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

After serving the ASHP Student Forum as the Vice-Chair of the Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee, I decided that I would like to again serve the student members of ASHP for another year. As ASHP President Mahaney outline in her Inaugural Address, entitled "Ignite Your Warrior Within," pharmacists need to lead the charge for change. It is imperative that students join this call to action as our country is at a tipping point for healthcare reform. We must ignite our pharmacy warriors within to help ASHP redefine our pharmacy practice model, as we strive for increased PGY-2 residency funding, and as we strive to achieve provider status. These examples, and numerous others, have emboldened me to help lead the charge toward change. I welcome the opportunity to engage my fellow students from all of the colleges of pharmacy throughout the nation, and inspire them to become agents of change, and advocates for the profession, while also developing into competent and confident healthcare practitioners. I view the prospect of helping direct the ASHP Student Forum an empowering endeavor that I embrace whole-heartedly.

Professional interests: My professional interests include oncology, hematology, infectious disease, and bone marrow transplant. I am also interested in translational research (bench-top and bed-side), pharmacogenetics, pharmacogenomics, and molecular biological bench-top research.

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

As a member of ASHP I have grown immensely, both personally and professionally. When I began my pharmacy education, I was committed to becoming a research pharmacist. But, after participating in Brown Bag medication management sessions with my local SSHP chapter, at long-term care facilities and homeless clinics, I found a true passion for direct patient care. ASHP changed my whole perspective on the intrinsic value of a pharmacist in an integrated hospital health care team. In addition, ASHP's programs have provided me valuable information on residency programs, the residency process, and the burgeoning career opportunities available to the hospital pharmacy clinician or administrator. Most important, ASHP has given me the ability to develop my leadership skills. After serving as the President-elect for the University of Colorado SSHP chapter (CSSHP) and then as Vice Chair of the ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Executive Committee, I realized that, in addition to my passion for helping positively affect patient outcomes through direct patient care, I also derived extreme satisfaction from inspiring others into action. ASHP has fueled my new interest in the policy and legislation portion of our profession, which is absolutely essential for pharmacy to continue to grow and advance. I have also witnessed first-hand how ASHP devotes efforts to providing students with resources to establish mentoring relationships with existing health-system practitioners. Mentors are integral for students to

evolve into effective practitioners, and have aided me both personally and professionally. Finally, ASHP has been invaluable to me in terms of networking and developing relationships with fellow students, as well as my future colleagues in hospital pharmacy. From my first day as a member of CSSHP through my recent trip to Rosemont, Illinois for the ASHP Summer Meeting, I have felt welcomed and valued by the members of the organization. This sense of belonging has stimulated me to become a more competent and confident intern, which will ultimately aid in my development into a consummate professional and skilled practitioner.

Goals for the year as an Executive Committee member:

1. Empower and embolden students to become agents of change within our healthcare landscape
2. Enhance the “triad relationship” between students that belong to their college of pharmacy societies, their state affiliates, and ASHP.
3. Foster a sense of “community” and “home” within students that belong to ASHP, so they want to maintain an active and life-long ASHP membership.
4. Provide students with adequate resources to aid in both professional and leadership development, to help them establish life-long mentoring relationships with existing health-care pharmacists, and prepare them to become grassroots advocates for pharmacy.

Fun fact: I LOVE music. My top five musicians or bands include Beethoven, Johnny Cash, David Bowie, TOOL, and The White Stripes. I have been to over 500 concerts and have the tickets from every single one of them to prove it!

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