

NVSHHP MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists

New graduate perspective – *Bon Riwilin Albana*



Bon is a member of the May 2023 graduating class from the Roseman University College of Pharmacy and recently served as NVSHP's student representative. We asked Bon about his experience as a student and future plans as a new pharmacist:

Where will you work after graduation?

I have accepted a position with Albertsons's.

Why did you choose pharmacy?

I've worked with many great pharmacists through the years that inspired me towards this path. Connecting with patients and building a bond with the community is very fulfilling. It felt like the right fit to follow in my parent's footsteps in healthcare. Pharmacists are highly respected members of their communities by providing medication counseling, and helping patients manage their medications. To me, this is incredibly rewarding, as pharmacists can see the impact they are making on patients' lives as an accessible healthcare provider.

What would your alternate career be if you weren't a pharmacist?

I originally studied Computer Science/Engineering before my interest in Pharmacy after working as a technician in training.

What do you do in your free time?

I like working with school clubs, especially Policy Advocacy topics that could help future pharmacists and promote public health.

How will you stay engaged in professional organizations after graduation?

I will definitely try to reach out to my graduate school to collaborate and help with community efforts and would love to become a preceptor for future students.

Why would you recommend NVSHP membership to current students?

Working with NVSHP as a student representative has definitely shown me the importance of having a collective voice to help with being actively involved in the legislative process. Having the organization's support in expanding our scope of practice was very beneficial in helping spread awareness regarding senate bills that promote the advancement of pharmacy practice. Attending the student symposium was beneficial in preparing for interviews and the expectations of residency.

Thank you Bon for your service – we wish you much success! You can be a student representative too - reach out to NVSHP if you would like to serve the organization. Elections are held yearly for multiple spots on the Board of Directors.