



AKPSI

AKΨ Gamma Nu Application

Please fill out the following information and save this document as a PDF titled (LastName_FirstNameApplication.pdf).

Along with this application please attach the following documents in your email:

1 PowerPoint Slide which includes:

- Name
- Picture
- Hometown
- Class Year
- Fun Fact

Your Resume

Send all 3 documents to akpsigammanu@gmail.com

Please fill out all 5 questions

Full Name: **Chen (Cheryl) Liu**

Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year): **05/2020**

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

No

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

-Mentor in Bapsa

-Eboard of BGDC (Babson Graphic Design Club)

-Media Technician and videographer of the Media Service at Babson College



- part-time writer and marketer at Hextapus, which is a blog based in Boston focusing on international Chinese students in Boston.

AKPsi

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

As a professional fraternity, AKPsi focuses on professionalism, and this is also what I can bring to the fraternity. From my understanding, professionalism measures an attitude that one holds about things in one's life. For instance, I always try my best in academics instead of slacking off most of the times. I am reliable in completing my responsibilities in both academics and extracurricular that my club members can trust me with the work I assigned to. Moreover, I am a genuine person that cares about the people that I like. I am often the one who tells friends what is right instead of what they want to hear. My genuineness also leads to my willingness of contributing ideas or opinions, and this characteristic of me resonates with the biggest value of AKPsi which is democracy. In a democratic environment, the brothers encourage and accept different values, and similarly, my distinct values or opinions can contribute to the already diverse voice of AKPsi. In the last, I am an easy person to hang out with and not judgmental towards differences between individuals.

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

Even though I have not decided on my career path or concentration, I know what I want to gain from my career or experiences. Unlike many people studying business, I was never sensitive towards numbers and therefore also money. For instance, when I was finding my summer internship for the past summer, I decided to join a fashion related Public Relation company. Having another paid internship offer, I instead chose to experience the field that I have been curious about. Although in the end, I found that Public Relation industry does not fit my characteristics, I never regretted experiencing this job. In life, I focus more on exploring and learning from the unknowns instead of choosing a path that is considered to be successful in convention, not saying that these conventionally successful paths are wrong. Concisely, I measure success as learning and growing into a better self. Moreover, success should not only be defined around self-improvements. As a global citizen, I believe I am responsible to create social values around me. I might be able to create an enormous social innovation that affects the world, but I can always start with minimal things in life such as encouraging a friend or recycling recyclable products. In conclusion, there is no definite path towards achieving success for me, and instead I'd rather let the paths lead me and learn along my way.

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

During the past summer in China, I traveled with my friend to a smaller city called Qingdao in the Northern China. Qingdao is not as developed as Beijing but still one of the largest cities. One morning, I was trying my shirt on and decided to wear my shirt in different ways instead of buttoning down all the buttons. Therefore, I wore my shirt backwards so the buttons are at my back, and I buttoned only the top few buttons so that the shirt became backless. I thought it was fun to wear it and believed this new way to be creative. However, my friend, standing next to me, looked at me weirdly and suggested me to wear my shirt appropriately. I was a little offended but knew that everyone is different. Thus, I laughed and joked about this way of wearing shirt to be the latest trend. When we first got out of the hotel, my friend told me in my ear that "there are so many people looking at you strangely." Although I felt a little uncomfortable, I still straightened up my back and strutted on the main road. The more I walked, the more confident I



felt. Gradually, I no longer felt the stares from the passersby and forgot I was wearing something a little different.

From this little incidence happened in the past summer, I found few characteristics that linked me to AKPsi. First, I am a fun and creative person who tries to make minimal things around me become more fun. Also, I did not argue directly with my friend when she commented on how I wore my shirt, because I learned that there was no need to persuade her to appreciate what I like. I believe this choice I made is considered as a communication skill that I developed when encountering differences between people. Lastly, even though I might look strange compared to everyone else on the street, I was still confident in how I looked and not afraid to be different. The confidence shown in this experience resonates well with the confidence value of AKPsi. Thus, I relate to AKPsi's values of fun, communication and confidence.