

Dear Alpha Psi Education, Scholarship & Leadership Foundation,

As I approach the final stages of pharmacy school, I am reflecting on the trajectory of my career and the impact I aspire to have in the next decade. My leadership experiences, particularly with Phi Delta Chi (PDC) and the Vietnamese Cancer Awareness Research Education Society (VN CARES), have shaped my goals, which focus on patient care, mentorship, and serving underserved populations.

During my term as Worthy Assistant Correspondent on PDC's executive board, I had the opportunity to support and guide fellow board members, many of whom were new to leadership roles and to the chapter as a whole. As one of two P2 brothers on the board, I focused on being a reliable resource, facilitating communication, and helping others adapt to their roles. I aimed to shape the organization in the same way older members had mentored and served as role models for me. This experience taught me the value of mentorship, and how offering encouragement and support can help others thrive. It also reinforced my commitment to leadership that fosters an inclusive, supportive environment where growth is nurtured. Beyond my role in PDC, my involvement with the VN CARES committee has deepened my commitment to serving underserved populations. Through VN CARES, I helped organize health fairs in San Jose and Sacramento, providing free screenings to individuals who lacked access to essential healthcare. This experience not only exposed me to the healthcare disparities faced by marginalized communities but also highlighted a pharmacist's role to leave a meaningful impact on public health. By providing services and connecting individuals to healthcare resources, VN CARES emphasized the importance of accessible, compassionate care for underserved populations, a mission I am passionate about.

In the next 10 years, I see myself working in an ambulatory care or clinical setting where I can build long-term relationships with patients, particularly those from diverse or underserved backgrounds. I am committed to becoming a clinician who addresses healthcare disparities while fostering trust and education with patients. By providing patient-centered care and advocating for those with limited access to resources, I hope to contribute to reducing health inequities. In addition to my clinical practice, I aspire to be a mentor to pharmacy students and residents. The mentorship I received from Phi Delta Chi brothers when I was a newly initiated brother and my clinical preceptors have inspired me to support others in their professional development. I want to create an environment where future pharmacists can grow, learn, and develop the skills necessary to be compassionate, competent providers.

Ultimately, my vision for the next 10 years is to be a clinician who not only excels in patient care but also serves as a mentor, educator, and advocate for underserved populations. By combining my clinical expertise with my passion for mentorship and community service, I hope to leave a lasting impact on the pharmacy profession and the lives of the patients I serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Dang", written in a cursive style.

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