtiben Kathwadia Amal Khamis Irfan Khan Labeeque Khan Inna Kuligina Patricia Maximin-Clauzelma Samuil Mazler Shannon McGovern\*

Wayne McLaughlin

Míriam Mlabasatí

Gabrielle Murakhovsky Juliana Paddy Yuyoung Park Ixita Patel\* Khushboo Patel Reshmee Patel Stephano Pelissier Anisa Puna Natalie Reynoso Carlos Rodríguez Cepeda Mergime Sadiku Anthony Sankat\* Aleksandra Spektor Talia Wall\* Rebecca Walters\* Daniel Yaguda Nader Yamout\* Marisabel Zavalunova

NOTE: The listing in this program and participation in the commencement ceremony does NOT imply completion of requirements for graduation.

\*Rho Chi member

#### **CLASS OF 2021 RHO CHI MEMBERS**

Students with a GPA of 3.5 or above and who are also in the top 20 percent of their class have been recognized as "Eligible for Rho Chi." This is purely an academic distinction as stipulated by the organization.

Brigitte Azzi Ronak Balar Tushar Balar Esther de Freudiger Daniel Fayziyev Monica Gouda Mariam Issa

Shannon McGovern Ixita Patel Anthony Sankat Rebecca Walters Talia Wall Nader Yamout

#### **CLASS OF 2021 HONOR STUDENTS\***

#### Summa Cum Laude (3.90 – 4.00)

Shannon McGovern Talía Wall

#### Magna Cum Laude (3.75 – 3.89)

Brigitte Azzi Monica Gouda Rebecca Walters

#### Cum Laude (3.60 – 3.74)

Ronak Balar Tushar Balar Esther de Freudiger Samar El Saleh Daniel Fayziyev Mariam Issa Ixita Patel Anthony Sankat Aleksandra Spektor Nader Yamout

\*Subject to Spring 2021 grades

# NOTABLE RECOGNITION FOR POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

#### **BRIGITTE AZZI**

Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship New Brunswick, NJ

#### **FRANCES HUGHES**

Montefiore Medical Center Bronx, NY Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency (PGY1)

#### SAMANTHA KARABINAS

Eli Lilly and Company
US Regulatory Intelligence Fellowship
Indianapolis, Indiana

#### **IRFAN KHAN**

University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Princess Anne, MD
Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency - Community (PGY1)

#### PATRICIA MAXIMIN-CLAUZELMA

Brookdale Hospital Center
Brooklyn, NY
Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency (PGY1)

#### **SHANNON McGOVERN**

Montefiore Nyack Hospital Nyack, NY Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency (PGY1)

#### **JULIANA PADDY**

BronxCare Health System
Bronx, NY
Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency (PGY1)

#### **ALEKSANDRA SPEKTOR**

Montefiore Nyack Hospital Nyack, NY Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency (PGY1)

#### STUDENT ACADEMIC AND SERVICE AWARDS

#### **Academic Excellence Award**

**Talia Wall** is the recipient of the 2021 Academic Excellence Award. The Academic Excellence award is given in recognition of superlative academic performance in the pharmacy curriculum, exceptional professionalism, and exemplary leadership qualities.

## Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Department Award

**Ronak Balar** and **Tushar Balar** are the recipients of the 2021 Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Award for overall performance in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Science coursework and for demonstrating an affinity for basic research.

#### **Pharmacy Practice Department Award**

**Shannon McGovern** is the recipient of the 2021 Pharmacy Practice Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in Pharmacy Practice as evidenced by exemplary academic performance, student leadership, professionalism, and participation in extracurricular activities.

## Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences Department Award

**Brigitte Azzi** is the recipient of the 2021 Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences Department Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in community pharmacy and dedication to public health.

#### **Best Co-Curricular Activity Award**

**Garima Dixit** is the recipient of the Best Co-Curricular Award for demonstrating exemplary performance in co-curricular activities and assignments.

#### Jennifer Newman Pharmacogenomics Award

**Brigitte Azzi** is the recipient of the 2021 "Jenny Newman Award for Excellence in Pharmacogenomics". The award was established by the Newman family in memory of the late Jenny Newman, a member of the Class of 2018.

#### **Indo-American Pharmaceutical Society Award**

**Tushar Balar** is the recipient of the Indo-American Pharmaceutical Society Award in recognition of his academic achievements, given to a student of Indian descent.

#### **Student Ambassador Awards**

Patricia Maximin-Clauzelma and Nader Yamout are the recipients of the 2021 Student Ambassador Award in recognition of outstanding service to Touro College of Pharmacy. These students embody the mission of the College through outstanding service and/or outreach activities. They have advanced the Touro College of Pharmacy brand in the profession and in the community and have effectively balanced academic and extracurricular activities to excel in the community, professional practice and the classroom.

#### **Best Tutor Awards**

**Brigitte Azzi** is the recipient of the 2021 Best Group Tutoring Award. This award is given to a student who participated as a tutor for Touro College of Pharmacy, and provided excellent tutoring services to student groups.

**Daniel Fayziyev** is the recipient of the 2021 Best Individual Tutoring Award. This award is given to a student who participated as a tutor for Touro College of Pharmacy, and provided excellent tutoring services to individual students.

#### **CVS Scholarship Award**

**Marisabel Zavalunova** is the recipient of the 2021 CVS Scholarship Award in recognition of her exceptional efforts and work ethic in a community pharmacy setting.

#### **PSSNY 5-Year Membership Award**

**Monica Gouda** is the recipient of the PSSNY Five-Year Membership Award which provides 5 years of paid PSSNY dues to a graduate that is devoted to PSSNY's core missions of advocacy, education and support for pharmacists.

# STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARDS

Student Ambassadors, Student Affairs Service Certificates

Sheryl Alexander, Nathalie Brice, Rana El-Sheik-Ali, Aalap Golwala, Mariam Issa, Amal Khamis, Mergime Sadiku and Marisabel Zavalunova are recipients of the Student Ambassador Senior Recognition Certificates for their outstanding service to the College.

#### **Academy of Managed Care Pharmacists Award**

**Kristie Abdelmalak** and **Irfan Khan** are recipients of this award recognizing their leadership to the chapter and commitment to increasing student awareness of managed care pharmacy.

## American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) Award

**Amal Khamis** and **Nader Yamout** are recipients of this award for their exemplary passion to the ASCP student chapter.

# American Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Touro Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (ASHP-SSHP) Award

**Thomas K. Jackson II** and **Nader Yamout** are recipients of this award in recognition of their exceptional leadership and outstanding contributions to health-system pharmacy.

## Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) Award

**Patricia Maximin-Clauzelma** is the recipient of this award in recognition of demonstrating excellence in pharmacy practice and exemplary personal life in line with CPFI's mission.

# College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP) Award

**Garima Dixit** and **Aleksandra Spektor** are recipients of the 2021 Senior Recognition Certificate for their innovative initiatives in psychiatric pharmacy programing.

#### **Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO) Award**

**Nathalie Brice** and **Juliana Paddy** are recipients of certificate of excellence, in recognition of their dedication to the Industry Pharmacists Organization and its mission to educate students and advance the role of pharmacists in pharmaceutical industry.

# Industry Society of Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE) Award

**Brigitte Azzi** and **Reshmee Patel** are recipients of this award for recognition of exceptional leadership and outstanding contributions to the promotion of Pharmacoepidemiology.

# International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Award

**Yuyoung Park** and **Reshmee Patel** are recipients of this award in recognition of exceptional leadership and outstanding research contributions to the pharmacy profession.

#### Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc. Award

**Thomas K. Jackson II** is the recipient of the 2021 Kappa Psi Excellence Award for leading the chapter's oldest and largest pharmaceutical fraternity with a mission to develop leaders with a passion for service to the community while creating lifelong professional connections ("brothers for life").

#### **New Jersey Pharmacist Association Award**

**Kristie Abdelmalak** and **Abraham England** are recipients of this award in recognition of outstanding service and leadership to the association.

#### Pharmacists in Academia (PIA) Award

**Brigitte Azzi** is the recipient of this award in recognition of her commitment and leadership to promoting academic pharmacy.

Pharmacists for Public Health Recognition (PPH) Award Garima Dixit and Aleksandra Spektor are recipients of this award for recognition of their exemplary and visionary leadership, commitment to community service, and investment in the development of future pharmacy leaders who are vested in public health.

## Pharmacists Society of the State of New York (PSSNY) Award

**Monica Gouda** is the recipient of the 2021 PSSNY Senior Recognition Certificate in honor of her outstanding contribution to the PSSNY chapter.

#### Phi Lambda Sigma - Delta Sigma Chapter Award

**Nader Yamout** is the recipient of this Excellence Award for his dedication and perseverance to promote pharmacy leadership at Touro College of Pharmacy.

#### **Rho Chi Honor Society Award**

**Esther de Freudiger** and **Nader Yamout** are the recipients of this award in recognition of their extraordinary work ethic and commitment to the pharmacy profession.

#### Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) Award

Jenna Eldib, Patricia Maximin-Clauzelma and Natalie Reynoso are the recipients of this award in recognition of their exemplary leadership, advocacy for the pharmacy profession, dedication to community service, and honor they brought to the college and the organization.

#### **FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS**

#### **Professor of the Year Award**

**Jenna Bloemer, Pharm.D., Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, is the recipient of 2021 Professor of the Year Award in recognition of superior teaching and commitment to quality pharmaceutical education.

#### **TCOP Service Award**

**Heidi Fuchs, B.S.,** Assistant Dean, Admissions and Enrollment Management, is the recipient of the 2021 TCOP Service Award. The TCOP Service Award recognizes a faculty member or non-faculty administrator who demonstrates exemplary service to the College, to the profession, and to the community.

#### **Internal Preceptor of the Year Award**

**Keith Veltri, B.Pharm., Pharm.D.,** Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice, is the recipient of the 2021 Internal Preceptor of the Year Award. This award is given to a TCOP faculty member preceptor who demonstrates a high standard of professionalism in the areas of pharmacy leadership and teamwork, clinical service, community service, and involvement in enhancing patients' health and welfare.

#### Students' External Preceptor of the Year Award

**Curtiss Chin, Pharm.D.,** Pharmacy Health System Pharmacist, Harlem Hospital Center, is the recipient of the 2021 Students' External Preceptor of the Year Award. This award is given to preceptors who demonstrate a high standard of professionalism in the areas of pharmacy leadership and teamwork, clinical service, community service and involvement in enhancing patients' health and welfare.

#### **Dean's External Preceptor of the Year Award**

**Ron Levy, B.S. Pharm, R.Ph.,** Director of Pharmacy, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, is the recipient of the 2021 Dean's External Preceptor of the Year Award. This award is given to preceptors who demonstrate a high standard of professionalism in the areas of pharmacy leadership and teamwork, clinical service, community service and involvement in enhancing patients' health and welfare.

#### **Resident Recognition Award**

**Leah Moradi, Pharm.D.,** PGY-2 Internal Medicine Resident, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, is the recipient of the 2021 Touro College of Pharmacy Resident Recognition Award for service to Touro College of Pharmacy students.

#### **Best Staff Member Award**

**Jamillah Salters,** is the recipient of the 2021 Best Staff Member Award in recognition of exemplary professionalism, administrative competence, and interpersonal relationship as a staff member at Touro College of Pharmacy.

#### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Henry Cohen, Pharm.D., M.Sc., FCCM, BCPP, BCGP Dean and Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Abraham M. Jeger, Ph.D., FAODME

Chief Operating Officer, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Professor, Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences

Martin E. Brown, M.S., R.Ph.

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Associate Professor, Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences

Zvi Loewy, Ph.D.

Associate Dean of Research Professor, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences

Heidi Fuchs, B.S.

Assistant Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management

Cheuk (Michael) Liu, Pharm.D., BCCCP, BCNSP, BCPS Assistant Dean of Clinical and Professional Affairs

Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Batoul Senhaji-Tomza, Pharm.D., M.P.H.

Assistant Dean of Curriculum
Associate Professor, Social, Behavioral
and Administrative Sciences

Bupendra Shah, Ph.D., M.S.

Assistant Dean of Assessment Associate Professor, Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences

Nelly Adel, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCPS

Chair and Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Sidhartha D. Ray, Ph.D., FACN

Interim Chair and Professor, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences

Elizabeth J. Unni, Ph.D., MBA, B.Pharm.

Chair and Associate Professor, Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences

#### **FACULTY LISTING**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE**

Nelly Adel, Pharm.D., Chair, Associate Professor in Oncology Keith Veltri, Pharm.D., Associate Professor Zhe (Amy) Wang, Pharm.D., Associate Professor Negin Alizadeh, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Eris Cani, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Nicole C. Davis, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Roman Fazylov, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Michelle Jakubovics, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Rebecca Kavanagh, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Emily Yae-Ji Kim, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Jeeseon (Rosa) Kim, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Catherine Liu, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Amanda R. Phoenix, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Dipan Ray, Ph.D., Assistant Professor Abbie Seeger, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor

# DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Sidhartha D. Ray, Ph.D., Interim Chair, Professor Mariana Babayeva, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor Paramita Basu, Ph.D., Associate Professor Jenna Bloemer, Pharm.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor David Braverman, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor Michael Papetti, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor Varda Sandweiss, M.S., Assistant Professor

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

Elizabeth Unni, Ph.D., MBA, B.Pharm., Chair, Associate Professor Joyce Addo-Atuah, Ph.D., M.Sc., B.Pharm., Associate Professor F. Ellen Loh, Ph.D., MBA, B.Pharm., Assistant Professor Lawrence Mokhiber, M.S., R.Ph., Adjunct Professor Albert Wertheimer, Ph.D., MBA, B.Pharm., Adjunct Professor Karen Falk, R.Ph., MBA, Adjunct Associate Professor Paul Isikwe, Pharm.D., M.S., Adjunct Assistant Professor



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