This past January, the PGY-1 H-E-B/UT Community Pharmacy Residency Program underwent a site survey by ASHP Accreditation Services. The H-E-B/UT program has been accredited by ASHP in partnership with APhA since its inception in 2009. Accreditation surveyors visit accredited programs every 6 years. The feedback from the surveyors was outstanding! We will receive our official results after the ASHP Commission of Credentialing meets this summer.

A PGY-1 (post-graduate year 1) community pharmacy residency program is an organized, directed, postgraduate training program that centers on development of the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to pursue patient care in the community setting. The program strives to develop innovative pharmacy practice leaders equipped to meet the challenges presented by the rapidly changing health care system. Through required and elective opportunities, residency programs focus on the following:

- Direct Patient Care
- Leadership
- Practice Management
- Communication Skills
- Health and Wellness Promotion
- Technology
- Teaching Skills

Our most recent 5 residents finished the program June 30, 2016 and entered the pharmacy workforce with unique and finely tuned clinical and management skills. If you see them around H-E-B, say “Hi”. They are:

- Kelsey Bailey (San Antonio)
- Sun Seo (Austin)
- Omaida Hernandez-Ray (Houston)
- Amanda Kernodle (Austin)
- Katie Steele (PGY-2 Residency, Portland)

We have had 19 graduates complete our program since 2010. These outstanding pharmacists have entered the workforce in tremendous fashion. Here is what they have accomplished and where they are now:

- H-E-B Pharmacists: 10 (Austin, Houston, Valley, San Antonio)
- Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (VA): 1
- Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (DoD): 1
- PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency: 2
- College of Pharmacy Faculty: 2
- Residency Program Director: 1
- Texas HHSC Vendor Drug Program: 1
- Out-of-State Pharmacy: 3

I would like to end with a big thank you to the team that makes this residency the best program in the country with the highest quality year after year. Our site preceptors include: Gretta Leckbee (Austin 5), James Weems (Austin 8), Lauren Clark (Austin 30), Mark Comfort (Austin 3), Jennifer Wilbanks (Pflugerville 2), and Scott Shelton (Austin 23). In addition, I would like to thank Donna Montemayor, Kim Janicke, Jose Cervantes, Kristie Newton, Gene Patalik, Jana Busby, Jody Lee, and the many other Partners that make this happen.

Sincerely,

Nathan Pope
Introducing H-E-B/UT’s Residency Class of 2016-2017

Mikaela DeBarba, Pharm.D., UT-Austin
Dr. Mikaela DeBarba served in the United States Navy prior to attending UT-Austin for her Pharm.D. Mikaela’s professional interests include community practice, community service, and working on public and student education programs. In her free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors at parks and lakes with her husband and dogs, kickboxing, shopping, and trying new restaurants. **Project:** Measuring changes in adherence associated with incorporating tailored messaging in antibiotic counseling by community pharmacists.

Ashley Floyd, Pharm.D., Texas A&M Rangel
Dr. Ashley Floyd was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas A&M Health Science Center: Rangel College of Pharmacy. Ashley’s professional interests include serving the public through community practice and pursuing her passion of chronic disease management through the ambulatory care setting. She also enjoys working with pharmacy students and giving back to the next generation of pharmacists. In her spare time, Ashley enjoys exploring the Austin area, reading new books, and spending time with her family and pets. **Project:** Impact of a pharmacist-led educational session in prescribers’ knowledge about pharmacogenetics testing and their interest in its availability in community pharmacy settings.

Angelica Cuenco, Pharm.D., UT-Austin
Dr. Angelica Cuenco was raised in Houston, TX and was in the first class to receive a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from the University of Texas at Austin in 2012. She did not want to leave the 40 Acres, so she continued her education at UT to get her Pharm.D. She participated in the H-E-B P1 internship during summer of 2013 and continued as an intern with H-E-B throughout pharmacy school. She is also interested in optimizing medication therapy management and becoming an advocate for the profession of pharmacy. When Angelica has time to catch her breath, she enjoys social dancing, jogging, yoga, and exploring Austin’s food, music, and outdoors. Hook ‘em Horns! **Project:** Implementation of a community pharmacy and health-system partnership to improve patient outcomes in transition of care.

Marie Tillema, Pharm.D., UT-Austin
Dr. Marie Tillema grew up all around the country as an Air Force “brat” but has finally found a home in the great state of Texas. She received a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from the UT-Austin in 2012 prior to her Pharm.D. Her professional interests include optimizing community pharmacy services in continuing to provide high-quality direct patient care via health screenings, immunizations clinics, counseling, and MTM. She is also interested in pursuing pharmacy education and administration alongside community pharmacy. When Marie is not donning her white smock, you might find her playing the piano for choirs at various churches in Austin or San Antonio, watching lots of football (go Longhorns and Vikings!), or driving through Hill Country in search of hikes and rivers, small towns, historic buildings, and barbecue. **Project:** Impact and feasibility of implementing a systematic approach for medication therapy management in the community pharmacy setting.

Gretchen Dao, Pharm.D., UT-Austin
Dr. Gretchen Dao was born and raised just outside of Houston, Texas, but she openly considers herself a native Austinite. Dr. Dao started her pre-pharmacy studies at the University of Texas at Austin as well as her Pharm.D. Dr. Dao’s professional interests include providing medication therapy management and disease state education in the outpatient setting. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys traveling, exploring new restaurants, finding hidden coffee spots, learning foreign languages, and spoiling her cat, Rosie. **Project:** Implementation of a community pharmacy and health-system partnership to improve patient outcomes in transition of care.