

# **Pharmacy Council Executive Committee Biographies and Platforms 2016-2017**

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Hello, my name is Qasim Adil and I'm running for Vice President for Pharmacy Council. I completed my prerequisites here at UT Austin and am a proud Longhorn! I was raised in Houston, Texas and look forward to going back there for my P4 rotations. I am currently working as a Pharmacist Intern at CVS/pharmacy and am working to create educational materials for patients. In my spare time I enjoy lifting weights, exploring Austin and spending time with my 10 year old sister!

After starting at UT Austin College of Pharmacy I found a passion in serving disadvantaged patients. Through these efforts, I am continuously looking for ways to benefit the less fortunate. I have served on

the leadership teams of Know Your Medicine and Project Collaborate and have set up medication reviews and screenings for those who otherwise may not have access to them. In addition, I have been serving as a class representative since my P1 year. I truly enjoy talking with and representing my class and ensuring every voice is heard.

One of my biggest priorities as Vice President is to focus on the mental health of our students. I know what it feels like to have the stress and anxiety that comes with trying to do your best and I'd like to give our students the ability to cope with it appropriately. Another priority I'd like to concentrate on is bolstering the national recognition of our student organizations. This college has amazing organizations and I would like to showcase our achievements proudly.

Due to the personal growth afforded to me by my participation in the college, I strive passionately to serve it every day. If you have any questions, I'd love for you to contact me. My email address is [qasimadil@utexas.edu](mailto:qasimadil@utexas.edu). Thank you for consideration!



Hello, I am Lauren Stanz and I am running for Pharmacy Council Vice President. I began my undergraduate studies at Clemson University in South Carolina, and completed my degree here at the University of Texas at Austin. I found my passion in pharmacy, and my father's devotion to his pharmacy practice has and continues to drive my work as a professional. Thinking of all he's done for the profession truly inspires me to give back. In the future I am interested in pursuing a comprehensive pharmacy practice residency, including a Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration.

My time here at UTCOP has taught me to value leadership as an integral aspect of my professional life. I have had the pleasure of serving in several capacities including Pharmacy Council New Student Orientation Co-Chair, SSHP Professional Development Co-Chair, SCCP Service Chair, and as a student representative on the Dean's Professional Development committee. I'm also involved in the College's Honors Program and am currently researching "Accreditation Standards and Key Elements for the Professional Program in Pharmacy" under the supervision of Dean Diane Ginsburg, Ph.D., R.Ph., FASHP.

As Vice President I plan to maintain and improve upon the foundation of my predecessors. They've done a brilliant job shaping this council, and I am excited to support its growth in the future. In doing so, I plan to build upon the utilization and management of organizational systems previously established. This includes ensuring members not only have a complete understanding of their role and responsibilities, but also a mentor for guidance and support. I also hope to improve upon the current structure of PC committees and their denoted supervisors. I believe re-defined roles and detailed guidelines for executive board members will result in superior outcomes. This enhanced support stemming from experienced leaders will make for a higher functioning Pharmacy Council body.

I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration. Please contact me with any questions or concerns; I am available at [lkstanz@icloud.com](mailto:lkstanz@icloud.com).



Hello, my name is Tori Vaughan and I am running for Vice President of Pharmacy Council. I am an Austin native and I loved growing up in a city full of life, diversity, and kindness. After high school, I obtained a degree in Chemistry and Psychology from Texas Tech University. I currently work at MBS Pharmacy, a long-term care pharmacy up in round rock, but my pharmacy interest spreads across multiple areas including community and psychiatric pharmacy as well. My favorite past times include snuggling with my pup Bandit and attending concerts.

I have been a member of Pharmacy Council since my second week of school at the College of Pharmacy. I served two years on the Prospective Student Interview Committee and worked to transform the previous interview process. I worked with pharmacy students, graduate students, faculty, and staff and discovered all the remarkable aspects of what makes our college great. In addition, I have served as both Historian and Secretary for CPFI, working as part of an executive board. I also am currently serving as SPRN's Pharmacy Council Representative, so I have participated in Pharmacy Council from multiple perspectives.

One of my favorite aspects of attending The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy is the amazing student body and the passion our students have for the profession of pharmacy. We have a wide variety of organizations and involved students who are able to engage both The University of Texas campus, as well as the surrounding community. My goal is to continue to encourage this engagement and to build upon the solid foundation and previous successes of the college. I also hope to stimulate an even greater sense of unity within and between students and organizations on campus and serve as extra support and guidance on all efforts.

I am more than happy to answer any questions you might have. You can contact me at [tori.vaughan@utexas.edu](mailto:tori.vaughan@utexas.edu). Thank for your consideration, I am humbled to serve the College of Pharmacy.





Hello everyone! My name is Chib Amuneke-Nze. I am excited to be running for Pharmacy Council Financial Director. I am from Mansfield, Texas. I am currently a pharmacist intern at MBS Pharmacy. While at UT, I have had the privilege of serve as NSO and KYM co-chair. Throughout my tenure in these positions, I have been able to oversee successful fundraising initiatives as well as draft budget proposals alongside my peers and with staff in the business office.

As a result, I have become familiar with the financial processes and opportunities for funding that are available within the College. In addition, I have cultivated a deep appreciation for serving in pharmacy organizations and making a positive impact within the college. As Financial Director, my overall goal is to enhance the fundraising capacity of our student organizations and provide resources that allow increased opportunities for student involvement within the college and the profession. In addition, I would like to build upon the foundation establish by the work of Sana Qureshi and Matt Davis. This will involve streamlining the budget audit process and further developing Pharmer's Market. I have already begun working alongside Matt in some of these areas and have been fortunate to be involved with university-wide financial meetings.

A crucial objective I personally aim to accomplish as Financial Director is to establish effective lines of communication between the entire student body, the faculty, and the staff. Also, I hope to serve as a medium for information exchange and budget resolution concerning any financial issues or inquiries. I desire to represent each of you to the best of my abilities and act as a partner while pursuing our common goals! I greatly appreciate your consideration for this opportunity!

Please feel free to contact me ([chib.amuneke-nze@utexas.edu](mailto:chib.amuneke-nze@utexas.edu)). Thank you!



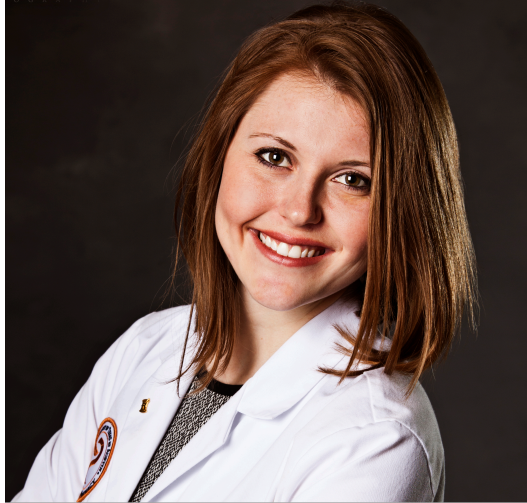
### Rock Suddhi – Secretary

My name is Rock Suddhi, and I am running for Pharmacy Council Secretary. I am from Sugar Land, Texas and am a proud Longhorn, earning my bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Texas at Austin. I work as an intern at Sam's Club Pharmacy, and my hobbies include exercising, watching movies at Alamo Drafthouse, Netflix, and spending time with the important people in my life.

I served as fundraising chair for APhA my P1 year, and currently serve as fundraising chair for Pharmacy Council. I'm also a devoted Brother of Phi Delta Chi, where I served as publications chair and a 'Head of House'. These positions have enforced my abilities to stay organized and accomplish tasks, a pertinent quality to have as secretary.

I believe with what I have to offer, my skillsets, and my ideas I plan to put into action, I am a prime candidate for secretary. One of the main goals I would like to accomplish is to improve communications about announcements and events that are happening throughout the college. I plan to achieve this by introducing a newsletter format to the monthly meeting minutes emails. This will provide a brief look at what's going on around the college and make the emails more visually appealing and fun to read. In addition, I would like to compile a master list of meetings and events across all organizations and make it accessible to everyone in hopes of improving ease and collaboration when planning events. Overall, I would like to enhance means of communication and keep everyone updated regarding matters that affect the College of Pharmacy.

I would be honored to serve as Pharmacy Council Secretary for the upcoming year. Thank you for your time and consideration, and you can contact me any time at [rsuddhi93@gmail.com](mailto:rsuddhi93@gmail.com).



My name is Julia Barber, and I am running for Student Government Representative. I have spent the last six years at The University of Texas at Austin, first earning a BS in nutrition in 2014 and now working towards a PharmD. Currently, I am working on a research project within the Health Outcomes and Pharmacy Practice division.

In my time at the college of pharmacy thus far, I have learned a great deal about the college itself. I understand being on Pharmacy Council Executive Board means serving the entire college. I am qualified to do exactly that because of my care for this institution's future. I served as Educational Events

Chair for Pharmacy Council my first year and fell in love with the organization. Currently, I serve as Communications and Development Chair, for which my co-chair and I have expanded our roles to advance our social networking and foster future relationships with alumni. Having the opportunity to create and tackle new responsibilities for this committee and work with other dedicated students and staff has been a true blessing.

In my undergraduate days at UT, I served as former secretary and president of Texas Nutrition for which I worked closely with nutrition faculty and my executive team to enhance professional development opportunities among nutrition students.

As a member of several organizations across campus over the years, I fully understand how to represent our college communicating our goals at Student Government general assemblies. I plan to enrich our connection with other colleges in collaborating on health-related events. My involvement thus far has reignited my gratitude for this university. Earning this position for me would mean more than leadership; it would mean serving this institution in a substantial way before leaving for rotations.

Please feel free to send your questions and comments to me at [juliabarber@utexas.edu](mailto:juliabarber@utexas.edu). I sincerely thank you for considering me as your next Student Government Representative!



Hello, my name is Kiersten Braasch and I would like your vote for Student Government Representative of Pharmacy Council. I am from Colleyville, Texas, and I completed my three years of pre-requisite coursework at the University of Texas at Austin where I fell in love with our university. I have worked as a pharmacy technician for 4 years and currently work at Stonegate Pharmacy in Austin. Outside of work and school, I have become an Austin foodie, I enjoy exercising, and I love traveling.

As a student pharmacist, I have developed strong leadership skills through my involvement in numerous student organizations, which have allowed my passion for the pharmacy profession to spread to everyone I encounter. I currently serve as Health Awareness and Interprofessional Communication Chairperson of Pharmacy Council, where I share my enthusiasm for pharmacy while working with the other colleges on campus. I also express my passion for maintaining a healthy lifestyle through my position as Diabetes Chair in UT-APhA-ASP. As an undergraduate I also served as President of the Longhorn Pre-Pharmacy Association. The leadership roles I have held have prepared me to become a great representative for the College of Pharmacy.

As Student Government Representative of Pharmacy Council, my goals are to enhance collaboration between the other professional schools on campus and effectively communicate the relevant activities to my Pharmacy colleagues. This position will give me the opportunity to advocate for the college of Pharmacy and work alongside the other school representatives to form a stronger interprofessional relationship. I believe health care is a team-based collaboration. It is my goal to have the College of Pharmacy work alongside the School of Nursing, School of Social Work, as well as the Dell Medical School to promote a collaborative environment where we can jointly improve the health in Austin.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [kierstenbraasch@utexas.edu](mailto:kierstenbraasch@utexas.edu).



Greetings, my name is Lubna Mazin and I am running for Student Government Representative for Pharmacy council. I am currently a P1; I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) where I received a Bachelors in Biology and a minor in Leadership Studies. I am currently working as a Zumba instructor for UT Recreational Sports.

My passion lies in promoting holistic health and wellness. At CU, I served as captain of the Cheer and Dance team for 3 years and I was on Student Government for all four years, serving one term as Student Body Vice President. During my time in Student Government I played a pivotal role in implementing major changes. This included getting a mascot, bringing club sports to campus, and building a wellness center. As a result, we built a sense of community, saw an increase in student engagement, as well as an increase in wellness awareness. Students became more physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.

My main priority if elected for this position, is to promote wellness at UT. I am currently in contact with Texas A&M who is piloting a program that prescribes exercise as a form of medication. Rather than prescribing a “magic pill” students would be prescribed a form of exercise to treat their disease state. I would like to work with student government to bring this program here and to have the UT health insurance cover the cost of this form of preventative health care. I also plan to develop a program to promote drug education for students. This would educate students about contraception, misusing prescription drugs, and the dangers of using illicit drugs. College is where habits are formed; I will make it my mission to insure UT students are building habits that promote living a healthy lifestyle.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. My email address is [lubna.mazin@utexas.edu](mailto:lubna.mazin@utexas.edu). Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to serving you to the best of my abilities!



My name is Baneen Noorali, and I would like to serve as your next Senate Representative. I was raised in Dallas, but I moved to Austin for college and have loved it ever since. I bleed burnt orange, to the point that Saturdays in the fall are exclusively reserved for football, no matter how our team is doing. I am a big proponent of staying until the end to support the team, and that is what I intend to do for Pharmacy Council if elected as Senate Representative.

Having served as president of an organization this year, I understand the need for a strong executive team. Teamwork really does make the dream work, and I look forward to serving in that capacity for Pharmacy Council to provide support and assistance wherever it is needed. We attend the #4 pharmacy school in the nation, and part of the responsibility of maintaining that legacy rests on our shoulders. We will undoubtedly graduate as competent pharmacists, but we should be well-rounded too. I believe that working with the rest of the university is crucial to enhancing our academic experience. We have so many top-notch programs; surely, if we work together we can synergize to create something even greater. My goal as Senate Representative is to do just that. Senate assemblies are an excellent avenue for networking with other colleges because each college is represented. In addition, Senate Representative meetings essentially serve as a roundtable: each representative provides an update about the activities of their Council. I intend to use this opportunity to let other colleges know what we are doing and bring back information for us to use as well. In this way, we can help each other grow professionally and carry out the Longhorn legacy.