

Dr. Bates is privileged to have been an invited lecturer many times on both state and national platforms. Dr. Bates has helped lead several non-profit organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Pharmacists Association, Hope House Free Medical Clinic, Cran Hill Ministries, and Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International. He has served as a deacon at Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville as well as led committees in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and at the Michigan Pharmacist's Association. Currently, he serves on the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International Board of Directors and chairs its Educational Affairs Committee.

He and his wife Sheryl are originally from the west-central Michigan area, but are now privileged to call Cedarville, Ohio home. They have three children and one grandchild. Dr. and Mrs. Bates are strong advocates for, and supporters of, foster care and adoption.



Marty Larson is the Chief Operating Officer for the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) and its affiliates, Greater Dayton Area Health Information Network and Southwestern Ohio Health Care Association (SOHCA). He is responsible for overseeing the operations including finance, assisting in strategic development and implementation, identifying emerging healthcare technology opportunities for member hospitals, relaunching SOHCA, identifying and addressing health equity opportunities in the region.

Marty has 30 years of experience in healthcare. He held leadership positions in finance, health information technology, and as an entrepreneur. He has served on the Cedarville School of Pharmacy Advisory Committee for 10+ years. He has a passion for impacting the community to address the needs in mental and behavioral health and improve health equity. Marty strives to use his work and life experiences to enhance the work of GDAHA and its community partners.

Marty received his master's degree from Antioch University McGregor in 2005 and undergraduate degree from Cedarville University. He resides in Xenia, Ohio with

Sara, his wife of over 35 years. He has three kids, Lydia, Tabitha, and Noah. Marty's daughters and their families reside in the Dayton area. Noah and his wife live in Denver. Marty has four grandkids whom he adores.

Waiting on the Lord By Teri Miller

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry." – Psalm 40:1 (NIV)



Waiting. There aren't many Christians – or people, for that matter – who would say they enjoy waiting. Of the many things that we can learn from Scripture, it is that God cannot be rushed and that He will work in His time and on His terms. We can stomp our feet and shake our fists; but ultimately, though incredibly frustrating, our tantrum only results in energy wasted and a delay in our understanding and acceptance of His will. Seeking God while we wait can be a time of rich spiritual growth. A garden grows with careful attention... and time. Ironically,

those two components are exactly what God used to create a long-awaited student chapter at Creighton University (Omaha, NE) to begin the work that CPFI is engaged in today. After I graduated from Creighton School of Pharmacy in 1996, I joined CPFI's National Organization in 1998 after learning about it from another colleague. CMDA and its partnership with our healthcare programs had given me an introduction into faith-based practice. I started working for Creighton in a part time capacity in 2003 with their newly-founded distance pharmacy pathway. In 2008, a message about CPFI went out to our students, and I subsequently told the chaplain that I would consider the role of faculty advisor if there was interest in starting a chapter. I never heard anything... and much like a watched garden, nothing seemed to "grow." Years went by, and I was approached again in 2019 by the same chaplain indicating there was a group of pharmacy students who had come to her with interest in starting a CPFI chapter. I again told her that I would be willing to advise if there was sufficient student interest. Thanks to the patience and initiating work of Ariana Guyette Martinez, PharmD, and her amazing ability to build unity, Creighton's CPFI student chapter was officially recognized by the University in the fall of 2020.

Ariana also initiated small group virtual Bible studies called "Life Groups," which also included Physical and Occupational Therapy students. I decided to participate, and the relationships that I developed within that circle of students across multiple healthcare professions caused me to grow exponentially, giving me an awareness of the difference between "checking off boxes" and living the life that God wanted for me. The remainder of my personal story is an article for another day.

Our chapter has been blessed with strong leaders who are focused on being the essence of Jesus Christ to promote love, support, and engagement with all three pathways that Creighton now offers. Both Ariana Guyette Martinez, PharmD and Heather Vande Kieft, PharmD started as P1s in our Omaha pathway, then transitioned into our distance pathway. Hannah Johnson Hardy, our current CPFI president, is an inaugural member of our Phoenix pathway, which is a hybrid. The leadership that these ladies have shown, along with their love for people and their testimony of who God is, has been a platform for God to display His power. Their transparency and vulnerability have compelled many students to a higher calling in patient care, as well as propelled students to ask: "How is my faith going to play into my professional life?" The emotional intelligence that we are called to possess to be influential in this younger generation (which is a very sensitive and engaged group of individuals) must be paired with the biblical grounding that already exists in CPFI, in order to be of maximum benefit

for Kingdom impact. I am so blessed to have had a front row seat to watch God use CPFI and the students in my life, and in one another's lives, to create practitioners who see patients as precious in God's sight and who recognize when patients need a touch from Him.



Teri Miller is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. She has over 27 years of pharmacy practice experience, is licensed in nine states, and is a Class II Diplomat Candidate in the American Society for Pharmacy Law. As a pharmacy educator, she has worked with Creighton University Distance Pathway Students for over twenty years. She is instrumental in scheduling introductory pharmacy practice experiences (IPPEs) for the Office of Experiential Education and recently began teaching the Pharmacy Practice Law course. She is the faculty advisor for the Creighton CPFI student chapter and serves as the Licensure Coordinator for the pharmacy school. Teri has served on the Nebraska Pharmacists' Association Legislative Committee for the last 12 years and the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy's MPJE Review Committee.

