Hello all! My name is Louisa Sullivan, and I am currently working as Adjunct Research Faculty for the Valleywise Health Arizona Burn Center in Phoenix, Arizona, 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.

Since attending my first IPSF World Congress in 2016, I have sought leadership experiences that have prepared me to represent young pharmacists on the global stage, and I have had the opportunity to speak at IPSF Congress, FIP Congress, and the World Health Assembly. As IPSF Chairperson of Pharmacy Education, I was responsible for choosing speakers and session topics for IPSF Congress. As YPG Session Proposals Coordinator, I have led a team preparing session proposals for FIP Congress, and I plan to continue to be involved in designing interesting and innovative sessions as YPG President-Elect.

As a student pharmacist, I was able to attend the FIPEd Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education in 2016 where the Pharmaceutical Workforce Development Goals were first introduced. In my leadership roles with IPSF, I helped to promote the use of the PWDGs among young pharmacists through social media campaigns and presentations at IPSF Congress. I am looking forward to continuing to promote and support the use of the newly launched and expanded FIP Development Goals as a member of the YPG Steering Committee.

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.

I am both humbled and excited to serve as YPG President-Elect this year and President next year. I am ready to continue the amazing work of the current steering committee 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.