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**Graduation Year:** 2010

**How and why I became interested in being appointed to the Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee:**

My involvement with ASHP on the national level began serendipitously when, after receiving an email describing the Pharmacy Leadership Academy, I asked Richard Walling if a similar program existed for students. A few months later, Richard offered me the opportunity to be on the Leadership Speakers' Bureau ad hoc committee, and later the Student - New Practitioner Leadership Task Force. I have been fortunate to work with pharmacy leaders such as Richard Walling, Steve Rough and Dr. Steven Sheaffer on these committees. Their vision of the future and dedication to the advancement of the profession of pharmacy reinforced my desire to be a change agent and advocate for our profession, and to foster that passion in others. I served both as our college's SSHP president and as a member of the Student Society and Leadership Development Advisory Group last year, and it seemed a natural progression to apply for the Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee. I feel I have found my professional home in ASHP, and I am excited to play an integral role in the betterment of our profession for many years to come.



**Professional interests:**

I have started working toward my Pharmacist Clinician license, but I am undecided as to whether I will be working in hospital pharmacy, starting my own clinical practice, or something altogether different. Some of my interests are oncology, pediatrics, and substance abuse management.

**How being a member of ASHP has assisted in my personal and professional development:**

What strikes me as unique about ASHP as an organization is the members' attitude toward students. ASHP as a whole respects and solicits student input, and students are encouraged to work alongside current practitioners in all ASHP functions. This has allowed me to not only get a better perspective of the profession I am entering into, but it has provided invaluable networking opportunities. Through these networking opportunities, I have met practitioners who have served as mentors, future colleagues, and friends.

**Goals for the year as an Executive Committee member:**

My goal in anything is 'to help others help themselves.' In this light, my goal is to not only serve as an advocate for the professional development of pharmacy and pre-pharmacy students, but to educate and empower current students to identify their passions and act as advocates and change agents.

**Fun fact:**

I participate in sport endurance events. I started with a marathon, raced in triathlons for a couple of years, and now I am a cyclist competing at the local level in stage races, as well as individual time trials, criteriums, and road races.

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