



APhA-ASP National Officer Elections
Candidate for the Office of APhA-ASP National Member-at-large

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GOAL STATEMENT

As a candidate for the APhA-ASP National Member-at-large position, my primary goal is to enhance community outreach and empower student pharmacists to confidently advocate for our profession and patients. To achieve these goals, I propose the creation of nationwide toolkits for chapters, facilitating impactful patient care projects. These toolkits will serve as a repository of successful initiatives, providing detailed event information, host school details, and communication channels for replication.

Additionally, I aim to boost student pharmacist advocacy by introducing a monthly policy newsletter. This resource will simplify policy changes, ensuring student pharmacists comprehend the information in layman’s terms. By providing a digestible version of complex policy matters, we empower student pharmacists to engage with legislators confidently.

My overarching philosophy revolves around student development, community engagement, and adaptability. APhA-ASP is an association uniquely positioned to shape pharmacy’s future by embracing these principles. Together, through innovative programs and activities, I truly believe we can foster a community of adaptable leaders that are dedicated to advancing our profession and the well-being of the communities we serve.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2023 – Present Florida Pharmacy Association | Student Affairs Council
Tallahassee, FL
- Jun 2023 – Aug 2023 American Pharmacist Association | Carl F. Emswiler Summer Intern
APhA Student and New Practitioner Development Staff
Washington, D.C.
- Apr 2023 – Present Kappa Epsilon Pharmaceutical Fraternity Kappa Chapter | Secretary
University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Gainesville, FL
- Mar 2023 – Present APhA-ASP | President
University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Gainesville, FL
- Mar 2023 APhA-ASP | APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition – Chapter
Coordinator
University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Gainesville, FL
- Oct 2022 – Nov 2021 APhA-ASP | Midyear Regional Meeting – Chapter Delegate
University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Gainesville, FL
- Mar 2022 – Mar 2023 APhA-ASP | President-elect
University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Gainesville, FL
- Sep 2021 – Mar 2022 APhA-ASP | Member-at-large
University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Gainesville, FL

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA-ASP

My philosophies regarding the programs and activities of APhA and APhA-ASP revolve around the belief that we serve as a catalyst for student development and community engagement. APhA and APhA-ASP serve as the association fit to provide a comprehensive experience that nurtures the academic and professional aspects of a student pharmacist’s journey. It is also the path that opens its doors to endless opportunities to allow for their personal and professional growth.

Student development is an essential component towards the journey of student pharmacists. Incorporating programs and activities focused on enhancing leadership skills and building interpersonal communication skills, student pharmacists will be able to take what they have learned and apply it to the demands the healthcare profession requires. This philosophy encompasses creating mentorship programs and workshops to help shape the future of pharmacy.

Community engagement and service is a philosophy that APhA and APhA-ASP embrace and has the potential to utilize student pharmacists in reaching out on a larger scale. The integration of service-learning into programs teaches our members the value of serving our community, those we encounter, and developing empathy. This philosophy aligns with the goal that the profession of pharmacy is mainly oriented to serving our patients, and implementing more programs that reflect this enhance our commitment to our roles and responsibilities as a pharmacist.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us the importance of adaptability and responsiveness, especially in the evolving needs of the profession of pharmacy. With flexible programs designed to readily accommodate the changes in healthcare policies, technological advancements, and emerging trends, I truly believe our members will thrive. Having such programs shapes well-prepared leaders in the profession, ready to navigate any challenges that may await us in the future.

Overall, my philosophy is rooted in the belief of student development, community engagement, and adaptability. Embracing these principles allows APhA and APhA-ASP to shape the future of pharmacy and build confident leaders that remain steadfast in the goal of serving our communities.

TALENTS & SKILLS

As a candidate for the APhA-ASP National Member-at-large, I bring a genuine passion for building relationships and working towards becoming a better leader– qualities that I believe contribute to effective leadership. Currently serving as the Chapter President at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, Gainesville campus, I am committed to serving and navigating the complexities of leading a large organization.

One of my specialized talents lies in effective communication and relationship building.

As Chapter President, I prioritize keeping a large leadership team informed and engaged through regular monthly meetings. I strive to foster collaboration and ensure that all team members stay up-to-date and feel comfortable in reaching out when needed. My bubbly personality compliments my communication style, creating an inclusive and positive environment within the APhA-ASP chapter at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

My experiences within APhA-ASP began early in my pharmacy career when chosen as the first-year student pharmacist Member-at-large, and now elected and serving as Chapter President. Serving as the 2023 Carl F. Emswiler summer intern further exposed me to the high standard expected in roles dedicated to serving others and advancing the profession of pharmacy. This internship allowed me to dive deep into a comprehensive understanding of APhA’s dynamics, but also inspired me to continue pursuing opportunities that will help me learn and grow as a leader.

Enrolled in a Certificate Leadership program at my college, I am actively shaping my leadership skills by focusing on leveraging strengths, conflict management, teamwork, and understanding different leadership personalities. Through reading various works of Brené Brown and Adam Grant, I am able to reflect on my own leadership qualities and apply principles of effective leadership in my roles.

Overall, my specialized talents in communication and relationship-building, coupled with a demonstrated commitment to continuous learning and leadership development, position me as a candidate well-equipped to fulfill the responsibilities of the APhA-ASP National Member-at-large. My experience within APhA and APhA-ASP, combined with my positive and dynamic approach to leadership, perfectly align with the collaborative and service-oriented goals of APhA.

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