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## Hello Class of 2027!

Welcome to the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences! You are now officially on your way to becoming an esteemed and essential healthcare professional.

The University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences offers a distinguished education experience, and I am confident that the faculty will prepare each of you to succeed in your pharmacy career.

I commend you and thank you for choosing pharmacy as your profession of choice. It is a rapidly evolving, exciting, and fulfilling profession. As pharmacists, we are expected to be in the moment and meet the unique needs of every individual we serve. We must exercise critical thinking and professional judgment to deliver quality, patient-centred care. Every pharmacist plays an essential role by supporting health promotion, disease prevention, and treatment. While this work can be challenging, it is remarkably rewarding.

Pharmacists have a wide scope of practice and a career in pharmacy offers great opportunities to meaningfully contribute to the health of individuals, families, and communities.

This may be your first introduction to the Alberta College of Pharmacy, but you will get to know us well during your career in pharmacy. At ACP, our mission is to govern pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacies in Alberta to serve, support, and protect the public's health and well-being. To name a few key roles, ACP develops and enforces standards and guidelines, manages the licensing process, and promotes patient-centred, collaborative health care that best uses the skills and knowledge of all healthcare professionals.

You can follow updates from the college on social media. As new registrants, you will also see our biweekly newsletter, The Link, in your inbox. This is a great way to stay on top of what's happening with the profession, regulations, standards, and guidelines.

On behalf of everyone at ACP, congratulations on starting the first chapter of your pharmacy journey. I wish you all the best with your studies and look forward to connecting with each of you in the future!

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