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Write-in for Programs Vice President

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sierra Palmer, and I am highly interested in Programs Vice President for the upcoming officer cycle. I would like to hold this position due to the fact that I feel this position holds together the traditions and values of Alpha Xi Delta that I hold so close to my heart.

First of all, I really felt a connection with this position when discovering it dealt with the foundation of our women's fraternity. Everything that Programs Vice President oversees is based upon those ideals that the Founders set forth for us. I want to be able to work to uphold said ideals and vocalize to chapter how important this is.

While at The Founders' Academy, I was able to meet with presidents and emerging leaders from chapters across the country and discuss with them how they ran their individual organizations. I was also able to attend a seminar held by the National Ritual Chair, where she discussed the ins and outs of our ritual and kept discussing how the ceremonies should be seen with the utmost respect. I was also able to discuss with philanthropy chairs who held successful events in hopes I could find something that would be able to work for our chapter in particular.

As a member of the Executive Board, I would want to continue, if not improve, the transparency towards sisters. I feel that there could be a better way of including sisters on decisions and notifying them of processes, instead of just presenting it when finished, like with the merit point system. I use my individualization strength to the best of my abilities, and want to see every sister as happy as can be. This also means that I, as an executive member, need to remember to take a step back and listen to everyone, not just the more vocal members of chapter.

As Programs Vice President, I would like to continue with the wonderful job we are doing with our rituals, but I would also like to see an education program implemented to teach sisters the little things and the meanings of certain things during rituals. I would also like to continue having off-campus fall retreat because I feel like it made a big impact on every sister I've talked about it

with. In terms of philanthropy, I would also like to see more interaction with other chapters in our area, which I feel would raise greater awareness for our work with Autism Speaks. This is one of the major reasons I decided individually to reach out to our sister chapter at URI in order to host the social this weekend. I think within the next year or so, this could be a major game changer in raising our philanthropy goals as well as achieving a greater bond between area chapters. I would also like to stress the importance to chapter on the impact that this chapter will have on our future endeavors through working with the Bridges Program. Lastly, being a class representative this past year has helped me to discuss with different groups within my class what they want out of this experience, which I would hopefully be able to relay to the Executive Board.

I have already talked with Alex Rozen about time requirements and all of the events that we do each term. My only other time commitments are varsity soccer, but I will be taking a manager position instead of playing in the coming year. This is helpful to my time management because I realized what I can handle in terms of keeping my schedule balanced. I will be able to hold Programs Council every week. I would enjoy holding this position because I would like to see our chapter grow in our tradition and gain a better appreciation for what it means to wear our letters.

I have also written in for Philanthropy Chair, which would be my number one choice for positions. However, I will be equally as happy if given the chance to take on the position of Programs Vice President.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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My top-ranked IQP will have me going away D-term of next year (2018)