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EDUCATION

The University of Georgia , Athens, GA	August 2026 - May 2031
• Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration • Honors: HOPE Scholarship (Full Tuition)	
The University of Georgia , Athens, GA	August 2025 - May 2026
• Pre-Pharmacy Coursework • Honors: HOPE Scholarship (Full Tuition)	
Georgia State University	August 2024 – July 2025
• Pre-Pharmacy Coursework • Honors: HOPE Scholarship (Full Tuition)	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Kansas , <i>Research Fellow</i> , Lawrence, KS	February 2026 – Present
• Conducted chemical stability experiments on nifedipine amorphous solid dispersions to evaluate formulation performance and support bioavailability enhancement for poorly water-soluble drugs. • Formulated and analyzed crystalline nifedipine with HPMC-AS 912 polymer in rat chow and pellets to assess chemical stability under experimental storage and administration conditions. • Performed HPLC-based assays using an Agilent 1200 HPLC system to quantify nifedipine stability across multiple formulation samples and experimental conditions. • Gained hands-on experience with amorphous solid dispersion preparation and processing using a ProCepT spray dryer. • Supported formulation development for poorly soluble BCS Class II/IV drugs by studying nifedipine stability in crystalline and polymer-based solid dispersion systems.	
PepsiCo , <i>Product Management Intern</i> , Hybrid	February 2026 – May 2026
• Represent the Gatorade brand at large-scale volleyball tournaments and sporting events, engaging directly with athletes and event organizers. • Coordinate end-to-end event logistics, including setup, operations, and breakdown, ensuring smooth execution under tight timelines. • Analyze on-site engagement and athlete needs to support product positioning and brand visibility.	
Kroger Pharmacy , <i>Pharmacy Technician</i> , Athens, GA	November 2025 – Present
• Coordinate with prescribers' offices and insurance companies to resolve prescription issues, coverage questions, and prior authorization requirements. • Communicate with patients regarding medication adherence, refill status, and barriers to therapy. • Support patient access to medications by following up on insurance coverage, prior authorizations, and provider clarification requests. • Help improve continuity of care by connecting patients, providers, and insurance plans throughout the dispensing process.	
CVS Pharmacy , <i>Pharmacy Technician</i> , Milton, GA	August 2024 – May 2026
• Assisted pharmacists in preparing and dispensing medications accurately and efficiently • Processed prescriptions, verify patient information, and manage insurance claims • Maintained inventory and ensure compliance with storage and safety standards • Provided customer support while adhering to HIPAA and pharmacy regulations	
TBB 122 , <i>Server & Expo Manager</i> , Alpharetta, GA	April 2024 - August 2024
• Managed expo operations ensuring timely and accurate food delivery • Collaborated with kitchen staff to maintain efficiency and service quality • Assisted guests with orders and maintained a clean, organized environment	
Self-Employed , <i>Private Tutor</i> , Remote	August 2023 - Present
• Provide individualized tutoring to high-achieving students at a magnet STEM high school across subjects including biology, chemistry, literature, history, and mathematics. • Develop tailored lesson plans to strengthen comprehension, test performance, and academic confidence. • Foster analytical thinking and problem-solving skills through personalized instruction and feedback.	

LEADERSHIP & RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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- Lake Washington Symphony Orchestra**, *Board Member*, Seattle, WA November 2025 - Present
- Support strategic planning, community engagement, and organizational growth for a leading regional arts institution.
 - Promote initiatives that expand access to music education and performance opportunities.
 - Strengthen partnerships with community, educational, and arts organizations.
- Milton Band**, *Director of Student Logistics*, Milton, GA May 2022 – May 2024
- Coordinated logistics for 200+ students including travel, scheduling, and event operations
 - Maintained rosters, records, and inventory; supported directors with administrative tasks
 - Managed communications and organizational planning for large-scale performances
 - **Honors:** Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- Athens Guide Dog Foundation**, *Raiser*, Athens, GA August 2025 - Present
- Raising and socializing a guide-dog-in-training to support future service placement for individuals with visual impairments.
 - Reinforcing obedience, public access behavior, and daily routines to prepare the dog for formal guide dog training.
 - Representing the organization through campus and community engagement while promoting awareness of guide dog programs.
- Urdu Language Table**, *Officer*, Athens, GA August 2025 - Present
- Help coordinate language table meetings to promote Urdu conversation, cultural exchange, and student engagement.
 - Curate discussion topics, activities, and cultural content to make meetings accessible for students with varying language backgrounds.
 - Support outreach and event planning efforts to grow participation and create an inclusive space for Urdu language learning.
- Pakistani Student Association**, *Member*, Athens, GA August 2025 - Present
- Participate in cultural, social, and community-building events celebrating Pakistani heritage and student identity.
 - Support organization programming by attending meetings, events, and collaborative campus activities.
 - Engage with peers to promote cultural awareness, community connection, and representation within the university.
- Pre-Pharmacy Society**, *Member*, Athens, GA August 2025 – May 2026
- Participated in professional development events focused on pharmacy school preparation, healthcare careers, and student networking.
 - Engaged with pharmacy students, faculty, and guest speakers to better understand clinical, community, and industry pharmacy pathways.
 - Attended meetings and events to strengthen knowledge of the pharmacy profession and prepare for PharmD matriculation.
- Wellstar Health System**, *Volunteer*, Roswell, GA August 2024 – October 2025
- Floated between Med-Surg units, NICU, and Patient Services to assist staff and support patient care operations.
 - Operated the hospital communication network, relaying messages between departments and helping coordinate requests from nursing staff.
 - Assisted nurses and clinical staff with non-clinical tasks, helping maintain efficient patient flow and improving response time for patient needs.
 - Provided patient support and comfort, including transporting patients, delivering supplies, and assisting visitors with navigation throughout the hospital.

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

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- Certified Pharmacy Technician (NHA)
 - Georgia Pharmacy Technician License
 - Basic Life Support (AHA)

INTERESTS

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- Pharmaceutical Administration and Leadership
 - Pharmaceutical R&D
 - Health Policy and Management
 - Drum Corp International