



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

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GOAL STATEMENT

Student pharmacists are the future leaders of our profession. The members of APhA-ASP come from a variety of backgrounds, but all of us have a goal of bettering the profession of pharmacy and the future of patient care. As APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, I will utilize the diverse backgrounds of our members to advocate for all patients and practice areas. I will develop an increased understanding of the policy process at the local level by collaborating with the APhA-ASP National Standing Committee on Policy and Regional Delegates to create additional resources, such as a Policy 101 slide template, to ensure Policy Vice Presidents are trained in the policy process and can then share their knowledge with their chapters. Additionally, I want to increase awareness about legislation that will change the pharmacy practice by delivering updates through APhA-ASP's various social media pages.

As your APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, I will ensure every student pharmacist is provided with the tools that he or she needs to advocate for the profession and represent APhA-ASP as the collective voice of student pharmacists.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

APhA-ASP Leadership Experiences

- APhA-ASP Regional Delegate, Region VI
- APhA-ASP UMKC Policy Vice President (2 years)
- APhA-ASP PharmAssist Mentor (2 years)
- Past APhA-ASP UMKC Operation Immunization Co-Chair
- Past UMKC APhA-ASP OTC Medicine Safety Committee Member

Additional Leadership Experiences

- Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA) Membership Committee (2 years)
- Phi Lambda Sigma Columbia Campus Liaison
- UMKC School of Pharmacy Student Ambassador (2 years)

My above leadership experiences have made me a well-rounded leader. I currently attend pharmacy school on a distance campus. I have used this as an opportunity to improve my communication skills through coordinating policy and advocacy events with multiple campuses and schools of pharmacy across the state of Missouri. In my role as APhA-ASP Chapter Policy Vice President, I have learned how to empower students to advocate for the profession by teaching student pharmacists the importance of advocating and how they can become involved in advocacy efforts both at the state and national levels. Through my involvement in the Missouri Pharmacy Association, I have learned how to plan a legislative day and worked to create a Missouri Student Pharmacist Network to help ensure that we have a strong, unified voice for Missouri student pharmacists. As an APhA-ASP Regional Delegate, I have worked to improve communication between the schools and colleges of pharmacy in my region regarding important policy updates and promoted policy discussions between Policy Vice Presidents. Additionally, my role as APhA-ASP Regional Delegate has given me critical insight into the workings of the policy processes within APhA-ASP and APhA that will be crucial for my position as APhA-ASP National Speaker of the House.

PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

I believe that APhA and APhA-ASP are imperative for the future of the pharmacy profession. APhA-ASP is the collective voice of student pharmacists. We are the only organization that represents **all** student pharmacists. APhA-ASP offers students the unique opportunity to provide their input through the policy process and empowers student pharmacists to use their voice to advocate for the profession of the pharmacy and for the betterment of patient care.

I have seen many students grow as professionals through the programing and activities that APhA-ASP provides. No other student organization engages students at such a high capacity as APhA-ASP. APhA-ASP gives students the opportunity to find their passion within the profession and serve to better their community, schools of pharmacy, and themselves. The wide variety of patient care projects that student pharmacists can be involved in through APhA-ASP provides students with vital opportunities to improve their patient care skills and interact with the community. Additionally, APhA-ASP creates leaders for the future of the pharmacy profession through the variety of leadership positions on the local, regional, national, and international levels.

SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

Through an initiative at the hospital where I work, I was able to complete the Gallup's Strengths Finder test. I believe the strengths I possess provide me with skills necessary to serve as the APhA-ASP Speaker of the House. My strengths are as follows:

1. Achiever
2. Learner
3. Futuristic
4. Discipline
5. Deliberative

As APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, I will spend much of my time finding ways we can improve the future of pharmacy practice and advocating for these improvements. My futuristic and achiever strengths will ensure we are always looking forward to the future of the pharmacy profession and that we achieve those goals. I am very analytical, and my deliberative strength will allow me to make well thought out decisions for the Academy. As with any National Executive Committee position, I will have much to learn to be a strong leader for student pharmacists across the nation and my love for learning that is encompassed in my learner strength will help me become well versed in all things APhA and APhA-ASP. Lastly, the demands of this position can be difficult at times, but my disciplined nature will allow me to achieve my goals, no matter how busy the job may become.

In addition to these strengths, I am also skilled in advocating for the profession. As this year's APhA Good Government Student Pharmacist-of-the-Year Award recipient, I understand the importance and the hard work that is required to advocate for the profession of pharmacy and can use my own experiences to help students across the country feel empowered to advocate as well.