



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

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GOAL STATEMENT

I am thrilled to be seeking the position of APhA-ASP Speaker of the House. If elected to APhA-ASP's National Executive Committee, I will use this platform to represent my colleagues to the best of my ability. During chapter outreach visits, I will use the opportunity to speak to chapter leadership about specific issues they have identified in their state and how APhA can support them. I will also promote the major advocacy issues posed by APhA to school chapters, collaborating with our regional officers to communicate those key issues through accessible platforms such as social media, email, and virtual meetings and town halls.

My goal as Speaker is to give more opportunities to chapters and student pharmacists by guaranteeing they have the resources necessary to craft potential resolutions. I will work with regional officers and the National Executive Committee to implement a resolution toolkit, focusing on writing effective and meaningful resolutions, providing chapters with more examples of successful resolutions, and maintaining communication about the policy process. Advocacy for our profession is one of the most rewarding responsibilities of being a member of NEC; I hope to instill this passion of mine into others as Speaker of the House.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

APhA-ASP Leadership Experience:

- Region 3 Regional Delegate 2021 – 2022
- Chapter Policy Vice President 2020 – Present
- Chapter Policy & Advocacy Committee 2019 – Present

Florida Pharmacy Association:

- Student Advocacy Outreach Team 2012 – Present
- Student Advisory Council 2020 – Present

Local Experience:

- UF College of Pharmacy Student Council Treasurer 2020 – Present
- LGBTQ+ & Allies Subcommittee 2021 – Present

PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT APhA

When I entered the University of Florida College of Pharmacy as a first-year student pharmacist, APhA-ASP was the first organization I joined. I was enamored with political advocacy and quickly joined my chapter's Policy & Advocacy Committee. Today I am proud to serve as Regional Delegate for Region 3 and uphold the mission and values of APhA and APhA-ASP.

APhA-ASP has given me the space to grow as a student pharmacist. My chapter's Policy & Advocacy Committee was what first led me to APhA-ASP, but I soon discovered so much more about the organization and what it does for the field of pharmacy. As pharmacists fight to this day for our patients and our rights to practice, it is crucial to stay involved in advocacy efforts to advance our profession for the welfare of the communities in which we practice. APhA and APhA-ASP lead our profession in political involvement to expand our role in healthcare and optimize patient care. Through PAC initiatives and the involved policy process, APhA prepares its members to be advocates in healthcare.

Pharmacy extends further than what initially meets the eye. There are options for pharmacists in community settings, residencies, fellowships, and options nationally and internationally. APhA strives to prepare pharmacists in any field, which is why I first joined APhA-ASP three years ago. As a first-year student pharmacist who wasn't quite sure what he wanted to do after graduating, I found myself drawn to APhA not only for advocacy efforts but for its celebration of different fields. The practice of pharmacy is constantly evolving, as is the role of a pharmacist in the healthcare team. APhA supports the advancement of pharmacy and has a plethora of resources for pharmacists to thrive in any field. Through the regional and annual conferences, pharmacists and student pharmacists are able to network and learn about different aspects of the profession. The New Practitioner Network provides newly graduated pharmacists guidance when transitioning into licensed practitioners.

The opportunities I have received from APhA-ASP have been so influential in my own professional development. I am fortunate to have seen firsthand how this organization can change your life. As Speaker of the House and as a member of your National Executive Committee, I hope to encompass the values put forth by APhA by encouraging student pharmacists across the nation to take the opportunities presented to them and find their passions within the field.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS & TALENTS

I have a variety of soft and hard skills that qualifies me for this position. Confidence and public speaking are necessary skills to have as your Speaker. Even at a young age, I have never been fearful of having to present myself to large groups of people. The responsibilities of Speaker of the House extend far beyond presiding over the House of Delegates and working through resolutions. It will be my responsibility to speak and connect with different chapters across the nation. I have been involved in many events and spoken to many students about APhA-ASP and its advocacy initiatives. My goal is to motivate students and encourage them to participate in the policy process, so I am confident in my public speaking and communication skills to do so.

Organization and proper time management are also necessary skills to have for this position. I have extensive experience in time management through my position as my school's Student Council Treasurer. This position requires me to submit timely budget requests, communicate with vendors, and organize several fundraisers throughout the year. This experience has given me the opportunity to practice proper time management frequently throughout the year, which will be imperative as a member of the National Executive Committee.

Through my positions as Regional Delegate and Policy Vice President, I have also gained the experience and developed the skills necessary to write and critique resolutions. This will prove useful in fulfilling the responsibilities of Speaker; helping chapters and fellow delegates construct and formulate resolutions is one of the most important duties I can do for the chapters I oversee. Working directly with the Speaker of the House in the Resolutions Committee for APhA-ASP has shown me the power of encouraging my fellow committee members to do their best for the Academy.

Being a member of the National Executive Committee means representing and being the voice for the Academy of Student Pharmacists. I've emulated these efforts in my own advocacy for pharmacy at the University of Florida. I have grown as a leader at UF by advocating for our student pharmacists through my work in APhA-ASP and Student Council. I have secured funds from our university's Student Government to help reimburse students for their national conferences and encouraged fellow student pharmacists to attend and participate in the Florida Legislative Session. In my journey through pharmacy school, I have learned to encourage and raise up the voices of our fellow pharmacists. I now hone these skills as Regional Delegate and represent my Region and our student pharmacists in our annual caucus. I am further empowered to use the skills I have developed at a national level and be a voice to our peers as your Speaker of the House.