



A_{Ph}A-ASP National Officer Elections
Candidate for the Office of A_{Ph}A-ASP National President-elect

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GOAL STATEMENT

In my role as A_{Ph}A-ASP National President-Elect, my mission is to empower student pharmacists to realize their utmost potential within our organization and as individuals. Each of us is destined for greatness, with the power to make a meaningful impact every day. As student pharmacists, we possess the ability to educate and guide patients in optimal medication usage and guide them towards happier, healthier lives. Our unique position enables us to advocate for legislative changes that enhance patient care and expand the scope of our profession. As the future of pharmacy, we not only inspire our peers, but ignite new vigor into the profession by collaborating with current practitioners. A_{Ph}A-ASP fosters an environment of innovation and passion for the profession. Recognizing the influence the face of A_{Ph}A-ASP possesses, I am dedicated to fostering this perspective among my peers. During my term as A_{Ph}A-ASP National President-Elect, I plan to instill confidence in every student pharmacist to bring change to their community and believe in their power to change the world. I will accomplish this by forging meaningful connections, ensuring that my unwavering passion remains a constant source of vibrant energy.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

During my undergraduate years at Hutchinson Community College, I served as President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Vice President of Service for the Honors Program, and Captain of the Dragon Dolls Dance Team. As a President of Phi Theta Kappa, I ran our monthly executive team meetings, led initiation of new members, developed ideas for events, and executed such events. While serving as Vice President of Service for the Honors Program, I surveyed my colleagues to understand the type of community service projects they were interested in. These events included park clean up, volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and leading the way on our Tree Campus USA yearly ceremonies. As Captain of the Dragon Dolls Dance Team, I led warmups daily, choreographed around ten routines, handled daily 4:30am wakeup calls to ensure punctuality at our early morning practice, and helped my team members quickly learn and polish choreography. These experiences will serve me well as President-Elect because they taught me perseverance, grit, and the ability to put the needs of my team first.

Since starting pharmacy school, I have been an engaged participant in many organizations. I am a Kappa Psi brother and serve on the social committee for our chapter where I help prepare for our "Mr. Pharmacy" Pageant and Spring "Pharmal". In addition to this, I served as a member of the Well-Being Committee where I helped plan events to foster good morale within the student body, especially during stressful weeks. We hosted events such as "Cookies and Coloring", movie nights, and provided nutritious snack options during finals week. My involvement in these committees demonstrates my commitment to the success and well-being of my teams.

I currently serve as our A_{Ph}A-ASP chapter's President-Elect, Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator (MRMC) for region 6, and have been selected as the 2024 Carl F. Emswiler Summer Intern. Before my time in leadership, I have been an engaged volunteer at patient care projects and policy sessions. Because of my desire to become more involved within A_{Ph}A-ASP, I attended A_{Ph}A Annual in 2023, the Institute on Substance Use Disorders, the Summer Leadership Institute, and was on-site for MRM 2023. During my time as chapter President-Elect, I have taken on more responsibility than is delegated through the bylaws as I am constantly looking for ways to improve the chapter. I expanded recruitment efforts by encouraging a social to welcome the first-year student pharmacists to campus and writing hand-written thank you notes to each of them that stopped by our booth at orientation. I served as our MRM Liaison where I developed promoting strategies to boost conference attendance as this was many student pharmacists' first professional conference. When our Policy Vice President ran into travel delays, I stepped up to the role of chapter delegate during the MRM policy proposal presentations. I also coordinated our Chapter Outreach Visit and led our team through our school's professional development approval process for all chapter activities.

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT A_{Ph}A-ASP

Involvement in A_{Ph}A-ASP is more than simply an extracurricular activity, it is a mindset. If pharmacy school is filled with high achieving individuals, then A_{Ph}A is filled with the highest achieving individuals. Members of A_{Ph}A-ASP share a common love for impacting their community, creating connections, expanding on our knowledge and skills, and using their voice to advocate for change. It is truly astounding we are able to advance the future of pharmacy and find our passion in the process within this organization. One could easily focus on academics alone during the journey through pharmacy school, but individuals in A_{Ph}A-ASP choose to go a step further, and this is likely a choice they will continue to make every day in their own lives. By actively participating in A_{Ph}A-ASP activities, one is able to find a love of learning outside the classroom.

Through the A_{Ph}A-ASP Patient Care Projects, student pharmacists learn valuable skills needed in the profession and have a chance to serve their community in a way that speaks to them. As student pharmacists we are able to strengthen our voice and grow our confidence by immersing ourselves in the policy process. This selfless pursuit is to fight for change to better the future of our career and best serve our patients. After all, if pharmacists are not advocating for our own profession, who will? Various leadership opportunities at the local, regional, and national levels allow members to challenge themselves and expand their potential. The organization also provides unique networking opportunities, allowing student pharmacists to learn about potential career paths and make meaningful connections that will last a lifetime. We are able to thrive in an environment of creativity and inspiration through A_{Ph}A-ASP programming and opportunities such as PharmFlix and the Innovative Awards Program.

A_{Ph}A invests in the future of pharmacy by providing unique opportunities for student pharmacists in A_{Ph}A-ASP. By creating platforms for student development and encouraging continued engagement post-graduation, A_{Ph}A continues to advance the profession far beyond our student years.

TALENTS & SKILLS

I have a history of operating at a level beyond what is asked or required of me. As a future-oriented thinker, I dream big. Before developing my leadership skills, my ideas came across as mere dreams, but now I have become obsessed with turning these dreams into reality. Over the years, I have developed the ability to help those around me latch onto the mission and call them into action.

In high school I participated in theatre productions at my school and at a nearby community theatre. Our school was very small, so our program was not as developed. Other schools held a series of one act plays directed by seniors each school year, and I became determined to create the same opportunity for students in my community. After talking with our program director, I was met with hesitation. Despite this, I began booking the auditorium for the performance, recruiting other directors and actors, selecting scripts, and doing what was necessary for the production. I was so committed to the mission, I even hosted rehearsals at my home. In the end everyone was able to see the vision, but I first had to get everyone on board. The event was so successful, I continued the next year and directed and choreographed an entire musical. I am proud to say that this legacy I built continues at my high school every year.

I brought the same obsessive energy to my college dance team. No one asked me to wake up an extra half hour early to make sure my team made it to practice on time. No one asked me to set up one-on-one sessions with my team members to help them with the choreography. No one asked me to house three of our new team members at my apartment, so they were able to focus on our nationals bid rather than driving from hours away each day. I always do what is necessary for success.

Although this would be the most ambitious role I have taken on, I have no doubt in my abilities to perform at the highest level and serve with honor, passion, and a commitment to empowering others. I bring a unique positive attitude to every aspect of my life, and I have found my true passion to be uplifting others. By bringing this energy to the role of President-Elect, I will be able to empower student pharmacists to advocate for change, engage in the mission of the organization, and change the world.

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