



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

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GOAL STATEMENT

As Speaker one of my main goals will be to increase involvement in the APhA-ASP policy initiatives. I believe this can be achieved by cultivating a shift in focus for our policy process toward a mindset centered on policy as an opportunity for advocacy. Many student pharmacists are immediately turned off from anything that appears to be too political. By focusing more on advocacy, we could entice more student pharmacists to be actively involved in the policy process.

To accomplish this I would propose the following:

- Incorporate advocacy and policy in health fairs. Imbed an underlying theme focused on what services pharmacists are trained to provide and what we as health care providers hope to do in the future.
- Create an elevator speech competition similar in structure to the patient counseling competition.
- Work with policy vice-presidents and regional delegates to identify new and innovative ways to engage chapter members to create a culture of advocacy.

I see advocacy as a common theme that connects every aspect of our association. I believe that APhA-ASP can develop more student pharmacists who are passionate about and prepared to be advocates for our patients, communities, and our profession.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

APhA-ASP Positions:

- Regional:
 - Region 7 Delegate 2016-2017
 - Resolutions Committee
- Local:
 - Chapter Policy-Vice President 2017-2018
 - Chapter Policy-Vice President Elect 2016-2017

Other Leadership Experiences:

- Regional:
 - Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc. Northwest Province Awards Committee 2017-2018
- State:
 - Washington State Pharmacy Association Board of Directors 2016-2018
- Local:
 - Washington State Pharmacy Association Senior Liaison (Chapter President) 2017-2018
 - Washington State Pharmacy Association Junior Liaison (Chapter President-Elect) 2016-2017
 - Legislative Day Lead Organizer 2018
 - Winter Formal Planning Committee 2017-2018
 - Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity Inc. Beta Pi Chapter Social Committee Head 2016-2017
 - Social Committee Member 2017-2018
 - Washington State University College of Pharmacy Student Ambassador 2016
 - Washington State Pharmacy Association Chapter Advancement and Advocacy Committee 2016
 - Associated Students of Washington State University – Spokane (ASWSU-S) Legacy Committee 2015-2016
 - College of Psychiatric and Neurological Pharmacists Education and Training Committee 2015-2016
 - Pharmacy Legislative Day Group Leader 2016 & 2017
 - College Access Coach 2015-2016

PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

APhA-ASP has taken a vital role in my development as a student, a clinician, and future pharmacist. This association has provided me with some of the most wonderful opportunities and unforgettable memories of my life. Through my deep appreciation of the benefits that APhA-ASP membership has provided me, I have been able to see the power and nationwide impact this association has.

I believe that the programs and activities of APhA and APhA-ASP have altered the course of patient care in communities across the nation and will continue to do so for many years. Our patient care initiatives provide our student pharmacists the tremendous opportunity to go out into the community to hone their skills and provide care to our patients across the country. Not only are these student pharmacists getting practice in immunization techniques and point of care testing procedures, but they are also receiving the opportunity to provide care for and connect with individual patients. The services provided through APhA-ASP operations provide many patients access to care that supports better medical outcomes in the community. Many individuals have been referred to primary care providers for further treatments that have prevented disease and increased quality of life. I am a true believer in the impact of small actions and the creation of a web of influence. Each small action can alter an individual's life that in turn can change the way they interact with others around them. Through interactions like these, APhA and APhA-ASP together have created an extensive network of positive influence that spans the entire globe.

As an association, we must inspire the next generation of health care providers to provide selfless dedication to our profession and care to our patients. We dream of the day we will be recognized as providers and what it will mean for health care in our communities. With our collective voice we can work towards making provider status a reality. We will move forward with an unwavering devotion and achieve the milestones we have been chasing. Step by step we will become the providers we are trained to be. Our legacy is just beginning.

SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as a leader at Washington State University College of Pharmacy and I can say undoubtedly that the experiences in the past three years have shaped me into an individual ready to serve APhA-ASP on a national level. I have learned when to speak and when to listen, when to take charge and when to let others shine, and most importantly how to make everyone's voice feel heard and appreciated while we work toward our common goal.

I believe that my Clifton Strengths results shed light onto my leadership approaches and abilities. They include context, futuristic, strategic, competition, and includer. Each one of these strengths will help me to succeed in the role of Speaker.

Context describes my ability to look back into the past to build a blueprint for the future. This will help me to avoid repetition of things that have failed and continue to build upon the successes of those who have come before me.

Futuristic speaks to my ambitious nature and ability to paint a picture of my visions for the future. The future of our association is bright and I desire to be a part of the next chapter in our story.

Strategic indicates my ability to analytically dissect a situation and determine the possible outcomes of actions. This trait will allow me to diagnose potential obstacles and to select the most efficient route forward to achieve our goals.

Competition is a driving force for my past, present, and future successes. I have always possessed an immense ambition to succeed and push past boundaries to achieve what has not been previously achieved. As the Speaker of the House I will be energized by every idea, innovation, and accomplishment our student pharmacists make.

Finally, the includer trait provides me with the ability to "stretch the circle wider." I desire to create an environment that is inclusive of all of our student pharmacists. I believe every voice deserves to be heard, which is why I am a staunch believer in our policy process starting with the individual chapter member. Everyone's ideas deserve the same opportunity to grow and I look forward to showing you how dedicated I am to support the members of APhA-ASP.