



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

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GOAL STATEMENT

When becoming a student pharmacist, I longed for meaningful involvement to confirm my decision to step into the world of pharmacy. APhA-ASP was more than I could have ever expected. Being involved with APhA-ASP taught me the importance of advocating for our profession, ensuring student pharmacists' opportunities to thrive, and redefining a pharmacist's role in patient care. A platform to promote our voices is what inspired me to run for the APhA-ASP National President-Elect position. This position provides me the opportunity to encourage others to seek their own journey, which is what I strive to become my legacy. My goal is to create a platform for student pharmacists to turn to when they are needing help igniting a flame, for themselves or their chapters, and remembering why they chose to do the amazing things that they do: because we love our profession. The brighter the light is within each student pharmacist, the higher our flame will be and the more visible we become. As National President-Elect, I want to electrify student pharmacists with passion to seek initiatives to expand our amazing foundation in patient care and advocacy. Let's take steps together to become brighter than we could ever be alone.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

American Pharmacist Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)

Leadership Positions

- Chapter President Elect 2018-present
- Operation OTC Medication Safety Co-chair 2017-2018
- Patient Counseling Competition Committee member 2017-2018
- Operation Diabetes Committee member 2017-2018

Professional Meeting Attendance

- APhA-ASP Region 3 Midyear Regional Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina- November 2017
- Student Leadership Institute, Washington, D.C.- July 2018
- APhA-ASP Region 3 Midyear Regional Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee- October 2018

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Leadership Positions

- Healthcare Outreach Director 2017-2018

University of South Florida College of Pharmacy Plexus

Leadership Positions

- Plexus Mentor 2017- present
- Mentoring undergraduate students who are interested in entering College of Pharmacy.

Florida Pharmacy Association

Leadership Positions

- Student Advocacy Outreach Team 2017-present
- Subcommittee of Governmental Affairs Committee with FPA

Professional Meeting Attendance

- Legislative Days and Health Fair, Tallahassee, Florida- January 2017

Leadership Positions – Prior to Pharmacy School

- Club Volleyball Coach

PHILOSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

Everyone I have met that has had an encounter with an APhA-ASP Chapter or member has expressed nothing but praise for the organization. This is because APhA and APhA-ASP strive to provide each student pharmacist with the knowledge and experiences to excel their platform. The association has an impressive umbrella effect, offering opportunities to advance and explore a wide variety of practice settings and specialties within the pharmacy profession. Student pharmacists are not limited to activities held at their colleges—they are welcomed into national initiatives. The impacts of these opportunities provided by APhA-ASP and APhA are seen and recognized at both the community and national level. As an Academy, we have reached hundreds of thousands of patients and demonstrated ways both pharmacists and student pharmacists provide care. These characteristics of APhA and APhA-ASP enable us to stand out much more boldly than any other organization.

Not only do APhA and APhA-ASP offer student pharmacists ample opportunities to thrive, it also has the intent to create a closeness among its members and national leadership. This was very apparent during our Chapters' student outreach visit, the Student Leadership Institute, and the Midyear Regional meetings I have attended. The leadership teams in both APhA and APhA-ASP provide nothing but support for each Chapter at the different Colleges of Pharmacy and continually show its members that they are always there to help, no matter what their title.

APhA is one of the largest organizations to represent the profession of pharmacy and accomplishes incredible outreach efforts at a national level, while still having close ties with the individual chapters at each school. APhA and APhA-ASP allow students pharmacists to grow and evolve their vision of pharmacy and is an Academy that I will always remain a part of.

SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

The people I look up to in our organization, both at a Chapter level and nationally, are those that I aspire to emulate. I recognize similar qualities within myself, and I believe these characteristics will help me to fulfill the position of APhA-ASP National President-elect.

I am very outgoing, find joy in meeting new people, and try to make a lasting impression on all of those I am surrounded by. The more comfortable you are around others, the easier it is to work with and help empower them to be their absolute best. It is important to me to ensure that each person I encounter feels included and connected, which in turn has strengthened my ability to listen. The better you listen to those around you, the more you can understand and appreciate their perspective. This can create a trusting foundation between you and those that you work closely with and develop a unified vision and goals.

I have also developed the skill of pushing people out of their comfort zone to help them see the potential that others see in them. Sometimes it just takes one person to show someone how to be comfortable with being uncomfortable and, in turn, igniting their internal flame. Being in the APhA- ASP National President-elect position will allow me to further develop this skill and will also allow me to further adapt to being outside of my own comfort zone.

I find myself serving as a mediator to help facilitate different perspectives – you never know who in the room is going to revolutionize the way we do things, who may otherwise be talked over or not heard. Taking each perspective and idea into account is something I am proud I have developed because it can greatly impact what is completed with the organization. With that being said, I am not afraid to reflect and scale back when things seem like they are spread too thin, moving away from our purpose, or just need to come back to redefine our path because of life and changes.

For me, the APhA-ASP National President-elect position is more than just a title. It is a chance to share my passion with other student pharmacists in APhA-ASP and help them come alive in any way possible.

CELEBRATE THE PAST



ENVISION THE FUTURE