

# PharmSci Student Advisory Board – 2020/2021 Members



## Meredith Edelman

I am currently a senior and am excited to graduate after this year. I am minoring in both Public Health and Psychology. My long term goals are to be somewhere in the healthcare field but I am still determining where. I am looking into different Master's programs and my top two choices are a Master's in Healthcare Administration or Biomedical Engineering. I was involved in a few of the honoraries on campus and also spent a semester studying abroad in Australia. This upcoming semester I will be preceptoring and hopefully volunteering at the hospital if it opens.

My favorite PharmSci courses I have taken so far were Pharmacology or ADME. This major was so appealing to me because the material is unique and interesting, and I really love the welcoming and involved faculty.



## Nhi Pham

I am a sophomore in the BSPS program. My goal after graduation is to attend pharmacy school and enroll in the residency program. Currently I am an officer in the Pre-Pharmacy Club and I'm also a part of the Student Advisory Board for this school year. I only took two pharmacy-related courses and my favorite is History of Pharmacy. The course outlines how pharmacy progressed and advanced throughout time and it was interesting to learn things that I've never known before. The reason why I chose this major is because you never stop learning within this field and there are plenty of career choices with this degree.



## Rachel Knight

I'm currently a junior in the BSPS program with minors in chemistry and biochemistry. Currently I'm planning on attending graduate school with an interest in synthetic organic chemistry, although I have considered medical school as well. I'm a Supplemental Instruction Leader for organic chemistry, and I also work at The SALT Center as a peer tutor for various STEM classes including microbiology and organic chemistry as well. I've been

involved with Project Sunshine, a club on campus that volunteers in children's hospitals, since my sophomore year.

I would say my favorite PharmSci class was scientific writing with Dr. Schnellmann. Although the class was labor intensive and difficult at times, I definitely was able to learn a lot, both about good writing practice and pharmacology. Although I really enjoy all of the classes within the major, including the pre-advanced standing classes. I chose the PharmSci major because it allows students to take a wide variety of science classes that can prepare them for any health or research-based career in the future.



## Giovanni (Gio) Hernandez-De La Peña

I am a Junior Honors student in the BSPS Program with minors in Health and Human Values and Chemistry. After completing my BS degree, I plan to attend either pharmacy school or graduate school as I am interested in healthcare, pharmacy, and research. Currently, I am a Supplemental Instruction Leader for CHEM 152 (General Chemistry II) and I also hold a paid research position in a lab through the Undergraduate Biology Research Program. I am also a part of the Pre-Pharmacy Club and the Cats' Running Club. Of the major course I have

taken so far, my favorite has been PCOL 305 - Scientific Writing. While challenging, the course greatly improved my writing and it was very informative. I chose this major because of my interest in pharmacy and healthcare in general. The major's science-heavy course load was also an added bonus. What I love about this major is... everything! From its interesting courses and diverse career pathways to its stellar professors and great advisors, it all adds to the amazing experience.



## Ali Qasemi

Hello, my name is Ali! I am a junior in the BSPS program. I hope to attend pharmacy school after completing my undergraduate degree. I am interested in pharmacy and research. I am a member of the Pre-Pharmacy club on campus and I work part-time as a pharmacy technician at CVS Pharmacy. My favorite PCOL class so far would be Scientific Writing with Dr. Schnellmann. The course reshaped my understanding of writing and furthered my enjoyment of health sciences. I chose this major because of my

introduction to the field of pharmacy at a young age and the wonderful advisors who truly care about your academic success.



## Samantha Taylor

I am a sophomore in the program, and also minoring in emergency medical services. My interests are in pharmaceutical research and infectious disease, so I plan to pursue aspects of those through pharmacy or potentially medical school. On campus, I am involved in the Flying Samaritans and serve as the director of pharmacy. The purpose of the club is to reach out to underserved populations and provide basic medical care in Agua Prieta, Mexico. I'm also an EMT

with the University's EMS. So far, I've loved absolutely everything about the BSPS major. The course track integrates many aspects of physiology, biology, and chemistry, so it is very well rounded and covers so many different concepts. PCOL 196D ("The Joy of Drugs") is a wonderful introductory seminar that covers a wide range of pharmacy topics. It's definitely one of my favorites, because the foundational science and fun facts that you learn throughout it are quite intriguing. Overall, the BSPS program paves the way for lots of unique opportunities and career paths and provides so many valuable resources.