



Tate Williams

Alpha Iota Chapter

University of Colorado – Boulder Running for
Member at Large

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EDUCATION

University of Colorado – Boulder

Bachelor of Arts in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology **Expected May 2018**

Minor in Biochemistry

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lab Assistant

August 2015 - Present

Krauter Lab (University of Colorado – Boulder)

Youth Program Coordinator

March 2015 - Present

Grassroots Ultimate (Boulder, CO)

Lab Assistant

August 2014 – August 2015

Safran Lab (University of Colorado – Boulder)

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Squad Leader

July 2016 - Present

Golden Buffalo Marching Band

Brotherhood Chair

April 2016 - Present

Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha Iota Chapter

Board Member

April 2014 - Present

Grassroots Ultimate Program for Youth – Board of Directors

Introduction

Dear Brothers, Officers, and Governors of the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi, my name is Tate Williams, and I am running for the position of Member at Large. I'm currently a member of the Alpha Iota Chapter at the University of Colorado – Boulder. I study Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology with an emphasis in Bioinformatics and the Human Microbiome. I'm also working toward a minor in Biochemistry because it closely aligns with my current coursework. I'm a squad leader for the Alto Saxophone section of the Golden Buffalo Marching Band, and the Buff Basketball Band. In addition to athletic bands, I also play tenor saxophone in the CU Concert Band.

Qualifications

I think the ideal Member at Large is someone who is passionate about being in Kappa Kappa Psi and fostering a sense of community within the Midwest District. I feel like I have exhibited these two characteristics during my time in Kappa Kappa Psi. As Brotherhood Chair of the Alpha Iota chapter I have opened our chapter up to the district. Although I did not experience it, I've heard that previously there had been some discontent because our chapter is so far removed from the rest of the district. As brotherhood chair I've taken it upon myself to increase our involvement in an attempt to make the brothers in our chapter feel like a bigger part of the Midwest District.

I have arranged several events that gave our chapter an opportunity to meet with the rest of the district. We have hosted the Xi chapter at several events in Boulder, and made the trip up to Golden to help with their pep bands. We've also hosted brothers from the Alpha Nu chapter for a concert at the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, I arranged to host the Epsilon Psi chapter from Missouri State in order to develop strong bonds with a chapter that is pretty far removed from us geographically. Each of these events helped to develop bonds between chapters within our district.

This year we hosted a District Day in Boulder, and I wanted to use this opportunity to make a joint brotherhood activity for several chapters. After our district day ended, I hosted a picnic at a nearby state park. Although there were not many chapters that made the drive all the way to Colorado, it was still amazing to see brothers from several chapters in our district come together and spend an afternoon having fun together.

As an Officer

If elected as Member at Large for the Midwest District my primary goal would be to make the district feel smaller. The Midwest District covers a large area geographically, which makes it difficult to establish close bonds with brothers throughout the district.

One idea that I'd like to implement to help with this is a district wide pen pal system. Brothers would sign up and then be assigned a pen pal from another chapter in our district. First this would increase familiarity within the district because we'd each have some form of communication with a member from another chapter. Not only would this help us get to know brothers from other chapters, but it would provide a new means of communication through which good ideas can spread throughout the district.

Additionally, I think this would encourage more travel within our district. If our brothers already have established relationships with members from other chapters, they are more likely to travel to visit those chapters. Whether that's for district wide events like district days or just chapters visiting each other for fun, the increased contact within our district would help to foster inter-chapter brotherhood.

Another thing I'd like to help facilitate is chapter visits. While travelling to district events provides us with opportunities to spend time with brothers from other chapters, much of the time is already planned out for workshops or meetings. There is a huge opportunity for establishing close relationships with other chapters by simply visiting them. When brothers from the Epsilon Psi chapter came to visit us over break the visit was not so much about Kappa the entire time, but more about getting to establish friendships within our district and making memories with those new friends. Establishing relationships with other chapters will help to establish a district wide identity and sense of camaraderie despite our district being so spread out.

Conclusion

I think I would be an ideal candidate for the position of Member at Large because of my passion for Kappa Kappa Psi and my ambitious nature. If elected it would be my primary goal to make the district feel smaller by facilitating more contact between our brothers.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
AEA,
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March, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter of recommendation in strong support of Tate Williams' application for the Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District Member-at-Large position.

As the Associate Director of Bands and Director of the "Golden Buffalo" Marching Band at the University of Colorado, Boulder, I have gotten to know Tate over the past three years. During this time, Tate has stood out as a highly motivated and dedicated leader. He has a fantastic work ethic and the investment he makes in all aspects of his life is clearly evident. Tate also demonstrates a desire to lead by example. It is this drive that positively affects those people with which he comes in contact.

Additionally, Tate has served as a leader in the University of Colorado community. Serving as a leader for the University of Colorado Marching Band, Tate has committed himself to bettering the organization. By providing a dedicated spirit and enthusiasm, he has made a positive impact while representing the organization and the university with class. In my view, Tate has been directly responsible for an increase in the positive attitudes of the members in the CU Marching Band.

Tate's important involvement in leadership positions in the Alpha Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and as a leading playing member of the CU Marching and Basketball Pep Bands all point to his drive and desire to assist in making any organization with which he is associated successful.

Finally, Tate is an excellent communicator and facilitator. In his leadership roles, he has demonstrated a wonderful ability to provide positive communication. Tate is professional always and remains sensitive to the needs of those with which he interacts. He would thrive in the position of Member-at-Large and would represent his brothers extremely well at the district level.

Therefore, I recommend without hesitation that Tate Williams be considered as a top candidate for the Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District Member-at-Large position. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (303) 492-6585.

Sincerely,

Matthew Roeder, DMA
Kappa Kappa Psi, Alpha Iota chapter sponsor
Associate Professor of Music
Associate Director of Bands
Director, "Golden Buffalo" Marching Band

March 12th, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi would like to offer our highest recommendation for Tate Williams, who will be running for the position of Member-at-Large at the 2017 Midwest District Convention.

During the past two semesters, Tate has served as the brotherhood chair of our chapter. His sincere and dedicated efforts have produced some of the finest brotherhood events our chapter has ever seen. Our fall brotherhood retreat was one of the best retreats in recent memory, as Tate planned innovative activities and produced a relaxing bonding experience that created a prime brotherhood atmosphere. Tate assumed the role of a liaison between our band program and the athletic department, as he worked to introduce a pep band at our women's soccer games. The team and coaches appreciated this immensely. On top of all of this, it is evident that Tate cares about the state of our brothers, as he continuously checks on their wellbeing and strives to develop relationships among them.

It is very difficult to stand up for what is right, and from what we have seen, Tate is one of the only brothers in our chapter that is capable of doing this in all situations. For example, over the past marching season, there was a member of our marching band that angered many band members around him due to his aggressive political views. While many band members criticized this individual and made fun of him, Tate was the only person who recognized that everyone's treatment of this gentleman was unacceptable. Tate tackled this problem by facilitating conversations between this specific person, his aggressors, and the band directors. Tate's mature treatment of this sensitive issue demonstrates that he possesses relational skills that few brothers do, and this skill needs to be recognized at the district level.

Tate opened up the Alpha Iota chapter to our district, and this is perhaps the most dramatic way in which he has revolutionized our chapter. Prior to this year, our chapter rarely participated in district events and seldom saw brothers from other chapters. But this year, our chapter became more connected than ever before. Tate brought some of our brothers to play at basketball games at the Colorado School of Mines, organized fun activities at the University of Colorado's District Day, and singlehandedly hosted a group of brothers from Missouri State University over the winter holidays. Tate has become the face of the Alpha Iota chapter to the Midwest District, and because of him, our brothers have developed a greater understanding of how Kappa Kappa Psi is so much grander than our home chapter.

Tate is "cool," has substantial emotional intelligence, and harbors a strong desire to build relationships between other people. He is everything that the Member-at-Large should be, and the Alpha Iota chapter strongly believes he will substantially enhance the reputation of the Midwest District in this position.

Sincerely,
The Alpha Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi