

Misha Lau

Expected Graduation Date: May 2021

**1. Have you previously rushed Alpha Kappa Psi? No!**

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

As a freshman, I am still exploring different clubs and organizations that I want to be a part of. I am interested in E-Tower, Code, Women Giving Back, BAPSA, and sustainability club. Although I am looking into many different organizations, I plan to stay committed to only two or three clubs. As of now, I know for sure that I am committing my time and efforts to sustainability club as Co-Vice President of Marketing.

**3. How will you contribute to the fraternity?**

Since AKPsi's chapter in Babson only has recently started, I am excited to be a contributing member that sets the framework for the future generation. As an aspiring entrepreneur, I want to be committed to helping this new professional fraternity grow. Besides my excitement to join such an amazing community, I am also creative and artistic. Last year, I took a year-long Graphic Design course that taught me how to use Gimp and Inkscape, the free versions of Photoshop. I will be able to help design anything AKPsi may want in the future. Furthermore, I believe that I am very considerate, compassionate, and fun! I will be able to support, grow, and laugh with my brothers during the good, stressful, and bad times. My work ethic is also very strong. I am motivated, driven, and passionate in everything I do. If I am accepted to join the AKPsi family, I will help the fraternity be successful in any way I can.

**4. How do you measure success?**

I measure success by how I react to my daily life. Every day is new and challenging; it is how I react to overcoming unexpected, tough situations that matter to me. Enjoying the process to achieve my goals, no matter how small or big, is important to me.

I came to study business at Babson, because I truly believe that I can help change the world through business. Success to me is doing well while doing good. I want to be able to use my education, resources, and support for a greater purpose and mission. The summer before my senior year, I interned at a clothing manufacturer in ZhongShan, China where the conditions in the work environment would be considered inhumane in America. I want to combine my passion for fashion with sustainability to revolutionize the fashion industry to be more socially responsible. While my dream may never be accomplished in my lifetime, I want to be the start to the end of inhumane work conditions. I believe that if I continue to work towards my goal step by step, each step forward is what I consider success.

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

I grew up searching for a sense of belonging in the two communities I was supposed to belong with the most: the Chinese Community and the American one. But I never was able to truly fit in.

In my American high school, I was constantly searching for a group of friends and a community who accepted me for who I am, but only discovered that my beliefs were best kept silent. For instance, I grew up with parents who were strong Trump supporters, while in my high school, protests were held frequently against Trump. At my school, liberal students including my friends were outspoken in their hatred for our president and condemned the slightest conservative remarks. While I was unsure of what my political beliefs personally were, I constantly felt uncomfortable, because I felt obligated to choose a “side”.

I also grew up attending Sunday Service at a traditional Chinese Christian church that made me feel like an outsider. I grew up attending a church that outspokenly condemned marriages that are not one man and one woman, while discovering that my older brother has secretly been dating another man for the past two years. One of the hardest things I experienced in my life was witnessing my gay brother distance himself from my family, because my parents’ religion conflicted with his identity.

Before I came to Babson, I did not genuinely understand what a diverse, inclusive community was like. Attending the recruitment events in AKPsi has made me feel so happy, because I truly felt that all the brothers not only care and accept each other for who they are, but also care and would intently listen to PNMs like me. While the professional aspect would be incredibly helpful in my career growth, the brotherhood is the most important reason why I want to join and be committed to AKPsi. I have found a community in AKPsi where I can truly be myself.