

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 most hilarious goal was to take a medical major; yet hemophobia—a disgrace to all doctors in the world—barricaded that dream. By the time I encountered failures in high school and fell short of my unrealistic standards, thoughts of my prospective patients and the stethoscope I would wear unlike any other necklace wafted further from me. What I could have realized earlier was to help myself first so that I can help others. Thus, my short term goal is to be pragmatic. I want to contemplate on the little things, pitch in even when I'm not the leader, make myself assertive through my meekness. In the long run, I want to be someone confident enough to speak extemporaneously for a long time and excel in management of both people and technology. I aspire to be a person whose enthusiasm and passion pervades into the spirits of others and changes minds. The brothers I have met in AKPsi are not only brimming with energy, but also content with their accomplishments no matter how meager. I can only imagine that surrounding myself with these people will not only empower me, but also educate me and straighten my meekly bent shoulders.

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

The most abundant contribution I would make is questions. To me, even the dumbest question starts small talk to know others. I like asking people about their country, their biggest surprise about a different culture, and their favorite things. Additionally, relationship advice and psychological catharsis are things I can assist with as I have been through building and breaking of friendships and other bonds, as well as getting in and out of major depression. I engage in frequent, confidential conversations with friends about their crushes, and frustrations with self-image. Punctuality and commitment are also things that I expect from myself. The things I have accomplished today and the times I have spent with my peers would not have concluded in satisfaction with half-heartedness. Most importantly, food plays a pivotal role in any form of kinship so I am prone to bribing people with food.

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)

Playing softball at third base is no different from becoming a brother of Alpha Kappa Psi: there's a line between the individual and collective goal yet one overlaps another. It was a position in which I had to call out or be called out to: I heeded and complied, listened and comforted, heard and complied. It was a position where I scrutinized others before I reflected on what I have to and can be. Although I am callow in professional experience, I have versatile knowledge ranging from music to sports. My uniqueness lies in my ability to push myself to be jovial even when I want to withdraw back into my shell of reticence. On lazy mornings, I come about with loony smiles, eating ice cream at 9 while making jokes in an attempt to pour some of my energy to my surroundings. On rough days, I would bring treats and give hugs that nobody asked for. Although I am a naturally aloof person, I'm willing to go an extra mile for people I barely know, a fact I discovered in my years of dedication to organizations. Even the most inconsequential players can become a power when given the chance.