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Legacies begun, legacies continued

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APhA–ASP

A year of hope

APhA was established in 1852, but it was not until 1969 that the Student American Pharmaceutical Association, now known as APhA–ASP, was established. Student pharmacists have this home today as a result of the hard work of those that came before them. We stand on the shoulders of giants and are better positioned now to provide improved care to patients. We are driven by this legacy of greatness and are inspired to aim high when casting our vision for the future of the profession. But the aspirations we have for our own careers and for pharmacy overall lead back to this moment and the choices we make to either step forward or remain still. This has been a year of hope for student pharmacists across our country as we dreamed to improve patient care, grow professionally, advance the profession, and embrace our community within APhA with the 2017–18 national presidential theme, *Begin Your Legacy*.



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Begin Your Legacy was created to encourage student pharmacist members and chapters to not only focus on the day to day but also imagine where they and their organization will go over the course of their lives. A legacy does not have to be a memory thought of when we have found success in our careers years in the

future. A legacy can be intentional in the actions of everyday life as we serve our patients and influence our community of friends and family.

Student pharmacists celebrated this theme through social media, articles in *Student Pharmacist* magazine, innovative advocacy, and patient care events. The theme and programming throughout the year was created to build on the momentum of last year's theme, *Together We Can*, by helping students to set forth their vision for the future of the profession and reach for it together. This allowed students to use their strengths

to help their chapters and communities become even stronger. *Begin Your Legacy* was implemented into membership campaigns, chapter meetings, patient care projects, advocacy events, and chapter leadership retreats.

Strategic planning

The 2017–18 APhA–ASP National Executive Committee (NEC) was composed of APhA–ASP National President E. Michael Murphy, National President-elect Nimit Jindal, National Member-at-Large Allyson Cagle, National



The **Association Report** column in JAPhA reports on activities of APhA's 3 academies and topics of interest to members of those groups.

The **APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APhA–APPM)** is dedicated to assisting members in enhancing the profession of pharmacy, improving medication use, and advancing patient care. Through the APhA–APPM Special Interest Groups (SIGs), the Academy provides members a mechanism to network and support the profession by addressing emerging issues. To access a listing of APhA–APPM SIGs, visit www.pharmacist.com.

The mission of the **APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APhA–APRS)** is to stimulate the discovery, dissemination, and application of research to improve patient health. Academy members are a source of authoritative information on key scientific issues and work to advance the pharmaceutical sciences and improve the quality of pharmacy practice. Through the 3 APhA–APRS sections (Clinical Sciences; Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences; and Economic, Social, and Administrative Sciences), the Academy provides a mechanism for experts in all areas of the pharmaceutical sciences to influence APhA's policymaking process.

The mission of the **APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA–ASP)** is to be the collective voice of student pharmacists, to provide opportunities for professional growth, to improve patient care, and to envision and advance the future of pharmacy. The Association Report column is written by Academy and section officers and coordinated by APhA staff. Suggestions for future content may be sent to mtomecki@aphanet.org.

Member-at-Large Meryam Gharbi, and Speaker of the House Jason Gaines. In April 2017, the NEC met for their first business and strategic planning meeting to set goals and objectives for the Academy in the upcoming year.

The goals focused on the following 5 areas: promote active membership in APhA, engage student pharmacists in the provider status initiative, improve public health by promoting and enhancing the pharmacist's role in patient care, increase political advocacy and legislative involvement, and promote leadership development and enhance professionalism.

During the APhA Academies Leadership Meeting, the NEC was joined by 4 of the 5 APhA–ASP National Standing Committees: Communications, International, Member Engagement, and Policy. During this meeting, each committee set goals and objectives to support the Association and Academy's vision for the year. During this meeting, student leaders worked together with APhA–APPM and APhA–APRS leaders to strategize for the upcoming year.

The NEC conducted second and third meetings in July 2017 and January 2018 to reassess the goals and objectives that were put forth in April 2017. With the goals and objectives in mind, programming and student resources were developed for the remainder of the year. In July, during the APhA–ASP Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), more than 230 student pharmacist leaders from the local chapter level received training and participated in leadership development programming. At the January Business Meeting, the newly elected Regional Officers joined the NEC for an orientation to APhA, conducted planning for the year, and received training on their respective positions. The APhA–ASP 2017–18 Regional Officers are:

- Regional Delegates: Rebecca (Bex) Corvese, Seth Weinstock, Shea Terry, Zachary (Zak) Fettman, Kelsea Zukauckas, Sierra Woods, Christie Blaskovich, and Pranav Bhakta
- Regional Members-at-Large: Laurie Plewinski, Shanice Anderson, Eduardo Vega Jiménez, Dylan Kosaski, Kelli Jo Welter, James Cong, Shannon Tuttle, and Eric Dobberpuhl
- Midyear Regional Meeting (MRM) Coordinators: Stephanie Lanza, Elodie Tendoh, John (Cameron) Crowe, Drew Dretske, Amanda Stewart, Sydney Tu, Kathlene Bailey, and Osagie Omoruyi

Membership development

APhA–ASP continues to be the largest organization of student pharmacists, representing more than 34,000 members from nearly every school and college of pharmacy in the United States and Puerto Rico. In fall 2017, the APhA–ASP NEC and APhA Student Development staff conducted a record-breaking 73 APhA Student Outreach visits, including visits to several of the newest chapters of APhA–ASP: Binghamton University, State University of New York School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and University of Texas at El Paso.

During these outreach visits, the NEC and APhA Student Development staff promoted APhA membership, the extensive benefits for student pharmacists and pharmacists alike, MRM2017, APhA2018, the APhA Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies, the Pharmacists Provide Care Campaign, transition membership for final-year student pharmacists, the New Practitioner Network, the APhA Political Action Committee, and the APhA Foundation. We also provided students with resources to join as members and emphasized the importance of advocating for the profession and collaboration with state associations.

APhA–ASP Standing Committees

The Academy has accomplished some truly phenomenal things this year. This success is due to the consistently high-level performance by the APhA–ASP Awards, Communications, International, Member Engagement, and Policy Standing Committees.

The 2017–18 APhA–ASP Awards Standing Committee was chaired by Sarah Wheeler and included APhA–ASP National Executive Committee Liaison Nimit Jindal, Alyssa Hopsicker, Lisa Pineros Jacobs, and Siena Meador. In November, the committee met at APhA Headquarters to select individual award recipients and Chapter Achievement Award winners. The individual awards selected are:

- APhA Outstanding Dean Award: Patricia D. Kroboth, PhD, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
- APhA Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award: Valerie Ruehter, PharmD, BCPP, University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Pharmacy

- APhA Student Leadership Awards: Brandon Powell, Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy; Myriam Shaw Ojeda, Cedarville University School of Pharmacy; Shannon Stittsworth, University of Florida College of Pharmacy; and Charles Summerlin, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
- APhA Good Government Student Pharmacist of the Year Award: Sierra Woods, University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Pharmacy

The 2017–18 APhA–ASP Communications Standing Committee continued to enhance and optimize the Academy's social media strategy. They used the APhA–ASP social media pages to highlight the successes of individual and collective members on the chapter level who exemplified the vision of our Academy. This allowed for increased recognition and idea sharing among chapters across the nation. The APhA–ASP Facebook page has more than 16,800 likes, up from 15,000 just 1 year ago. Our Twitter account, @APhAASP, has more than 3900 followers, up from 3500 in the previous year. Furthermore, our Instagram page, @APhAASP, has grown from 2800 followers last year to more than 3500 followers!

The post reach and engagement of APhA and non-APhA members continued to grow tremendously over the past year owing to the strategic efforts of the Committee and contributions from leadership at all levels within APhA–ASP. Our APhA–ASP webinars have gained momentum with the continuation and expansion of current programs, such as the series for chapter leaders and the addition of new webinars promoting national leadership opportunities.

The 2017–18 APhA–ASP Communications Standing Committee was chaired by Sara Massey and included APhA–ASP NEC Liaison Allyson Cagle, Mark Gilliam, Gillian Leung, and Natalie Tucker.

The 2017–18 APhA–ASP International Standing Committee—the United States' representatives to the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF)—promoted and embodied their theme, “Think Globally, Act Locally.” This was done through integrating international issues into the Academy's activities, promoting a global

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