



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

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**GOAL STATEMENT**

As APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, I will work to move the pharmacy profession forward by encouraging every APhA-ASP member to recognize the significance of his or her role in the policy process. I will serve as the voice for students nationwide as I advocate for change in the APhA House of Delegates and on Capitol Hill. As a first year APhA-ASP member, I did not recognize the student’s place in shaping pharmacy policy. I believed that policy change began with professionals in important positions, but I have learned that policy change begins with the ideas of individual members. As APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, I will develop additional resources for chapters to use in educating their newest members regarding their role in the policy process. I will also make myself available to all members of APhA-ASP to answer questions about policy, other aspects of pharmacy, and the Academy. APhA-ASP functions to improve patient care by inspiring and educating students, serving the community, and advocating for the profession. APhA-ASP also directs the energy that students possess to advance healthcare. It would be an honor to serve as Speaker of the APhA-ASP House of Delegates and join the mission of APhA-ASP.

**BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE**

- APhA-ASP Chapter President Elect, April 2018-Present
  - As President Elect, I have been responsible for arranging guest speakers from the community, planning and coordinating meetings, and communicating with executive members from UMKC’s two other campuses.
- APhA-ASP Region 6 Nominating Committee Member, October 2018
  - At MRM, I worked with delegates from twelve other schools of pharmacy to interview and slate candidates for regional office. We reviewed the qualifications of each candidate to ensure successful leadership of the region.
- UMKC School of Pharmacy in Springfield Class of 2021 President, August 2017-Present
  - During my first year as president, I facilitated the establishment of class bylaws and a code of conduct. These documents establish expectations for the class that can be reasonably enforced. As class president, I have also served as a liaison between my peers and school leadership.
- Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Philanthropy Committee Co-Chair, August 2018-Present
  - I am responsible for leading a committee that plans, schedules, and executes three philanthropic events per semester.

**PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP**

With an effective skillset, a leader can inspire those whom he or she leads to move the organization forward. In the case of APhA-ASP, effective leaders inspire members to serve their communities, become more involved in their schools, and advocate for their profession. Some of the skills required for the position of APhA-ASP Speaker of the House include experience, passion, and levelheadedness.

I have been in various leadership positions since I was young and have continued into my pharmacy career. My passion for leading and helping other people began during my journey to earn my Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America. While in Scouting, I led my troop as a Senior Patrol Leader, and I led my peers to build bunk beds for foster families during my Eagle Scout project. During pharmacy school, I have served as Class President and President-Elect of APhA-ASP. All of these experiences taught me how to communicate, delegate, and lead a team to accomplish the goals set by the team. As APhA-ASP Speaker of the House, I will lead various committees such as the Resolutions Committee and the Reference Committee. I will also lead the open hearing on resolutions at the APhA Annual Meeting and the APhA-ASP House of Delegates. The skills that I have developed from these previous experiences will guide me in steering meaningful large group discussions among APhA-ASP members and committees.

During my first year and a half in pharmacy school, I have developed a passion for pharmacy policy, largely through experiences I have had on the local, regional and national levels. On the local level, I was inspired by passionate leaders who took the time to talk with me about the process and importance of pharmacy policy in promoting our profession. On the national level, I attended the APhA-ASP Summer Leadership Institute, which taught me additional leadership skills and introduced me to advocating for pharmacy forward policies with legislators. Speaking to congressional staffers at SLI alongside my peers contributed largely to my passion because these experiences made me feel like I was making a difference. The excitement that was sparked by these experiences will help me serve the 34,000 members of APhA-ASP. I want to demonstrate the importance of policy and spread my passion by speaking with members in the way leaders took the time to speak with me.

In order to effectively lead discussions about policy, one must be levelheaded and open to listening to ideas on both sides of the issue. In leading committee discussions or open discussions among large groups of people, I will have to remain neutral. While I am passionate about policy and have strong opinions on the issues, I care more about giving every member of the profession an equal opportunity to express his or her opinion. I think logically and do not let emotions cloud my ability to lead, which has helped me lead groups in the past and would help me lead as APhA-ASP Speaker of the House.

**SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS**

- **Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society, December 2018-Present**
  - I was accepted to PLS based upon the leadership abilities I have demonstrated through my involvement at school and in the community.
- **Glenski Family Scholarship, September 2018**
  - This scholarship is awarded to one University of Missouri-Kansas City pharmacy student annually who has maintained at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and is involved in extracurricular activities with a community service emphasis.
- **University of Missouri-Kansas City Dean’s List, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018**
  - In order to earn Dean’s List honors, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA for a semester.
- **Missouri State University Dean’s List, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016**
  - In order to earn Dean’s List honors, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA for a semester.
- **Bright Flight Scholarship, May 2015**
  - Bright Flight is awarded to all students in the State of Missouri who score in the top one percent on the ACT.
- **Missouri State University Board of Governor’s Scholarship, May 2015**
  - Missouri State University awards this scholarship to all students based upon a sliding scale of high school GPA and ACT score. It is also awarded to all students who earn their International Baccalaureate Diploma in high school. Met both sets of criteria to earn this scholarship.
- **Lee’s Summit, Missouri Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, May 2015**
  - This scholarship is awarded to one student annually who has maintained a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA and has a parent working for a business affiliated with the Lee’s Summit Chamber of Commerce.
- **Eagle Scout Award, November 2011**
  - Earned through Troop 1042 in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. For my Eagle Scout project, I built and delivered three sets of bunk beds for Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association.

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