



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

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GOAL STATEMENT

If elected for this position, I would strive to improve APhA-ASP with fellow NEC officers. One of my goals would be to work with the Member Engagement Standing Committee and Regional Officers to develop new strategies to improve member engagement on a national, regional, and local level. I hope to do this by making regional and national meetings more accessible to students by increasing reimbursement opportunities for travel expenses to national and regional meetings. I believe professional meetings increase students' passion for the pharmacy profession. By making APhA-ASP meetings more available, I believe we can help instill a greater passion for the profession in pharmacy students. As Member-At-Large, I will make myself available to all APhA-ASP chapters and their members. I will be there to assist the chapters in any way possible and share my passion for APhA-ASP and the pharmacy profession. I believe APhA-ASP opens so many doors for pharmacy students and that every pharmacy student should be active in the organization. APhA advocates and educates pharmacy professionals no matter what industry of pharmacy they are working in. APhA is exceptional in joining all pharmacy professionals together to advance and advocate for the pharmacy profession.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

I have served in several leadership positions during my time in pharmacy school. Within the state level, I have served as a Delegate for the Tennessee Society of Student Pharmacists within the Tennessee Pharmacists Association House of Delegates. Within my school, I previously served as the Class of 2025 P1 Class President. Currently, I serve as the Kappa Psi-Zeta Upsilon Secretary, our chapter of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists' Treasurer, Union University's Pre-Pharmacy Organization P2 Liaison, and as my school's Student Ambassador. Within my APhA-ASP chapter, I currently serve as the Operation Immunization Chair.

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA-ASP

I believe APhA serves as a community to unite all pharmacy professionals. It is a way to unite pharmacists, interns, technicians, and other pharmacy professionals no matter what field they serve in. This allows everyone to combine their knowledge and skills to advance the pharmacy profession. By joining together, we can strengthen our approach to advocacy for the pharmacy profession. When we work together, we can educate each other and improve patient care. By advocating for improvement in the pharmacy profession, we can reduce the stress on pharmacy professionals and allow them to focus more of their attention on patient care. APhA is essential for the improvement of our nation's pharmacies. They use their numerous programs to include everyone within the profession. APhA-ASP works to motivate the generation of pharmacists. It teaches student pharmacists the importance of policy, the numerous fields in pharmacy, and how to network with other pharmacy professionals. APhA and APhA-ASP are essential organizations dedicated to the advancement of pharmacy.

TALENTS & SKILLS

For many years, I have had a strong passion for the pharmacy profession. I have an extensive understanding of different fields of pharmacy. I first started working in a pharmacy in 2015. I have experience in long-term care pharmacy, chain retail pharmacy, and hospital pharmacy. I have worked as a pharmacy assistant, technician, and intern. Throughout my time in all these positions, I have learned a lot about the practice and how different pharmacies operate. I have also seen firsthand the issues that pharmacies face today and am passionate to work to resolve these issues. I have been actively involved in my state's pharmacy association and have advocated for the profession with state legislators. I have experience serving as a delegate for the Tennessee Pharmacist Association and Kappa Psi Gulf Coast Province. I also have a significant amount of experience serving in leadership positions. These positions have allowed me to learn to effectively manage my time and conflict resolution. I believe my passion, experience, and skills qualify me for this position.