

# Member Spotlight

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My path to the pharmacy profession began at the young age of 17. While taking an organic chemistry course in high school I realized my love for chemistry! As I began to explore how I might use chemistry in the future, I found a career in pharmacy to be the perfect blend of science and my strong passion for being of service to others. Shortly after entering the pre-pharmacy undergraduate program at Chapman University, I became aware of the CSHP organization. I was drawn to the mission of CSHP and felt it to be closely aligned with my values. The opportunity to be able to promote public help through optimal medication use, provide patient-centered care, and advocate for the importance of the pharmacist's role in healthcare, truly resonated with me. It was then I realized I wanted to join this organization.



Once in pharmacy school, I worked hard to attend every event my CSHP chapter held, getting to know those involved in our chapter and learning all I could from them. This led me to feel at home with the organization, and within my P1 year, I became President of Chapman University School of Pharmacy's CSHP Chapter. By committing to this position, it was my goal to provide students with more community outreach experiences, to advocate for our profession, and provide workshops and events that would help students grow as professionals. In collaboration with my 11 executive board members, we successfully planned and executed roughly 30 events during our term, one of which being the campus-wide Mental Health Awareness week where, proudly, we won the CSHP Community Service Project Award in 2023. In addition to my involvement in my school's chapter, I was a representative for Chapman in CSHP's Student Section Executive Committee, which led me to serve as the Co-Chair for this

committee the following year. From all my experience in CSHP, I was honored to be chosen for the Student Leadership Award this past fall at CSHP Seminar 2024.

My involvement in the CSHP organization has taught me the importance of teamwork to achieve a common goal and has allowed me to meet many likeminded individuals from other institutions that I would not have had the opportunity to meet otherwise. The various experiences CSHP has offered has allowed me to develop my communication and leadership skills beyond what I thought possible. Finally, it has allowed me the opportunity to build lasting relationships with mentors and other colleagues in the field. I am deeply grateful for the CSHP organization and hope to continue my advocacy and involvement well into my post-graduate career.