



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

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GOAL STATEMENT

The programs and activities in APhA provide opportunities for the student pharmacist and practitioner to grow and develop. These programs have helped evolve and define the profession of pharmacy into the practice as we know it today.

As APhA-ASP Speaker of the House my mission would be to continue to build on the foundation and legacy of our past leaders in the Academy. My goals would be to collaborate with student chapters and regional officers on policy and grassroots advocacy efforts, create more educational tools for student pharmacists and their mentors, and, most importantly, work on the state and national levels towards policy and advocacy initiatives to help support the Academy. My intent for this year would be to make the policy and advocacy process more transparent to both the student pharmacist and faculty mentor, empowering student pharmacists to rise and create the change they would like to see in our profession. Accomplishing these goals will be no small task and will require a team effort. If we collaborate, we can drive the needed changes in our healthcare system that will leave lasting impacts both on our profession and in the lives of the patients we serve.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

Over the last year I have had the honor of serving as APhA-ASP Chapter Policy and Advocacy Vice President. At the state level, I currently serve on the Tennessee Student Society of Pharmacists (TSSP), which is the student subset of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA), as a Member-At-Large. In previous years I served as a TSSP delegate. My involvement in leadership in other organizations includes serving currently as the Chair for the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences (AAPS), Policy and Immunization Chair for Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), Service Chair for College of Psychiatric and Neurological Pharmacists (CPNP), and, this past summer, on the Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy's Strategic Planning Committee.

PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

The Academy of Student Pharmacists has created a home where every student pharmacist can feel welcome and encouraged to share their vision and insights with other likeminded student pharmacists and pharmacy mentors across the nation. The entire APhA community has helped create a place for each professional specialization and interest group to collaborate. The programs and activities provided help the student and practitioner engage in active learning and networking opportunities. Within the organization, both patient care and advocacy are apparent. APhA's collective voice has allowed for major changes and innovations to occur in both the realm of pharmacy and more deeply throughout our US healthcare system. Our voices together continue to make us strong!

SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

My involvement in the Academy started during my first year as a student pharmacist while attending the mid-year meeting for my region. During the opening session, APhA-ASP president-elect Michael Murphy spoke on "Together We Can." Surrounded by new friends and soon-to-be mentors, I was reminded in that room of the personal reasons that inspired me to work towards the goal of becoming a pharmacist. My advocacy efforts are driven from the deeper desire to empower student pharmacists to make an impact on healthcare policy and patient advocacy.

Over the last three years I have become more involved in both policy and advocacy initiatives at the state and national level. My opportunities and mentorship through the Academy and my state association, have helped me grow and develop into the student pharmacist I am today. Within these organizations and others, I have learned the importance of communication and collaboration within a team.

At this time, I participate in monthly video calls, help create agendas for both chapter and executive meetings, and create fun ways for student pharmacists to participate in the policy and advocacy process. Working with other student pharmacists at my university and across the state of Tennessee I have helped create and participate in:

- Legislative writing campaigns.
- Back- the- PAC campaign.
- Planning and moderating a multi-organizational policy panel.
- Created patient advocacy video for TSSP.
- Mentoring student pharmacists on the APhA-ASP legislative resolution process.
- Writing resolutions for the APhA Mid-Year-Regional meeting.
- Helping create a Governor's proclamation to celebrate "American Pharmacists Month" with the executive director of my state association and celebrating with all of the Tennessee Pharmacy schools.
- Holding educational meetings such as "Pumpkins & Policy" and "Mock House of Delegates" to discuss grassroots efforts.
- Working with a student American Medical Association group to create an interprofessional resolution to present during an upcoming Tennessee legislative session.
- Legislative "Pharmacy Day on the Hill & Legislative Health Fair."
- Educational health fairs at local pharmacies, churches, public libraries, and YMCA.
- Traveling and supporting other student chapters in their policy and advocacy initiatives.

CELEBRATE THE PAST



ENVISION THE FUTURE