

Candidate for the Office of APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

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GOAL STATEMENT

To many student pharmacists, participating in policy and advocacy seems daunting. It's hard to know where to start and can feel overwhelming to try and keep up with all the initiatives. APhA-ASP provides so many opportunities for student pharmacists to have their voices heard and shape the profession's future. If elected Speaker of the House, my goal would be to make the policy process feel more accessible. I'd work to create state and national policy updates that are engaging and digestible. I would serve as a resource to chapter leadership and student pharmacists navigating the policy process. I'd also work to create networking opportunities for student pharmacists to exchange thoughts and ideas about policy, healthcare, and the future of pharmacy. I'd hope to inspire more student pharmacists to become active pieces of the policy process through these initiatives.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

APhA-ASP Leadership Experience:

- Region 6 Regional Delegate 2020 2021
- Chapter Reproductive Health Committee Chair 2020 Present

Local Leadership Experience:

- OU Founding President Student Society of Nuclear Pharmacists 2021 Present
- OU President American Society of Consultant Pharmacists 2021 Present
- OU Worthy Keeper of Records Seals (Secretary) Phi Delta Chi 2020 Present
- OU College of Pharmacy Student Ambassador 2019 Present
- OU College of Pharmacy Class Secretary 2019 Present

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA

The programs and activities of APhA and APhA-ASP provide pharmacists and student pharmacists with opportunities to grow as healthcare professionals, advocate for the future of our profession and make nationwide connections.

Personally, programs such as APhA-ASP's patient care projects have helped me expand my hands-on skills and knowledge and become a more empathetic healthcare provider. Participating in Operation Immunization and the annual patient counseling competition have made me more confident in caring for patients. Chairing the Reproductive Health patient care project for my chapter has opened my eyes to how social determinants of health affect our community members. The patient care projects are a great space for student pharmacists to grow as healthcare providers and see where the role of a pharmacist can continue to expand to improve patient care.

APhA's programs also provide so many ways to advocate for the future of pharmacy. The programs allow every pharmacist and student pharmacist to have a voice in the role we want to play as providers, improve patient care, and enhance our work environment. It has been incredibly rewarding to participate in the policy process and hear numerous creative proposals from pharmacists and student pharmacists and see the results of those proposals yield definitive advancements for our field and our patients. Through all of the programs APhA and APhA-ASP provide, there is always a chance to form connections at local, national, and international levels. APhA has allowed me to make friends across the country, and I look forward to the future relationships the organization will enable me to build throughout my career.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS & TALENTS

My previous leadership experiences have helped me become a strong time manager, expand my creativity and develop a passion for policy. Holding the office of Speaker of the House will be demanding. Having experience balancing multiple leadership positions has equipped me to manage my time well and stay organized. These experiences will help me complete all the duties of the office promptly and satisfactorily. This has also shown me how vital the skill of communication is. I take pride in consistently informing my fellow organization members about important updates and reminders. I am determined to ensure everyone feels capable of staying on track, aware of expectations, and free to voice their opinions. This dedication to open communication will help me guide chapters through the policy process smoothly while effectively leading the National Policy Standing Committee.

Serving as Regional Delegate allowed me to get to know the APhA-ASP policy process intimately. In this role, I got to write policy proposals, learn more about APhA's policy priorities and represent student pharmacists to the APhA House of Delegates. This experience has prepared me to become an excellent representative of student pharmacists' voices on policy initiatives at a national level, while also standing as a strong resource for others navigating the policy process.

One of the more unique attributes I'd bring to this position is creativity. I have experience as a graphic designer, and I am proficient at Photoshop and other design software. These skills could be utilized to create visual resources that would thoroughly engage members in the policy process. Overall, I believe my talents and experiences will allow me to provide a unique perspective to the office of Speaker of the House and fulfill all of the duties it demands.

