



APhA-ASP Regional Officer Elections  
Candidate for Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator – Region 6

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## GOAL STATEMENT

My goal as Region 6 Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator is to inspire others to engage in APhA-ASP activities at all levels. I know that the idea can be daunting at first, and that is exactly the feeling that made me choose to run for this position. My mission is to facilitate a MRM experience that sparks passion for APhA-ASP and to help Region 6 stay connected throughout the entire year. Through my experiences in our chapter, and at all the conferences I attended, my confidence was raised by each encounter I had. APhA has given me the courage to advocate for myself, and I aspire to ignite that spark in others as well. I want to help others build their own courage to become involved.

## BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

During my undergraduate years at Hutchinson Community College, I held many leadership positions. I was the captain of the dance team, Co-President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Vice President of Service for the Honors Program, and a Supplemental Instruction Leader for General Biology. I also volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters for two years.

Now I am an Ambassador at The University of Kansas School of Pharmacy, a member of the Social Committee for Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and I currently serve as our APhA-ASP chapter President-Elect.

Holding these various leadership positions have taught me the skills of accountability, responsibility, confidence, time management, compassion, delegation, and inspiration.

My time as captain of the dance team allowed me to think creatively to choreograph dances and find innovative ways to teach the material for all learning styles. Juggling several positions at once caused me to develop impeccable time management skills. Since I have had plenty of leadership opportunities in different settings, I am very comfortable delegating and guiding my teams to reach our goals.

These skills will be key towards my performance as Region 6 Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator. I will be able to manage my time between my local responsibilities and my new regional responsibilities while staying on-top of my course work because of my developed time management skills. I will be able to use my voice to unite and inspire others to feel confident and passionate about making changes in our profession and staying connected with other student pharmacists.

I believe that I have all the desired skills and experience to succeed in this position. Not only do I have lots of experience in leadership roles, but I also have lots of experience with APhA. During my first year as a student pharmacist, I attended the APhA Annual Meeting, Institute on Substance Use Disorders, and the Summer Leadership Institute. My experience at the APhA Annual meeting made me fall in love with the organization, and I have been driven to share that same inspiration with my own chapter and now I would like to progress to my whole region.

## TALENTS & SKILLS

I constantly strive to do everything at the highest level possible. I believe this quality allows me to spark excitement in others. I also love setting goals! I believe setting goals as a team allows the team to progress so much more effectively as a whole unit rather than a group of individuals. I believe that policy changes start the same way as goals. It comes from an idea of something that needs improvement; then steps are taken to reach the desired outcome. My desire to achieve great things keeps me motivated with plenty of energy to extend to my team members as they start their own journeys. This drive not only helps me regarding goals and inspiration, but it also has made me into a big picture thinker which I believe is vital for leadership at the regional and national levels because at this point there are too many moving pieces to have tunnel vision. I also am a people person, so I love connecting with others which will allow me to celebrate other's successes and provide advice through the low points as well.

## PLANS AS MIDYEAR REGIONAL MEETING COORDINATOR

As APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator, how will work to increase the awareness of the APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meeting and encourage student pharmacist participation in MRM2024?

As Region 6 Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator I will extend the involvement of student pharmacists beyond that done at the chapter level by bringing the chapters of the region together. I would like to work together with the Region 6 Delegate to create social media profiles for Region 6. We can then use this platform to send date reminders, feature different chapters, and be able to engage in activity outside of our own chapter. I believe that the more exposure students have to others doing the things that they wish to achieve, the more they will be able to grow and challenge themselves to do the same.

I will post my contact information on each of the platforms created, so that members know they are free to reach me about anything. I would love to assist chapter leaders as they develop their new teams at the transition of roles by answering any questions about conferences, the policy process, possible activities, or anything else that they may need to succeed. I would love to be available for emails, texts, and virtual meetings to interact with the region and help wherever I can.

I love connecting with people! Hearing what other chapters have going on is one of my favorite parts about attending conferences, so I want to create a way for chapters to stay involved with each other year-round.