



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences



40th Annual **DEAN'S RECEPTION**

Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Pharmaceutical Sciences Building

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

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Program

Welcome Remarks

Lalitha Raman-Wilms
Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Guest Speakers

Suzanne Solven, BSc(Pharm)'87
Registrar and CEO, College of Pharmacists of BC

Colleen Hogg
Board President, BC Pharmacy Association

Dr. Mona Kwong, BSc(Pharm)'97 MSc'02
Alumni

Dr. Khady Thiombane
2025 PhD Graduate

Ishita Mahajan and Jaysheen Badohal
Co-Presidents of the BPSc Student Association, BPSc Graduates

Allan Ma
2024 PhUS President

Award and Recognition Presentations

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Concluding Remarks

Lalitha Raman-Wilms
Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Awards

Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (BPSc) Award

FPS Medal – Head of Graduating Class, BPSc

Winner: Nadine Ramsden

Presenter: Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms

Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Awards

FPS Medal – Head of Graduating Class, E2P PharmD

Winner: Kaitlyn Lee

Presenter: Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms

Dean E.L. Woods Memorial Prize

Winner: Isabella Durante

Presenter: Suzanne Solven

Dr. M. Pernarowski Memorial Prize (Honourary Activities Award)

Winner: Iliana Doornbos

Presenter: Tony Seet, Associate Professor of Teaching

Dr. Wendy Ko Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Winner: Meghan Ludlam

Presenter: Dr. Sandra Jarvis-Selinger

Marcel St. Jean Memorial Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Winners: Olivia Bailey and Jairo Tabamo

Presenter: Pindy Janda, CEO, Unipharm Wholesale Drugs Ltd.

Awards

Faculty Teaching Awards: Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

Presenter: Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms

Graduating Class – Master Teacher Award

Winner: Dr. Larry Leung

Faculty Teaching Award Year One

Winner: Dr. Adam Frankel

Faculty Teaching Award Year Two

Winner: Dr. Larry Leung

Faculty Teaching Award Year Three

Winner: Solomon Chow

Faculty Teaching Award Year Four

Winner: Robert Pammett

Faculty Teaching Awards: Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (BPhSc)

Presenter: Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms

Faculty Teaching Award Year One

Winner: Dr. Brian Rodrigues

Faculty Teaching Award Year Two

Winner: Dr. Nicole Krentz

Faculty Teaching Award Year Three

Winner: Dr. Alex Smith

Faculty Teaching Award Year Four

Winner: Dr. Mark Harrison

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Winner: Dr. Stuart Knight

Presenter: Dr. Tom Chang, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Recognitions

Peer Tutors

Ariana Javier
Ayah Alansari
Brianna Bains
Chandeep Dhillon
Deogan Harold
Elijah Martin Tongol
Emily Liu
Harsimran Dass
Irene Luong
Joycelyn Lac
Kai Shing Yip
Kuljit Grewal
Lanna Fertuck
Larry Franzen

Manpreet Sandhu
Michelle Chau
Mimi Nguyen
Nathan Chan
Negarr Naderi
Nour Mishel Ghashghaei
Philip He
Rebecca Konanz
Ronak Amir Sardari
Ruishen Yu
Samantha Lee
Sophia Sung
Susan Zhao

Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Chao, Po-Han	Oveisi, Niki	Thiombane, Ndeye Khady
Iliev, Petar	Rebic, Nevena	Tan, Zheng (Maomao)
Lee, Chae Syng (Jason)	Rowley, Michael	Vo, Anh Khoa
Lee, Tae Yoon (Harry)	Soukhtehzari, Sepideh	
Moein, Anita	Tafech, Belal	

Master of Science (MSc)

Awotunde, Anuoluwapo	Madani Civi, Rana	Yin, Yiwei
Gomes, Renessa	Nair, Nitasha	Zimmer, Austin
Guy, Olivia Drummond	Thomson, Tyler	
Hitsman, Alana	Wang, Hualin	

Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (BPSc)

Cheng, Cherisse	Huang, Cassie	Nguyen, Le Bao Tue
Cheng, Junchao	Hung, Claire	Pai, Cameron
Conrad, Aidan	Jeong, Jaden	Ramsden, Nadine
Datta, Joyosu	Jiang, Lukas	Reece, Nina
Du, Feiyang	Kim, Christopher	Tjokroardi, Delia
Goo, Elena	Kimura, Danae	Tom, Jordan
Grountseva, Elizabeth	Lai, Shih Yun	Wan, Kathryn
Han, Frank	Lee, Ethan	Wise, Sam
Hilde, C.Y.	Lee, Jessica	Wongreantong, Patty
Hong, Ella	Mahajan, Ishita	Zhao, Tony

Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

Abdoulrezzak, Reema	Bailey, Olivia	Buttar, Gurman
Ahn, Kevin	Bains, Brianna	Cardle, Hannah
Ahn, Paul	Bains, Priya	Celestino, Kayla
Alam, Jay	Bains, Sanjit	Chan, Elizabeth
Alansari, Ayah	Basi, Jiven	Chan, Gloria
Amir Sardari, Ronak	Basra, Bryanna	Chan, Nathan
Ayremlou, Hamid	Bhathal, Gurneet	Chan, Trevor
Azam, Hiba	Bhatti, Raveena	Chang, Lina
Bagheri Hariri, Yasaman	Bin Tariq, Noor	Chau, Michelle

Graduates

Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) – continued

Chen, Frank	Gill, Jasdeep	Lee, Samantha
Chiang, Angel	Gill, Prabhdeep	Leung, Carmen
Chiu, Danny	Grewal, Dilraj	Leung, Elizabeth
Choi, Na Young	Grewal, Kuljit	Liang, Jessica
Chou, Betty	Harold, Deogan	Lising, Roj
Chu, Sabrina	He, Philip	Liu, Emily
Chung, Stanley	Heer, Kevin	Ludlam, Meg
Clancy, Berkay	Herr, Supreet	Luong, Irene
Clarke, Amanda	Hiebert, Sara	Lyngberg, Espen
Coates, Ally	Ho, Landon	Ma, Allan
Coblenz, Carter	Hogg, Ashley	Madeckal, Diya
Dass, Harsimran	Hyun, Jasmine	Manackadath, Priya
Dawood, Hanna	Hyun, Seung Heon	Manhas, Jasneek
Dhaliwal, Venus	Jandu, Pravhjit	Masoud, Amirali
Dhillon, Chandeeep	Javer, Ariana	Matsushita, Jennifer
Dinh, Cyrus	Jean, Sara	McPhee, Jeremy
Doornbos, Ilianna	Jhuj, Eknoor	Minakawa, Shihoko
Dowhy, Parker	Jung, Stella	Mishel Ghashghaei, Nour
Duong, Christina	Katyal, Ishita	Moradi, Amirhossein
Durani, Aisha Khan	Kaur, Yashmeet	Naderi, Negarr
Durante, Isabella	Khattra, Prabdeep	Namuco, Marielle
Elias, Haley	Kim, Brina	Naylor, Jonathon
Elias, Luke	Kim, Michelle	Nedae, Sama
Enns, Vaughan	Kim, Sarah	Ng, Chloe
Fahimiyeganeh, Farzad	Konanz, Rebecca	Ngo, Jacky
Faisal, Rimsha	Koster, Noah	Nguyen, Mimi
Fan, Jackie	Kunz, Megan	Omazic, Lana
Fang, Dorothy	Kwak, Joonhee	Pai, Sung Woo
Fantu, Lenssa	Kwasnek, Cristian	Pak, Natalie
Farhang-Djavid, Ana	Lac, Joycelyn	Panesar, Gurpal
Felfelian, Farshad	Lau, Anthony	Pannu, Sarina
Fertuck, Lanna	Laurillard, Dana	Paravantes, Natasha
Fong, Janice	Le, Tim	Pasloske, Nathan
Frame, Hailey	Lee, Kaitlyn	Payombarnia, Armita
Franzen, Larry	Lee, Olivia	Pinto, Sasha

Graduates

Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) – continued

Po, Harrison	Shergill, Haroop	Truong, Sarah
Pratt, Alex	Shibasaka, Julie	Tsai, Mel
Prouse, Cameron	Shiels, Hannah	Untalan, Joanna
Prpic, Anthony	Shin, Juho	Van Doesburg, Gemma
Qabbani, Ahmed	Sidhu, Herleen	Wagar, Bronte
Rahili, Hana	Soheili-Jorabchi, Negin	Wang, April
Rai, Avneet	Sohi, Harveen	Wang, Meg
Rai, Divleen	Son, Maric	Wang, Sariel
Rajasancy, Tegbir	Song, Arrietty	Waring, Harman
Randhawa, Ashna	Soquena, Gian Franco	Wee, Myles
Reyes, Aleczandra	Spadafora, Alexa	Welderufael, Yoel
Roberts, Marlene	Spiess, Katie	Whitmore, Brandon
Rustami, Meelad	Sran, Inder	Wong, Kelvin
Sa, Josh	Starzyk, Julia	Wong, Nolan
Sahota, Preet	Sun, Katherine	Yan, Chin
Salehzadeh-Namin, Shirin	Sung, Sophia	Yip, Kai Shing
Salehzadeh-Namin, Yasaman	Tabamo, Jairo	Yoon, Ted
Salman, Taha	Tam, Wing Sum	Yu, Felicia
Sandhu, Jasroop	Tang, Tiffany	Yu, Ruishen
Sandhu, Manpreet	Thiessen, Tori	Yuan, Jason
Sandhu, Navjot	Tian, Annie	Zhao, Susan
Sandhu, Prableen	Tong, Adam	Zheng, Eric
Seo, Mark	Tongol, Elijah Martin	Zhu, Erica
Seto, Nicole	Tran, Brian	

Message from the Dean



Lalitha Raman-Wilms

Dean, Faculty of
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Welcome to the Dean's Reception—an event that offers us a meaningful opportunity to come together in celebration of our graduating students and the collective efforts that have brought them to this point. This is a special day as we gather to recognize and acknowledge their growth, hard work, and success.

This occasion marks the culmination of years of learning, exploration, and personal development. Our graduates have shown incredible commitment and curiosity as they've deepened their understanding of pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences, and are prepared to make a difference in the world around them. Their academic journeys have been filled with challenges and achievements alike, and today we acknowledge all that they've accomplished.

The Faculty is deeply proud of the learning environment we've built together—one that encourages innovation, collaboration, and a strong sense of purpose. Our graduates are stepping forward with the tools and perspectives needed to take on important roles in research, practice, leadership, and discovery. I am confident that they will contribute meaningfully wherever their paths may lead.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the faculty members, staff, mentors, families, and supporters who have encouraged and guided our students throughout their time here. Your support has helped shape not only their academic success, but also their confidence and vision for the future.

Today is about honouring the spirit of achievement and the promise of what's ahead. To all of our graduates—congratulations. We are proud of you and excited to see the many ways you will help shape the future of health and science.

Enjoy today's celebration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lalitha'.

Message from the Registrar



Suzanne Solven

Registrar & CEO, College
of Pharmacists of British
Columbia

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Your graduation is a huge achievement as you step into one of healthcare's most approachable and essential professions.

As pharmacists, you will play a crucial role in providing safe, effective, and ethical care to all British Columbians. Your knowledge, skills, and passion for helping people will make a meaningful difference in communities across our province and country every day.

You are entering the profession at a truly transformative time. Pharmacists like you continue to step up and embrace a broader scope of practice to help us ensure that no client goes without the medications or clinical pharmacy services they need.

In the past year alone, we've introduced new standards to enable pharmacists to order, receive, and interpret certain laboratory tests. We also broadened pharmacists' ability to adapt for a wider range of medications to enhance continuity of care and contribute to work being done to address BC's toxic drug crisis. Our profession is evolving, and I cannot express how much it means to me personally to know that you are ready to lead it into the future.

At its core, pharmacy is about connection. Beyond providing clinical assessments and medication information, your role is to create an environment where clients feel truly heard, deeply respected and genuinely cared for. As some of the most accessible healthcare professionals, you have the power to positively influence how clients experience our healthcare system.

As you begin this journey, I encourage you to continue learning about and acknowledging the traditional territories you live, learn, and work on. Your role as accessible healthcare representatives puts you in a powerful position to address historical inequities and build more inclusive healthcare practices. This is a vital step towards embodying the highest ideals of our helping profession.

Embrace every opportunity with curiosity, courage, compassion, and humility. The future of pharmacy care in British Columbia is bright, and you will play an essential role in shaping it.

Congratulations once again, and welcome to the profession!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Suzanne Solven.



Alumni Message

Welcome to the UBC Pharmaceutical Sciences Alumni Community

This milestone marks the beginning of a new chapter, not the end of your journey with UBC. As a proud graduate, you're now part of a global network of alumni and have access to a wide range of exclusive resources and opportunities.

Unlock your alumni benefits

Start by downloading the 'alumni UBC' app—your all-in-one portal for perks and programs. Enjoy partner discounts, access UBC Library's digital collections and journals, listen to webinars and podcasts, enter contests, and more. Learn more at alumni.ubc.ca/app.

Stay in the loop

You'll automatically receive our monthly newsletter, tailored especially for UBC Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences grads. Want more real-time updates and community engagement? Follow UBC Pharm Sci on social media.

Get involved and give back

There are so many ways to stay active in our alumni community. Consider volunteering, becoming a practice educator, or joining us at one of our many alumni events—held virtually and in-person across BC and around the world. These gatherings are created with your personal and professional growth in mind.

Keep your contact details current

Make sure we have your up-to-date email and contact info so you never miss an announcement, opportunity, or invitation.

Let's keep the conversation going

We'd love to hear about your accomplishments, your ideas for alumni programming, or simply receive a quick hello. Visit pharmsci.ubc.ca/alumni to learn more about how you can stay engaged.

We're excited to continue this journey with you—welcome again, and let's stay connected!



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