

Alpha Kappa Psi Application - Catherine Lu

1. What are your short term and long term professional goals? How do you think Alpha Kappa Psi can help you in your professional endeavors? **(200 words max)**

My long term professional goal is to work at a large tech company as a user experience analyst. My short term goal is to get an internship and study abroad in the London School of Economics. I intend to study economics or Information Technology or both. I believe the Alpha Kappa Psi can provide me with some advice for potential study abroad opportunities, as some of the brothers have studied abroad in London. Because of the unique start-up culture in Babson and AKPsi's presence at E-tower, I believe that brothers can provide knowledge on internships for small companies.

I believe that Alpha Kappa Psi can help me most on small professional skills, like speech and resume writing. I have a general vision of what I want to do, but I lack the resources and experience necessary. Alpha Kappa Psi provides many opportunities to help me with public speaking and business profession etiquette. All of the brothers have unique talents to contribute to the fraternity that will benefit me, and other prospective new members.

2. If you were a brother of Alpha Kappa Psi, what would you contribute to the brotherhood? **150 words max)**

As a brother, I can contribute profession knowledge about the technology world. My father is entrepreneur and sister works at Facebook in Silicon Valley. Both can provide knowledge on both small startups and large tech companies in silicon valley, and the obstacles they have faced. Personally, I can contribute skills in logistics, as I was an intern for TEDx at my high school level. I was head of finance for the conference in my senior year and was responsible for raising \$1,500 in a small committee through sponsorships. In junior year, I was a logistics intern and I critiqued speeches and ran dress rehearsals. I have experience in running large events and the "behind the scenes" work that often goes unnoticed.

3. Out of all the applicants, what do you think makes you unique? Why do you believe you should be extended a bid? **(200 words max)**

Unlike many applicants, I have volunteered with teaching technology to people of all ages through student run organizations called Coding Cadet and Technior. Coding Cadet is a class in my local library designed to teach elementary to high school students how to code using languages like HTML and CSS. As one of the initial volunteers with Coding Cadet, I collaborated with students from other high schools around my area. The volunteers gain the opportunity to explore their interests in computer science, teaching, and leadership. Through Technior, I taught senior citizens how to use apple devices and connect with other members of their family. Both of these organizations taught me how to teach and work with a variety of ages.

I believe that I should be extended a bit because of my passion for community and for the fore values of Alpha Kappa Psi, especially integrity and knowledge. I have been interested in joining a professional fraternity since before I entered Babson College and spent time researching before going to the events. My spirit of determination is important to me, and I will continue to support Alpha Kappa Psi with or without a bid.