

ASPL Announces Inaugural Candidates for Diplomat of ASPL

The Diplomat of the American Society for Pharmacy Law (DASPL) is awarded following a year-long focused series of programming for mid-career professionals in pharmacy or pharmacy law (5+ years of practice or more) to hone their leadership skills in pharmacy law and learn more about involvement within the Society. This new program will take the next generation of pharmacy law leaders through various topics germane to pharmacy law, pair mentors/mentees, and provide an avenue for future leaders to share their passions in pharmacy law through a year-long capsule project. Topics for further exploration in the series will be selected by the inaugural class in part with current ASPL leadership. Eight outstanding candidates have been selected for the inaugural class.



Erin L. Albert – Apex Benefits. Erin Albert is the Kinetiq Health Pharmacy Benefits Practice Leader at Apex Benefits, working with a variety of medical carriers and pharmacy benefit managers on pharmacy benefits. She is both a pharmacist and an attorney. Prior to joining Kinetiq and Apex, Dr. Albert taught at Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for over a decade, served as a director of content for two different ACPE accredited Continuing Pharmacy Education programs, worked in both fee for service and managed care Medicaid, the pharmaceutical industry in a variety of roles—including pharmacovigilance, clinical trials, medical affairs, and medical marketing), and in community practice pharmacy. She is also a freelance writer and author of over a dozen books, and podcaster (at The Edutainer Podcast.) She serves as ASPL President in 2022. Dr. Albert is a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association IndyBar Leader Series in 2021-22 and has been named a LinkedIn Top Voice in Healthcare.

Brett Barker – NuCara Management Group. Brett Barker graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2008. He currently serves as the Vice President of Operations for NuCara Management Group and oversees compliance and operations of 34 pharmacies. Dr. Barker served on the Iowa Board of Pharmacy from 2017-2021, most recently as Board Chair. Brett recently joined the team at the Iowa Pharmacy Association in a part-time role as the Vice President of Government Affairs. Brett is active in his community and began serving on the Nevada City Council in 2010 before being elected Mayor in 2017.



Patrick Carpenter – Option Care Health.

Patrick Carpenter earned a BS in pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy, an MS in Drug Regulatory Affairs and Health Policy, and a PharmD from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Dr. Carpenter is currently in his first year as a part time evening law student at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR. Patrick is the Regional Director of Operations for Option Care Health covering Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Utah.

Michael DeBisschop – Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. DeBisschop earned his PharmD from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. He has over 23 years of teaching, administrative, and clinical experience at the University of Wyoming College of Pharmacy in Casper; St. John Fisher College Wegmans School of Pharmacy in Rochester, New York; and the Manchester University Pharmacy Program in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has been named an Academic Leadership Fellow of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Currently, Dr. DeBisschop is a Wisconsin licensed pharmacist and Professor of Clinical Sciences in the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. His areas of interest include education of student pharmacists, pharmacy law, advocacy, immunizations, and working with high-risk, underrepresented communities to improve the health of their communities.



Emily Do – San Diego County HHS. Dr. Do is the Chief Pharmacy Officer at the Health and Human Services Agency, San Diego County. Dr. Do is responsible for the strategic development and implementation to deliver healthcare services to a diverse population consisting of 3.3 million residents from different societal, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. She coordinates with other executives and clinical leadership in a matrix organization to monitor, identify emerging trends in healthcare, to strategize, plan, and implement new programs. She is currently serving as a Director of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP). Dr. Do is a licensed attorney in California, and a registered patent attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Eman Kirolos – Walgreens. Dr. Kirolos has been a pharmacist for 15 years and worked in various practice settings; but mostly community pharmacies. She is currently a pharmacist at Walgreens. She graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences from Assiut University, Egypt. She received multiple scholarships and recognition awards from various professional societies in Egypt. Her Doctor of Pharmacy degree is from Howard University. Dr. Kirolos earned an MS in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy with concentrations in Pharmaceutical Regulations, and in Medication Safety and Quality Systems, from the University of Florida. She is an active member of various committees at the Arizona Pharmacy Association. She has recently joined American Society of Pharmacy Law. She is a member of APhA, ASHP, and AMCP.





Frank North – Texas A&M University. Dr. North is an Instructional Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy and President-elect of the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA). As an academican, he teaches law and ethics and social administrative sciences. He earned the Doctor of Pharmacy degree and later the Master of Public Administration degree from Texas Southern University. Dr. North currently serves on the Texas Pharmacy Association Board of Directors, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Task Force on Racial Equity and Cross-Cultural Education, American Pharmacists Association House of Delegates, and is life member of NPhA, Phi Delta Chi, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Dr. North is currently pursuing the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Urban Higher Education at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

Danielle Swenson – IngenioRx. Danielle Swenson is Sr. Associate General Counsel at IngenioRx, Inc. where she supports multiple PBM areas, including licensing, prior authorization, pharmacy networks and collaborates with public affairs/ compliance to review and implement legislation. She is a graduate from Muhlenberg College and while working at the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office, she attended Seton Hall University School of Law. Starting her legal career in private practice, she transitioned back to government work as a regulatory analyst within the Division of Consumer Affairs of the NJ Attorney General’s Office. After 8 years in the public sector, she then joined Medco Health Solutions where she held various corporate positions, assisted in the Express Scripts/Medco merger, and continued her career with Express Scripts for 7 years. She holds a Pharmacy Technician Certification and recently was appointed by the NJ Supreme Court to serve on the District Fee Arbitration Committee. She previously served as an elected official for the Wyckoff Board of Education and a member of Women Lawyers in Bergen.

