

Pharmacy Residency News

Meet our Residents

**Maggie Guinta, PGY2, CC****Hometown:** Douglasville, GA**Pharmacy School:** University of Georgia**Practice Interests:** Critical Care with research interests in anticoagulation reversal, acute liver failure and the diagnosis and treatment of *Clostridium difficile***Prior Degrees:** B.S. in Anthropology and Human Biology from Emory University**Interest in Pharmacy:** I was always interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare field and developed an interest in the role of medications in health management during my undergraduate classes. I imagined myself working in a community pharmacy or clinic but after completing a critical care APPE rotation, I was blown away by how much more I could learn and knew I wanted to pursue a career as a critical care pharmacist.**Prior Work Experience:** PGY1 Pharmacy Resident at the University of Illinois-Chicago.**Hobbies:** Anything that involves being outside (preferably with a body of water involved), spending time with my family and exploring new cities.**Interesting Fact:** I once had to get stitches because of an escalator accident.

Future Plans: After completing my PGY1, I hope to pursue a PGY2 in infectious disease and obtain board certification. I would like to find a position in a hospital setting that allows me to practice as an ID specialist while encouraging research and academia.

**Roby Hersey, PGY1****Hometown:** Douglas, GA**Pharmacy School:** South University School of Pharmacy**Practice Interests:** Infectious Diseases, Emergency Medicine**Why I Chose Pharmacy:** I was undecided throughout most of my undergraduate career. I was leaning towards business or law. Being born and raised in a small town, on a farm, I barely acknowledged that medicine ever existed. My interest in medicine was sparked while attending a Microbiology course, where I learned how antibiotics could actually "fight" microbes. Before I knew it, I quit my Night Manager position at the local liquor store and started as a technician at Publix Pharmacy in Brunswick, GA. The overall teamwork and diligence of my coworkers was an exciting change of pace. I quickly developed a profound admiration for the pharmacists at Publix and a personal yearning for knowledge that ultimately led my decision to pharmacy school.**Hobbies:** I enjoy going to the beach, kayaking, shrimping, hiking, camping, watching/playing sports, traveling and meeting and hanging out with friends.**Future Plans:** To practice as a clinical pharmacy specialist and preceptor, and engage in many opportunities to promote and lead in my profession.**Interesting Fact:** My birthday is on St. Patrick's Day!**Caitlin Jenkins, PGY1****Hometown:** Blairsville, GA**Pharmacy School:** Mercer University College of Pharmacy**Practice Interests:** Critical Care and Emergency Medicine**Interest in Pharmacy:** I've always loved science and wanted to work in healthcare. After graduating from Berry, I started working at an Independent pharmacy and knew this was the profession for me. I love interacting with and educating patients and feel that our biggest job as a pharmacist is to be an advocate for our patients.**Prior Work Experience:** Compounding at Lacey Drug Company in Acworth, GA**Future Goals:** After my PGY1 I plan to pursue a PGY2 in Critical Care or Emergency Medicine, and then become board certified and work as a clinical specialist in a hospital/health-system.**Hobbies:** Baking, hiking, playing soccer and reading



Cara Coffelt, PGY1

Hometown: Madisonville, TN

Pharmacy School: University of Tennessee

Practice Interests: Critical Care, Cardiology, Internal Medicine

Prior Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Biology (Tusculum College)

Why I Chose Pharmacy: I chose pharmacy because it allowed me to help others in my community while allowing me to learn and grow in my own interests. The pharmacy profession is growing exponentially and I am excited to become a part of it.

Future Goals: I hope to pursue a PGY2 and become a preceptor to future pharmacists.

Outside Interests: I enjoy traveling, reading, shopping and spending time with my husband and family.



Brad Smith, PGY1

Hometown: Douglasville, GA

Pharmacy School: Mercer University

Practice Interests: Emergency and Infectious Diseases

Prior Degrees: BA in Chemistry

With Secondary Education Focus

Interest in Pharmacy: It combines my passion for people with my passion for medicine and science.

Future Plans: To have a positive impact on the future of pharmacy.

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with my friends and playing/watching sports.

Interesting Fact: I was chosen to sit on Shamu at Sea World when I was 7 years old.



Alexas Polk, PGY1

Hometown: Columbia, SC

Pharmacy School: South Carolina College of Pharmacy

Practice Interests: Critical Care and Emergency Medicine

Interest in Pharmacy: I have had an interest in medicine for as long as I can remember, but at a young age I associated doctors as being "bearers of bad news" and was on the hunt for a profession that could "fix" all the sick people. That desire later evolved as I took a pharmacy technician course my senior year of high school and my fate was sealed.

Future Plans: I plan to pursue a PGY2 in one of my areas of interest (as they continue to develop this year). After that I hope to become board certified and work as a clinical pharmacy specialist in the hospital setting, with lots of opportunities to precept students.

Outside Interests: Anything water related (lucky me, I matched near the beach), Gamecock sporting events, live music and spending time with family and friends.

Interesting Fact: I use to be a competitive gymnastics and cheerleading coach.

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Rachel Webb, PGY2 ED
Hometown: Summertown, TN

Pharmacy School: University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy

Practice Interests: Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Cardiology

Prior Degree: Bachelor of Science in

Interest in Pharmacy: I have always had an interest in healthcare; however, it wasn't until later into my undergraduate education that I became specifically interested in pharmacy after shadowing a clinical pharmacist at a local hospital. I am constantly amazed by the different opportunities within pharmacy and the tremendous impact we can have on patient care.

Future Plans: During my PGY2 year, I plan to become board certified. After completion of my PGY2 in Emergency Medicine, I hope to become an emergency medicine clinical pharmacy specialist at a teaching hospital where I can continue to precept students/residents and continue to conduct research.

Outside Interest: Spending time with my husband and family, traveling, paddle boarding, Netflix binge watching, reading and of course cheering on my UT Vols (GBO)!!


Stephanie Weisberg, PGY1
Hometown: Boca Raton, FL

Pharmacy School: University of Florida, Jacksonville Campus

Practice Interests: Infectious Disease, Antimicrobial Stewardship

Prior Degrees: B.S. in Psychology from University of Florida

Interest in Pharmacy: I always enjoyed math and science growing up, but I knew that I did not want to go into medicine and become a physician. During my undergraduate education, I was very interested in psychology. The career path of pharmacy was suggested, so I took a psychopharmacology course and from there my mind was set. I loved learning about all of the ways the different drugs affected the brain and body. The more I learned about the pharmacy profession, the more it seemed like the perfect fit, blending patient care and scientific knowledge.

Prior Work Experience: Between graduation from undergrad and beginning pharmacy school, I worked as a pharmacy technician at CVS Pharmacy in Margate, FL. During the spring semester of my first year I began working at the outpatient pharmacy at Baptist Medical Center, a local hospital in Jacksonville, This was unique as it allowed me to see aspects of outpatient pharmacy, inpatient pharmacy, as well as some compounding.

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Residency Program Vision

To develop competent and confident clinical pharmacy practitioners and to install in them a philosophy of excellence in practice leadership and management.

For More Information

We are very excited about our residency programs and all that they offer. If you require further information or have questions please email us at gauld@sjchs.org for the PGY1 programs or merritte@sjchs.org for PGY2 ED or richardsh@sjchs.org for the PGY2 Critical Care program.