

# Columbia VA Health Care System Pharmacy Residents 2022-23



## PGY1 Residents



**Cassie Banks, Pharm.D.:** I'm from Laurens, SC and completed my Bachelor's and Pharm.D. at Presbyterian College in Clinton. My clinical interests include primary care, mental health, geriatrics, and internal medicine. I can talk for hours about Taylor Swift, I frequently read an entire book in one sitting, and I probably drink a little too much coffee. In my spare time, I like exploring Columbia, cooking for my family and friends, traveling, and spending time with my two cats, Cinnamon and Toast.



**Leah Korte, Pharm.D.:** Hi everyone! I grew up in Godfrey, IL and went to pharmacy school in Edwardsville, IL at SIUE. My goal is to become an ambulatory care pharmacist and my current interest areas are diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. I also have a passion for psychiatric care and incorporating trauma-informed care and motivational interviewing into all patient interactions. My hobbies are petting every animal I see, hanging out with my friends (virtually for now), playing games like Solitaire, reading, and watching anime. Life goals: travel the world as much as I can and one day, get to pet an elephant.



**Haley Larreur, Pharm.D.:** I am originally from Columbia, MD but grew up mostly in Charlotte, NC. I attended the University of South Carolina for undergraduate studies and pharmacy school. My hobbies consist of going to new or fun restaurants/breweries with friends, traveling, reading, spending time with family and my 3 cats, and finding new things to cook or bake. My professional interests include (but are not limited to) ambulatory care, psychiatry, and oncology with a career goal of becoming a CPS in one of these areas of pharmacy or in a new area of interest I discover during my PGY1 year.



**Bethany McAlhany, Pharm.D.:** I grew up in Garden City, SC near Myrtle Beach. I obtained my Bachelor's degree from Clemson, my Pharm.D. from MUSC in Charleston, SC, and my MBA from the Citadel. My professional interests include ambulatory care. I don't have a specific area of interest in mind yet, however I am interested in infectious disease as well as primary care. I would love to work as a clinical pharmacist for a few years and transition into an administrative role in the future. My hobbies include walking my dog with my husband. I was recently married in April! I also enjoy playing board games or card games, going bowling, and playing with my three nephews.

## PGY2 Residents

---



**Taylor Ellison, Pharm.D.:** I am from Warner Robins, GA. I attended the University of North Georgia for undergrad and graduated from pharmacy school at the University of Georgia. I completed my PGY1 residency at the VA in Augusta, GA and I am now one of the PGY2 Psychiatry pharmacy residents. My main interests include treating patients with psychiatric and neurological disorders. My hobbies include exploring national parks, trying local restaurants, attending concerts, and playing with my cat.



**Ashton Holley, Pharm.D.:** Hi! I am a current PGY2 Psychiatry pharmacy resident at the Columbia VA. I completed my PGY1 residency at the Robley Rex VAMC in Louisville, KY. I was born and raised in SC and earned my Pharm.D. degree from the University of South Carolina after completing my undergraduate degree at Clemson. My professional interests include severe mental illness, substance use disorders, buprenorphine management, and harm reduction. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, reading, and Clemson football. My professional goal is to use my specialized training to advocate and expand evidence-based treatment for patients with mental health and substance use disorders.



**Alex Waddell, Pharm.D.:** Hi everyone! I completed my PGY1 here at the Columbia VA and I am excited to stay on and complete my PGY2 in Ambulatory Care here. I am from Columbia, SC and attended the University of South Carolina for both undergraduate and pharmacy studies. My professional interests include chronic disease state management and geriatrics. In my free time I enjoy reading, writing, knitting, and spending time with family and friends.