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

After serving on the Policy and Legislative Affairs Advisory Group as a first year student, I then had the unique experience of working as the ASHP summer intern in 2008. Throughout both of these opportunities, I was really impressed by how much the organization and staff members at ASHP valued the input of the students and I was really interested in the initiatives that came out of the executive committee and advisory groups such as improving the mentorship program at ASHP and trying to make student members more aware of legislative issues surrounding health-system pharmacy. Having had two amazing experiences in these previous positions I knew that I wanted to pursue a leadership position within the student forum. I felt that I could use my experience serving on an advisory group and working within the organization to serve all of ASHP student members as an executive committee member.



Professional interests: Medication Safety, Preventative Medicine, Infectious Disease

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

ASHP has been my number one resource since I decided I wanted to pursue a career as a pharmacist. I was pursuing different options for PGY1 residencies on ASHP's website even before I even submitted my first pharmacy school application. It was during this early career development that I came across the opportunity to serve as the ASHP summer intern. This experience exposed me to many different aspects of health-system pharmacy and laid the foundation for me to begin developing my career path. It was during my time at ASHP through working on the IV Safety Summit among other projects, that I began to develop my passion for medication safety. ASHP has so many resources and experts within this field that there was not a question that I had that could not be answered somewhere within the organization. I also developed a keen appreciation for the value of mentorship and leadership in our profession during my internship and during my time on the policy and legislative affairs advisory group. Every ASHP member and staff member that I came into contact with had a sincere interest in learning about my interests and helping me develop my career vision. The contacts that I have made through ASHP have truly energized me and reinforced my passion for the profession.

Goals for the year as a PSFEC Member:

1. Ensure that all student forum members have the tools and resources available to them so that they can act as agents of change within the pharmacy profession.

2. Help promote and evaluate many of the new web resources that ASHP is developing such as the Webinar series being created specifically for students.
3. Make sure that students have the best access possible to career development and mentoring resources especially in light in the changing job market.
4. Work to constantly gather feedback on student programming at the Midyear Clinical Meeting and the new student leadership programming at the Summer Meeting.

Fun fact: I was a member of the 27th team to be declared a varsity sport at the University of Maryland—Competitive Cheerleading!

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