



### Please fill out all 5 questions

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Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year): May/2020

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

No

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

I am currently active as a member of the Babson Political Association, an E-board member of the Babson Badminton club, a VP of Finance for Babson Best Buddies, and a part of the Outgoing Global Volunteer function of AIESEC Boston.

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

I believe that anything can be accomplished with the right attitude, and the attitude I will bring to the fraternity is one of enthusiasm and dedication. I am willing to undertake any task given to me, from something as simple as creating a survey to something as complex as creating an incremental number game on python. Once I start working on something, I don't stop until I have completed it, and I do so knowing that I had put 100% of my effort into its completion and I had exceeded what was expected of me.

Coming from a different background than most of the brothers in the fraternity, I can provide a new and unique perspective on current issues to AKPsi. Originating from Indonesia, I have experienced and, to an extent, practiced 4 different religions. I also went to an international school before coming to Babson, which gives me insight on how different societies react to certain issues. Stemming from this diversity, I learned to be impartial; always taking an objective view on a matter, yet never failing to consider that differences in culture can affect how others shape an argument and it doesn't mean they are wrong. I believe my experiences and perspective will be beneficial to an already diverse community of AKPsi.





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

I come from a family that practices mainly Buddhism, and because of this I believe in the concept of karma, which is a belief that what comes around goes around. My mother taught me this from a young age, and it is reflected in the way I conduct myself around others. I was taught to do good deeds so I will receive them; to treat others kindly so I will be treated as such; to be happy for the achievement of others so that they will be happy to see me succeed. Due to this, my measurement of success stems from the happiness of others, and it is measured based on the positive impact I make on them. The bigger and longer the positive impact I make the more successful I am. I aim to change lives for the better, but before I can do it on a large scale I will have to start small: whether it's helping someone with their homework, or donating to a cause.

I have another measure of success, which is meeting or exceeding the expectations put upon me by my parents and myself, which include getting good grades, making friends, etc. My two measures of success are similar, but my first measure does not mean I necessarily gain an achievement, while my second measure does.

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

I relate most to the service aspect of AKPsi's core values. As a person I try my best to always be of help to others, changing lives for the better incrementally or significantly. I used to be involved in many different service clubs during my four years of high-school. The most significant one of which was the Microfinance club. The Microfinance club works together with a local microfinance firm that focuses on empowering women in impoverished villages around Jakarta. It taught me about the ripple effect: how a small positive change in someone's day can create a larger positive effect their life; this is the mindset I have that drives me to perform even the smallest act of charity. I hope to be able to continue changing lives through the various service opportunities provided by AKPsi at Babson.

I also relate to AKPsi's value of brotherhood. Having a family outside those related by blood has always been a part of my life, especially during high-school. My "family" would be there for each other, looking after each other through thick and thin. I see the same values held by the AKPsi brothers during and outside the AKPsi sessions. I seek to be a part of that family; to be supported and to support others in the brotherhood; and to grow as an individual while also facilitating the personal growth of others.

