



Meet the PharmaSUG 2020 Conference Team

It takes a variety of people to put on a conference and some of those individuals interact directly with our attendees during the submission process or onsite during registration check-in. As we continue our series “Getting to Know Your PharmaSUG Committee”, we would like to introduce you to one of our Registration Ambassadors, **Ali Henderson**, one of our Data Standards Section Chairs, **Karl Miller**, and one of the Hands-On Training Section Chairs, **Nikita Sathish**.

Ali (Alicia) is originally from San Luis Obispo, CA and is now residing in San Diego, CA. She is a travel Cheerleader mom, and likes to snowboard, waterski, and travel in the tropics. Her leisure time involves playing with her Shih Tzu, “Savvy”, and relaxing in her home while she snacks on cheese and crackers. In addition to all this, Ali also has a great sense of humor – she says about herself: “I bunny hop when I bowl”.

Ali believes in the strong use of social media as an aid for her job and the pharmaceutical SAS community network she has created over the course of 12 years going strong. She utilizes LinkedIn as a primary networking and sourcing tool to find the specialized niche candidates (programmers and statisticians) for her pharmaceutical & biotechnology clients. She volunteers at PharmaSUG and ICPE when needed. She also raises money and finds contributors or donations for the '**24 Hours for Hank Foundation**', a cause for finding a cure for Cystinosis.

Karl was born and raised on a small farm in the great plains of western Nebraska, and currently resides in Seward, NE, a city just outside the state capital and home of the Nebraska Cornhuskers (Lincoln). He is a father of 4 lovely daughters and spends his personal time outside of work as an assistant college football coach at Concordia University, and current city council member.

He was first introduced to SAS during his time as a student working towards his MS in Statistics. He took a job as a SAS programmer right after graduation at a Phase I/II CRO. His favorite project was creating from scratch, a set of automated set of programming to extract clinical data, build subject CRFs, SDTM domains, and output TLFs all in SAS Drug Development. Once all outputs were created, the programming would then e-mail specific study team and client decision-making members, with a HTML body e-mail with links to the specific outputs in near, real-time for rapid access to key study information around specific time points through the study progression. Outside of work, Karl continues volunteering for PharmaSUG and works with CDISC on the ADaM team, and the integration sub-team throughout the year.

Nikita is originally from India, but came to Arlington, TX 5 years ago to obtain her Master’s degree. After living in TX for 2 years, she moved to Seattle, WA and now loves the Pacific North West. Nikita is very good at remembering maps and directions, and loves to snack on chips and guacamole. Her hobbies include baking, painting and reading books.

Being an M.S. in Computer Science, Nikita was always fascinated to work with real world data, so most of her courses were related to Data Science and Data Analysis using Python and R. She was working on a project with clinical data which led her to take up an internship at Seattle Genetics Inc. where she was introduced to SAS. This also helped her understand industry specific standards like CDISC. She also took the Base SAS exam during this time, which helped her tremendously in her career. Besides her day job, Nikita is also a CDISC member and has volunteered as a section chair in the WUSS 2019 conference.