



**AKPSI**

## **AKΨ Gamma Nu Application**

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- Name
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*Please fill out all 5 questions*

Full Name: Alexander Shaun Tiu Tan

Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year): May/2020

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

No

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

I am currently a part of BAPSA, the Sustainability Club and the Babson Outdoor Association.

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

For me, joining a fraternity is about opening your lives to others and literally treating them as your “brothers.” Being a very family-oriented person, I feel there are a number of things I can contribute to the fraternity.

Since the AKPsi Gamma Nu Chapter has only recently relaunched in Babson, I can definitely help support traditions or events that foster the culture in the fraternity. I will dedicate a lot of effort into not only attending all AKPsi events, but passionately and actively participating in them which in turn can make the events more enjoyable. Furthermore, I will also help create new and innovative events to supplement this culture, whether that be through professional business events or informal brother outings. In the business sense, I can definitely give my say and input into how business works in Asia, more specifically in the Philippines. Since business works differently everywhere, knowing the context and culture of a country is important to host a global understanding.

Also, and more importantly, I’ll be able to contribute my time and commitment. Having 4 siblings of my own, I know what it means to share your life with other people. In the same way, as I gain even more siblings, albeit more than 4, I will be able to express the same amount of time and love. I’d dedicate the time to sit down and have a meal with brothers in order to bond as well as help a brother out whether that be through connections with internships or just for a quiz. As I consider myself a very sociable person, I await all the moments where I get to spend time with brothers and laugh the night away. Overall, it’s about making everyone’s time in AKPsi more memorable.

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

I feel like success in life is too often measured through physical or tangible items like money. Although the width of my wallet definitely plays a big part into how I go about my day, I believe it is not the deciding factor. The emotion one feels when achieving something is a much better qualifier for success.

Emotions like happiness, sadness, guilt or love dictate how one feels after an important moment. Achieving a momentous goal and feeling unequivocal joy would count as success but if you feel sad inside, is that even considered an achievement? That’s why people often say that money can’t buy you happiness. If you’re the richest person alive but alone all the time, I wouldn’t count that as success. I say this because I too often see people work hard and achieve something but still feel empty inside because they didn’t enjoy the process or have passion in what they were doing.



Therefore, success is a very internal view and cannot be fully measured by your bank statement or pay check. Every person, depending on their emotions or feelings considers an event with varying levels of success.

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

When I think of being an AKPsi member, I not only think of gaining friends, but also giving my all to the group who will become lifelong brothers and maybe even business partners. One experience I can think of that gave me the same commitment to serve and share my passion with my peers was in my graduating class in high school back in the Philippines.

For my junior and senior year in High School, I decided to take the role of class president. Throughout this process, I learned to love my class and the classmates I served. I not only counted them as constituents, but brothers. Although it was work, it was work I loved doing. I would constantly eat lunch with my classmates and we would plan gatherings and outings frequently. And when it came down to work, we collaborated on homework and helped each other study for quizzes. High school can be a very difficult and rocky rollercoaster but I felt like I found my safe space with my class. I was able to meet a group of friends who I could talk to and trust on a daily basis. And I find value in that because until now, even if many of us are in different parts of the world, we still remain close and plan gatherings when we're back in the Philippines.

Therefore, I feel like AKPsi relates to me in a similar way. Although rewarding, college is a very stressful part of our lives. Deciding professions and what we want to do for the rest of our lives can seem very daunting. Creating a safe space where you're sure to find someone you trust and literally consider family is essential, especially when you're away from home. And I think AKPsi can be that support system for me; where I am able to gain a group of brothers and do work for people I care about just like back in high school. Similarly, we will not only heighten our knowledge and practice on business, but also support and encourage each other throughout college to achieve all that we can so that when we graduate, we have no regrets.