



Hoo-rah! was the battle cry that our Council of Pharmacy Management Chair had the foresight to include as part of our group discussions; and rightfully so, as we had recently been rallied to action as pharmacy warriors by ASHP President, Dr Lynnae Mahaney. There were many great team-building exercises to follow, as our sessions intensified over the next few days. In fact, the policy development process had started much earlier. I was assigned to research background information on issues that dealt with leadership and future pharmacy practice models.

It was truly a memorable experience to participate as a student representative and to have an equal voice amongst pharmacy leaders. Likewise, it was great to have the opportunity of meeting students and new practitioners at the networking events. To interact with leaders that shared the same passion and energy for health-system pharmacy was remarkable.

Legislative Day signaled the end of Policy Week, as we met with our state delegates and voiced our collective opinion for healthcare reform. As students, it was exciting to know that we represented the new face of pharmacy, as direct patient care providers, particularly in a time when we are most needed.

In my final thoughts, as I boarded my return flight to Charleston, I realized that this was simply the beginning of my journey. A lifetime mission to advocate for patient safety and to promote the pharmacist's role in the medication use process is, indeed, the final destination.



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