

**PHARMACY:** Kare Drugs, Bloomfield, N.M.

**AGE:** 34

**FAMILY:** Married eight years to Jay; daughter Kalyn, 1-1/2.

**EDUCATION:** PharmD, University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy, 2014.

**WINDING PATH:** Ashley didn't go right to college – no one in her family ever had and she didn't have the motivation, she says. She worked in a variety of jobs. She wanted a career in medicine, but had she waited too late? "I realized the time was going to pass anyway. It wasn't too late to get started."

**PERSONAL INTEREST:** Her aunt fell into a coma due to a drug interaction. "I was a chemistry nerd," she says. "And the situation with my aunt got me interested in how drugs interacted with the body. I realized I wanted to be a pharmacist. I wanted to make sure something like this didn't happen to other people."

**A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE:** Being older than most of her classmates was sometimes awkward, she says, but she turned it into motivation. "Some of them had never even had a job," she says. "They had no life lessons, no common sense. It made me realize that my background gave me something they didn't have."

**LOVING HER INDEPENDENCE:** "I always knew I wanted to be an independent, and I know that I'm happier than my chain cohorts."

**HER PHARMACY PASSION:** "It's so, so important for people to be involved. I want to make sure independents have a voice. And I feel that I need to do my very best to make sure my patients have a voice too."

**ADVICE FOR OTHER YOUNG PHARMACISTS:** "Join NCPA. Give to the PAC. Go to Convention." With a load of student debt, sometimes it's tough to find the money for a PAC donation, but for Ashley, it's a priority. "There is never going to be a perfect time. I think sometimes younger pharmacists don't understand what the PAC does for us. If you wait until you have extra money, you'll wait forever. We need to support those who speak for us. It's our future."



**Ashley Seyfarth, PharmD**