



In the Spotlight



2011 Distinguished Service Award Winner

Audrey T. Nakamura, Pharm.D.

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Audrey T. Nakamura received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with highest distinction. She also graduated with distinction in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of Washington in Seattle. As an undergraduate, she taught and conducted inorganic research at the University of Washington and then spent two years performing post-graduate research in the Biological Chemistry Department in the UCLA School of Medicine.

Dr. Nakamura completed an ASHP-accredited General Pharmacy Practice Residency at the University of California in San Francisco. She went on to complete an Administration Specialty Residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. After her residency, she assumed the role of program coordinator for the Department of Pharmacy at Cedars. She then returned to UCLA in August of 2007 and is currently serving as the Pharmacy Manager of Surgical Services at the Ronald Reagan Medical Center.

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center is a tertiary academic teaching hospital with 450 licensed beds and a pharmacy staff of over 170. As an inpatient manager, Dr. Nakamura currently resolves daily operational issues and provides clinical support for two surgical/oncology satellites, including the 24-hour pharmacy satellite. She also serves as the primary preceptor for the Neurosurgery Rotation and regularly staffs full time in the surgical, critical care, emergency and oncology areas.

Dr. Nakamura served on the ASHP Programming Committee for two years as she coordinated programs as a meeting program associate and became involved with the Management Pearls Session at Midyear. She recently served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers (SPPM) Advisory Group on Communication and Publications whose mission

is to facilitate and increase the volume and applicability of publications that enhance and promote administration practice. With the assistance of the advisory group members, they created an infrastructure that would facilitate and improve authors' chances for successful publication via the Management Consultation Column, spotlighted exceptional members from our section and recognized them for their contribution to pharmacy practice, provided feedback to ASHP staff for maintaining and improving the Section's website content and organization, and coordinated the annual Meet and Greet at Midyear. It was an honor for her to work with such a talented, dedicated, and hardworking group of individuals.

Dr. Nakamura is also actively involved in other pharmacy and non-pharmacy related organizations. As a pharmacy student, she was President of Rho Chi National Honor Society, Treasurer and Operation Diabetes Coordinator for APhA, Pharmacy Student Government Council P-4 Class Representative, Office of Student Conflict Resolution Panelist/Committee Member, and Midyear Regional Meeting Nominating Committee and Closing Remarks Delegate. She was the Co-Chief Resident for her General Pharmacy Practice Residency at UCSF and the Secretary and Charter member of Cedars-Sinai Masters of Ceremony (CSMC) Toastmasters International Chapter. She also serves as an annual Pharmacist Panelist for the UCLA Pre-Pharmacy Society, UCLA Asian Pacific Health Corps, UCLA Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honors Society, and UCLA Career Pharmacy Workshop Day.

Dr. Nakamura was the high school valedictorian, the recipient of the Eli Lilly Achievement Award, You're Super Employee Award and Certificate at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Spot Award for Exceptional Service at UCSF, Standing Ovation at Cedars-Sinai and the STAR Award at UCLA.

Click here to read [Dr. Nakamura's remarks](#) during the DSA Dessert Reception at the 46th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting where she received her award.