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Write-in for Philanthropy Chair

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sierra Palmer, and I am highly interested in Philanthropy Chair position for the upcoming officer cycle. I would like to hold this position due to the fact that I am so passionate about Autism Speaks and want to see us rise above our goals from the past few years.

First of all, I am so passionate about this organization because I have family members and close family friends with autism. My cousin, whose mother is actually my Legacy, and a very close friend of mine's son have autism. I have seen how it has affected their lives and I want to be able to raise money for an organization that can help to better their lives and embrace the beauty of those with autism. I have also worked with autistic children throughout middle and high school and still talk about them to this day due to their kind words and actions. I see this position as a way for me to give back to them and the wonderful memories they have given me.

While at The Founders' Academy, I was able to speak with the philanthropy chairs from other chapters, including Kent State, to see what types of things they do to raise so much money. Talking with them provided me with some ideas that I feel would greatly benefit our chapter. One of those things is that I would like for our chapter to interact more with the Autism Speaks community, aside from just the Autism Speaks Walk with Alpha Xi Delta. I would like girls to be able to work with the people that our money goes to and see how it affects their lives. I think from that alone, we could get more girls passionate about our philanthropy.

I would like also like to increase the scale of some of our other events. I would love to have the community included in our 5k, and maybe even invite members of the Autism Speaks community to come in as well. I feel like we can try new ways to promote our race and maybe even reach out to local businesses with donations. This was also one of the reasons I personally wanted to reach out to URI so badly to create a bond with them. I worked on my own accord using my time management and organization skills to coordinate with their president in order to establish relations to plan this event. I hope within the next year or two that we can plan

a large-scale event with them that could benefit both chapters, maybe even something that can switch campuses each year. I know that this type of connection will be helpful to create new bonds between sisters and our philanthropy.

Experience that would qualify me for this position are actual positions as well as actions I have made in organizations. I know how to plan events and get the word out. I have learned these skills through taking a leading role for the Nu class philanthropy event last year as well as being a class representative, where I have to work with Julia to gauge what the sisters in our class would be excited about and plan accordingly. I also serve currently as interim Community Service Chair, where I have worked with Abby King to run the Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Mustard Seed. Furthermore, I have worked primarily by myself with the president of the URI Chapter of AXiD in order to plan our social event in Providence this weekend. I feel I have initiative and a drive to make things work and see them all the way through.

I have already talked with Emily Matsco 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 Philanthropy committee every week and be able to meet with council as well. I would enjoy holding this position because Autism Speaks is a big reason why we all joined AXiD, and I would like to see our chapter reach new heights to help this organization.

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)