



## **CPS Member Spotlight**

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### **What is your favorite thing about being a CPS member?**

Being involved with the Colorado Pharmacists Society is a great way to help further the pharmacy profession - by providing input to Colorado-based legislative initiatives and providing a network for pharmacists to stay connected to on-going activities in Colorado that could impact their profession.

### **How did you get introduced to the world of pharmacy?**

I entered the pharmacy profession through a more unusual route about 4 years ago. Pharmacy is a second career after being in the environmental field as a drinking water microbiologist. I became interested in pharmacy when my research focus shifted from microbial treatment of water to pharmaceuticals in drinking water. I worked with several pharmacists at the state level and became interested in the profession.

### **What do you enjoy about being a pharmacist?**

I enjoy the diversity pharmacy offers, from community and clinical settings to management, legislative, teaching and informatics. There are always ways to incorporate several of these fields into your practice. I think it is exciting that the services pharmacists are providing are expanding in community and clinical settings. And, I really enjoy working with the patients and their providers to provide optimum health outcomes.

### **How do you give back to the profession?**

It is important to stay engaged in the profession as it continues to evolve; especially as the Colorado legislature is currently debating approving provider status for pharmacists. Being part of CPS provides me the venue to participate in this effort. I really enjoy mentoring students and helping them achieve their goals – both at the high school and college level. I also believe students keep you on ‘your toes’ professionally.

### **What are your professional goals?**

Given that I am a relatively recent graduate, I would like to evolve with the profession as our responsibilities as pharmacists for patient care expand. So, I am open to where that direction takes me. I have been in management and leadership positions throughout my career, therefore, I envision myself to continue in those roles to advance the profession.