

Full Name:

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Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year):

(June/2021)

Please fill out all 5 questions**1. Have you previously rushed Alpha Kappa Psi? (Yes/No)**

No

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

I am part of Babson Indonesian Association (BIA) and Babson Olin Catholic Association (BOCA). I've been really busy for the past weeks rushing, but I am planning to join Babson Business in Asia (BIAA) and Babson College Radio (BCR). I don't want to overwhelm myself in numerous of clubs as a freshmen but I am going to try to join as many as I can and to see which clubs I like and dislike.

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

Intellect and social skills are both as important for AKPsi. Though they may be a professional business fraternity, they don't want to be seen as only academic and no fun. Likewise, they don't want to be seen as only party animals. Thus, there needs to be a balance, and I believe that I have that balance. I know when I have to study hard and be serious to earn that GPA, but I also know that I can't spend the whole day sitting on my desk and not have fun. Having members that have that balance is what makes AKPsi unique.

Networking is one main reason why people want to join business frats. I was born and raised in Indonesia, a developing country that sends minimal students abroad to the US. Many students in the US, especially Babson due to its size, hardly meets and interacts with Indonesians. What I bring is a new link to networking. Networks in the US is plentiful, but networks in Asia needs to improve. I have done plenty of networking with Indonesians around my age from different schools. I believe that my networks will be imperative for other members.

Service is a core value to AKPsi. Service opportunities in a developing country such as Indonesia are both abundant and meaningful. Jakarta, the biggest and richest city of Indonesia, still boasts many poor people in the city. Experiencing poverty first-hand every day makes fortunate Indonesians seldom to helping the less fortunate. Every week, I would contribute to the community by helping the needy, at least once. I never turned my back on poor in Indonesia, and I won't do it in the United States either.

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

Success, like many other things, is subjective. Success for every individual is different. Why? Only the individual can measure how successful they are. A prime example of this is seeing an

individual enroll in Cornell University. From an outsider's point of view, we may consider that individual successful. But that individual might consider him or herself a failure if his or her expectation was to go to Princeton University. Our job is to achieve what we believe is successful, not what people think.

Success for everyone is also different because people measure success in different ways. Money orientated people will only believe they are truly successful until they can earn a substantial amount of money. Conversely, many people will believe in life success. Whether that be starting a family, help solve a world issue (like poverty or a sickness), or finding their purpose in life. There is also short and long-term success. Short term success could be getting a good GPA for the first semester of freshman year. Long-term success is what people want to achieve before they get too old.

Everyone has their own definition of success. My definition? I believe it's important to have both financial and life goals of success. I don't need to earn millions of amount of money to be successful, but I need a good amount. This converses with my life definition of success because I need enough money to be able to get married, have 2 children and make them happy in life. That is my long-term success. My short term success doesn't matter as much, so long as I learn from my mistakes for not reaching them, to help me achieve my long-term success.

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

AKPsi a professional business fraternity. They value knowledge, integrity, service and unity. But above all, it's a brotherhood. A family. Throughout High School, I've had the same friend group. We were a close-knit social group that I would almost consider family. Likewise, members of AKPsi will be the people I hope to call family one day. My friend group would eat lunch together every school day and hang out every week. We would have inside jokes and trust each other with anything. I believe that being part of AKPsi will replicate my experience I had with my old friend group. AKPsi has a diverse group of people. Like my international school, I have met with so many different cultures and ethnic groups. I am no stranger to meeting people from countries I've only heard or seen on a map.

Though I may not have directly experienced a business fraternity such as AKPsi, I believe that my other experiences will make me relate to them.