

GREEN GRADUATES

The Official Newsletter of the UMB MCST Medical Cannabis Student Association



A Brief History of 4/20

As medical cannabis advocates, patients, clinicians, etc., it would be remiss if we did not discuss the history or meaning of 4/20! As many of us know, 4/20 has become synonymous with cannabis. Whether you partake or not, cannabis users and non-users alike know what it means.

The origins of 4/20 can be traced back to California in 1971, where five high school students would use the term as a code word to set out and attempt to find an old cannabis crop. Using a "treasure map" provided by the grower, the students set 4:20pm as their meeting time to go investigate and ultimately consumer cannabis. While the students never did find this abandoned crop, 4:20 and all of its variations (4/20, 420) are now very obvious and popular ways to reference cannabis consumption. For a deeper dive into this well-known holiday, [click here.](#)



'23 GRAD PARTY!

For the '23 Cohort, there will be an after party held from **6pm-10pm** at the **Courtyard Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center - Rio Center**. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Brittney Naaman ASAP and include the total number of guests going: bknaaman@gmail.com.

Venmo contributions of \$10/attendee are encouraged:

[@Brittney-Naaman](https://www.instagram.com/Brittney-Naaman)

[Expungement Clinic](#)

The **Expungement Clinic** is in the works! More details to come, but if anyone you know is in need of legal services for the expungement of cannabis charges, please contact

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Upcoming Events

Terpenes and their Therapeutic Benefits: the Current Landscape in Cannabis ft. Susan Trapp, PhD

Thursday, April. 20th @ 5pm PST/8pm EST

Join us as **Dr. Susan Trapp**, senior research scientist and terpene expert, discusses all things terpenes and provides us with an inside look at the current status of the cannabis industry. Dr. Trapp has extensive experience with patient-oriented cannabis and terpene research, and we welcome all who are interested to join this virtual opportunity. In order to make this event more interactive and as fruitful as possible, please feel free to come with questions for Dr. Trapp! To join, **[CLICK HERE](#)**.



UMD Cannabis Certificate Course

The University of Maryland recently unveiled a new Graduate Studies program! **The Graduate Certificate in Medical Cannabis Science, Therapeutics, and Policy** is a two semester, 12-credit program designed to provide a foundational level of learning related to cannabis history, policy, pharmacology, and clinical applications. While more narrow in scope than the MS in MCST program, this certificate can be completed in one year and does not require any in-person attendance at symposia. This is a great option for those who are unable to commit to the longer and more intense MS program and is easily stackable if one chooses to enroll and continue studies into the MS program. For more information on this program, **[click here!](#)**



Check Us Out on Instagram!

If you are active on Instagram and have not yet done so, please follow us! We will be posting about upcoming events and the different ways the MCSA is getting involved. To connect with us, follow **[@umb.mcsa](#)**

Check out our Jobs Board Database!

Don't forget to stay up to date on the latest jobs in the cannabis industry by accessing our database created by Cento Sharp, Director of MCSA Future Professions. **[CLICK HERE](#)**

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MCSA & MCST Happenings

Career Pathways and Networking Opportunities **March Networking Event Recap**

On March 28, 2023, the Networking and Future Professions subcommittee presented Career Pathways and Networking Opportunities, with presentations by Nina Roa and Cento Sharp.

Nina Roa is the recently hired Associate Director of Career Development and Placement for UMB's School of Pharmacy Office of Graduate Programs. Nina works with students and alumni of the SOP's five MS and PhD programs and assists with resume building, professional networking, and job search strategies.

Nina has created an entire resource board that includes:

- cannabis specific podcast links to shows hosted by alumni
- an extensive list of Cannabis Science and Business Conferences
- U.S. Cannabis Pharmaceutical Companies
- CannabizMD and other leading Cannabis Organizations
- link to the US Jobs database
- Alumni Spotlights from the MCST program

To explore all of these references: **[Click Here!](#)**

You can make an appointment with her directly on this site or through her email address at **nina.roa@rx.umaryland.edu**.



MCSA & MCST Happenings

Career Pathways and Networking Opportunities March Networking Event Recap (cont.)

Cento Sharp is a second-year student in the MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics (MCST) program at the University of Maryland's School of Pharmacy. He is the principal management and technology consultant with Cento Sharp Consulting, LLC, which supports single-person entrepreneurs and billion-dollar professional services firms in optimizing their business and technology investments.

Cento is a results-oriented program management executive with a strong background in large-scale system design, cloud software implementations, systems auditing, cybersecurity, production support, and continuous process improvement initiatives. He focuses on helping individuals and management teams to deliver high value on quality management, leadership development, and financial impact initiatives. Cento has 20+ years of experience leading executive team members, business stakeholders, software developers, and third-party vendors on a broad range of digital business transformation projects.

Cento presented the **MCSA Cannabis Job Board** he created, shared how each category within the job board operates, and spoke about his recent updates and sources. Cento shared his own professional website and career portfolio and demonstrated how students can highlight their skills and experiences employers want to see through websites and online platforms. Cento is a wealth of support and savvy and welcomes connection. Cento can be reached at csharp@umaryland.edu.

Job Title	Company Name	Location	Industry	Job Type
\$18 per hour Amazon Delivery Driver - No equip	Muscoff Logistics, LLC	010401	Warehousing	(Blank)
\$180/Week (M-W-F) Regen Sales Associate	END System	010401	Drug & Health Stores	(Blank) & Wholesale
1st Shift Cannabis Harvest Worker	Common Citizens	010401	(Blank)	(Blank)
1st Shift Packaging Associate	AMN Staffing GSP LLC	010401	(Blank)	(Blank)
2nd Shift Extraction Technician	Urban Wellness	010401	Cannabis	(Blank)
2nd Shift Technician	Urban Wellness	010401	Cannabis	(Blank)
Account Coordinator	Urban Packaging LLC	010401	Warehousing	(Blank) & Wholesale
Account Executive	Urban Cannabis	010401	(Blank)	(Blank)
Account Executive - Arizona	Verano Holdings, LLC	010401	Drug & Health Stores	(Blank) & Wholesale
Account Executive - Field Marketing	Novo LLC	010401	(Blank)	(Blank) & Wholesale
Account Manager - Field Marketing	Ingria Marketing Group	010401	Advertising & Public Relations	(Blank) & Communication
Account Manager - MD (Kansas City)	Confidential	010401	(Blank)	(Blank)
Account Manager - Wholesale	Five Star Quality Care, Inc.	010401	Health Care Services & Hospitals	(Blank)
Account Sales Specialist in Cannabis	Verano	010401	Warehousing	(Blank)
Account Supervisor - Food, Beverage & Travel	Bank Communications	010401	New work	(Blank)
Accountant	Coastal Holdings	010401	Manufacturing	(Blank)
Accounting & Tax Associate	East Coast Cannabis	010401	Cannabis	(Blank)
Accounting Clerk (Payables, Bank Recl) - Part Ti	Information Systems	010401	Warehousing	(Blank)
Accounting Manager	MD Tax CRM	010401	Warehousing	(Blank)
Accounting Specialist	Urban	010401	Drug & Health Stores	(Blank) & Wholesale
Accounting Transformation Manager	Capri Containers LLC	010401	Manufacturing	(Blank)
Accounts Payable Associate	The CERTIFIED Group	010401	Manufacturing	(Blank)
Accounts Payable and Collections Clerk	Flory	010401	Manufacturing	(Blank)
Accounts Receivable Associate I	S&S Consulting Group LLC	010401	Manufacturing	(Blank)
Adjunct Prof Professor - Urban Horticulture & S	Henry Roberts LLP	010401	Accounting & Tax	(Blank)
Adjunct Faculty - Medical Cannabis Science and	Confidential	010401	Health & Pharmaceuticals	(Blank) & Biotechnology
Adjunct Instructor, Agriculture & Hospitality	Confidential	010401	Health & Pharmaceuticals	(Blank) & Biotechnology

Alumni Spotlight: Shanetha Marable-Lewis, MS

By Karen Jaynes, Director of Alumni Relations

Shanetha Marable-Lewis is the Executive Director for Veterans Initiative 22, a non-profit organization that is focused on veteran suicide prevention through access to medical cannabis and other holistic therapeutic medicine, employment for Veterans, their families, and first responders. She is also currently on the Advocacy Committee for the Connor Sheffield Foundation and the Alumni Liaison for the Medical Cannabis Student Association (MCSA). Shanetha was born and raised in Morgantown, WV, and she is so very proud of her Appalachian roots. She is a decorated Army combat veteran, who joined the military right after high school, and served in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. After completing her military service, she used her GI Bill to attend her hometown college West Virginia University, where she entered a dual degree program earning her Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with an area of emphasis in International Business and an area of interest in Latin America, with a Spanish Minor, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Shanetha, what was your inspiration to join the MCST Master's Program?

I began working in the medical cannabis industry 7 years ago when my family was stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Tacoma, WA. I was first employed as a patient consultant at a medical cannabis dispensary and simultaneously served the same role at a patient-to-patient medical cannabis "farmers market." The time I spent working with medical cannabis patients catapulted my growing interest in cannabinoid therapeutics, science, neuropsychology, and pharmacology. This ongoing passion led me to the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, when in 2022, I earned my Master of Science in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics. During my time in the program, I was inducted into both the Rho Chi International Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi for my outstanding scholastic achievements in the program.

While in the program, was there a pivotal moment or realization of your potential impact having this degree?

Oh yes. From the moment I was accepted into the program, there was noticeable change in how others perceived my work in the cannabis industry. When I first began in the industry, my former colleagues, friends, and family were quite skeptical and vocal about their disapproval--not only their disapproval, but the way they (for lack of a better saying) took my job as a joke and thought I was not serving my potential by working in this industry, saying I would not be satisfied nor successful. After I had announced that I was in the MCST program and before I had even attended any course, I was inundated with praise from those who doubted my career path and with questions....so so so many questions.

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And to this day I am still receiving messages with questions almost on a daily basis. I am no longer just another “cannabis patient consultant.” I am a cannabinoid pharmacology expert and how I am perceived by the masses is proof of that elevation in professional status and an indication that my education has a direct beneficial impact on the lives of others and helps to erase the stigma that still persists around this plant.

Since graduating, how has the MCST Graduate Studies shifted your personal and or professional focus?

I have a personal passion for helping Veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, as well as helping patients struggling with the disease of addiction. I am an advocate for Veteran suicide prevention, social equity, and safe access for all cannabis consumers. I intend to continue with my educational pursuits and am currently searching for the right Ph.D. program that encompasses my interest and passion to study the Neuropsychopharmacology of Endocannabinoids, Psychedelics, and other holistic, former illicit therapeutic substances.

Any final supportive words for your fellow Alumni and the current MCST students?

I simply want to say that I am so honored to be amongst you all. The education gained in the program and the expansion of my network connections with ultra cannabis professionals, who are not just my colleagues but who are also now my lifelong friends, makes every second of my time and money spent in the program, more than worth it.... And lastly, always remember that we are trailblazers on the forefront of an emergent industry and to just lay back, roll tight, and enjoy the ride!!

Shanetha and I want to extend an invitation to a student (or group of students) from the c/o '24 to continue on the path of Alumni Relations that Shanetha and I have been honored to support during our time in the MCSA.

The Alumni Relations' mission is to connect and sustain alumni relationships and networking opportunities within the MCSA for current MCST students and graduates.

*Interested? We'd love to have you!
Please reach out to Karen at
karenjaynes@umaryland.edu.*

**Are you an alumnus who would like to be featured in an upcoming Spotlight, or connected to an MCST alumnus who would be perfect for Spotlight?
We want to hear from you!**

