

# 2014 – 2015 ELECTION SPEECHES

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# PGC PRESIDENT

Neil Patel

Neil Patel

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Hello EMSOP Community!

Once again, the time for PGC elections is here, which means you all are on your way to having completed another terrific year at EMSOP! My name is Neil Patel and I'm a current P2 student running for PGC President. This past year, I served as the PGC Corresponding Secretary, and it has given me valuable hands-on leadership experience. Because of this experience, I wish to continue to serve the EMSOP community as your next PGC President.

Although many of you may only know me as the student who sends out the announcements and fliers every week, my role as the PGC Corresponding Secretary has been much greater than that. I have been involved in pretty much every event PGC has taken on this year including but not limited to: RxOlympics, Student-Faculty Drinking Social and the Mentoring Program. Through my involvement in all of these events I have come to understand the potential the PGC President has in impacting all of you and your favorite pharmacy student organizations!

One of my goals as PGC President is to improve collaboration between the organizations. I have seen a number of collaborative events during my term as PGC Corresponding Secretary and many of these events have been tremendously successful at providing more opportunities for students because of their extended reach and impact. Also, I believe it is critical to encourage students to express their ideas, and it is the role of the Pharmacy Governing Council to try and help students successfully execute events they want to see most. I plan to work closely with next year's PGC Executive Board to make sure these events continue and to make sure even more new opportunities are available for students moving forward.

I wish to revamp and expand upon some of PGC's events such as the PGC leadership retreat, mentoring program, and RxOlympics. I believe these events have done a great job at promoting leadership and student interaction at EMSOP but can be made even more impactful. I also hope to represent the students' needs in various pharmacy school discussions such as the dual degree programs and the planning for the new building. I want to further establish old dual degree programs and make progress for a new PharmD/JD program. I hope to maximize student resources in the new building planning such as pharmacy only study rooms and greater printing access.

Given my past experience with PGC, I know that I would make a seamless transition into this position. My role in the past year has motivated me to contribute more to the organization and the pharmacy school. Thank you for considering my candidacy as PGC President!

Sincerely,



Neil Patel

# PGC VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL

Mingyang Lin  
Alexander Lo

Mingyang Lin

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Hello fellow EMSOP students! My name is Mingyang Lin and I am running for the position of Vice President Internal on the PGC E-Board for the 2014-2015 school year. Serving as your University Senator this term has been an amazing experience for me, both personally and professionally. I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me this great opportunity to serve as a representative of EMSOP. I have been privileged to work with an amazing E-board, all of whom were supportive and encouraging throughout the year as I slowly learned the different aspects necessary to successfully carry out my role. They've prepared me to run this Council appropriately and efficiently as their successor, and have granted me the vision needed to continue to push EMSOP along its upwards track as a successful and prestigious institution. Having worked personally alongside our current VP Internal on all of her initiatives, including the Mentoring Picnic, Open Forum and Leadership Retreat, I can now say that I am ready and eager to take on this greater role.

As your Vice President Internal, I pledge to expand the role that Mentors play in their Mentees' assimilation into EMSOP and bring the Mentoring Program to new heights. Though successful initially, many Mentor/Mentee pairings lose touch of each other as the school year progresses. This disconnect can be potentially harmful if young students don't have someone older to turn to in times of need. Whether it be elective selection or organizational involvement, Mentors can and should play a big part in their Mentee's lives, as they learn the various nuances of being an EMSOP student. My first goal as VP Internal is to ensure that that bond is never broken.

Another key responsibility of the VP Internal position is to hold Open Forum, where student opinions and questions can be addressed in the presence of department administrators and faculty members. While Open Forum in its current form is very successful, the attendees are largely student leaders of various organizations and thus, their opinions may represent only a small portion of EMSOP's total student body. My second goal as VP Internal is to make sure that every voice in EMSOP be heard. I will seek ways to expand communication channels between PGC and the entire student body to ensure accurate and full representation. In addition, I will work with the appropriate faculty and administrators after Open Forum to ensure that the necessary changes be carried out.

Lastly, the Leadership Retreat was designed to foster and develop leadership qualities within EMSOP student leaders, young and old alike. However, in recent years, it has lost some of its significance as workshops and projects remain similar in structure. My last goal as Vice President Internal is to revitalize the Leadership Retreat and make it into an event that has a lasting impact on its participants. I will work with the rest of the E-Board to ensure the creation of new activities that are engaging and informative, so that everyone can take something away from the experience and become better leaders.

My fellow students, it has been a truly humbling experience to serve as your University Senator and I hope that you think I have done an adequate job. However, there is more work to be done, so please allow me the opportunity to continue serving you next year as your Vice President Internal and vote for me on Election Day. Thank you!

Alexander Lo

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Dear Fellow Pharmacy Students,

My name is Alex Lo and I am a P1 student running for Vice President of Internal Affairs on the Pharmacy Governing Council. The Vice President of Internal Affairs is responsible for coordinating the public relations and social events within the School of Pharmacy, and I would be honored to serve in this position with my Class of 2017 Council experience.

As the Class of 2017 President, I coordinated committees and collaborated with other organizations on events and initiatives to advocate for the pharmacy profession and strengthen the student network. With my Class Council and committees, I planned a Valentine's Day Social and Halfway Done Celebration, and contributed to organizing weekly games and recreation at the Werblin Gym to promote camaraderie and collegiality among my classmates. I also worked with the Classes of 2015 and 2018 on the Elective Information Session this semester to prepare Pharmacy students for registering their professional electives by giving upperclassmen students the opportunity to share their

perspectives and experiences on taking the different courses. Thus, I seek the Vice President of Internal Affairs position to apply my experiences and promote student relations across the School of Pharmacy.

My primary goal for 2014-2015 is to work with the PGC Executive Board to forge stronger inter-class ties among the Pharmacy student body by expanding on the Pharmacy Mentor Program and Rx Olympics. The Mentor Program is a vast peer network and resource valuable to not only incoming Pharmacy students, but also to current students to ask questions, share advice, make new acquaintances, and form lasting relationships. Thus, I plan to work closely with the Executive Board and Mentoring Committee on ideas, like having more Pharmacy Mentor events, to help students stay connected and to keep the large network active throughout the school year. Moreover, I would like to spread the fun and friendly rivalry, started by Rx Olympics, to the entire School of Pharmacy with weekly games and recreation coordinated by a new committee of interested students from different years. This initiative is to facilitate new relationships, and to increase the interest and anticipation for more inter-class competition. Therefore, I aim to work with next year's PGC Executive Board to continue and to build on these programs and events that unite the students at the School of Pharmacy.

An opportunity to serve as Vice President of Internal Affairs on the PGC Executive Board would allow me to apply my Class Council experience to enhance your student experience within the School of Pharmacy. Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy. Please feel free to contact me at [alex.lo898@gmail.com](mailto:alex.lo898@gmail.com) with your questions.

Sincerely,  
Alexander Lo

# PGC VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

Yixin Lin  
Scott Ou  
Eric Sadlier

Yixin Lin

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My name is Yixin Lin and I am currently a P1 student running for the Vice President External position of the Pharmacy Governing Council. The Vice President External coordinates public relations outside of the School of Pharmacy. I believe I have the dedication, passion, and ideas to fulfill this position.

I have held leadership positions in APhA and SNPhA. These experiences have enhanced my communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills. I strive to get involved as much as I can and I want to see the connection of EMSOP students improve with other schools. I am motivated to help us build stronger relationships among students in different professional schools within Rutgers.

As the Vice President External, I plan to foster relationships and coordinate events with other professional schools, such as the medical, business, and engineering schools. I wish to hold a mixer in which students from different schools can intermingle and learn about the roles and responsibilities in other respective fields. This will not only assist the development of our profession, but it is also a great way for students to socialize with people outside of the pharmacy school and gain an outside perspective. I also hope to collaborate with the Health Professions United organization to offer more events for pharmacy students. With my strong organizational and planning skills, I will continue the responsibility of organizing the Involvement Fair.

If elected, I will work closely with the rest of the PGC E-Board and the other schools within Rutgers to create a greater unity throughout the schools through communication and collaboration. I promise to serve the whole student body to improve the student experience. I hope you give me, Yixin Lin, the opportunity to serve you as the Vice President External. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Scott Ou

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Hello, my fellow Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy students. My name is Scott Ou and I am currently a P2 running for Vice President External of the Pharmacy Governing Council. This position holds several responsibilities such as collaborating with schools outside the School of Pharmacy, and keeping the pharmacy school updated on issues pertaining to healthcare, and the University in general. I believe that my personal qualities would lend themselves well to an esteemed position such as this one.

Although I have not yet held a position as important as Vice President External during my time here at EMSOP, I feel as though this could benefit me dramatically. I am very eager to take on the responsibilities of being an officer of the Pharmacy Governing Council and would work extra hard to make sure that I live up to what students in this position have done in the past. I would not want to let the rest of the executive board or the pharmacy school down. A leadership position that I currently hold includes serving as the Secretary Internal of Phi Delta Chi. Some smaller roles that I have been involved with comprise of being a member of the PGC coordinating committee and being a pharmacy mentor. I have also helped out at various PGC events in the past, such as the mentoring picnic. Through these experiences, I have improved my attention to detail, organizational skills, and time management skills. Taking on the role of Secretary Internal for Phi Delta Chi meant attending every single event and taking attendance at each of them. Sometimes, there would be multiple events per week lasting a few hours each, and I would have to balance it with the strenuous P2 curriculum. I believe that my position has prepared me well for the responsibilities of Vice President External of PGC.

With the merger between Rutgers University and UMDNJ and the new implementation of the Pharm.D. /M.D. dual degree program, a great relationship with the medical school is essential. Continuing our collaboration with the medical school through social events and possibly professional events is a goal of mine. As more pharmacy students are interested in going into medical school, fostering the relationship between us would help ease the transition for the students. Although I am running for Vice President External, another of my goals is to not be limited to just the responsibilities of the position. I would also like to be involved in helping out with the coordinating committee, mentoring program, and anywhere else assistance is needed. One last goal of mine is to possibly collaborate with the other schools of different majors. I am aware that a lot of students can get tired of seeing the same faces every day so social events with the schools of business, public health, or even engineering could be viable options.

I believe with my ambitious nature and hard work, I can accomplish a lot as Vice President External. Thank for you your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Scott Ou

Eric Sadlier

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First I would like to introduce myself. My name is Eric Sadlier and I am running for Vice President of External Affairs. I am going to be a P1 student next fall and I have a deep passion for helping and networking with students and other organizations. I hope that my prior experience outside of the pharmacy school can sway you into believing in me for the position of Vice President External. In high school, I held the position of Vice President of my class, freshman to junior year. At this position I planned many charity events with other organizations within my school and held a fervid motive to try to increase student involvement through occasions such as Homecoming, Spirit Week, etc... My senior year I decided I wanted a larger role though and ran for Overall Student Body President. Luckily, I won the position and became the main figure for student administration relationships. As Overall Body President I would coordinate with the Board of Education on student issues, met with administrators and principles on different ways to handle student conduct, and reached out to external organizations such as St Jude's Children's Hospital to synchronize toy drive or raise funds.

My prior experience speaks for itself, but more importantly is what I want to accomplish for the upcoming academic year. As most of you know, the integration between UMDMJ and Rutgers is one of the most exciting and ground breaking programs to be a part of Rutgers. With this integration between the schools holds a responsibility by this position to reach out and plan events with the students of UMDMJ. My number one goal for next year is to coordinate some sort of events between the medical students and us the pharmacy students. As two prominent healthcare professions, it is key to interact with our fellow students. Secondly, I would like to increase the interaction with other students as well such as SERBs, Engineering, etc... For example, the sporting competition between the Engineering school is something in particular I would like to increase student involvement in. As Vice President of External Affairs, I will diligently work to promote and organize these social events and interactions between the schools. Finally my last goal is to try to increase student involvement altogether. I want to be able to build a strong student unity not just between pharmacy students but other schools as well. This can be done by promoting events such as Mr. Pharm D., Health Professions Unite, the Involvement Fair, and many more. I want to be able to accomplish these greats through better advertisement and being that connection between Ernest Mario and the other schools. As Vice President External I can promise you I will work my hardest to accomplish these goals. Thank you for your time and I hope to receive your vote!

# PGC TREASURER

Daniel Dipsia  
Bernard Kim

Daniel Dipsia

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Hello Everyone!

My name is Daniel Dipsia and I am running to be the next PGC Treasurer for the 2014 – 2015 academic school year. As a dedicated candidate for the pharmacy program and an active member of the pharmacy governing council, I find that it is time that I take on a bigger role in the school of pharmacy. Through my high attendance record of general meetings, my involvement in multiple events sponsored by PGC and my past experiences, I am ready to take on this huge leadership role.

Ever since I was a PP1, I have been attending PGC meetings, starting from just having interest and listening to the advice from older students. Since then I have taken on many roles throughout the pharmacy school, including Pharmacy Class of 2017 Class Treasurer, Professional Chair and PGC Representative of Alpha Zeta Omega, and Fundraising Chair of ACCP. Through these positions I have helped organized and attended many events the school has put on for students, including Speed Networking, de-stress events, PGC Olympics, CV/Mock Interview Event, ACCP Professional Series, Advocacy Month Events, and 2 Mr. Pharm Ds as a contestant. Through my background as a past class treasurer, I am already familiar with the policies and processes of SABO and understand how to organize and handle all the paperwork that comes along with being treasurer. I also currently working part time as a supervisor-in-training at the Busch Computer Labs where I am learning all the responsibilities of being a supervisor and managing all the activities that go on through the computer labs. Through my diverse array of experiences and leadership roles, my attention to detail and my dedication towards the pharmacy school, I plan on making sure we have a successful year on the financial point of view.

Being PGC treasurer comes with numerous responsibilities, all of which I will take very seriously. As PGC treasurer I plan to make sure that all SABO policies and processes are made clear and easy to understand for all organization treasurers. With whatever questions students have, I will make sure that all would be answered in the best way possible. I also plan on working on having a larger budget for food during PGC meetings as many students do complain that food runs out before they arrive from class and to make sure that students get a fair chance of getting food before each general meeting starts. I will also work to have allocation forms to be as clear and concise as possible so that treasurers do not have to spent too much time on them and SABO will not question any reasons for reimbursements.

With all the above qualifications and intentions as PGC treasurer, I hope you all are convinced that I am right for this position. I promise to be dedicated at all times and make sure we have a successful PGC year. Thank you for taking time to read my speech and vote for me come voting day!

Bernard Kim

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My name is Bernard Kim and I am running for Treasurer of the Pharmacy Governing Council of Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. While I am currently only a P1 student, I believe that my past leadership experiences and my qualities would contribute to serving as an effective future treasurer. In terms of experience, I have served as the treasurer for NJSHP the past year and that has led me to gain extensive knowledge of SABO accounts and specialized insight into the financial inner workings of pharmacy organizations. Being a member of an executive board also helped me develop my skills in organizing events, communicating with a team, and coordinating with other organizations on a larger scale. In addition to my experiences, I am detail-oriented, organized, and proficient in mathematics, which I believe are crucial in a great treasurer.

One objective that I would like to focus on, if I were to become treasurer, is streamlining the special request allocation forms that organizations submit when they do not have the required funds for a certain event or sending members to a conference. As a previous treasurer, I personally had experience in filling out these forms when sending members to the annual Midyear conference. While they were extensive and thorough, I believe that by creating a separate form for sending students to national conferences or simplifying the form itself will facilitate the reimbursement process for PGC, organization treasurers, and individual students because parts of the form could be misinterpreted and not applicable in certain cases. Since numerous students go through this process every year, I believe that effectively remodeling the process would be optimal for all parties.

Another objective would be compiling a list of resources that could be utilized by pharmacy organizations that may not be well advertised to our school specifically. One example is the Rutgers Student Life Pepsi allocation fund that is available to all registered Rutgers University student organizations at professional schools which provides free Pepsi branded beverages for events with the submission of a form. Because Rutgers is a large school, there are many great opportunities that our organizations that could take advantage of, yet they are neither readily available nor advertised to the pharmacy school in particular. Therefore, arranging a document of resources that are much like the one previously mentioned would be beneficial to not only PGC events, but also other organizations.

Finally, I would like to also focus on the Treasurer's Workshop that the PGC Treasurer is responsible for holding annually. I believe it would be beneficial to create a more open channel between the PGC treasurer and the organization treasurers in terms of questions and suggestions for improvement. Currently, the mode of communication has been through the general PGC email; I believe that creating a simple form would encourage and facilitate communication amongst treasurers and help progress any areas that need improvement.

With all this in mind, I hope you consider me, Bernard Kim, for the position of Treasurer of PGC.

# PGC CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Matthew Bermudez  
Ann Lee  
Dhara Shah

Matthew Bermudez

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Hello Fellow Scarlet Knights!

My name is Matt Bermudez and I'm a P1 student here at EMSOP looking for your vote to be elected the Pharmacy Governing Council Corresponding Secretary for 2014-2015. As Corresponding Secretary my responsibilities would be to prepare and distribute information to the pharmacy organizations of EMSOP while keeping the student body informed of upcoming events. As a member of the PGC E-Board I vow to bring my dedication to professionalism and self-motivation to these responsibilities and to the execution of PGC's outstanding events. I believe that effective communication is the key to making information useful. If elected I will work diligently to improve collaboration between students and faculty.

Over my three years at Rutgers, I have learned that knowledge is not exclusive to the information gained from a textbook. I have enriched my education by applying these skills outside of the classroom. Within the School of Pharmacy I have been a very active member of Alpha Zeta Omega, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and the EMSOP curriculum committee. This committee is comprised of a collection of faculty members and one student representative per professional year who collaborate on possible changes to improve the way classes are organized and instructed. The position has taught me a great deal about communicating with faculty while representing the student body and would make for a valuable asset in a member of the PGC E-Board.

The characteristics that make me the ideal candidate for Corresponding Secretary are my motivation, openness to ideas and desire to learn and grow. During my second year I wanted to broaden my pharmacy horizons so I applied to and earned a technician position at a local independent pharmacy. At Bell Pharmacy I have been able to go above and beyond the roles of an average technician by having an important role in the compounding lab and our other specialty pharmacy programs. As the only tech responsible for our new specialty pharmacy program I have been responsible for coordinating with doctors and patients to provide them information on our medications and maintaining a relationship with them. My personal touch and eye for detail make me an excellent candidate for the position.

If elected I plan to go above and beyond the assigned duties of the Corresponding Secretary. With such a tight knit student body, communication is, and will continue to be, critical to the success of all organizations. I hope to investigate and gauge interest for new and exciting ways to keep students informed of events and upcoming deadlines such as text messages alerts or other social media. Additionally, I would like revamp the PGC public relations committee to improve the effectiveness of event advertising. This would increase attendance at events and student involvement in organizations. Finally, I plan to improve the PGC sponsored de-stress events by working to get some of them relocated off campus to possibly a bowling alley or skating rink.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Matthew Bermudez

Ann Lee

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Hello EMSOP! My name is Ann Lee. I am currently a PP2 student and I am running for corresponding secretary on the executive board for PGC. I understand that many of you may be wondering if I seem too young to be on the E-board for an organization that plays such an important part of your pharmacy school experience. I want to take this time to assure you that I am qualified for this position and that I am already thinking of ideas to ensure to the best of my ability that the next year is one of the best you experience.

In high school, I was incredibly dedicated to my extracurricular activities. As a senior I was the president of my graduating class, member of the Red Cross club, a student ambassador, the captain of my co-ed swim team, a competitive swimmer and competition pianist. I am running of a list of my capabilities to show that I am a well-rounded individual and that I do not simply have organizational or logistical skill sets. I have accumulated a certain amount of leadership skills over the years and now, I am certain that I want to apply these skills and hopefully be the very best candidate for this position!

However, all these accomplishments are not to say that I have not faced obstacles too. As a freshman, I became a member of Phi Delta Chi and ran in the elections for a variety of positions, none of which I was elected for. After feeling defeated, I slowly became more involved by taking smaller steps. I became a member of NCPA through the suggestion of a few friends and also started coming to PGC meetings regularly. I think that after easing into my involvement, I can see now that I am somewhat familiar with the logistics of PGC and the standard to which their members are held.

If I was elected to the position of corresponding secretary, I would ensure that each organization utilize the corresponding secretary to notify the pharmacy school of what events are happening, no matter how big or small they may be so that no opportunities are lost and that everyone in EMSOP may benefit from the wonderfully planned events.

Secondly, as stated in the responsibilities of the corresponding secretary, I would like to emphasize that I would like to make a minimum number of times correspondence between the secretary and each organization takes place. This new effort will be to remind organizations that each organization needs to maintain a good relationship within pharmacy school with other organizations, PGC, and upper leadership.

Lastly, I would like for there to be an opportunity every semester, much like the Leadership Retreat, during which organizations may correspond with each other and ask for either creative help for new events or logistical advice on how to best plan an event. I am eager to pursue the election process and see what happens next. Thank you for your time!

Dhara Shah

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My name is Dhara Shah and I am a P1 student running for PGC Corresponding Secretary. As corresponding secretary I would prepare a student organization list each year, which consists of email addresses and phone numbers, and make this available to every student organization at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy as well as the Deans. Additionally, I would be responsible for any announcements for PGC and keeping the student body informed on any upcoming events.

I am interested in running for Corresponding Secretary and feel as though I am a good candidate for this position due to my past experience, my goal, and my ambition. As an E-Board member of an organization called JAR (Jain Associations at Rutgers), I held positions of Class Representative and Community Service Chair, and it has taught me a tremendous amount about organizing and collaborating events. It has given me experience in coordinating events by making flyers and creating Facebook events/sending out emails and using these tools to communicate with the student body to encourage student participation in these events. I have been responsible for planning events involving multiple different clubs, organizations, and people. Working towards a goal with others is key in being a leader. Currently working at CVS Pharmacy, and based on my experience in E-Board positions in other organizations, has developed my team working skills. By electing me as Corresponding Secretary, I will work endlessly with the rest of the E-Board and faculty to help provide a better experience for the students at Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

My main goal as Corresponding Secretary is to unite the classes in the school of pharmacy to have increased interclass communication. I would like to help organize and plan events, along with the ones that PGC traditionally carries out, that incorporate all of the classes. PGC is the umbrella of all organizations within the School of Pharmacy; it is where the student body comes together and is able to discuss any ways or ideas to help better our school. Under my leadership as Corresponding Secretary, I will make sure that the participation from each class will increase by creating events that bring the students and faculty of the school together. I will continually work to improve the experience for the students at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy.

I will work closely with the PGC E-Board to make the upcoming year an unforgettable experience for everyone. Please consider me, Dhara Shah, for PGC Corresponding Secretary. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Dhara Shah

# PGC RECORDING SECRETARY

Michelle (Shelly) Li  
Shivani Shah

Michelle (Shelly) Li

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Hello, students of EMSOP! My name is Michelle (Shelly) Li and I am a PP2, and I hope to have your support in my campaign for recording secretary. I am running for this position because I see it as a great opportunity to learn the ropes of how this organization is run while contributing to its workflow and putting my efforts towards bettering our school.

Currently, I am secretary of the Rutgers chapter of To Write Love on Her Arms, so I am accustomed to the responsibilities of this role. To add to this, my past experience on E-boards of multiple organizations has also made me more comfortable in such a position. Holding these officer positions has taught me the importance of taking good notes and communicating between officers and members – an underrated but essential task. Although PGC oversees many more people than any club I have previously been on E-board for, I know I will excel as recording secretary. I type quickly, which will make taking minutes easier and more efficient, and I stay well connected with e-mails. I am dependable and punctual, which are important traits considering the duties of this position.

If elected recording secretary of PGC, I have several objectives I aim to reach. Firstly, regarding the task of taking minutes, I plan on preparing a template so that before each meeting – whether general meetings or officer meetings – I will already have structure to my notes and I will not miss any important ideas. Secondly, with the attendance competition, I hope to establish a fairer system so that the people who stay the full time are not beat out by those who swipe in and leave. Lastly, I would like to get more involvement from the student body. My goal would be to reward students for attending meetings by taking their input into consideration when choosing vendors for food. I strongly believe that those who put in the time to come to the biweekly PGC meetings deserve more say in the food we serve. Regardless of financial limits, there will be options at every price level, and it seems fair enough that the students attending have some say in what they eat.

Some may see the role of recording secretary as a minor one, but I see it as full of potential. Changes, even if on a smaller scale, can still have a large impact on this great umbrella organization. I hope to go above and beyond the given expectations of this position by fulfilling its duties and actively seeking improvement. We have a great community of intelligent and driven students here at EMSOP, and there is so much we can do. If you have read this far into my speech, I thank you for your valuable time. If you would like to see the changes I proposed, please vote Michelle Li for recording secretary!

Shivani Shah

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Dear Fellow Pharmacy Students,

My name is Shivani Shah, and I am a P1 running for the position of PGC Recording Secretary. My potential responsibilities as Recording Secretary include preparing all Council meeting minutes and keeping attendance at both Council meetings and associated events. However, my responsibilities would not stop there; I will work cooperatively with the other PGC E-board members and assist them in every way to make next year the best as possible!

I know my skill set and objectives meet those needed in a Recording Secretary. I am highly motivated, hardworking, and resourceful. When it comes to taking notes, I am clear and concise. In terms of keeping track of attendance, my organizational skills and keen attention to detail will be imperative, and I am confident that I can excel in the position.

In order to be on PGC E-board, I feel it is necessary to gain a greater understanding of how individual organizations work within the pharmacy school first. Through my leadership positions, I have learned the inner workings of not only how to execute successful events, but also how to plan and organize them. I am currently the Secretary for SNPhA. I have learned how to take meeting minutes, send them out quickly, respond efficiently to emails received, and delegate tasks to committee members. I also serve as the Co-Professional Chair for DIA. From this position, I have learned to communicate with pharmacy professionals while working collaboratively with the E-board to plan events tailored to our members. Additionally, as Co-Patient Outreach Chair of Alpha Zeta Omega, I have been innovative in creating events, such as a Candy vs. Medicine outreach program to educate youngsters. This role has also required me to reach out to both pharmacy and non-pharmacy organizations, which I can also do while on PGC E-board.

If elected as Recording Secretary, I have several goals and potential ideas for next year. I know a lot of organizations within the pharmacy school hold health fairs. If all these organizations could collaborate and we could hold one huge health fair at the pharmacy school, we would be able to reach out to, educate, and counsel a large number of patients from the Piscataway/New Brunswick area. I also want to address students concerns better and revamp "What's on your mind" initiative PGC has started by creating FAQs for each class year. Additionally, I hope to increase our web and social networking presence, especially on Facebook, so students are kept up to date on all the events and happenings in the pharmacy school.

If elected, I plan on working very closely with the E-board to make the 2014-2015 school year wonderful! I know my drive, dedication, and hard work can contribute to next year's successes. Please vote Shivani Shah for PGC Recording Secretary. Thank you for your time and consideration!

# PGC UNIVERSITY SENATOR

Alison Lieu  
Diamond Pham

Alison Lieu

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My name is Alison Lieu, and I am running for the position of University Senator of PGC. As a freshman, I joined Alpha Zeta Omega, and for a year, I remained complacent with my level of involvement, working on fundraising events and emceeding for Mr. PharmD. I continued to go to PGC meetings, hoping to learn more about EMSOP and its organizations. Eventually, I joined DIA as my class's representative and AMCP's public relations committee. Now, I hope to dedicate my time next year to improving everyone's experience in EMSOP as a member of PGC's Executive Board and Rutgers University's Senate.

For your reference, this gives a brief introduction about Rutgers University's Senate:

<http://senate.rutgers.edu/SenateSummaryForNominees.pdf>. Essentially, the Senate is a group of representatives composed of students, alumni, faculty, and administrators who are organized into eight different committees (one Executive and seven standing). These committees collectively deliberate issues, construct reports to present to the rest of the Senate to vote on, and come to a consensus to advise President Barchi.

As PGC's University Senator, I would advocate for positions to benefit EMSOP, which should receive a greater allocation of resources to help us during our six years here, as well as suggest resolutions to other issues that plague pharmacy students. In order to carry this out, I would get involved with the Budget and Finance Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, and hopefully the Executive Committee, where I would get the opportunity to work with other senators like Dean Barone and Professor Boikess. As a representative, I would effectively communicate any developments between the pharmacy student body and the Senate.

However, solely limiting myself to the responsibilities of a senator would be a disservice to the student body and PGC E-board. As a prospective PGC E-board member about to enter my P1 year, I recognize that I will have more time than my P2 and P3 counterparts and hope to use it to develop and improve some of the great programs that we have. Like current University Senator Mingyang Lin, I aspire to head PGC's Coordinating Committee and encourage greater participation and involvement in our various pharmacy organizations. In my pre-professional years, everyone has told me to "get involved" and "be active" in the pharmacy school, but it was still a daunting task. Hopefully, I can make it easier for younger students to get involved and increase membership and activity among all of the organizations.

Creating strong cohesion and interaction across different years and among the different schools in the greater Rutgers community would help everyone make the most of our time at Rutgers, so please vote for Alison Lieu as your next PGC University Senator! (Also, voting is in class, so please go to class. Thank you!)

Diamond Pham

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Hello, my name is Diamond Pham and I will be running for the position of University Senator. I am currently a PP2 and Co-Head Chair of the Philanthropy Committee in Phi Delta Chi. The University Senator position requires someone that has experience in communication between two different organizations. As University Senator, I will be ready to represent the School of Pharmacy at both the committee and Senate level while bridging information between ourselves and Rutgers University. I am currently the liaison between Phi Delta Chi and RU4KIDS and my job as the liaison is to inform members of my fraternity about current issues with RU4KIDS and Dance Marathon. During this time, I learned that good cooperation and communication from both sides are necessities in producing an efficient delivery system to execute initiatives and foster ideas. With this newly gained experience that I had acquired during this past year, I am confident that I possess the skills to successfully communicate information between two organizations. Furthermore, I would bring a unique perspective and characteristic to the PGC E-board through my involvement with RU4KIDS and Embrace Kids Foundation.

If elected, I would like to strongly promote current activities occurring at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy so that not only pharmacy students and faculty members are well aware of what is happening around the school, but also Rutgers University as a whole. This will give recognition to a pharmacy student body that has done so much in advancing our school's initiatives on a daily basis. Another goal I aim to achieve is to have pharmacy students more aware of issues outside of Pharmacy. I feel we sometimes lose sight of important University news with our daily hectic schedules and studies. Information about the issues concerning student affairs such as housing and finance should be better relayed to the students so that they are aware of the changes happening at Rutgers. In addition, I

would like to set up a small committee of several students to discuss student affairs before every Senate meeting and these students will aid in distributing the information about issues occurring at the University and in EMSOP to other students. If elected, I will put my best efforts in representing our school as the University Senator because I believe that great communication between the pharmacy school and the rest of the University is essential in building a great student body overall. Thank you.

# RUSA REPRESENTATIVE

Margaret Finnegan  
Ira Yeung

Margaret Finnegan

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Hello everyone! My name is Margaret Finnegan and I am running for RUSA Representative of the Pharmacy Governing Council. I am a PP2 student in the class of 2018. If elected I will represent the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy student body during biweekly Rutgers University Student Assembly meetings. For those who do not know, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) is the undergraduate student government of Rutgers. It serves to represent student interests to the university administration for better conditions for the overall student body. RUSA is also the student representative to local, state, and national governments.

My goal for the upcoming year as RUSA Representative of EMSOP is to effectively communicate the needs, ideas, and concerns of the EMSOP student body to the Rutgers University Student Assembly. I possess the necessary attributes to meet this goal. Firstly, I am extremely approachable. I am always willing to have a discussion and receive input from my fellow students. Feel free to share with me any complaints or thoughts you would like me to bring up at RUSA meetings. Secondly, I am an effective speaker. I promise you your ideas will be heard. Finally, I am passionate. I fully commit myself into every endeavor I undertake. I will not disappoint if you choose to elect me as RUSA Representative.

My hope is that as RUSA Representative I will be able to serve the EMSOP student body by bringing positive changes to our community within the school of pharmacy and Rutgers University through the work of RUSA. Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy, and please feel free to contact me at [margaretfinnegan22@gmail.com](mailto:margaretfinnegan22@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Ira Yeung

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Hello my name is Ira Yeung and I am currently a PP2 student running for the position of RUSA representative for this upcoming semester. The position is responsible for attending RUSA meetings and expressing the views of the pharmacy community. My goal for the upcoming year is to ensure that the Rutgers University Student Assembly takes actions that benefit us as an individual school, and the entire student body as a whole.

This past year I have been a co-chair for legislative affairs in SnPha (Student National Pharmacists Organization). My experience with this position has shown me the work that is required in order for successful collaboration between organizations. I believe that cooperation is a key factor in solving problems and achieving goals.

Personally, I hold a particularly strong and genuine interest on the topic of advocacy in pharmacy. Advocacy is something that we, as future professionals in the field of pharmacy, need to take part in. I wish to make the voice of pharmacy heard. What better way than to represent our school in a student assembly.

I can't claim to have groundbreaking plans for the upcoming year or claim to have profound insight into the minds of my peers, because I don't. Nevertheless, I can guarantee to be someone who generally cares about the interests of our school and our profession. If chosen I will, to the best of my ability, represent the interests of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy.

# CLASS OF 2016 PRESIDENT

Grace Lee

Grace Lee

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Dear Fellow Pharmacy Students of the Class of 2016,

Although the battle was tough, we prevailed through yet another year of our pharmacy school careers, one of which has been the most difficult. This past year gave each of us the chance to show that we can undertake a taste of the responsibility we will be faced with as future pharmacists. As the semester is not yet complete, let us give it our all with that last push of effort until the end. I, Grace Lee, ask for your support as I run for my final re-election as your class President.

I had the honor of serving you as your class Vice-President and President these past three years and am thrilled to see how far we have come together. We piloted our first semesters with the liaison program, which has been undeniably successful the fall semester and this semester as well. Not only were we able to build enhanced communication with the professors, but more importantly, we as a class have grown to be so unified and cooperative as well. We had the chance to hold hands as we progressed through every individual exam and I personally thank each and every one of you that has helped us present the effectiveness of the program as the classes before us have.

In each of the leadership positions I have experienced, I had opportunities to work closely with other pharmacy students, school faculty, and deans to encourage students to become active leaders. I believe that my experience in advocating student leadership will allow me to serve as a great liaison between the student body and the many student organizations as I hoped to show you these past few years. While we are well over halfway done with our pharmacy school career, in the next two years I want to instill new ideas to allow for more leadership development, continued interaction with the professors, and a tightened community. Over the next few years, we will be planning professional events such as the Healthcare Professionals United (HPU) Banquet, organizing many socials, and designing our yearbook. As it has always been, these events will require meticulous planning and plenty of classmate assistance. We may be the class officers, but all of you have a say in what we do. The board is very welcoming of your ideas and we will do what we can to complete the tasks successfully.

I hope to have shown you, through my work as a class leader, that I have taken my role seriously. I thank you for the opportunity to serve our class for the past three years and I, Grace Lee, look forward to leading our class until 2016 when each of us crosses over to the next stage of our careers. As President, I will work with you as a team as we run this marathon together until the end.

# CLASS OF 2016 VACANT POSITIONS

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Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

# CLASS OF 2017 PRESIDENT

Cindy Chen

Cindy Chen

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Hello Class of 2017! My name is Cindy Chen and I am running to become your class President. College is all about meeting new people from diverse areas, and I hope that we can bond as a class to make the rest of our three years together an amazing experience. As a friendly and outgoing person, I am open to meeting new people. If elected as President, you can address any of your concerns to me and I'll be more than happy to help you out. I'm also very organized and have had many learning experiences as class secretary during our PP2 and P1 years.

Being this year's class secretary has really taught me how to be a leader as I gained many valuable experiences from working with our current class E-board. I have worked very hard this year with the E-board to order personalized white coats as well as plan our Halfway Done, both requiring a strong attention to detail and early preparation. I hope to put in as much effort as I have this year in planning bigger and better events next year. In addition, I learned that working as a team is completely necessary in order to fulfill any type of goal as a class. From this idea of collaboration, I believe that establishing larger committees, under our future E-board members, will help to involve the class more as a whole, as we will be able to work together to improve our upcoming years as driven pharmacy students.

Something that I wish to accomplish if I am elected as President is to have many fundraisers starting next semester to help fund our exciting events such as the Should've Been Done party which is an event to celebrate our progress through four out of the six years of our challenging college education and to encourage us in pursuing our goal of becoming graduated pharmacy professionals. Fundraisers for such events can include bake sales, apparel sales, talent shows, and much more. Furthermore, I plan to get involved with the potential study abroad program for the pharmacy school and work on making it available to our class because I believe studying abroad is an extremely rewarding experience that we all should not have to miss out on.

I wish to accomplish all these goals as President, and if elected, I will work diligently to make them happen. So please take the time to vote for me, Cindy Chen, as next year's Class of 2017 President, because I assure you that you will have made the right choice.

# CLASS OF 2017 VICE PRESIDENT

Mary Cordon  
Anna Yang

Mary Cordon

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My name is Mary Cordon, and I'm honored to have the chance to run for vice president of the class council of the Class of 2017. The ability to communicate and collaborate is essential in fulfilling the role of a vice president, who should not only work in conjunction with the president, but also facilitate the two-way communication between the class and the class council to ensure that student ideas are heard and students are kept aware of current events. I pride myself on being a communicator, and it's a skill I've honed throughout my time at Rutgers. During the past two years, I have served as a mentor under the Douglass Mentoring Program for Women in STEM and the EMSOP Mentoring Program. I have also helped give talks at elementary schools and raised awareness about poison prevention as a member of the Trooper Turtle Committee under APhA. Not only would I apply these skills if given the opportunity to serve on the class council, but I would also bring a sense of enthusiasm and dedication to our class. As a member of our class Social Committee during this past year, I've brought some fresh ideas to the table as we tackled fundraising and de-stress event planning. I take pleasure in working towards the success of our activities, like the Valentine's Day Candy grams, which I know ultimately help bring our class together and make our time at EMSOP more enjoyable.

If given the chance to serve, I would work towards strengthening the relationships we have within our class in addition to our relationships with other class years at EMSOP. I would focus on our class committees, especially the Social and Academic committees, which will be vital resources to our class during the stress of the next academic year. I would ensure that the committees meet more regularly, and I would help facilitate communication between the committees and the rest of the class so that we can better plan de-stress and fundraising activities according to everyone's availability. I would put a particular emphasis on fundraising and help organize at least 1 big fundraising event per semester. Cost should never be a reason why anyone in our class can't attend events like our Halfway Done, Should Have Been Done, and Almost Done parties. Lastly, I would collaborate more with other class years at the school of pharmacy to set up events like inter-class mixers. I believe this would open up more opportunities for our class to not only find mentors and friends in students older than us who have just gone through what we will now face, but also allow us to pay it forward by guiding younger class years. Thank you again for considering me as a candidate for the position of vice president of our class, and if given the chance, I will collaborate with the rest of the class council and the class to make this next academic year as enjoyable and productive as possible.

Anna Yang

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My name is Anna Yang and I am re-running for the position of Vice President for the class of 2017. After serving as Vice President for the past two years, I have gained insight and experience in being a qualified leader for our class, a task that is not as easy as it seems. I am re-running as VP because I want to use my qualifications to help make pharmacy school more enjoyable during our P2 year. My leadership skills, organizational skills, and time management skills have developed extraordinarily throughout my college career from my role as Vice President as well as my positions in various other pharmacy organizations.

This past year we focused on various other tasks, such as electing a new president over the summer, organizing the white coat orders, involvement in the White Coat Ceremony, and planning our socials and Halfway Done Formal! I am so glad to have been able to involve myself and get to know my current E-Board members. Recently, the class council took on new responsibilities by taking the initiative to incorporate our class members into committees. I am so proud of the collaboration that our class peers have shown! As a class, we have grown tremendously from PP1 year – our fundraising sales, recreation events, and academic support have never been stronger. The teamwork exhibited by our class members is amazing and impressive, and I wish to continue to help our committees further succeed.

Three objectives that I wish to see carried out next year include to: 1) carry out the class liaison program, 2) plan a memorable Should've Been Done event, and 3) fundraise more for our class. The class liaison program elects one student to be the main communicator between the professors for one specific class. Since many students email the same questions and concerns, the liaison can compile everyone's questions in one email to the professor and then relay all answers to the class. This will be more efficient in communicating with our busy professors. In regards to Should've Been Done, the main event for P2 year, I would like to have the class vote on the type of venue or event. It will be a stressful year, so I hope to make this well-deserved event a relaxing and enjoyable occasion for everyone. For fundraising, I would like our to continue our delicious bake sales and work on more social events to raise money.

It has been such a pleasure to be a class officer for the past two years. The class of 2017 has shown great potential, and I have watched people branch out and get to know each other better – a goal that I remember having last year. Another year is almost over and we will be halfway there! If re-elected, I will do my best to see that my objectives become successful realities. Thanks!

# CLASS OF 2017 TREASURER

Sagar Shah  
Xi (Helen) Xu

Sagar Shah

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Hello my name is Sagar Shah and I am running for class treasurer for the class of 2017. I am a fun loving, approachable person with a lot of ambition and ideas that can help make the class of 2017 one of the greatest classes Rutgers has ever seen!

Although I have never held a position for our class I know what it means to be a good team player; not only to the E-board but for the entire class as well. I've been a leader in several different sports and academic teams since the beginning of high school which has allowed me to develop great communication skills and a great work ethic. I also have prior experience handling finances of different organizations and I believe those skills will help me adopt the role of class treasurer.

My greatest assets that I can provide for the class of 2017 as treasurer include my approachability as a person and my innovative way of thinking. I believe those qualities make me an excellent candidate for the position. I'm a people person and I love collaborating on projects such as when it came to planning for our Half-Way done party this year! I'm full of ideas and I think that with our great student body we have what it takes to truly separate ourselves as one of the greatest classes to come through this school.

Some goals I have in mind include raising funds to plan more social events that include different graduating classes. These events could be both social and competitive in nature. My second goal is to find more ways for our class to do volunteer work as a whole. I believe it would be a good precedent to set; seeing pharmacy classes giving back to their community on a large scale. Finally, we all know that next year is going to be a tough year and another goal I have is to coordinate more stress relieving opportunities for our class. This would also be a great place for our class to get to know each other better. As a class we can band together to crush our exams!

I hope I can count on you to vote for me, Sagar Shah, for treasurer so I can have the opportunity to represent and work for our class! If you have any questions for me don't hesitate to contact me in person!

Thank you,  
Sagar Shah

Xi (Helen) Xu

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Good afternoon, fellow pharmacy classmates and PGC executive board members. My name is Xi (Helen) Xu, the current treasurer for the class of 2017. I am running again for Class Treasurer for the upcoming school year of 2014-2015. Being the class treasurer has been a great privilege and honor in my career as a pharmacy student. I sincerely appreciate the tremendous amount of trust my classmates have shown in my handling of class funds this year. Their trust motivates me to work harder next year to continue serving my fellow classmates.

It is my goal to be an honest, productive, and skillful treasurer for you and for our class. I am diligent, hardworking, well organized, and reliable. Having worked as an administrative intern at an accounting firm, I've gained valuable skills by assisting in bookkeeping of budgets and keeping track of money coming in and out of the company. My current experience as class treasurer has also taught me to be accountable to my class by keeping an accurate record of finances. As the class treasurer, I am responsible for the safety of all checks and cash collected before I make a deposit to the Student Activities Business Office (SABO). Working alongside Dean Nancy, other administrators, and fellow e-board members of my class, I have become adept at making deposits and initiating check requests through SABO. I have learned to establish meaningful relationships and make effective conversations with my peers, upperclassman, Rutgers faculty, and vendors. In addition to gaining these communication skills in the past year, I have also treasured values such as being trustworthy and meticulous in managing the class funds.

My main objectives, once re-elected as Treasurer, will be to accurately conduct bookkeeping of funds and to report financial earnings. I will make sure that an appropriate and efficient financial system is in place. In addition, I will continue to collaborate with other class representatives to raise and allocate money for upcoming events. Future events such as the Almost Done Party, Done Party, and the graduation ceremony require expertise in raising funds and strong financial oversight of budgets. Finally, it is my goal next year to lower ticket cost and make events more

affordable for everyone. Many possible fundraising events and ideas can be planned not only to benefit individual students, but also to raise money for the whole class. These events could include bake sales, 10%-offs at restaurants, talent shows, movie nights, raffle events, and valentine gifts.

I invite everyone to communicate suggestions and ideas with me as we progress into our P2 year. You can email me at [h.xix46@gmail](mailto:h.xix46@gmail.com) and send me a friend request on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/xi.h.xu?ref=tn\\_tnmn](https://www.facebook.com/xi.h.xu?ref=tn_tnmn). ☺  
Thank you for your time.

Xi (Helen) Xu

## CLASS OF 2017 VACANT POSITIONS

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Secretary

# CLASS OF 2018 PRESIDENT

Anna Yang

Anna Yang

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Hello there, Class of 2018!

I hope this letter finds you well during this hectic semester. In light of all your busy schedules and exciting pharmacy lives, I appreciate you taking the time to read about my qualifications for reelection and goals for next year. This year, the council and I planned two professional events for our class with PGC and the Classes of 2015 and 2017: “How to Survive PP1/PP2 Years” and the “Professional Elective Info Session”. These events helped answer any questions pre-professional students had concerning the professional pharmacy school, as well as provide our class a chance to meet the younger and older students. I also co-organized a couple of lucrative “fun-raisers” that averaged \$150 per sale, including the campus-wide famous Edible Arrangements Chocolate Covered Strawberries—Pharmacy Edition. If reelected, I will continue to expand this idea and bring more exciting “fun-raisers” to lower the costs of the Halfway Done Party. These plans include: promoting the growth of the already successful coffee/tea/bake sales, setting up an EMSOP profit share with Pura Vida and Flex Watches, and organizing a pharmacy exclusive drawstring bag fundraiser. I believe that with these innovative ideas, as well as my high energy and dedication to our class, we will also be able to hold extra social events such as a class BBQ and simple meet-and-greet outings with, of course, free food.

Next spring is the much-anticipated Halfway Done Party, and I am incredibly excited to plan this special halfway culmination of our student career. You are also in capable hands, for I have planned many events from professional to casual, gotten in contact with the upperclassmen council, and have a good idea what to expect. It is my goal to make this night unforgettable; not only in low ticket prices, but also in the overall celebration and classy photography (yes, I already have a professional photographer in mind). Pharmacy school should be more than endless studying and nodding off during lectures; it should be an exciting time in our lives to learn and grow professionally from each other, and our Done Parties should both exemplify and celebrate that.

As President, I established the Academic Committee, Fundraising Committee, and Yearbook Committee to help the class get more involved. It is another goal of mine to further develop and use these committees to promote class unity, as well as integrate the Liaison Program for more classroom support. I have achieved all the goals that I promised last spring: organize professional development events, hold highly profitable fundraisers, and form committees for class involvement. With my hard work, dedication, and energy to make every event a success, I am sure that we can work hand in hand to make the most of our experience here at Rutgers. Thank you for your time and consideration in reelecting me, Anna Yang, as your President.

# CLASS OF 2018 VICE PRESIDENT

Michelle Chawla

Michelle Chawla

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Good Morning Fellow Classmates,

My name is Michelle Chawla, and I am running for reelection as the Vice President of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy Class of 2018. This election is about you; let me continue to represent your voice, your needs, and your goals. My campaign and mission can be summarized with three objectives: communicating, creating, and effectively executing.

One of my top objectives for the upcoming year is communicating; a main goal of mine is to be able to communicate, connect, and understand my peers. As a student leader, it is important for me to be able to understand your concerns, opinions, and ideas in order for me to completely and accurately address them. In the past year, the other class officers and I implemented an anonymous questionnaire form via formspring in order to help promote suggestions and concerns from students in the class. I hope to expand this system next year to create even more ways for you to voice your opinion and tell us how to better serve you.

My next objective is creating. This can be broken down into two categories: creating fundraisers and creating events. Fundraising for the class is going to be one of my main objectives; continuing to build funds as we move forward in our professional years is increasingly important. If elected, I will put fundraising as one of my topmost priorities. This past year, we raised several hundred dollars with our bake sales, chocolate-covered strawberries sale, etc., and we hope to raise around a thousand dollars with our upcoming draw-string bags fundraiser. I will continue to creatively plan fundraisers similar to these to increase funds and plan for the future. Creating additional events for our class is another main goal for the upcoming year. Having more events will increase communication as a class and will help to keep us as unified as possible.

The most important objective for the upcoming school year is effectively executing every task, event, fundraiser, etc. that is planned. During this past year as Vice President, I have come to understand the utmost significance of being effective in every aspect of what I do. If elected, I will be more effective in each task I perform, and continue to be effective in communicating with you and with the administration. I hope to use the skills I have acquired in the past year to be an even more effective leader next year.

If reelected, I will continue to improve and work towards more open and clear communication, more aggressive and creative fundraising and event-planning, and a more effective execution of everything that I do. With me as your Vice President, we can work together towards an exciting and successful year! Remember, I'm your prescription for progress. Vote Michelle Chawla, Vice President for the Class of 2018.

# CLASS OF 2018 TREASURER

Ian Berman

Ian Berman

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Truth and Integrity.

Keep those two words in mind. My name is Ian Berman and I have two things that I can promise you and that is Truth and Integrity. I have the hopes of serving you as the Treasurer of our Class Council and I would like to inform you as to why I am a good choice for your vote.

I am no stranger to leadership positions. I led and managed retreat programs in high school, planning and working on nine retreats during my term. I currently serve on the Executive Board of the Bioethics Society here at Rutgers where I helped to set up and facilitate the Third Annual Bioethics Symposium this semester. I understand the pitfalls a team can run into and I also recognize that a team such as our class council needs to serve our class above all else. It will not be just my mission but the mission of our entire Class Council to prepare our class for future years and to help make our current year more enjoyable and effective.

Like I said I can promise two things, Truth and Integrity. I promise that I will be truthful to you, my classmates, about how I want to proceed with our funds and I have the integrity to work for what our class wants and needs and not just what I may want or may think is the best choice. My goal is to serve you, my classmates, and to be open to your suggestions and to be present and available for you. On the same note, however, we want action. I will push for events and fundraisers so that we can continue to build our savings all while building a class bond. Events such as class trips to places like New York (which was quite successful for us pre-Freshman Year) and some social events on-campus such as a Game Night could definitely accomplish these two goals. In addition to introducing these new events I would continue to utilize the tried and true methods of those before us.

Now it is up to you. I cannot make you elect me, only ask you to support me now in this election and hopefully next year as your Treasurer.

Thank you for your time.

Ian Berman for Class of 2018 Treasurer

# CLASS OF 2018 SECRETARY

Angie Kang

Angie Kang

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Hello, my name is Angie Kang, and I am running for the position of secretary for the Class of 2018 Class Council. This year, I had the opportunity to work with Anna, Michelle and Carolyn as secretary on the board. As we were just starting off as a council, I believe we have established a strong foundation from which to create a supportive and thriving community. In addition to a Sakai group, we have created several student-run committees aimed to support and help each member of the class, including an academic committee and a fundraising committee. This year, we focused on creating these organizations for your convenience—if I am reelected, I would like to utilize them to ensure the success and satisfaction of each and every one of you. I am extremely goal-oriented and organized, and understand the needs we have as pharmacy students. Not only do we wish to succeed in our academics, but also desire to be proactive in career-related activities and organizations. I will strive to help people get involved in the committees they may be interested in. As fellow colleagues, I think it is crucial that we support each other through the transition into our professional years, marked by our White Coat Ceremony. That is why if I am reelected, I will try my best to make our class more of a community so that we may all successfully navigate the challenges of third year. Regrettably, this year we could not hold social events for the class; to make up for it, I will plan fundraisers to hold social events like picnics or small outings as well as for our upcoming Halfway Done Party. This past year, we have already had several successful fundraising events, and I hope to continue working towards giving our class the best it deserves. I am motivated and innovative and hope to utilize my ideas to benefit the class in the long run. Please vote for me, Angie Kang, as the Secretary for the Class of 2018. Thank you for your time!

# CLASS OF 2019 PRESIDENT

Diana Cho

Diana Cho

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Hello, Class of 2019! My name is Diana Cho, and I am running for Class Council President. Thus far in Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, I have met an amazing group of faculty and fellow students. If elected, I will do my best to serve you and be the voice for our class. My experiences as treasurer and vice president in my residence hall have taught me important skills and creative ideas that I can utilize for the best of our interests and shared goals. At my residence hall and through RHA, I have had the pleasure of working with a dedicated group, and together, we organized hall-wide programs such as talent show and fondue night as well as campus-wide programs such as Busch Ball. Therefore, if given the opportunity to represent you, I hope to accomplish the following. First, I will be the liaison between the faculty and you, the Class of 2019; I am prepared and well-equipped to listen and to make sure that your voices are heard. Second, I will collaborate with fellow council members and others to ensure that our white coat ceremony runs smoothly. Last but not least, I will organize programs such as fundraising activities or de-stress events to benefit our class and to bring our community together. However, in order to do this, I need YOUR help. Make the right decision: vote Diana Cho for Class of 2019 President.

# CLASS OF 2019 VICE PRESIDENT

Nimit Jindal  
Sameena Shiniwari

Nimit Jindal

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Hello Everyone! My name is Nimit Jindal and I am running to be the PGC Vice President for the Class of 2019! I couldn't be more excited for this wonderful opportunity to do something to help my fellow pharmacy students.

I have some great leadership experience that I know will enable me to use my specific skill set to best help our class. I served as the President of the Debate Team at my high school for 4 years, as well as the President of the Student Government Association for 2 years. At Rutgers I have been an active member of RHA in my building, as well as the Treasurer for the Rutgers Debate Team. All of these positions have taught me to be very organized, and have given me great ideas for next year.

I've been going to these PGC meetings for quite sometime now, and after hearing all of these great ideas that other classes have for students in their year, I have some ideas that I think a lot of pharmacy students would love. If elected, I have three goals I would like to achieve:

1. Fundraising for our White Coat Ceremony by selling Class of 2019 specific sweatshirts
2. Class of 2019 Socials in order to meet our peers for the next 5 years!
3. Host speaker forums and panels in order to get you guys familiar with the various types of pharmacy that there are

This election gives you all the opportunity to elect somebody who is hard working, reliable, and committed to our class. If you elect me as your voice, I will represent your needs and the needs of our class. I know exactly what I have to do, but I need your help in enabling me to do it! I need your support! I hope you give me this opportunity to prove it!

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sameena Shiniwari

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Hello fellow classmates! I hope you are all having a wonderful semester. As for me, my name is Sameena Shinwari and I am running for class Vice President. Being Vice President means working with the rest of the council to create a great environment for the Class of 2019. I feel my past experiences and current ideas for our class demonstrate how I am a viable candidate for such a position.

In addition to being part of several volunteering and fundraising clubs in high school, I am currently the Media Chair of BEST Hall's Resident Housing Association, or RHA. Being a part of RHA has allowed me to work with several other residents to create and run programs that appeal to nearly five hundred students of various majors and classes. To stand back and watch everyone enjoying programs you worked thoughtfully on, such as BEST's Got Talent, Fun-Do Night, and The Suiteheart Game, is the most rewarding sensation. I feel this experience will transfer over when managing programs or fundraising for the Class of 2019, as I possess the patience and diligence required to collaborate with other team members to create an industrious, yet pleasurable experience for others.

Specifically, during my time as Vice President, I wish to accomplish creating a bridge between the Pharmacy school and the students, as I believe our class deserves an open-minded and approachable council. I hope to help create and host open forums that will enable us students to discuss our qualms and work to develop satisfying solutions. In addition, I hope to help immediately start fundraising for our cherished White Coat Ceremony, among other events. I feel I am an innovator who is brave enough to take risks and bring forward new ideas that will help bring in more funding to improve our class. In addition, I will make the effort to provide us with fun De-Stress events to help us relax after exams or a long year as I understand your efforts and share your common interests. I am merely a student that strives to make the Class of 2019 just as great as you would envision it to be, so I would greatly appreciate your vote! Good luck with your exams, and thank you for reading!

# CLASS OF 2019 SECRETARY

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Fellow members of the Class of 2019, my name is Rebecca Kim and I am running as the Secretary for our class. To hear and publicize the voices of the class, to conduct responsible and professional behavior representing the class, and to take care of the needs of the class -- these are the duties of a class officer. Class representatives act as a waterway between the administration and the student body, where information, opinions, and other methods of communication are exchanged. As a secretary part of the waterway, I seek to help the President and other officers in navigating our class to unity.

If elected, I will be a diligent and organized Secretary who will not hesitate in delivering the voices of our class and communicating our ideas. As a member of the Health Occupations Students of America, I had previous experience in keeping records of meetings and communicating ideas among the student body. As an Emergency Medical Technician who responds to emergency medical situations in a promptly manner under pressure, I learned the importance of teamwork and built good intercommunication skills that will help me contribute to unifying our class.

Many of our school's pharmacy organizations, where students gather for a common interest, hold events that allow members to build a stronger relationship within the organization. I believe it is equally important for our students in each class to build that bond and connection amongst ourselves. Raising of funds is a great starting point. As a secretary I seek to help plan and assist a large-scale fund raising event, like our school's annual Dance Marathon, that will hopefully continue annually. Other fund raising ideas include selling professional leather folders or ID strands specific to EMSOP students, business cards with the student's name and school logo that is great for internship/residency or to keep in touch with friends, and many more to come.

The last objective I seek as part of the Class Council is to raise awareness of the importance of professional ethics and our role as pharmacists in health care to the student body. The well being of patients should be the primary concern for pharmacists, and in preparing to become the ideal health care professional, we can run a large-scale donation to health care related organizations. This way, as a class we are not only striving for a common goal as a unity but also practicing professionalism by demonstrating that we are generally concerned about health care.

If elected, I will not fail in striving these goals as well as listening and communicating your ideas. I assure you that your concerns will become my concerns and delivered as the class council's concerns. I look forward in working together and thank you for listening. Please vote for Rebecca Kim as secretary.

# CLASS OF 2019 VACANT POSITIONS

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Treasurer