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I was raised on the Virginia-West Virginia line, where the local independent pharmacy was a staple in the community. Seeing the role the pharmacists played not only in the pharmacy, but in the community as well, it took just a little encouragement to decide I wanted to become a pharmacist. I graduated high school knowing that The Appalachian College of Pharmacy, had just graduated their first class from their PharmD program. I attended Virginia Tech for undergraduate, focusing on the prerequisites I needed to get into ACP. During this time, I also began working as a certified pharmacy technician at New Graham Pharmacy, the independent pharmacy in my hometown, where I would continue to work over the next few years.

After fulfilling the prerequisites at Virginia Tech, I was accepted for the three-year PharmD program at The Appalachian College of Pharmacy for the Class of 2014. During my time at ACP, I served on the SGA, was president of our chapter of NCPA, and was a member of Kappa Psi and Rho Chi. Upon graduating and passing my NAPLEX, I officially began my pharmacy career as a staff pharmacist at the CVS in North Wilkesboro. After a few months, I was offered the position of Pharmacy Manager. A year later, I took over as Pharmacy Manager for the West Jefferson CVS.

In 2016, I was offered the position of Assistant Pharmacy Manager for the new Publix that was opening in Winston Salem. Several months after helping to open the pharmacy, I was offered the pharmacy manager position there. Over the next seven years I acted as the areas training pharmacist, opened the Jamestown Publix, and helped set up and open three more stores in the area. During this time, I also acted as a preceptor for the Fred Wilson College of Pharmacy and in 2022 began regularly attending Board of Pharmacy meetings.

In August of 2023, I decided to make the transition into long term care pharmacy and began working at Southern Pharmacy Services, part of the Guardian Pharmacy Network, where I am currently a pharmacist and the Pharmacy Automation and Cycle Supervisor.

In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors biking, running, or playing pickleball, and spending time with my wife Brittany, our dog Gunner, and our family.