

Full Name: Zeynep Tuana Alis

Expected Graduation Date: 2021

1. Have you previously rushed Alpha Kappa Psi?

No

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

- Undergraduate Family Business Club
- Martial Arts Club
- Investment Club
- Arts Club
- Sustainability Club

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

In 2015, I interned at “The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies” in London, and attended the “Air Power Conference” with the participation of UK Defence Secretary Michael Fallon. I am also a member of the “Youth Regional Network” in the “Assembly of European Regions”, offering my perspectives on current political and economic issues. In 2016, I interned for Steven Kay QC (Queens Council) at 9 Bedford Row which works on international criminal cases and also interned at Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Turkish Exporters Assembly. With these internships my professional knowledge, networking skills and leadership skills have grown so much. I will contribute to the business frat with my wide network of people who are from all over the world in which I have come to know through these internships, with my leadership abilities, passion for business and loyalty for my future brothers.

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

My definition of success is “the accomplishment of goals we set for ourselves.”

Every human being no matter what age or status has goals that they want to reach in their life. These goals differ from person to person. While one’s goal may only be to finish watching every Netflix show there is, one’s goal may be to have very good academics through his or her academic life and another person’s goal may be to be the president of the United States. No matter what the goal is, they are of the same importance because these goals that we set by ourselves show who we want to be in the future. Accomplishing these goals will mean that we are becoming the person we want to be. Therefore, I measure success as reaching the set goals which means reaching to being the person who we want to be.

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

During Grade 10, in order to set my groundwork in physical sciences, I paired up with a classmate to perform a scientific experiment. The aim of our project “Production of Usable Electricity from Sound through an Alternative Method” was to research whether electrical energy could be obtained by utilizing the sound resources in the environment. After numerous efforts, we succeeded in developing an electronic pool system by collecting the surrounding sounds. Our experiments involved dynamic microphones and high impedance serial loudspeakers; the voltage of the sounds were transformed into a level, through electronic circuits, to be used in charging mobiles, MP3 players and other transportable electronic devices. As our system ultimately proved to charge batteries, we won the First Place Grand Award at the Genius Olympiad at Oswego in Syracuse. We also became the Silver Medalist and received Honorable Mention at INESPO International Environment & Sustainability Project Olympiad in Amsterdam. We are now in the last stage of obtaining a patent for this device.

Keeping up with both school work and my scientific research was really hard. Therefore this huge accomplishment was something I could only achieve with the help of my classmates and teachers. An environment like that is something I want to find in college too and I believe that the bond and loyalty of the brotherhood in AKPsi is very similar to the bond and loyalty my classmates and I had for each other in high school. Therefore as a result of being in an environment like that in high school, I can relate to AKPsi.