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The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences building is located on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the hə́nq̓əmiṇə́m speaking xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam people). We also acknowledge the many lands and territories in which we study and practice across the country.

Program

Opening Remarks

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Associate Dean, Students and Professor of Teaching

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Dean

Remarks from Pfizer and

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Scott Ellerbeck
British Columbia Institutional Key Account Manager, Hospital Business Unit-Canada,
Pfizer Canada

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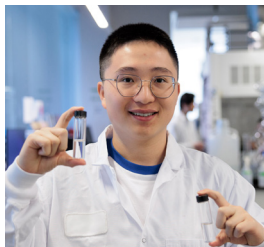
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2025 Alumni Future Agent of Change Award Honouree



Dr. Jiamin Wu

PhD'24

Dr. Jiamin Wu began his academic journey in pharmacy with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in pharmaceuticals before earning a PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of British Columbia (UBC), where he focused on needle-free biologics administration under the mentorship of Dr. Shyh-Dar Li. His groundbreaking work on insulin oral drops for diabetes patients received international media attention, including interviews with Global News, CTV, CBC, and more than 50 outlets worldwide.

His research has yielded 17 peer-reviewed publications and contributions to five patents (one licensed to industry), along with recognition at national and international awards—including the prestigious 2023 Young Scientist Travel Grant from the Controlled Release Society (CRS). Passionate about translational science, he participated in UBC's entrepreneurship program and was awarded the Lab2Market Award. Committed to bridging academic research and industrial applications, Dr. Wu serves on the CRS Industry Advisory Committee where he contributes to strategic discussions on advancing drug delivery technologies from bench to bedside.

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Kirby Smith

MSc'17

Currently in the role of national Director Access, Private Markets for Pfizer Canada, Kirby is a pharmacist by profession with post graduate training (MSc) in pharmaco-economics and outcomes research. This advanced education compliments a broad experience in market access, health policy and stakeholder relations, which provides a depth of expertise in navigating Canada's complex drug reimbursement environment. He is known by his colleagues and stakeholders as an individual who takes pride in being responsible, authentic and collaborative in his efforts to advance initiatives that align with his career purpose to ensure Canadians have appropriate access to novel medicines and vaccines.

Kirby currently resides in Cloverdale, BC with his wife and two adult children. He greatly enjoys any water-related activity, especially those that involve a paddle or sail, as well as any event involving a BBQ.

2025 Alumni Agent of Change Award Honouree



Dr. Susan Bouma

BSc(Pharm)'93

Dr. Susan Bouma (Sue) is a veteran pharmacist leader at the BC Ministry of Health. Her current title is the Executive Director of the Clinical Services and Evaluation (CSE) Branch of the Pharmaceutical, Laboratory and Blood Services Division. Within the CSE Branch she leads five work units. They are Pharmaceutical Care Initiatives, Optimal Use and Evaluation, Special Authority, Drug Shortages, and the Product Distribution Centre pharmacy. Previously, she held the posts of Director of the Special Authority Program and Acting Executive Director of the PharmaCare Benefits Branch within the division.

Prior to joining the BC public service, Sue worked for the Vancouver Island Health Authority as a pharmacist in the Home and Community Program and at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Sue practiced for many years prior to that in the community as part of the McGill and Orme pharmacy chain on Vancouver Island that later joined the Katz group as part of their Rexall arm of service delivery.

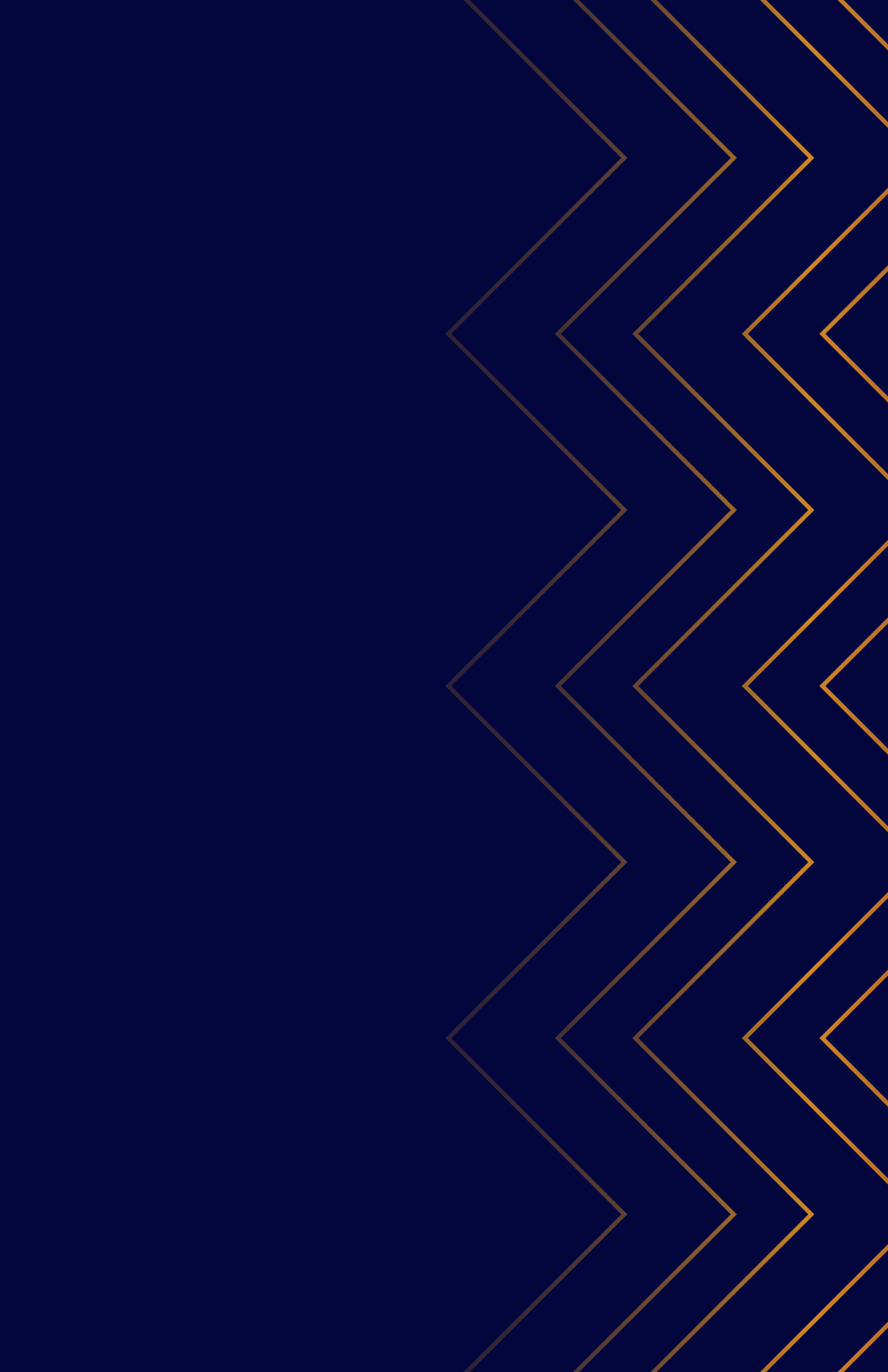
Pharmacy practice excellence is a focus of her day-to-day work, and enhancing the role of pharmacists in the BC health system is a huge component of what she is accountable for at the Ministry. Sue is also passionate about farming, and during her spare time you can find her on her hobby farm (Double Dutch Farm) located on the Peninsula of Vancouver Island.

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