



## **AKΨ Gamma Nu Application**

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Expected Graduation Date (May/2020)

**1. Have you previously rushed Alpha Kappa Psi? (Yes/No)**

No

**2. What other organizations/extracurriculars are you a part of?**

Muse Capital Labs / New Restaurant Payment Startup / Tennis Club

**3. How will you contribute to the fraternity? (max 300 words)**

My intellectual curiosity does not just end in a classroom setting where on paper, only grades and numbers are praised; instead, I like to take what I have gained in a class into the real world setting where I can utilize these theoretical ideas into practical reality. Combined that with me being constantly surrounded by conversations regarding entrepreneurship—ideas, startups, market and etc, I have come to realize that the most important portion of achieving one's goal in this community is collaboration.

It is with this vision that I hope to contribute to the fraternity by being a life-long friend and brother to everyone in the chapter and to those outside of our chapter. Developing a lifelong brotherhood will be my key goal with those who would be part of my journey to combine real-life workplace environments, critical thinking, and collaboration to become better equipped to tackle the forces that drive some of today's fastest growing world economies and grant me a cosmopolitan



perspective, with which we can best analyze how money moves in both present and future markets.

I ultimately want to become a global entrepreneur who creates jobs, stimulates economies, and fosters greater international cooperation and collaboration between developed and developing countries. To achieve all of this, I am ambitious to combine such remarkable experiences that I gain from AKPsi with life-long brothers I have made who would be part of my aspiring journey. Hoping to become a leader and mentor within the AKPsi community one day, I picture myself providing a different perspective, asking different set of questions, and relating different leadership experiences, all of which that are quite often different from that of their peers' even long years after I have graduated college hoping to learn from the new generations as well.

#### **4. How do you measure success? (max 300 words)**

To be completely honest, as someone who has only completed a first year of business school and is just starting to get a taste of the real world, I am not even sure if I know what *success* truly means. But one thing for sure is that success can only be defined by oneself and that everyone has a different perception about success.

Currently, I am in a situation where I am creating my own path through the enigmatic jungle of life where the ends are not clear with a mere machete of faith. Society tells us we celebrate and champion those with social presence, eloquence of speech, money, charitable funds, or even based on what kind of car they drive. But to me, success is simply setting many small goals in life and have them as a stepping stone to achieve a life-long dream. Each step forward and not doubting myself is the core foundation of success; success is not something I can buy, something owed to me, but rather something I have to earn by having faith in myself.

I define myself as an idea person, a true entrepreneurial mind who focuses on nothing but bringing his many ideas to action. One goal I have is to be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experience to truly inspire greater innovations and improvements on the global marketplace.



With the exceptional education and experiential background, my life-long dream is to be best prepared to realize my ambitions of following in the esteemed footsteps of some of my most revered role models and becoming a global business mogul in my own right and making my marks on history. If I were to take a stab at what success is, *this* is how I would measure success.

## **5. What previous experience from your past makes you feel like you relate to AKPsi?**

During the years in my Boy Scout Troop 660, we shared a common set of values—of civic duty, preparedness, and excellent character. But more than that, we celebrated individual achievements and personal growth through brotherhood. Because of my tenure with the Boy Scouts, I have had opportunities to explore and experience so much that I would never have been able to otherwise; thanks to it, I have become a person with incredible strength of mind and body who is ready to tackle any challenge life throws his way. And over the years, I have become a supporter, friend, teacher, and a mentor. As I have progressed through the ranks, I became a leader, a team player, and a role model within my community. Both within and away from my Boy Scouts troop, I strived to embody each and every one of the values and lessons I have learned and inspire others by my unerring example. Today, I stand proud to be a confident, open-minded experienced citizen of the world, prepared for any adventure, outdoors or in, that life has in store for me, and I hope to impart these very same, very important traits and values to the AKPsi community. I hope to be a life-long friend, mentor, and partner to AKPsi with the common goal of driving to improve the communities around the world and be part of each other's aspiring life-long journey, reminding everyone that we are all in this together.