



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

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### GOAL STATEMENT

As National President-elect, I will focus on increasing the National Executive Committee's (NEC) communication through social media platforms. One way I would accomplish this would be to create a NEC blog, where members of the NEC could update the entire APhA-ASP community on patient care and policy initiatives as well as highlight APhA-ASP members during chapter visits. Secondly, I would focus on supporting local leadership to help foster the growth of innovative ideas. I would create online resources displaying events initiated by various chapters throughout the country as well as the necessary planning associated with each event. Through doing this, I aspire to empower all members of different chapters to successfully initiate their own events. Lastly, I would like to use my two terms on NEC to advance a new initiative focusing on the mental health community. Expanding our patient care initiative to include a national Mental Health Initiative would be a beneficial way for us to serve a population that could use our help and understanding. Through improving communication, inspiring innovative ideas through local leadership, and creating new resources for underserved communities, I hope to exemplify the ideals and goals of APhA-ASP.

### BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

#### UT-American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (UT-APhA-ASP):

- Membership Vice President (2017-present)
- Social Chair (2016-2017)

#### UT-Student National Pharmaceutical Association (UT-SNPPhA):

- Mental Health Chair (2017-present)
- Social Chair (2016-2017)

#### UT-Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (UT-SSHP):

- Secretary (2017-present)

#### Pharmacy Council:

- P2 Class Representative (2017-present)
- P1 Class Representative (2016-2017)

#### UT-Primary Care Progress:

- Core Team (2017-present)

#### Texas Pharmacy Association:

- Education Committee Chair (2017-present)

#### American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Pharmacy Student Forum (ASHP PSF):

- Student Society Development Advisory Group (SSDAG) Member (2017-present)

#### Hispanic Association of Pharmacists:

- Community Service Chair (2016-2017)

#### St. David's Medical Center Student Advisory Committee:

- Committee Member (2014-2015 & 2016-2017)
- Chair (2015-2016)

#### Longhorn Pre-Pharmacy Association:

- President (2015-2016)

### PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

As a first-year student pharmacist, when I walked through the organization fair at new student orientation, I was overwhelmed with the numerous student organizations and which ones to join. However, I remember James, the President-elect of The University of Texas APhA-ASP, making an effort to talk to me and encouraging me to get involved. He remembered my name and went out of his way to reach out to me at all the events and meetings. Later, he confided to me that he saw great qualities of a leader within me and wanted to help me find my home within APhA-ASP. Two years later, I have found my place within APhA-ASP and now work with James as Membership Vice President to improve our local chapter. Like James, APhA-ASP seeks to develop leaders through positions at the local, regional and national levels. APhA-ASP also provides many patient care projects for students to directly impact patients in their community. Through the variety of projects, students are able to gain hands-on experience to find what patient care initiatives they are most passionate about. It is a great way for student pharmacists to learn the different roles that pharmacists have in providing care to patients with diabetes, over-the-counter medications, immunization questions, and more. Outside of patient care, APhA-ASP also provides avenues for professional development through meetings such as the Midyear Regional Meeting and the Annual Meeting & Exposition where students can learn more about developing themselves as upcoming healthcare professionals or attending lectures that pertain to the future of our profession. At these meetings, APhA-ASP also introduces students to policy and advocacy opportunities. I think this is the most important part of the organization because it exposes students to how we can help our profession grow in the future. As a student pharmacist, many of my peers, including myself, could use more education on the issues that arise within our profession. It is through these meetings that I get to meet other passionate student pharmacists that are driven to make a difference in our profession. It connects all of us together through our love for pharmacy and allows for continuous professional growth. APhA-ASP is a great organization that provides all great activities for all upcoming student pharmacists, no matter what field you decide to practice in. I look forward to incorporating all that APhA-ASP has instilled on me, and applying it to my future practice in order to continue to improve patient care.

### SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

My most important trait mentioned by peers is my ambition. As Membership Vice President, I have more than doubled our membership from previous years. This past semester, I was able to send one third of our chapter, about 60 members, to the Midyear Regional Meeting. I set high expectations for myself and always manage to exceed them. This will prove useful as President-elect where I plan to make changes for the better of APhA-ASP that will ultimately progress our organization further. I am willing to take strategic risks when necessary for the potential of a greater impact. Innovation has also proved to be a skill of mine that has aided in my success. As a first-year student pharmacist, I initiated a tour to our satellite campus at UT Health San Antonio, to aid students in their rotations decisions. This tour garnered nearly 70 students in attendance, an event that was recognized and awarded by our faculty and student governance. It has now been incorporated as an annual event, and faculty look forward to it as much as the students. Having an open mind to new ideas is critical to ensure that unique ideas are brought to fruition. I excel in breaking molds and finding new ways to approach situations and ideas. Lastly, I am often described as engaging and personable. With these two characteristics, I have been able to succeed in my efforts as Membership Vice President. If elected to NEC, I will do my best to engage as many student pharmacists as possible. It is important for the NEC to be open to communicating with the members of APhA-ASP and creating an open and inviting environment. I know that if it were not for the encouragement of leaders before me, I would not have had the confidence or ambition to pursue greater things within our organization, and I hope that I can also engage others to aspire to do more in APhA-ASP and truly make an impact.