



AKΨ Gamma Nu Application

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Please fill out all 5 questions

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Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year): May/2021

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

No.

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

I recently joined GLO (Global Entrepreneurship Organization) as the new executive administrator of the E-board, which is something I am extremely excited about! I plan on being a general member of BIAA, GIVE, BAPSA, and Babson Investment Club. I look forward to experiencing all that the organizations on campus have to offer.

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

Everyone has their own unique experiences that they've encountered in life, whether it be moving to a new country or trying an exotic delicacy. These experiences consequently shape us into who we are today. Because brothers can easily share their unique stories at AKPsi, there is a wealth of diversity in knowledge to be uncovered. I, myself, can contribute to the fraternity by bringing in the skills that I have acquired in my lifetime. I have always been an enthusiastic organizer and planner. Google Calendar is my best friend and I could not survive without it. As a brother, I would love to help coordinate future events for the fraternity like networking events between AKPsi chapters and rush events. It would be an honor to plan something as entertaining and engaging as this semester's rush events. I am also a very optimistic person. Since the end of middle school, I started training myself to find the good in everything. Winston Churchill once said, "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty" and that is a quote I truly live by. Positive thinking has changed my life and I know I will definitely bring positive energy to the fraternity. I value what each brother contributes to the brotherhood and I hope other brothers value what I can contribute as well.

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

Success is extremely difficult to measure, if not unmeasurable. The answer will vary from person to person but for me, success is different in academics than it is in life. In academics, success is not only about achieving a high score, but it is also about deepening my intellectual curiosity. I have found myself in the past caring solely about the end grade and putting aside the valuable knowledge that I was gaining along the way. I must cherish the education I am receiving to be a successful student. In life, many people may correspond being powerful and rich to being successful. That is true in some ways. However, success in life to me is making goals and constantly striving to achieve them. Goals, long-term or short-term, keep me moving forward. Without goals, I would be lost and have no purpose(s) in life. Every time I achieve a goal, the satisfaction is the greatest award and I give myself a pat on the back. One of the goals I have is becoming a business leader. To me, this is about making a difference in other people's lives through business. I hope to run a business one day that gives back to the community. AKPsi can certainly help me turn my definition of success into reality because it is a fraternity that, as the Babson AKPsi website states, shapes people who shape business.

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

My high school was a Quaker school and a strong value of Quakerism is community. There were only a little over a hundred students per grade and everyone knew each other's name. It was such a close-knit community and I was very comfortable with everyone in it. There was also a forty-five minute period of silent reflection every Thursday where the whole high school population would gather in the meeting room and anyone who felt compelled to share a story could. I did not appreciate this concept at first, but as the years went by, I realized how the community strengthened because of this meeting for worship. Students and faculty shared their most vulnerable stories, like the passing of a family member or a struggle they are facing, to the entire school. Coming to college, I was afraid that I would never be able to feel that same sense of community again. After going to AKPsi's first information session, I saw the tight bonds between the brothers. I saw the mentorship between the Bigs and Littles. From then on, I discovered a bit more of the community each time I attended a rush event. I enjoyed meeting new brothers at each event and learning about their background. It was exciting to hear about past bonding activities, like grabbing dinner together and musical chairs. After all, AKPsi is about brotherhood and mutual respect for one another. I would be delighted to work hard and play hard alongside the brothers.