



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

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### GOAL STATEMENT

My experience in the American Pharmacist Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) started with a fun opportunity that resulted in me becoming a member. As experience in this organization has shown me, there are abundant leadership opportunities that are offered to every student pharmacist in APhA-ASP. It begins at the local chapter and extends to national positions. APhA-ASP is an organization that expands a student pharmacist's potential if the student seizes the opportunity. My goal for APhA-ASP is to help student pharmacists find their potential in this organization.

I intend to work with the Awards Standing Committee to recognize the good that we do. I would also like to add more awards to chapters. In working with the International Standing Committee we will organize international drives and campaigns. I would like to increase the number of student exchange programs across our organization by emphasizing the role of the International Vice President at our local chapters. In addition to those committees, I want to work with the Member Engagement Standing Committee to make APhA-ASP more competitive among the pharmacy organizations offered in each school and state. This includes looking at member benefits and seeing what can be added or built upon.

### BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

Leadership experiences have brought me to this point to apply for a national elected office. It started off in APhA within my local chapter. In my first few weeks of being a first-year student pharmacist, I was invited to go present to an elementary school group about the differences between medicine and candy. This began my interest in Operations GenRx and OTC Safety. Quickly, I became a co-chair for our OTC Safety Operation. The local elections for our chapter came, and I was surprisingly nominated by a fellow classmate to run for president-elect. The nomination took me off-guard, yet I gladly accepted. More people came to express their faith in me at this role and I ended up being voted as the chapter president-elect. During my first semester as a second-year student pharmacist a fellow student pharmacist encouraged me to run for a regional position at our upcoming Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM). I studied the different positions and saw that the regional Member-at-large position was best fitted for what I had to offer. At the end of our amazing MRM weekend, Region 7 of APhA-ASP elected me as their Member-at-large. It is my hope to be elected to the National President-Elect position!

Other local leadership positions have also helped me develop as a leader. In the pharmacy fraternity, Kappa Epsilon (KE), I have served this past year as the rush chair for our local chapter. It also provides opportunities to organize different events that I have coordinated. Another group that I hold a leadership position in is the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). In this organization, I am the community liaison for our chapter. This position requires me to interact with different clinical pharmacists and specialists throughout the state of Montana and recruit them to come and present to us student pharmacists about their background, work, and advice.

### PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

The American Pharmacist Association (APhA) has a mission to develop the future field of pharmacy. Within the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) they directly focus on this responsibility. This particular purpose is fulfilled as the organization provides opportunities for student pharmacists to grow within their field, become more skilled as leaders, and facilitate the camaraderie within the pharmacy profession.

A focus on patient-centered care is at the core for all pharmacists. APhA-ASP provides ample opportunities for student pharmacists to gain these visceral experiences on local, regional, national, and international levels. Multiple operations have been established for student pharmacist to pick and choose how they can help the people within their community's. Another way that student pharmacists can become more involved is by understand the different policies, bills, and legislative acts within their different states and their country. Keeping up to date on these ever-changing laws provides these student pharmacists to practice at the top of their ability. A chance to serve patients or to petition for the field of pharmacy comes with added responsibility.

Student pharmacists need to fulfill their roles as current and future leaders of the health care world. Again, APhA-ASP provides these roles in all levels of its organization. There is no limit to what a student can aspire to do within APhA-ASP. Every single patient that is aided within APhA-ASP's operations began with a leader who inspired to reach out. Every policy that APhA-ASP has proposed to become a part of an official bill or legislation has come from a leader who saw the need for change. Many of these trailblazers would not have received the opportunity as student pharmacists if APhA did not invest into the student pharmacists.

As a universal group of student pharmacists, there exists a fellowship that grows with every new student. There is a great respect for the field of pharmacy and even more within the practitioners of this profession. Rather than being an elitist group that doesn't hold firm, pharmacists uplift, accept and encourage each other. This familiar friendship begins as a student pharmacist and APhA-ASP values these foundational relationships.

### SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

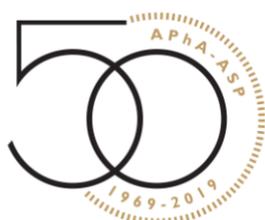
The National President-Elect position requires multiple and various leadership qualities. I feel that I am suited to fit many of the needed attributes but there are a signature few that I feel best represent me. The three attributes that I would like to highlight and that make me a qualified candidate are passion, integrity, and maturity.

Ever since I made the decision that I was going to attend pharmacy school, I began researching the most up-to-date information in the state where I live about the practices of pharmacy. My passion for the field of pharmacy is continually growing and I intend on continuing to expand that. My passion for the profession encompasses a quest for knowledge outside the classroom. This includes cultural, nontraditional, as well as conventional studies and therapies within the pharmacy realm.

One of the single most important characteristics of a pharmacist is integrity. This includes making the correct decision as a principle no matter the circumstances. It also includes saying the right thing as well as in actions or choices that are made. I do my best to continually work on this attribute, as I believe it makes me a better person.

My third mentioned quality is maturity. As the youngest of seven children, I have learned that by emulating those who have gone before me, it has helped me to get a step ahead in life. Maturity also manifests itself in different ways. Work ethic and prioritization can be a key to maturity and these are entirely necessary as a National President-Elect.

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