

Sanford Medical Center Fargo

2020-2021 Pharmacy Residents



Gianna Vitale, PharmD

Program: PGY2 Critical Care

PGY1: Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine

Hometown: Schenectady, New York

College of pharmacy: Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Class of 2019

Professional interests: Medical ICU, Cardiac ICU

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: The hospital had all of the things I was looking for in a program: a level one trauma center, a variety of different ICU opportunities, and a well established pharmacy presence in these settings. Also, talking with the preceptors we all had really similar values when it came to patient care.

Hobbies: Hiking, arts and crafts, reading

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Going to breweries, kayaking, going to the farmer's market

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Megan Czmowski, PharmD

Program: PGY2 Oncology

PGY1: VA Black Hills Health Care System, Fort Meade, South Dakota

Hometown: Black Hawk, South Dakota

College of pharmacy: South Dakota State University, Class of 2019

Professional interests: Oral Chemotherapy, Immunotherapy, Outpatient and Inpatient Oncology

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Each individual I met during my interview at Sanford was extremely kind and welcoming. This program allows for a variety of oncology experiences from acute care, outpatient oncology, oral chemotherapy, pediatric oncology, and investigational drugs. Additionally, Sanford allowed for flexibility in their program based on my interests.

Hobbies: Reading, kayaking, spending time with family and friends

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

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Kirby Knutson, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Traditional

Hometown: Watkins, Minnesota

College of pharmacy: North Dakota State University, Class of 2020

Professional interests: Infectious Disease, Critical Care, Pharmacogenomics

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: There are so many opportunities at Sanford to customize the residency to meet my needs and help me build upon my areas of interest. Everyone here is so welcoming and invested in my education as well which makes the experience even more enjoyable.

Hobbies: I like spending time with family and friends and playing sports such as ultimate frisbee and volleyball. I also recently brought home a puppy, so I'm getting accustomed to being a dog dad!

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Visit local breweries and restaurants.

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Molly McCord, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Traditional

Hometown: Mount Summit, Indiana

College of pharmacy: Purdue University College of Pharmacy, Class of 2020

Professional interests: Solid Organ Transplant, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Sanford Fargo checked off all of my boxes for what I was looking for in a residency program. The program had the rotations I wanted, teaching opportunities, and it seemed like an excellent place to learn about acute care because of its Trauma 1 designation and extensive critical care presence.

What really made the program stick out in my mind, however, were the things that I didn't necessarily have boxes for. During my interview, I realized that a lot of energy and passion went into continuously improving the program. For example, I learned that they were adding an educational orientation to go along with the traditional orientation. I hadn't heard of this before, but it sounded like a great idea. Throughout my interview, everyone was very welcoming and seemed genuinely interested and happy to be a part of the process. When I left that day, I left feeling confident in myself and in the fact that I would get great experience at Sanford Fargo while still feeling excited and happy to go to work every day.

Hobbies: Being a plant mom, baking, cooking, thrift shopping, listening to true crime podcasts

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Finding new plant children at Baker Garden and Gift, going to Red River Market in the summer, trying new food places, and visiting the local breweries

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Cody Wise, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Traditional

Hometown: Niles, Michigan

College of pharmacy: Ferris State University, Class of 2020

Professional interests: Emergency medicine and critical care

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Academic-focused large health system, level 1 trauma center, code team participation, critical care PGY2 offered, and beautiful new hospital.

Hobbies: Skateboarding, concerts, podcasts/audiobooks, and nature walks

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Try all of the different coffee shops and niche restaurants

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Sammie Nguyen, PharmD

Program: PGY1 Nontraditional

Hometown: Moorhead, Minnesota

College of pharmacy: North Dakota State University, Class of 2012

Professional Interests: Cardiology, Specialty Pharmacy

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: Sanford Fargo offers an option for current staff pharmacists to pursue a non-traditional PGY1 residency. The positive working environment we currently have along with supportive preceptors available for guidance really helped solidify my desire to expand my clinical knowledge and become a pharmacy resident with Sanford Fargo.

Hobbies: Hang out with family, ballroom dancing, watch movies, travel with loved ones

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Barbecue or ride bikes at the park in the summer; take pictures with the beautiful leaves in the fall; enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights with snow in the backdrop during the holiday season

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Nick Meyer, PharmD

Program: PGY1 in Ambulatory Care Clinics

Hometown: Melrose, Minnesota

College of pharmacy: North Dakota State University, Class of 2020

Professional interests: Diabetes Management, Infectious Disease, Cardiology

Why I chose Sanford Fargo for residency training: I like that this residency program provides me with the opportunity to gain experience in a wide variety of practice settings, which will help me to become a well-rounded pharmacist. Having worked at Sanford throughout pharmacy school, and completing three APPE rotations here, I knew that the preceptors here are second to none.

Hobbies: Spending time with family (especially at the lake!), golfing, singing/playing guitar

Favorite things to do in Fargo: Going to concerts (especially at Bluestem!), enjoying the great restaurants, golfing

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