Hello all! My name is Louisa Sullivan, and I am currently working as a clinical pharmacist in the Emergency Department at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA, USA.

I grew up in Arizona and obtained bachelors’ degrees in Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry from the University of Arizona before moving to Seattle, Washington to escape the heat of the Arizona desert. I completed my Doctor of Pharmacy at Creighton University in 2018, my first year of residency at Dignity Health St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton, California, and my second year of residency specializing in Emergency Medicine at Valleywise Health in Phoenix, Arizona.

During my residency training, I was able to see first-hand how the pharmacotherapy recommendations I was making to physicians, nurses, and patients could have a huge impact on preventing medication errors and improving patient outcomes. I passionately believe that with a strong educational foundation and support from professional organizations such as YPG, young pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists can continue to improve patient lives and become leaders in their communities. Young pharmacists are the best possible advocates for the profession of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences because of our knowledge, passion, and motivation. As members of YPG, we can support our colleagues by providing tools and education to make their jobs easier via our projects and activities, and we can advocate for our profession on the global scale in our interactions with other sections of FIP and external organizations.

My priority for 2022 is to help our members find connections. Many of us feel a bit disconnected with the current necessity of physical distancing during the pandemic, so YPG is focusing on finding new and better ways to build and maintain connections. Our priorities for the year include: supporting the ONEFIP strategy through close communications with FIP, building connections with FIP leaders through YPG Liaisons, supporting our members through various YPG Projects, building national and regional connections through our new Early Career Regional Supporters, and building connections with the both our members and public through our YPG Public Relations activities (newsletters, social media, etc). All of this with the goal of supporting and connecting with early career pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists around the world.

I am both humbled and excited to serve as YPG President this year. I am ready to continue the amazing work of previous steering committees in growing YPG and supporting young pharmacists. Together we can navigate the challenges of the COVID pandemic and continue to advance the profession of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences to improve patient lives.