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Dear members of Alpha Kappa Psi,

My name is Deeksha Hadagali and I am a sophomore studying Industrial and Systems Engineering with a minor in Business Administration. As the first female in my family to attend college and an international student facing challenges frequently, I am still truly motivated to persevere, make my immigrant parents proud, and take up on every opportunity that comes my way. Through my internship opportunity this summer, I found a passion for working in fields such as quality, supply chain, and manufacturing. These fields rely heavily on strong analytical skills, problem solving, and cross-team collaboration which I believe are my strong areas. Aside from my academics, one thing I'm really passionate about is giving back to the community. One area I've particularly focused on was improving access to education as I personally struggled with this issue when growing up in India for 9 years. As president of an organization, I was able to successfully plan fundraising events and donate over \$30,000 in my tenure to Doyle Ryder Elementary School in Flint, Michigan. During the pandemic, I also founded a non profit organization named Tutor Time which provided free tutoring to under privileged students. We have over 200 students and 250 high school volunteers. I have also been part of multiple executive boards which has truly taught me important leadership qualities along with time management, teamwork, communication, etc. While my internship this summer allowed me to gain the technical and analytical skills I need to excel in my career, my community service truly shaped me to be the person I am today: a person who leads with empathy, values teamwork, and pushes toward making meaningful impacts in the world. Other than my community service and academics, I enjoy playing volleyball, dancing, working out and always trying new things! I have been dancing since I was 3 and moving to the U.S, dancing has always kept me close to my roots. Staying connected to my culture is very important to me so being part of the Indian Student Association Eboard and running an event with over 800 attendees has allowed me to stay close and learn a lot about my own culture but also valuable leadership skills.

The qualities I possess would be a great contribution to Alpha Kappa Psi. Through running a few clubs such as Student Council/Government, Indian Student Association, DECA, etc, I have grown professionally by gaining problem-solving, adaptability, teamwork, and the ability to lead with empathy. All these qualities directly correlate with AKPsi values of service, brotherhood, knowledge, unity, and integrity. While I possess certain experiences that make me a great fit for AKPsi, I am also really looking forward to learning from diverse perspectives within AKPsi. I love constructive feedback and cannot wait to become the best version of myself through this fraternity. I'm excited about AKPsi as they prioritize personal and professional growth, but also align with my values of collaboration and giving back. I hope to bring my passion for community service, leadership experience, and ability to work cross-functionally to the fraternity. As someone who used to be a commuter and never formed a community at Wayne, I'm excited that AKPsi fosters brotherhood, togetherness, and meaningful connections. I am looking forward to the possibility of contributing to the fraternity and would love the opportunity of an interview in which I can discuss my experiences and passion for AKPsi in more depth.

Sincerely,

Deeksha Hadagali