

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

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GOAL STATEMENT

As APhA-ASP President-elect, I will work tirelessly with the members of the National Executive Council to uphold the mission of APhA-ASP and integrate new ideas to continue to advance student pharmacists' journey through the profession of pharmacy. To navigate through pharmacy school successfully and combat the struggles of negative stress and pressure, I will work to incorporate wellness initiatives into APhA-ASP. One of the many benefits of APhA-ASP is the opportunity to connect student pharmacists, and I will work to foster communication and connection at the chapter, regional, and national level. A final goal is to express the distinctive aspects of our professional organization to student pharmacists that are not yet part of APhA-ASP in order to work towards increasing membership.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

APhA-ASP Positions

Generation Rx Chair at Drake Uniersity APhA-ASP
MRM Point of Contact for the APhA-ASP National Standing Committee on Communications
President-elect at Drake University APhA-ASP
Region 5 Regional Member-at-large
Iowa Pharmacy Association House of Delegates
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity

PHILSOPHIES ON APhA & APhA-ASP

I am constantly motivated by the changes that APhA and APhA-ASP can have in the profession of pharmacy. APhA was originally founded to provide a collective voice for pharmacists, and more than 150 years later, we are still that influential, booming, ever-inspiring voice. From policy implementation to patient care projects, APhA-ASP has had an incredibly significant role in the lives of student pharmacists nationwide. Being a member of APhA-ASP provides student pharmacists with opportunities to connect with other student pharmacists, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians to continue to cultivate their professional career. The professional organization also allows students to provide direct patient care and develop communication skills through patient care projects. APhA-ASP members also play a role in envisioning and advancing the future of pharmacy by being part of the policy-making process. By continually upholding the mission of the organization and implementing innovative initiatives, APhA-ASP will prosper, side-by-side with the profession of pharmacy.

SPECIALIZED TALENTS & SKILLS

Being involved in APhA-ASP since my first year as a pre-pharmacy student at Drake University has allowed me to engage in multiple leadership opportunities within the professional organization. As I have journeyed through my career as a student pharmacist, I have continually developed my leadership skills through these opportunities and continue to do so today. I attribute this to learning how to connect with people and develop a meaningful relationship that will last long past graduation. As President-elect, I will continue to connect with student pharmacists across the country to create effective networks. This connectivity is also important when working with other members of the National Executive Council. An effective Executive Council works best when all members understand his or her role and that of the others, as well as employing active listening and exceptional communication skills. Members of the National Executive Council also play an influential role in inspiring student pharmacists. My contagious positivity and passion for APhA-ASP and the profession of pharmacy will motivate student pharmacists nationwide. It is crucial that the President-elect embodies patience and vision for APhA-ASP, as national initiatives do not happen overnight, but rather require determination and persistence. As President-elect, I will embrace the idea of planting a seed now so a student pharmacist in the future can enjoy the shade.