



Alumni & Friends Tea

For the past five years, the Alumni & Friends Tea has supported scholarships for student pharmacists through the Circle of Joy. This year, our guests got to hear from one of the recipients of the Circle of Joy, **Brooke Johnson** (PharmD candidate, 2022).



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“My journey to becoming a pharmacist began when I was accepted into the UNM/NMSU Cooperative Program. I had been told early on by my pharmacy mentors that pharmacy is a small world. I truly began to understand this more with my move to UNM and Albuquerque for school. My classmates, professors, and pharmacists I have met along my path have been very supportive and encouraging, far more than they even realize.

Finding people with similar values, direction, and understanding has provided encouragement in times that doubt began to creep in. Having someone believe in you when you may not even believe in yourself is an uplifting feeling, and the Circle of Joys Scholarship gave me this much needed sense of support.

I am thankful to have been the recipient of the Circle of Joy Scholarship. This scholarship confirmed for me that I am where I am supposed to be and helped me continue advancing my education. Attending pharmacy school is financially challenging and this scholarship supported me in my travels to the APhA 2019 Annual Conference, allowed me to expand my knowledge of the word of pharmacy, and helped fund my incredible journey in becoming a Pharmacist.”