March 19, 2021 marks Phase I of the National Pharmacy Residency Match. Pharm.D. graduates from the University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy made an impressive impact with an 81% residency match. This is a great testament to the high-quality of education and training that the University of Montana Pharm.D. program provides, not to mention the excellence and dedication of our students, faculty, administrators and staff. The remaining 19% of students who did not match to their selected programs during Phase I will be able to apply to open residency and fellowship spots during Phase II on April 6, 2021.

The 2021 graduates will, in July 2021, be joining a variety of PGY-1 pharmacy residency programs located in Montana but also farther afield in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado, and also Louisiana and New Jersey. Impressively, four Pharm.D. graduates from 2020 who completed their PGY-1 residency training also matched to PGY-2 pharmacy residencies in Washington and Colorado in critical care (n=3) and medication use safety and policy (n=1). In addition, one 2021 graduate will be joining a fellowship program.

The Residency Match is a standardized process across the U.S. that pairs pharmacy applicants with available pharmacy residency positions (PGY-1 and PGY-2) after the application and evaluation process is completed in Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS). Both PhORCAS and the Match are overseen and administered by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Detailed information is available on the https://natmatch.com/ashprmp/.