



Participating in the ASHP Policy Week and the Legislative Day as a member of the Commission on Affiliate Relations has been one of the most rewarding experiences I had in pharmacy school. Prior to this appointment, I was fortunate to serve on the local and state levels, which provided initial knowledge of ASHP.

During the week, we attended a lot of meetings and discussed major state affiliate issues that are impacting our organizational structure and professional practice. Although I was the only student on the Commission, I was strongly encouraged to participate by those who had a lot more experience than me. We had a long agenda list, but our great team managed to accomplish a lot! Learning about the differences among the various state affiliates and sharing new ideas with our fellow members was very educational. ASHP's continued commitment and support of students has been extremely inspiring! Being in Bethesda was not only educational, but also fun. We had the opportunity to network with professionals from around the country and reconnect with many old friends from earlier pharmacy school years.

During the Legislative Day, we met with our states' legislators and discussed many issues currently impacting our profession. Advocating for health-system pharmacy in the time of health care reform was very exciting! Although a little intimidated at first, I was ready to do it again by the end of the day! No matter how many times we visit the Capitol Hill, it never fails to deliver an empowering feeling! ☺

The opportunity to be involved on the ASHP national level has been an honor and provided me with the experience I could not have gained anywhere else. I look forward to continuing my involvement throughout the year and supporting ASHP as I transition from being a student to becoming a new practitioner.

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