



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

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### GOAL STATEMENT

Policy is such a passion. I am passionate about turning an idea to an adopted resolution. If elected Speaker of the House, I will motivate every student pharmacist to embrace the privilege of his/her existence by advocating for his/her profession. APhA-ASP has a policy postcard that presents a unique opportunity to merge APhA-ASP Patient Care Projects and grassroots advocacy. The postcard offers an opportunity for patients to show their appreciation for student pharmacists and the clinical services they provide by sending it to their state and federal legislators. I plan to diligently work with the eight regional delegates, members of the National Policy Committee, and policy Vice-Presidents to implement that idea in every chapter. Furthermore, I plan to highlight successful chapters in every region with innovative policy events on social media (Facebook, Instagram) by using #EmbraceThePrivilegeofYourExistence. APhA-ASP is the voice of student pharmacists across the country. More than 40,000 student pharmacists across the country are tirelessly helping patients in their path to better health through incredible patient care activities. This fiftieth anniversary in Seattle will mark a legacy of an association that has been having a beneficial impact in America and abroad. Serving this association locally through my chapter is.

### BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

I have been fortunate to serve multiple roles as a student pharmacist to grow as a leader. Currently, I am the President of the Howard University APhA-ASP Chapter. As a team, we managed to elect a Regional Delegate at the Midyear Regional Meeting, Region 2 in Baltimore, Maryland. Furthermore, we conducted successful patient care events such as “Mental Health Awareness Week” and policy/advocacy events such as “Advocacy day with the D.C. Government.” Second, I have served as the Pharmacy Student Director of the Washington D.C. Pharmacy Association where my role is to assist student pharmacists in their involvement with the State Association through patient care and advocacy events. As an example, I spearheaded a very successful student letter-writing campaign to pass the Collaborative Practice Agreement Regulations in August 2017. Third, I served as policy chairs for our local Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) where I led different teams of student pharmacists to Capitol Hill in order to advocate for drug pricing, provider’s status, and opioid overdose. Lastly, I served as the Vice-President of our Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO) chapter where I scheduled visits to pharmaceutical companies such as Pfizer and Omnicom Health so student pharmacists are exposed to a different field of pharmacy. Furthermore, I spearheaded the process of creating a partnership with the Omnicom Health Group for rotation and fellowship opportunities for Howard students.

### PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

APhA-ASP leads by example. APhA-ASP always think ahead of its time. This organization has always impressed me since I made the smart decision to join. Patient care programs and activities are planned nationwide by every chapter to create a major impact on patients’ health. I believe this organization will remain stronger because of endless patient care operations such as Operation Diabetes, Operation Immunization, Operation OTC Literacy, Operation Heart, and Generation Rx and policy/advocacy events. Since 1969, APhA-ASP has been a pioneer of outstanding leadership through pharmacy. Some activities focus on professional growth preparing student pharmacists to be ready to practice in the area of their choice. Whether it is community, hospital, or industry, APhA values its members by providing opportunities to become a stellar leader in pharmacy. One of the most innovative advocacy actions that APhA has done is the right for pharmacists to immunize. In 1996, APhA established its Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery program, which the CDC endorsed. It is an educational program that teaches student pharmacists and pharmacists the skills needed to become a primary provider for both vaccine education and administration. Currently, all 50 states allow student pharmacists and pharmacists to immunize thanks to APhA. This has become a very successful initiative because patients have had more access to their local trained pharmacists for flu shots. Multiple immunization activities are remarkably planned and executed through Operation Immunization across the country. Other organizations such as the Student National Pharmaceutical Organization (SNPhA) followed APhA’s leadership by immunizing the minority community (the underserved). Immunization services helped develop an idea of drafting a bill called “H.R.592 - Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act”, also called “Provider’s status.” As of now, student pharmacists and pharmacists have managed to obtain more than half bill sponsors in the Senate and the House of Representatives. The purpose of this bill is to increase health care access to the underserved by integrating pharmacists in the healthcare system under the Social Security Act. Everything starts with an idea or a story. Multiple patients we serve on a daily basis always remind us about the importance to consistently innovate our profession to better their lives. Pharmacists are the drug experts, and APhA totally embodies that philosophy. I am honored to fight for that philosophy through my local involvements as Howard Chapter President through enormous patient care and policy programs.

### SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

I am a very passionate individual. One of the primary skills I have is the ability to motivate and inspire my peers to embrace their calling. As a student pharmacist, we have to do so by consistently engaging with our local and state legislators to advocate for issues pertaining to our profession. Through my service as ASHP policy chair or APhA President-Elect/President, I have educated many student pharmacists on different healthcare policies such as the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid/Medicare, APhA’s provider status, and D.C. Collaborative Practice Agreement. I have conducted multiple meetings with different teams of student pharmacists about advocacy on Capitol Hill. My school is located in Washington D.C., so I consistently mentor students to be good advocates for the profession we love. I am able to efficiently monitor all APhA social media outlets. I have highlighted incredible achievements of all Howard APhA members on social media as a sign of recognition for outstanding work. Furthermore, I am confident, outgoing, and I have great multitasking skills. I am currently holding four positions as a third-year pharmacist student, and I am still able to find a balance to study well. Flexibility is also an important skill that I have as well as being an important team-player. I understand multiple activities will be planned and executed in a group, so my great listening and communication skills will play a major role in that process. Based on my passion and experience, I believe I have what it takes to become a great Speaker of the House.

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