

Sanford Medical Center Fargo

2023-2024 Pharmacy Residents



Cameron Sofia, PharmD

Program: PGY2 Critical Care

PGY1: Memorial Hospital, South Bend, IN

Hometown: Huntley, IL

College of Pharmacy: Purdue University, Class of 2022

Professional Interests: Cardiology, neurology, research

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Sanford offered a great variety of different critical care experiences and puts a heavy emphasis on research and precepting which are both items I look forward to pursuing. From conversations with staff at Sanford prior to starting my residency, it was apparent that the pharmacist is an integral part of the healthcare team and are valued as exemplary leaders. Even coming from farther away I felt right at home at Sanford because of the kindness and compassion shown from everyone I met in Sanford's pharmacy team, with an emphasis clearly shown in resident growth and wellbeing.

Hobbies: Reading fantasy novels, playing video games, hiking, and spending time at lakehouses!

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Explore new local restaurants and breweries!

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Rebecca Aubart, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Traditional

Hometown: Colgate, North Dakota

College of pharmacy: North Dakota State University, Class of 2023

Professional Interests: Administration, Informatics, Medication Safety

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Sanford's traditional PGY1 program creates a solid foundation for growth as a clinical pharmacist, while also offering unique elective experiences that I could tailor to my interests. During my time as an APPE student and as an intern at Sanford, I could see that the preceptors are extremely knowledgeable and invested in mentoring and teaching. I chose Sanford Fargo for my PGY1 residency because of the well-rounded opportunities and to be a part of a well-established program with high quality mentors and program directors.

Hobbies: Reading, gardening, board games, biking, and travel

Favorite things to do in Fargo: I really enjoy Saturday mornings in the summer going to the Red River Market downtown. There are always fun concerts at the Bluestem Amphitheater in Moorhead and other local venues too.

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Trent LaCanne, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Traditional

Hometown: Windom, Minnesota

College of pharmacy: South Dakota State University, Class of 2023

Professional Interests: Critical care, infectious disease, academia, leadership

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: The opportunity to train at a level I trauma and academic medical center is an unparalleled opportunity given the high acuity and expansive list of disease states seen at this institution. The affiliation with the NDSU College of Pharmacy and the chance to precept/mentor APPE students was something I valued as I take the next steps in my career to improve upon my teaching abilities. Lastly, the passion and dedication of the preceptors, along with the overall fun atmosphere, was very evident during my interview and after speaking to past residents.

Hobbies: Playing the ukulele, fantasy football, watersports, exercising

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Exploring the many beautiful parks and breweries! The Red River Market in downtown Fargo is also an amazing and fun experience!

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Abby Leitch, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Traditional

Hometown: Mankato, Minnesota

College of pharmacy: University of Minnesota (Duluth Campus), Class of 2023

Professional Interests: Infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, adult medicine

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Sanford Fargo provided the ideal balance of gaining experiences at an academic teaching hospital, while being small enough to build genuine relationships with both the pharmacy staff and the care teams. The residency program also offered many elective opportunities that aligned with my clinical interests and were unique for a PGY1 program.

Hobbies: playing/coaching volleyball, spending time with friends and family

Favorite things to do in Fargo: exploring the many walking trails and coffee shops Fargo has to offer (Twenty Below is a personal favorite so far!)

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Morgan Schrage, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Pediatrics Track

Hometown: Cresco, Iowa

College of pharmacy: Drake University, Class of 2023

Professional Interests: pediatrics, psych, centralized pharmacy operations

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Sanford has a unique experience where you can do a pediatrics track making most of your rotations in pediatrics but some still in adult. I really wanted a place that I could do some of both to stay a well-rounded pharmacist. With NDSU being in town, Sanford hosts a lot of P4 rotation students making there a large opportunity to participate in precepting and layered learning, which is something that was important to me. Sanford is invested in their residents. They make a great effort to know each resident personally. They learn the residents' goal and help them to succeed at those goals whether it be to stay on staff, to get a PGY-2, to get job closer to home, etc. On top of all of this, the pediatric team is so loving, sweet, welcoming, and truly wants their residents to become great practitioners.

Hobbies: Reading, biking, quilting, dirt racing

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Exploring the new (to me) area bike trails, going to different quilt shops in the area to get local fabrics and quilt patterns, meeting new people at the racetracks in the area.

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Janie Lundberg, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Non-Traditional

Hometown: Elk River, Minnesota

College of pharmacy: University of MN- Duluth, Class of 2020

Professional Interests: NICU/PICU/Peds/ED

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: I have worked for Sanford for a year prior to starting the non-trad residency and I realized how kind, supportive, and encouraging staff are and there are a lot of career growth opportunities here, so I knew this was a great learning environment where I wanted to complete my residency and continue my career post-residency. Sanford offers the non-traditional residency program, which I felt was a better fit for my learning style. I have practiced pharmacy for nearly 3 years before starting residency and the non-trad program allows me to

continue to staff and utilize the skills I learn while alternating a residency rotation schedule with staffing. I also appreciate that Sanford is a teaching hospital and level one trauma center which provides fantastic opportunities to interact with other learners and endless learning opportunities.

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, spending time with my boyfriend and our dogs, hanging out with friends and family, baking and cooking

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Hangout with my boyfriend and our dogs, spend time with family and go to movies

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Fatme Younes, PharmD

Program: PGY1 in Ambulatory Care Clinics

Hometown: Beirut, Lebanon

College of pharmacy: North Dakota State University, Class of 2023

Professional interests: Clinical care with a focus on outpatient services with specific interest in diabetic management, specialty pharmacy and management

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: The Ambulatory Care program provided a wide range of required and elective rotation experiences, which were aligned with my goals and interests. These include pharmacogenomics, specialty pharmacy and outpatient infectious disease with an emphasis on HIV and hepatitis C. In addition, the program provided experiences in academia and management as well as a broad elective list providing opportunities to gain experience and knowledge in different areas of pharmacy.

Hobbies: Reading, crocheting and travelling.

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Definitely trying out new restaurants.

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