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STUDENT COUNCIL

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Vision for PPA: My vision for PPA student involvement is to have more students as members in PPA committees, additional collaboration between PPA student groups, and increased attendance at conference and events.

As Chair of the PPA Student Council, I hope to facilitate opportunities for students to advocate, network, and learn more about pediatric pharmacy. It is my goal to serve as a voice for students, so please feel free to contact me with any ideas for expanding student involvement in PPA!
Amanda Zahn
Chair Elect

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Vision for PPA: My vision for the future of student involvement within PPA is to have a more connected network of student chapters throughout the country. While opportunities such as the fall conference and the annual meeting provide us with great opportunities to meet students from other chapters, they only come around twice a year. I would love to see more extensive interaction between the various student chapters as time goes on, especially now that everyone has developed a deep familiarity with online platforms such as Zoom.
Milre Matherne
Secretary

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Vision for PPA: My vision for future student involvement in PPA starts with finding ways to include our members from around the country who may not have a student PPA chapter at their college!

I am so grateful for all of the opportunities provided to me through my student PPA chapter and I would love to simulate the experience as best as possible to create a sense of community for others.
MORGAN JANES
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Vision for PPA: I see the potential for so much growth of student involvement within PPA! I am looking forward to being able to share information about PPA on our social media platforms to help recruit more members and spark ideas for existing members to find new ways to get the most out of PPA. I also hope to help expose student pharmacists with all the potential pathways they could take in the world of pediatric pharmacy by connecting them with pharmacists across the country. I am excited to help bring students members of PPA together from all over the country!
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Vision for PPA: My vision for future student involvement within PPA is to have each local chapter sincerely feel supported, encouraged and recognized by the student council. I will facilitate this by partnering with the Networking Chair to organize student events that foster an inviting atmosphere for our Annual and Fall conferences. Additionally, I hope to collaborate with various local chapter’s E-Board members to plan events outside of conferences. These opportunities will range in focus from social, fundraisers and volunteer events. Overall, I hope to grow local chapter involvement and relay opportunities within PPA on a national level to students.
Emily Bennett
Student Chapter Liaison

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Vision for PPA: As the Student Chapter Liaison, I envision the student groups of PPA to grow and learn together. I will reach out to our individual campus presidents and connect each other through Zoom and student event planning. I will work to foster engagement and development within our members while also providing chapter networking opportunities that will serve you as you graduate and enter the world of pediatric pharmacy alongside each other. This is a community of passionate individuals with overflowing hearts, and I cannot wait to serve you all this year.
Megan Fortenberry
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Vision for PPA: My goal for the PPA Student Council this year is to bridge the gap between local student chapters and PPA national. COVID had caused a lot of problems over the last two years, but one thing positive that I have learned from COVID is just how small the world is! We now have the technology and know-how to be able to meet with people from across the country virtually. How amazing would it be for a student chapter in California to be able to have a joint meeting or fundraiser with a student chapter in South Carolina?!
PPA has many rewarding opportunities to offer to its student membership, including our annual meeting in the spring and our yearly fall conference. Each offers a variety of student programming aimed to highlight various areas of pediatric pharmacy practice and to develop students as leaders in the profession.

If you have an idea or suggestion that you would like to see implemented, please reach out to any of our student council members! We are here to serve you, therefore we want to hear from you and provide you with the programming that you want to see!