



APhA-ASP National Officer Elections
Candidate for the Office of APhA-ASP National President-elect

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GOAL STATEMENT

As National President-elect my priority is to develop a supportive environment for all student pharmacists. With a great support system and motivation, a team and organization can succeed. A unique responsibility of this position is the opportunity to prepare for assume responsibility of the presidential role. Considering this, my energy will be concentrated on absorbing as much information as possible during my elect year. I am determined to set myself, as well as APhA-ASP, up for success by offering the utmost effort when serving on the National Executive Committee.

My campaign goal is to improve student engagement. Although chapters differ individually, it's important to remember we are all part of the same national organization. I intend on doing this by encouraging chapters and student members to network with surrounding chapters. Utilizing social media, communication apps, and networking sessions can increase member connection across the nation. Nationally, the focus is on improving individual chapter engagement, but this should be expanded to include collaboration between chapters. It would be inspiring to see individual chapters and members supporting each other.

I intend on serving as your APhA-ASP National President-elect and representing the collective voice of student pharmacists to the best of my ability.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

My leadership experiences have allowed me to grow professional as a student and become a self-assured leader.

Back home I serve as the student liaison between the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy and the New Mexico Pharmacist Association. This liaison position has allowed me to become established with our state association and build relationships to represent the student pharmacist voice in New Mexico. In addition, I had the honor of being selected to join the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy Student Ambassador Program where I interview prospective PharmD candidates, engage in recruitment activities for the college, and mentor incoming student pharmacists. Again, this position has enhanced my networking skills and given me practice on student interactions. Also, I have served as the Class of 2025 Vice President for two consecutive years. Although the above mentioned positions are not held in the Academy of Student Pharmacists, they have adequately prepared me to professionally serve as a leader on the national level.

Within APhA-ASP, I currently serve as the Region 8 Regional Delegate and Chapter President-elect. These roles have elevated my confidence in public speaking and presentation skills. As Regional Delegate, I carry the privilege of representing the voice of student pharmacists and represent Region 8 to the national office. Having the established connection to ASP student pharmacists, I hope to appropriately represent the collective voice of student pharmacists throughout the country. As chapter President-elect I learned how to develop a supportive community for all students, regardless of membership. I genuinely find joy in meeting new people and creating lasting connections. My chapter position has allowed the advantage of becoming familiar with the elect position as it mirrors the duties and responsibilities of those of the national elect position.

Having various leadership experiences in APhA-ASP has allowed me to become familiar with this organization and fueled my ambition to continue my student career serving this amazing pharmily.

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA-ASP

My dedication for APhA-ASP started with a single person at my chapter. Without this individual encouraging me to become involved with this organization, I truly do not believe I would have found my passion in pharmacy school. I value everything this organization represents, specifically the inclusivity of providing a home for every student pharmacist. Given the inclusivity, I hope to encourage other members to find their passion within APhA-ASP. No matter the interest, APhA and APhA-ASP has a program or activity for each pharmacist and student pharmacist. I look forward to instilling this sense of home in providing a somewhere and somehow for students to find their passions. The association has a unique opportunity in that all pharmacy personnel are invited to join. The American Pharmacist Association serves student pharmacists, but I know that once I am a practicing pharmacist, I will always have a permanent home in APhA.

There are SO many programs and activities provided for student pharmacists to professional grow, take part in patient care, or advocate for our profession. I must admit to my bias of enjoying the policy freedom APhA-ASP allows student pharmacists to have. This organization allows for ALL voices to be heard and provides an opportunity to advocate for the profession as a student. The APhA-ASP House of Delegates sessions are where I felt the most inspired and decided to become involved in the policy process, which led me to pursue the Regional Delegate position. Who better to advocate for the future and progression of this profession than those that are the future of this profession? I hope to expand my enthusiasm (and yours) for policy at Annual 2023!

TALENTS & SKILLS

People will follow and accept a leader whom they trust. As mentioned above, I appreciate creating meaningful relationships and connecting with new people. This relationship building skill enables me to create a welcoming and approachable environment. I wholeheartedly believe in the statement "people follow people". Incorporating this into my position could potentially help me achieve my goal of increasing student membership engagement and creating a tight network of support for this organization.

I take pride in my ability to adapt well to changes in my environment. For example, taking on a leadership position can create a change in a student pharmacists' life and require adjustments to be made. No matter the situation, I can always find a way to adapt by asking the right questions or asking for help. This organization has faced many changes lately and I believe it will continue to evolve to fit the needs of its students. I intend to change and grow with this association and its students. Change is a great sign of growth and progression, which my adaptability can maintain with.

I believe these skills will add value to APhA-ASP and student pharmacists across the nation and indicated my quality to fulfill the position. I'm so excited to have this opportunity to represent student pharmacists and grow professional and personally!