



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

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GOAL STATEMENT

Serving as the National Member at Large for APhA-ASP would be an immense honor. This opportunity would allow me to represent and lead student pharmacists on a larger level, as well as advocate for prominent issues facing the pharmacy profession. If given the privilege to serve as National Member at Large, it would be my goal to diminish location barriers to bring members together for a common goal, to encourage members to remain active in the Academy, and to help ignite change. There is power in numbers, and this will only magnify the positive impact APhA-ASP has throughout communities, institutions, and Capitol Hill. It would also be my goal to work with other national interprofessional organizations among healthcare specialties to improve the care patients receive through education. Lastly, a goal of mine would be to help improve rural access to healthcare and limit the number of medical deserts throughout the country. Through the efforts of APhA-ASP, we can work to expand the pharmacist's role in practice through point-of-care testing and, ultimately, reaching provider status. It would my pleasure to give back to an association that has already given me so much. Thank you for your consideration in this position.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

I have been actively involved throughout my time at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. Within my local APhA-ASP chapter, I just recently finished my term as the Vice President of Communications. In this position, I had the opportunity to highlight local chapter events and achievements. I also was able to create new projects, such as starting a chapter Twitter page, and lead the PharmFlix Committee in creating a submission for the PharmFlix Video Contest. Prior to this role, I served as the Vice President of Finance. It was in this role I was able to enhance my time-management and record keeping skills. Aside from chapter fundraisers, I was also able to lead the Finance Committee in restarting our annual chapter tradition of a silent auction. I most recently was appointed to the Communications National Standing Committee for the 2023-2024 year. In this unique role, I have the opportunity to manage the Academy's social media presence and help develop the Student Pharmacist Magazine. The positions I have held within the APhA-ASP organization have inspired me to continue with national involvement and campaign for National Member at Large.

Outside of APhA-ASP, I am heavily involved in my state pharmacy association, the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA). This year, I finished my term on the Student Advisory Committee within IPA. In this role, I worked with IPA's Director of Professional Affairs to serve as a liaison between the Iowa College of Pharmacy and IPA. This was a great experience and has helped shed light on current pharmacy practice priorities within the state. I also took part in legislative day, which is a crucial day for student pharmacists to advocate for issues within the profession.

I am very passionate about improving student experience, which I feel will set me up for great success in serving as the National Member at Large. I have a variety of leadership roles that have allowed me to support both prospective and current pharmacy student concerns. Each fall, I have had the pleasure of helping lead activities during P1 orientation. Through daily presentations, icebreakers, and Q & A sessions, I strived to make new students feel comfortable and heard. Along with Activities Lead, I served as an Iowa Pharmacy Student Ambassador. This position allowed me to help on student pharmacy interview days, give tours to visitors, and answer any questions that prospective students had about the Iowa College of Pharmacy. Within the College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council, I served as the Parliamentarian on the executive team. This position is unique as I was able to assist the rest of the executive team in hearing student concerns, managing college organization requests, and planning college-wide events. These roles have enhanced my ability to serve others and I am confident they will set me up for success in serving as National Member at Large.

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA-ASP

My favorite part about APhA-ASP is that it incorporates a wide-range of pharmacy specialties, which is evident through the programs and activities offered by the Academy. APhA-ASP offers a multitude of resources and initiatives for student pharmacists, which is vital for continued learning among the profession. Whether it be through patient-care projects, professional and career development programs, or international exchange programs, there is truly something for everyone to get involved.

I have seen the impact APhA-ASP's patient care projects have made on the local level, and it's truly inspiring. Each patient care project incorporates different disease-states, tailored to different pharmacy student interests. Passion fuels change, and it's very clear through the students involved in patient care projects how passionate they are to improve the wellbeing of others. I was fortunate enough to see a new patient care project arise from Iowa's local APhA-ASP chapter, Operation Eating Disorders, and it has been very impactful to see this new project come to life. APhA-ASP provides the necessary resources and guides for student pharmacists to advance patient care throughout communities. Pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare professional, which is evident through these projects.

The professional opportunities for growth are endless within the APhA-ASP organization. First and foremost, the national patient counseling competition offers a chance for student pharmacists to practice their clinical knowledge outside of the classroom with simulated patients. The PharmFlix Video Contest creates a sense of community among the Academy through laughter, inspiration, and teamwork. Aside from these competitions, there are a variety of professional learning opportunities offered through APhA-ASP as well, such as virtual learning and the professional development series. For students interested in association management, APhA-ASP has opportunities for experiential education in these areas. Whether it be through internships, fellowships, or APPEs, the Academy gives back to students and pharmacists alike, all while promoting enhancement of clinical skills and the lifelong learning.

Not only are there opportunities nationally for members of the Academy, but APhA-ASP also expands its impact internationally through the International Pharmaceutical Students' Foundation (IPSF). I am inspired by how APhA-ASP is promoting pharmacy advocacy for both public and global health through networking and professional initiatives abroad. This goes to show the unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities APhA-ASP gives to its members.

TALENTS & SKILLS

A successful candidate for National Member at Large possesses strong time-management, communication, and teamwork skills. I believe I have gained these skills through past leadership, work, and outreach experiences. My past roles have strengthened my ability to apply feedback, problem solve, and think quickly – all which are important qualities of a member on the National Executive Committee.

I have enhanced my time-management skills through a wide array of leadership experiences. I was able to successfully serve in and manage five leadership roles with work and pharmacy school. This could not have been done without prioritizing tasks, staying ahead of deadlines, and holding myself accountable. Serving as a member of the National Executive Committee is a great time commitment, and I am prepared to dedicate ample time for the success of the Academy.

Having strong communication skills is necessary for any member serving on a team. I am confident in my ability to communicate with others, listen to the concern of others, and advocate for members of an organization. As Parliamentarian of the Student Leadership Council, I was able to communicate student concerns to leaders of the college, as well as problem-solve issues that arose in the college throughout the 2 years I served in this role. Through an internship at Mayo Clinic, I was able to strengthen my communication skills by leading activities and presenting to local classrooms about opportunities in the pharmacy profession. Serving as the Activities Lead for Iowa's P1 orientation has also strengthened my ability to give presentations to others. Strong communication is crucial for the success of an organization.

While serving as Vice President of Finance, and later Vice President of Communications, in my local APhA-ASP chapter, I had first-hand experience working with a team. While in this role, our executive team had to work together to put on events throughout the college, organize monthly meetings, and provide resources for students in our chapter. Challenges arose throughout the year, but, as a team, we were able to work together to problem-solve for the greater good of our chapter.

It would be an honor to represent the Academy as National Member at Large. I am confident in my abilities to lead a team and advocate for student pharmacists. My past leadership, work, and outreach experiences have provided me the necessary foundation of time-management, communication, and teamwork skills to be successful in this role. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to have the honor of representing APhA-ASP on the National Executive Committee.