

APhA-ASP Regional Officer Elections

Candidate for Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator - Region 8



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Previous Leadership and Experience

Currently I serve as the;

- Legislative Chair of Kappa Psi, Epsilon Gamma chapter
- Secretary, Pacific West Province of Kappa Psi

Locally, I have served in these roles on campus

- APhA President and President Elect (past)
- 2026 PharmD Cohort President (past)
- 2nd Vice Regent of Kappa Psi, Epsilon Gamma chapter (past)

My experiences as a student leader since I became a PharmD student have driven me to be the change I want to see put forth in the profession. Having held multiple positions while being a full time student has been nothing short of challenging and rewarding. It is with these tasks and responsibilities I've taken upon, I have learned how to balance and prioritize. Over this past year, I put my best foot forward to outline, condense, and spread the mission statement of APhA to the new cohort of student pharmacists. In supporting my Membership Vice President, in less than three weeks we were able to bring in close to 60 members registered with over half being first-year students. At the same time, I worked closely with my Kappa Psi chapter's 1st Vice Regent, to raise interest and motivate students to come out to our Rush events and be apart of something bigger than themselves. In both cases of Kappa Psi and APhA, I learned to utilize my time effectively to not only fulfill the needs of my organizations but, my needs as a student.

When it comes to fulfillment, I am a person who derives their own fulfillment off of bringing those separated by physical barriers together, to forge a new friendship, connection, and network. Having spent time in both local and regional positions, I make all the effort I can in forging bonds between fellow student pharmacists. Whether it be at a general body meeting, a health fair, or conference, I believe there is no limit to having people meet and develop a friendship with someone they never met before that day. With how times change and the future of pharmacy can be made uncertain, there is no reason why we as future constituents may not seek comfort and benefit in knowing there are thousands of student pharmacists standing shoulder to shoulder with you.

Talents and Skills

As an avid participant and believer in student leadership, I want to further develop myself into the needs and goals outlined as one of your APhA-ASP Regional Officers. Such skills or qualities which would allow me to grow and thrive in this position would be my ability to multi-task and adapt to the situation on hand. Being able to meet the needs and requirements of the task at hand whether it be at school, the pharmacy, or an event is something I have become quite accustomed to. This willingness to be "comfortable while in an uncomfortable environment," has pushed my abilities as a speaker and leader to no doubt grow in recent years. An example of this was on an interview day conducted by my program. Initially signed up to be an interviewer, one of my Associate Deans had asked me to both conduct interviews and lead a tour of prospective students. While I did not know much about being a tour guide, I took this new responsibility as potential to better my flexibility in adapting to new responsibilities and tasks.

What I as a candidate can offer this position, is the experience of developing events, itineraries, and programs with a limited or varied budget. My time as both a regional and local leader, has given me a given me the expertise to put together timelines at a cost effective and efficient manner. This past September, I had the distinct pleasure of serving as a committee member for our program's annual Legislative Day. With a team of five students, my committee and I were able to secure a \$3000 food sponsorship from Walgreens, effectively reducing our estimated cost by 85%.

Through effective time management, passion for engagement, and desire to connect one white coat to the next, I will be the dependable Region 8 Midyear Regional Coordinator for APhA-ASP.

Plans as a Midyear Regional Meeting Coordinator

As someone who has been with APhA-ASP for a few years, I wanted to bring a more collaborative and engaging approach to MRM, via chapter watch parties. Conducted last year, my chapter in addition to three other chapters local to the area, convened at WesternU to connect with one another, save a few dollars in travel and food whilst participating in MRM programming. While each chapter did have to pay to participate, the "watch party committee," was able to secure sponsorships from both Walgreens and Coachella Valley Pharmacists Association, to keep costs low and balance the budget for food, parking, and any extra cost.

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