



APhA-ASP National Officer Elections
Candidate for the Office of APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

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GOAL STATEMENT

The collective voice of student pharmacists is represented by APhA-ASP, in which the Speaker of the House fulfills the pivotal role of leading the academy's policy and advocacy initiatives that will direct the future of our profession. As a candidate passionate to serve as Speaker of the House, my goal is to ignite enthusiasm for policy and advocacy initiatives that move the profession forward.

Advancing the profession demands a collective effort. Chapter leaders play a key role in engaging members at the local level, so to achieve my goals as Speaker of the House, it is essential to empower chapter leaders, particularly policy vice presidents. In collaboration with fellow national and regional leaders of APhA-ASP, I will provide policy vice presidents with extensive support for existing initiatives and share frameworks to implement new and exciting chapter initiatives. By providing chapter leaders with the tools, knowledge, support, and passion needed to thrive in their roles, we will set a new standard for PAC fundraising, diversify the collective voice of student pharmacists, and unite to drive our profession forward through our commitment to policy and advocacy. Together we will define the future of pharmacy.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

APhA:

- National Policy Review Committee Member: Jun 2023 – Present

APhA-ASP:

- Regional Delegate (Region 5): Nov 2023 – Present
- Chapter Policy Committee Chair: Oct 2023 – Present
- Chapter Policy Vice President: Jan 2023 – Jan 2024
- Delegate in APhA-ASP House of Delegates at APhA Annual Meeting: Mar 2023
- Chapter International Vice President: Jan 2022 – Jan 2022

Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA):

- Legislative Committee Member: Oct 2023 – Present
- Executive Intern: May 2023 – Aug 2023
- Delegate in IPA House of Delegates at Annual Meeting: June 2023

The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member: Sep 2023 – Present
- Honor Council Member: Apr 2023 – Present
- Rho Chi Chapter President: Mar 2023 – Present
- Curriculum Committee Member: Oct 2022 – Sep 2023

Undergraduate:

- Coe College Residence Life Assistant Area Coordinator: Aug 2018 – May 2019
- Coe College Residence Life Resident Assistant: Aug 2016 – May 2018

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA-ASP

Upon entering pharmacy school, I joined APhA for its dedication to advancing the entire pharmacy profession. While APhA offers numerous benefits, including networking opportunities, professional development resources, and tools for practice improvement, I am particularly drawn to its pivotal role in political advocacy. Often overlooked by many pharmacists and student pharmacists, policy writing and advocacy are paramount in shaping the regulatory landscape of our profession. If we fail to actively engage in this process, we risk leaving a void to be filled by those whose values do not necessarily align with ours. By actively participating in APhA's advocacy efforts, we ensure that the voice of the pharmacy profession is heard.

I perceive APhA-ASP as a preparatory platform for involvement in the broader initiatives of APhA. The APhA-ASP policy process introduces members to policy writing, followed by discussions and debates at the annual meeting. This exposure to policy is invaluable for students, facilitating a seamless transition into similar roles within APhA. APhA-ASP serves as a training ground for future pharmacy leaders, equipping them with the requisite skills and experiences to effectively advocate for the profession. Additionally, the APhA-ASP policy process provides students an opportunity to express opinions not captured by the APhA House of Delegates. As a member of the APhA-ASP Resolutions Committee, I had the privilege of helping write the policies for the APhA-ASP 2024 House of Delegates. We were able to consider topics addressed by the larger organization from the distinct perspective of students, and I eagerly anticipate the discussions at the APhA-ASP House of Delegates to gauge if we successfully captured the sentiments of students nationwide.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge and celebrate APhA's representation of the profession and APhA-ASP's role in supporting the larger organization's work. By serving as an association for all facets of pharmacy, APhA is optimally positioned to unify pharmacy professionals in advocating for regulatory improvements within the profession. The success of APhA's advocacy endeavors will undoubtedly enable us to advance our roles and better serve our patients. Additionally, APhA-ASP provides students with meaningful avenues to contribute to advocacy efforts. While individual contributions through initiatives like the Back the PAC campaign may seem modest, the collective impact of these donations significantly bolsters the advocacy team's effectiveness. Furthermore, APhA-ASP offers students a unique platform to engage in advocacy, amplifying the collective voice of student pharmacists in shaping the future of the profession.

In conclusion, my involvement with APhA and APhA-ASP not only aligns with my passion for advancing the pharmacy profession through advocacy and policy development but also provides me with invaluable opportunities for growth, leadership, and collaboration as I work towards making a meaningful impact within the profession and the communities we serve.

TALENTS & SKILLS

The position of Speaker of the House is demanding. To be successful, an individual must be passionate and experienced, have excellent communication skills, and be committed to building relationships. My extensive experiences in policy, advocacy, and leadership have equipped me with a well-rounded skillset that aligns perfectly with the responsibilities of the Speaker of the House and will allow me to serve APhA-ASP to the highest level.

My robust experiences in policy and advocacy distinguish me as a candidate. My interest in policy and advocacy began by serving as chapter policy vice president. In this position, I hosted my state association to speak about advocacy, organized a well-attended letter writing campaign to educate legislators about pharmacy legislation, engaged my chapter in policy writing, and contributed to successful PAC fundraising. I serve as the only student representative on the APhA Policy Review Committee, and I am the Region 5 Delegate. These leadership opportunities gave me extensive experience refining policies. Furthermore, I interned at my state association where I advocated for pharmacy highly influential politicians, including presidential candidates and members of congress.

Beyond experience, I have the skills to thrive in the position. I recognize the importance of concise and timely communication, which allows chapter leaders to plan and execute events. When I served as policy vice president, I recognized the challenges that result from delayed transmission of information from higher leadership. As Speaker, I will ensure that information flows seamlessly from the national leadership, empowering regional and chapter leaders to succeed. Additionally, the Speaker has an important role in guiding the regional delegates and national policy standing committee, and I look forward to using reflective listening and asking earnest questions to help the next cohort of policy writers develop and grow as leaders and advocates.

Lastly, I will be an effective Speaker of the House because I build relationships and motivate others to excel. I know APhA-ASP is filled with students passionate to shape their futures in the profession, and I am determined to help each chapter set and achieve their goals. For example, the majority of chapters do not reach the goals for the Back the PAC campaign, and I want to change that. While it may not happen in one year, I want every chapter to take a step closer to reaching the goal, so that the APhA advocacy team can function effectively. By cultivating strong connections with students from all regions, I will foster an atmosphere of high performance and commitment to achieving the greater goals of the association.

In conclusion, the role of Speaker of the House demands a multifaceted skill set. My extensive experiences in policy, advocacy, and leadership have prepared me well for this role within the APhA-ASP. With a focus on empowering chapter leaders, facilitating constructive policy discussions, and enhancing advocacy efforts, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve the membership of APhA-ASP to the highest level and contribute to the association's mission

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