

# NVSHHP SPOTLIGHT

Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists

## Congratulations to Drs. Kate Ward & Stacy Henry!



**Dr. Kate Ward, PharmD, BCPS**  
President’s Award Recipient

**Kate Ward, PharmD, BCPS** earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2008. She completed a PGY1 Residency at Stanford Hospital and Clinics and received her Board Pharmacotherapy Specialist certification in 2009. Kate was the Pharmacy Clinical Manager at Renown Health for 9 years and now serves as the Director of Clinical Pharmacy. She leads formulary management, medication safety, clinical research, quality improvement, stewardship efforts, EMR medication record optimization, and inpatient clinical pharmacist services. She is also the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Director for Renown Health. Kate precepts pharmacy students in APPE rotations for Idaho State University and provides a Pharmacotherapy class for University of Nevada, Reno Advance Nurse Practitioner students. Kate serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Silver State Scripts Board for the State of Nevada where she has volunteered since 2017. Kate has served several roles in NVSHHP, including NVSHHP Education Committee and Chair from 2010-2013. Dr. Ward is currently serving as the ASHP House of Delegate for Nevada. Kate was selected in 2022 to be a member of the ASHP Council on Therapeutics and represented Nevada at ASHP Policy Week in Washington DC.



**Dr. Stacy Henry, PharmD, BCPS**  
Pharmacist of the Year Award Recipient

**Stacy Henry, PharmD, BCPS** earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Roseman University of Health Sciences in Henderson, Nevada. During pharmacy school, she conducted research on *Caenorhabditis elegans* with Dr. Christopher So and earned the Distinguished Research and Merck Academic Excellence Awards. She completed a PGY1 Residency and teaching certificate at St. Rose Siena Hospital. Since residency, Stacy has practiced at St. Rose and is now a clinical pharmacist in the emergency department. She received her board certification in pharmacotherapy and completed an ASHP certification in emergency medicine. Stacy is a generalist reviewer for ACCP and is currently wrapping up her first chapter for an upcoming book in 2023. Her future plans include obtaining a BPS certification in emergency medicine, as well as taking on a more active role in precepting students and residents. In her free time, Stacy enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and playing/watching sports. She wants to continue to give back to the Nevada pharmacy community and local chapters. Stacy would like to express her appreciation and gratitude towards her loving family, as well as her fellow colleagues at St. Rose who have supported her through her career and growth as a clinical pharmacist.

## NVSHHP Election Results | 2022 – 2023

*Congratulations to our new Board Members!*

**Dr. Judi Mattorano, PharmD – President Elect**



Judi Mattorano earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Florida in 2008, and her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at the University of Colorado Health Sciences in 1993. Since 2006, Dr. Mattorano has been practicing at St. Rose Dominican Hospital. She currently works as a clinical pharmacist on the Intermediate Care Unit. She serves as a preceptor for Roseman University pharmacy students and PGY-I residents. She is a member of both the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA). Dr. Mattorano will transition from her Secretary role to President Elect in January.



**Dr. Kaylee Putney, PharmD, BCCCP, BCPS, MBA – Secretary**

Kaylee Putney received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Roseman University of Health Science and completed her PGY-I Pharmacy Practice residency at Valley Hospital Medical Center where she currently practices as a clinical pharmacist in the medical and surgical ICUs. In addition, she serves as a preceptor for APPE students and pharmacy residents. Dr. Putney is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Roseman University College of Pharmacy where she is involved as a facilitator and volunteer for vaccination clinics, health fairs, comprehensive medication review events, and drug take back events. In her free time, she enjoys playing soccer and going on hikes with her dog, Muffin.



**Dr. Ragini Bhakta, PharmD, BCPS - Treasurer**

Ragini Bhakta received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from University of the Pacific and completed her residency training at the VA Healthcare System in Long Beach, California. She currently serves as an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Roseman University of Health Sciences and provides clinical pharmacy services to the Cardiology department at St. Rose Dominican Hospital Siena Campus. In addition, Dr. Bhakta also precepts APPE students and pharmacy residents on their Cardiology rotation. She has served on NVSHP's Board from 2013-2019 as Treasurer and President.



**Dr. Adam Porath, PharmD, BCACP, BCPS-AQ Cardiology – Director at Large for Legislation**

Adam Porath earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Idaho State University and completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at Renown Regional Medical Center. He serves as the Vice President of Pharmacy Services at Renown Health in Reno, NV. He is a board certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and board certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist. Currently, he is responsible for overseeing pharmacy strategy and operations for 3 acute care hospitals, retail, specialty, and outpatient clinical pharmacy services across Renown Health. He also serves as the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Director and adjunct clinical faculty for several Colleges of Pharmacy. Dr. Porath has successfully lobbied at the Nevada Legislature on behalf of NVSHP to pass legislation and has served as a State of Nevada Delegate to the ASHP House of Delegates since 2012. Adam was appointed to the ASHP Council on Public Policy in 2019 and currently serves as the Chair of this Council. In 2021, he became a Fellow of ASHP. Dr. Porath has been re-elected to serve as NVSHP's Director at Large for Legislation.



**Dr. Alana Whittaker, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP – Director at Large for Education**

Alana Whittaker received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Howard University and completed her Pharmacy Practice Residency at Sentara Healthcare and her PGY-2 in Internal Medicine at Seton Family Hospitals/University of Texas at Austin. She currently serves as an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Roseman University of Health Sciences and practices at Valley Hospital where she rounds with an Internal Medicine team. She is actively involved in her community serving at health fairs. Dr. Whittaker served as the Director-at-Large for Education for NVSHP for the past 8 years and has hosted many annual meetings and CE events. She would like to continue her work with NVSHP members and the wider pharmacy community with the vision to continue to make NVSHP stronger. Dr. Whittaker has been re-elected to serve as NVSHP's Director at Large for Education.

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