

## Up Front: With Gratitude

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I still vividly remember the email inviting me to consider a position as the Pharmacist Editor of *The Journal of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (JPSW)* and the initial meeting with Chris Decker. I was absolutely flabbergasted that I was being offered this position at the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (PSW). *JPSW* (and still is) regularly described as the best state pharmacy journal in the country! Despite pursuing a career in academia and working as a lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, being the Pharmacist Editor of *JPSW* was not even on my radar as something to consider much further in my future. To be honest, this was one of my first leadership roles, and I had a lot of anxiety about living up to my predecessors and not letting PSW and the membership down.

This anxiety dissipated as I stepped into the Pharmacist Editor role. The support and welcome that I received from PSW and the membership really facilitated the transition for me. In particular, Megan Grant was a guide for me on the day-to-day management of *JPSW* and journal organization. Additionally, the Editorial Advisory Committee was indispensable. They helped me to focus on what was important and contributed to the innovation and updates *JPSW* has undergone over the last 7 years. Additionally, the support from both the PSW staff and *JPSW* readership continued throughout my tenure as editor.

I have immensely enjoyed the role of Pharmacist Editor. It allowed me to better understand the role of associations, network with pharmacists across the state, and better understand how to support students and emerging writers. As my role at UW-Madison has grown and as I've held the role of Pharmacist Editor for several years, I felt I was maintaining *JPSW* and not pushing it forward as I used to. After much reflection and discussion with Megan Grant and Sarah Sorum, we felt it was time to name an Associate Editor who could eventually step into the Pharmacist Editor role in my place. Mike Nagy was active in PSW and participated in *JPSW* activities even as a student pharmacist! He was an active member of the Editorial Advisory Committee, a peer review coordinator through his role as a faculty advisor for a student writing club, and continued to be a consistent contributor to *JPSW*. He even won the Curtis Johnson Award in 2022! Mike Nagy stepped into the role of Pharmacist Editor in January of 2024, and from his organization and plans so far, I think *JPSW* will be in great hands!!

While I am stepping down as the Pharmacist Editor, I am maintaining active involvement with PSW. I will still be involved with *JPSW* as the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy Student Writing Club Faculty Advisor. And, for now, I will continue to serve as the unofficial PSW photographer (when my husband Matt isn't

available).

Thank you to everyone who supported me while I was the editor of *JPSW*. I so appreciate the faith that PSW leadership gave me and the continued participation of the readership. I appreciate the Editorial Advisory Committee, Peer Review Coordinators, and Series Coordinators who served as *JPSW*'s super volunteers and focused my direction on where to take The Journal. Thank you to my colleagues at UW-Madison who collaborated with students on articles and supported the time it took to hold this role. Thank you to Megan Grant, Sarah Sorum, Chris Decker, and Matt Margolis, who were my largest supporters during my tenure as editor.

With gratitude,  
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