



Candidate for the Office of APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

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GOAL STATEMENT

If elected to Speaker of the House, I will continue to uphold the values of APhA-ASP. I will do so by providing efficient and timely communication to local and national leaders. I am committed to be a voice for the membership of APhA-ASP and strive to uphold their legacy. In addition to representing the values of APhA-ASP, I will be a sounding board for students and their ideas promoting the betterment of the profession of pharmacy. As Speaker of the House, I would encourage student-pharmacists to get involved with our excellent programs. Be it an interest in policy or our community outreach projects; a plethora of unique learning opportunities awaits student-pharmacists. For example, I will continue to promote the Back the PAC campaign, increasing exposure to the campaign by emphasizing the importance of the work done on Capitol Hill. I will uphold the legacy of APhA-ASP by performing in a manner of excellence.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

This is my second year as the SC College of Pharmacy's ASP chapter Policy Vice President. I have worked diligently to get students involved since I became involved in this organization by developing various projects, committees, and events. I have also served as the SCCP's chapter delegate at the Mid-Year Regional Meetings. This will be my third year as an SCCP student ambassador. I served as a Corporal of Marines in the United States Marine Corps from 2008-2013.

PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

APhA-ASP is an exceptional organization with unique learning opportunities for student-pharmacists. Our membership makes up one the largest student organizations and for great reason. Our members are inspiring and the energy that is brought by student-pharmacists in their various roles is impressive! Our community outreach programs give student-pharmacists educational experiences, but also encourage creativity, honing leadership skills. I encourage students to act, to harness their energy, and to empower themselves to provide excellent care. Our patient care initiatives are essential in developing a community/student-pharmacist relationship. Giving back to our communities is one way that we, as student-pharmacists, further our profession. The policy development process of APhA-ASP continues to be an excellent resource for ideas surrounding an evolving profession.

SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

During my time in the Marines, I had the honor of working with great mentors and leaders. Their support, both in garrison and on deployment, helped me build my foundation as a leader. The work experience and training I received has proven invaluable in my development as a student-pharmacist and a leader. I understand the art of perseverance, bearing, and a stubborn work ethic. I will be a strong support for APhA-ASP student pharmacists in a fast-evolving profession and to continue the legacy of caring for patients. I understand what it takes to work as a team, as well as how important it is to consider all opinions and concerns carefully. I am skilled at taking challenges and determining an avenue of approach to achieve the mission. When faced with a problem, I look at it as a goal, seeking out resources to accomplish the goal. I advocate for student-pharmacists wherever I may be needed. I have experience with virtual coordination of projects and have the knowledge to use various platforms to communicate with team-members.