



**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 National Member-at-large, my goals would be to strengthen collaboration between chapters, increase member engagement, ensure each member feels at home within the Academy, and overall represent and empower those that I serve. I would be dedicated to my role by consistently placing members' needs first. I would achieve these goals by ensuring a strong chain of communication between myself and all of the NEC and NSC members, Regional Officers, and staff liaisons. With this communication, I hope to increase collaboration between members at a local level and plan APhA-ASP campaigns geared towards expanding patient care and community outreach, utilizing my experience as a Chapter President who also serves the traditional role of Chapter Patient Care VP. My philosophies and goals intersect, as I aspire for every member of APhA-ASP to feel just as welcome no matter the level of immersion. Providing chapters support from the national level, ensuring regional and local leaders have the resources and information available to fulfill the ideas they are passionate about, and establishing a platform for all members' voices to be heard are just a few of the ways I would attempt to achieve these goals.**

## **BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE**

### **APhA-ASP Leadership Experience:**

- **Chapter President 2022-2023**
- **Chapter President-elect 2021-2022**
- **New Mexico Pharmacists Association Student Liaison 2021-2023**

### **Local Leadership Experience:**

- **The University of New Mexico Community Outreach Day Coordinator 2022-2023**
- **Chapter ASHP-SSHP Co-Secretary/Secretary 2020-2022**

## **PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA-ASP**

**My philosophies about the programs and activities of APhA and APhA-ASP are summarized by inclusion. This is one of the greatest reasons I love the Academy in the first place, as it can be a home for anyone. Pharmacists from all specialties and students with a wide range of career goals can all come together under one organization; one community. APhA and APhA-ASP programs are ultimately for its members. We are given a voice and can be a voice for the underrepresented. My philosophies are of change, of action, and not to let others dictate the future that we will be working in. Being a part of APhA-ASP allows you to build the future you want to see in pharmacy. Whether it is each local chapter, or at the national level, advocating for our patients, our fellow students, and our pharmacists in the field is and will always be a top priority for me. We need to be the change we wish to see within the profession.**

**APhA-ASP programs are here to serve the underserved. I have seen the burdens that patients in medically underserved communities face, which is why I have taken such a personal interest in being the change I wish to see. APhA-ASP patient care projects allow us to serve our communities at early stages in our professional careers, which can foster lifelong passions for serving patients with empathy. APhA-ASP allows us to experience first-hand what we will see once our careers begin, and this helps us as students determine which route we wish to take post-graduation. This means we are better equipped to truly focus on the type of patient advocate we wish to be and knowing that whatever path we choose, APhA will have a place for us.**

**Following service, my other main philosophy regarding APhA and APhA-ASP and its programs is to build from the ground up. I would focus on serving as a resource for local APhA-ASP chapters across the nation. We are only as strong as our smallest chapter, and it is our duty to make sure we all stay connected, informed, and work towards a common goal. I admire the numerous Meetings and Institutes the Academy offers for student pharmacists to equip themselves with the skills necessary to grow as leaders and advocates for our patients and profession. From my first local chapter meeting to my first conference attendance, I have always felt at home with APhA-ASP. It is my ultimate goal to make any new or potential member feel the same way.**

## **TALENTS & SKILLS**

**Sharing my passion openly with others in an effort to guide them on the same path is something that I have been able to do especially since joining APhA-ASP. Public speaking is no easy task, yet it is something that I have become accustomed to during my time as Chapter President. I take great pride in the work that my team does to impact our community. I am always eager to find the most efficient, well-presented way to accomplish tasks.**

**I have been in leadership positions since my undergraduate experience, always seeking to leave the organization better off than when I came into it. For APhA, it will be a bit different since I will always have a home here even in my professional career. It is a talent of mine to maximize the skill of the individuals around me. I do this by creating relationships with them to allow me to understand what their likes, dislikes, and passions are. These bonds are what create member buy-in to increase quantity and quality of engagement.**

**My more specialized skill is that I am bilingual. Spanish is my first language and I feel at home when speaking it with people in my community. Having this skill that is second nature to me allows me to make connections with my patients.**