



## **AKΨ Gamma Nu Application**

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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?**

College Advancement Ambassador

Peers On Wellness (secretary)

Habitat for Humanity (VP of Fundraising and Events)

Babson Archers (VP of Marketing)

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

The Babson alumni are important resources that can provide connection to companies as well as offer invaluable advice. Through my role as College Advancement Ambassador, I work closely with Babson's alumni office. I will be able to connect with alumni throughout the school year and share those connections with the brothers. I expect to be able to share information about events and internships as well. I am also currently working on creating a handbook for students to guide alumni on tours. I believe that this handbook could also be used for AKPsi alumni when they come to campus.

I consider event planning and organizing as one of my passions. In the past, I have been involved in planning a lot of events, from being an event organizer of a three-day seminar to my role as the VP of Events and Fundraising in Habitat for Humanity. I also have experience in event outreach and marketing. In the future, I hope to be able to help arrange and promote AKPsi events, whether they are networking, professional development, member-bonding, or service events.

As an international student who lived and worked in Indonesia, I could also be a resource for brothers who are interested in the South-East Asian business environment. I would also love to help brothers (especially first-years) who are struggling with homework or need advice on which classes to take. Finally, I will dedicate my best effort to accelerate that growth and provide help wherever needed. I am looking forward to be an active member in the growing AKPsi brotherhood.



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

I measure success by how many times I fail. I believe that failure is an indicator of the difficulty of the task and my subsequent growth. Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor. My internship and on-campus job offers tastes sweeter because of the rejections I got. It was proof that I was better than when I started. Even when I still have not reached my goal, I believe that failures show progress. Looking back in life, there were a lot of times when I missed a lot of opportunities because I was afraid of failure. The fact that I failed more than once means that I conquered my fear, was able to recover from my first failure, and is one step closer to achieving my goal. Not letting failure stop me indicates perseverance, which is one of the traits that I value most. Borrowing the word of Winston Churchill, success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

In the grand scheme of things, my failures made me a better person. Failing reminds me to be humble and showed me parts of myself that I can improve on. Through 'losing' on my FME feasibility presentation, I learned that I needed to show more convincing proofs of target market. If experience is the best teacher, then failure is the perfect learning opportunity.

However, I cannot get to where I am now without the help of other people, which is why I believe that the biggest success is when other people benefit from my contribution. I think of my summer mentor job as one of my biggest success because there are students who are inspired to come to Babson and said that I helped them learn a lot this summer.

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

I have been in communities that, like AKPsi, support each other and pushes each other to be a better person/towards a mutual goal. However, no experience reminds me of AKPsi more than scuba diving.

At first, diving into unfamiliar environment is intimidating. However, other experienced divers helped me calm down and showed me how to breathe and move in my diving equipment. They also taught me a special set of hand signs to communicate. These divers remind me of AKPsi brothers because there is a sense of belonging in the group. Although both divers and the brothers come from diverse backgrounds, they make up a community of like-minded, passionate individuals that are willing to help each other.

At the same time, diving is also fascinating. It is a gateway for me to enter a new world. There are fishes, corals, and sceneries that I would not have seen had I chosen not to dive. Being surrounded by the sea also makes me feel like I am a part of something bigger than myself. Just like diving, joining AKPsi will open the doors to so many opportunities that I otherwise will not have access to. When diving, I can virtually move in any direction I want and do acrobatic moves that I could not do on land because the water supports me. The brotherhood is like the water: it will empower me to do things I previously could not.

After my first dive, I have a different perspective of the world, a new skill, and a new passion for diving. Likewise, the rushing process have already helped me become more outgoing, forged new friendships, and I am excited to see how I will continue to grow through AKPsi.