



Candidate for the Office of APhA-ASP
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GOAL STATEMENT

The APhA-ASP Policy Process is a unique opportunity for student pharmacists to make impactful change through legislation and resolution proposals. It is important to help students recognize the significance of policy and its impact on our profession. As Speaker of the House, I would like to work with regional and chapter officers to promote and educate fellow student pharmacists on the policy process and encourage them to get involved in advocating for our profession. Having served as both a policy vice president and regional delegate, I hope to bring my experiences as an APhA-ASP officer, as well as my external policy experience, to the team and promote student engagement in the policy process. As Speaker, I would also like to work on implementing the current and past APhA-ASP resolutions alongside the policy standing committee.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

APhA-ASP Leadership Experience:
- Region 1 Regional Delegate 2021 – 2022
- Chapter Policy Vice President

Local Leadership Experience:
- Executive President MCPHS Student Government Association
- Executive Vice President, President of the Senate, MCPHS Student Government Association
- Senator, School of Pharmacy, MCPHS Student Government Association
- Collegiate Advisory Council Member, MA House of Representatives Chynah Tyler
- Representative, Boston Intercollegiate Government

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA

As the parent organization, APhA works to provide pharmacists across the country with the resources and opportunities to elevate both pharmacists as individual healthcare professionals and the profession of pharmacy as a whole. Serving as the voice of pharmacy, APhA supports pharmacists throughout their professional journey while advocating for the important role pharmacists play in the interprofessional collaboration in healthcare. Through APhA-ASP, student pharmacists have the opportunity to prepare themselves as future healthcare providers by gaining hands-on patient care experiences while serving their surrounding communities. Chapter, regional, and national officer positions also train students to become leaders in the healthcare field by giving student pharmacists the chance to develop leadership skills not learned in traditional classroom settings and apply them directly to make impactful change. Since medicine is constantly evolving and improving, APhA-ASP also provides students with the medium to voice their concerns from a student level and bring a fresh perspective when it comes to finding ways to advance the pharmacy profession.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS & TALENTS

I joined my university's APhA-ASP chapter in my first year but did not officially join a committee until my second. Because of my previous involvement in mock trial, I decided to join the policy committee, where I worked on a resolution regarding the implementation of the tech-check-tech program. Though it did not pass regionals that year, I was able to experience the policy proposal forum and observe upperclassmen debate and defend their proposals during the forum. Serving as policy vice president for my chapter gave me the opportunity to coordinate the committee's activity, gain firsthand experience writing my chapter's resolution proposal, and help my fellow student pharmacists gain a better understanding of the policy process. During the January Business meeting this year, I had the chance to collaborate with other regional delegates and the Speaker of the House to prepare resolutions for the upcoming House of Delegates.

Apart from my experience as an APhA-ASP regional and chapter officer, I have also had the chance to get involved in policy both on and off my university campus. As executive president of my university's student government (SGA), I oversee the General Assembly and daily operations of the student government and provide general guidance to my executive board. I serve as the bridge of communication between the student body and the university administration and regularly meet with the Dean of Students, academic deans, and the Vice President of the Provost Office to update the upper administration on student affairs and work on action plans to resolve student concerns. Initially serving as Senator for the School of Pharmacy, I later led the Senate, managing 16 senators, and served as the Executive Vice President before rising to take the presidency in November of 2020. Through my three years in the MCPHS Student Government Association, I have had the opportunity to experience leading both branches of my university's SGA. In September of 2020, I led the integration of my university's SGA into the Boston Intercollegiate Government, where I served as a voting representative for MCPHS within the Governmental Affairs Committee. A coalition of 14 student governments, the Intercollegiate Government works with the local and state government to represent the interests of over 130,000+ students across the Greater Boston Area. One of our largest projects included hosting both candidates in the Boston mayoral race in a Mayoral Student Forum.

In addition to representing MCPHS within the Intercollegiate Government, I also represent my university on the collegiate advisory council for Representative Chynah Tyler, a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Currently, we are working on developing a policy workshop series to introduce students to policy at a state level and help educate students on the importance of getting involved in government.