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

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

Right now, I am going to meetings for the Babson Consulting Club and the Babson Investment Club. I intend to apply for E-board for the BIC. I also want to join CODE.

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

I think that my primary contributions to AKPsi will stem from my personality and charisma. I have always loved interacting with both people who share many interests with me and people who are totally different from me, and I want to share my love of people with the AKPsi community. My interest in and love for people also allows me to connect to others extremely well. I feel confident that this attribute will allow me to become integrated into the AKPsi quickly and easily. Also, I would love to use my people skills to connect with others on behalf of AKPsi and be a trusted and respected representative of the fraternity. Another skill that I would love to share with AKPsi is my ability to cook. Neither of my parents are very good cooks, so I cook a lot of our meals in the house. My friends and I also have "family dinners" in which I cook a meal for them at another friend's house while we kick back.

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

I can really only measure success in a binary feeling. I measure my goals quantitatively whether the variable is profit or time etc., but if I don't feel content or satisfied with the outcome of my efforts, then I know that I haven't really succeeded. For example, if I was working on my Eagle Scout project, and I completed a large percentage of the building process for my project, but I had workers that felt discontented by an aspect of the workday, I wouldn't consider that a successful day. On the other side of that coin, if little building was accomplished, and my workers and I had a great time, that day still can't be considered a success. Success doesn't have measurable qualities, but it is really more of cumulative status in my mind. When all aspects of an endeavor are positive, progressing, and promising, then the status of success is reached in my opinion.

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

Freshman year, I was expelled from the private high school that I ended up graduating from. At the new school that I went to for a year and some change, my group of friends was unreliable and dangerous. Many of them were hard drug dealers and/ or users, and they adopted lifestyles that were a lot rougher in all areas than the lifestyle that I wanted for myself. I think that in the end, having those friends broadened me and improved self-confidence and discipline, but at the time it was psychologically very trying to see violence and highly illegal actions on a regular basis. I eventually proved to my original school that I deserved a chance to re-apply for admissions, and when I came back, I tried to surround myself with a group of friends that I could relate to and that was more stable. The attributes that I looked for were confidence, honesty, reliability, inquisitiveness, and drive. I saw these same attributes in the AKPsi brothers that I met at the first information session, and I also saw something which I valued more in my friends freshman year. I saw a community that truly seemed intertwined and fun loving. Two of the aspects of my freshman year friend group that I miss are how close we really were, and how our group didn't take ourselves too seriously. I saw some of that same attitude in the AKPsi brothers in their responses to my questions both public and private, and it made me a little nostalgic. I think that I share a similar philosophy towards life that AKPsi brothers have shown me.