

# **Samuel James Faulkner**

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President



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## Skills & Abilities

### PROFICIENCIES

- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Proficient in Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager
- Proficient in utilizing PowerShell and Command Prompt to run automation scripts

### COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES (In no particular order of experience)

- Python, C++, HTML, CSS, PHP, SQL, JQL, Java, JavaScript, Rust, XML, PowerShell, bash, VB Script

### COMPUTER TOOLS AND IDE'S

- PowerShell, Command Line, Unix Terminal, GitHub, Visual Studio, IDLE, Anaconda, ClickTeam Fusion Developer, Android Studio, Atom, Software Center Configuration Manager, Active Directory, Microsoft Office, WordPress

### SKILLS

- Experience with working on multiple tasks at once all touching different areas of the job descriptions listed later.
- Ability to find multiple, varying solutions to many different software problems.
- Supervisory experience pertaining to information technology areas.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Familiarity of other cultures and backgrounds from current and prior working history.
- FERPA training due to prior working history in a higher education setting.

### LEADERSHIP

- Sergeant-at-Arms for the Epsilon Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi  
2018-PRESENT
- Member-at-Large for the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi  
2018-PRESENT
- Drum Major for the Missouri State Pride Bands  
2015-2017
- Treasurer for the Alpha Mu Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon  
2015-2016
- Social Section Leader for the Missouri State Pride Bands  
2013-2015

## Education

### *MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY – SPRINGFIELD, MO*

**MASTER'S OF SCIENCE WITH COMPUTER SCIENCE EMPHASIS** IP (EST. COMPLETION MAY 2020), GPA: 3.70/4.00

- **Course Highlights:** Science Internship (Computer Services), Computer Networks, Evolutionary Computing, Advanced Robotics, Algorithms/Advanced Data Structures, Advanced Multimedia Programming, Deep Learning

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS** IP (EST. COMPLETION MAY 2020), GPA: 3.85/4.00

- **Course Highlights:** Fundamentals of Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, Project Management in Information Systems

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DATA ANALYTICS** IP (EST. COMPLETION MAY 2020), GPA: 4.00/4.00

- **Course Highlights:** Quantitative Methods in Business Decision Making, Neural Networks for Machine Learning

**BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE-SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT EMPHASIS**

COMPLETED, GPA: 3.56/4.00

- **Honors:** Graduated cum laude; recipient, Provost Academic Scholarship; Dean's List: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017
- **Senior Project:** Received an "A" grade on project for Senior Software Engineering course as co-developer of an Android-based, mobile application that captured license plates from pictures and video and populated data on Google Maps API.
- **Course Highlights:** Python/C++/Java/Rust Programming, Data Structures, Database System Concepts, Computer Graphics, Computer Systems Fundamentals, Internet Programming, Software Quality Assurance and Management, Video Game Development, Languages and Machines, Mobile Computing Applications, Parallel Distributed Computing, Software Engineering, Sports Data Analysis.

## Information Technology Related Experience

**USER SUPPORT ASSISTANT | COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT**

- Provide assistance to faculty and staff of the College of Education with technical issues they experience.
- Utilize Active Directory to add new machines to the Springfield domain so they
- All job duties listed under "Graduate Assistant" position below.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT | COMPUTER SERVICES HELP DESK**

**JUNE 2017 – DECEMBER 2018**

- Responsible of training lab assistants over job procedures until they show working knowledge of the job duties.
- Supervise group of lab assistants with assisting staff/faculty walk-ups, hardware maintenance in the labs, cleaning procedures, and all other duties of lab assistants.
- In charge of installing, updating, configuring, and maintaining programs and software on lab machines.
- Write programming scripts to automate processes in PowerShell, Batch, and Visual Basic.
- Utilize System Center Configuration Manager to push applications as well as configurations to all machines in our jurisdiction.
- Utilize Faronic's Deep Freeze application to keep lab machines clean of user data to allow for faster processing.
- Create filters in JIRA's JQL language to track certain issues created by lab assistants to find trends with systems our department uses.
- All job duties listed under "Lab Assistant" position below.

**LAB ASSISTANT | COMPUTER SERVICES HELP DESK****JUNE 2015 – MAY 2017**

- Troubleshoot technical problems over phone and in person for students, staff, and faculty at Missouri State University.
- Lab maintenance which includes cleaning computers and desks, fixing printer jams, tidying lab chairs, etc.
- Use of JIRA as a ticketing system to track issues that users are experiencing.
- FERPA training as part of working for higher education information technology area.

## Extraneous Experience

**DISK JOCKEY | COMPLETE WEDDINGS AND EVENTS****AUGUST 2017 – PRESENT**

- Talk with clients a week before event to discuss thorough timeline of the event.
- Setup and teardown DJ equipment which includes, but is not limited to, speakers, mixer, lights, etc.
- Perform “White Glove” services such as: Greeting guests, getting drinks for Bride and Groom, taking requests, cleaning venue, etc.
- Make announcements as Emcee to inform guests of the timeline and what is happening.
- Coordinate with vendors and clients as day-of coordinator to make sure everything is running smoothly.
- Play music throughout the night which is tailored to each individual event.

**PRIDE MARCHING BAND MEMBER | MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY****AUGUST 2012 – DECEMBER 2017**

- As Crew Member:
  - Setup equipment needed for rehearsals and performances.
  - Perform miscellaneous tasks given from the Senior Staff including, but not limited to, obtaining water for Marching Band members during football games,
- As Drum Major:
  - Responsible for all sections within the marching band.
  - Perform music memorization checks and drill checks for each section.
  - Relay instructions from Band Director to all sections.
  - Conduct band during rehearsals and performances.
- As Social Section Leader
  - Plan and coordinate social activities with members of the Trumpet Section.
  - Supervise other members of the section to help them learn music, drill, and procedures.

## **Introduction**

Dear brothers, Officers, and Governors of the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi, my name is Samuel James Faulkner. I am currently a second-year graduate student at Missouri State University and an active brother of the Epsilon Psi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. I am pursuing my Master's of Computer Science and plan to complete this around the Spring semester of 2020. I have been a part of an ensemble every semester since first coming to Missouri State University including Marching Band, Basketball Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and more recently Community Band. My primary instrument is Trumpet, but I will play whatever needs to be filled in the ensemble. I am currently in our University's Community Band in the Trumpet section.

I'm currently holding the office for the Midwest District's Member-At-Large as well as my own chapter's office of Sergeant-At-Arms. Many know what the Member-At-Large does, but the Sergeant-At-Arms position is a custom one Epsilon Psi created. It is, at it's bare bones, a combination of the Ritual Master and Parliamentarian that most other chapters in the District utilize.

The officer position that I wish to run for is Midwest District President. Although this nomination packet contains the mindset of running for Midwest District President, I would be willing to accept a nomination for any other Midwest District Office. After already serving on the council for one year, I wish to continue serving the District however I can where ever they may need me.

## **Qualifications**

The position of Midwest District President requires a lot of responsibility as they essentially become the face of the Midwest District. The Midwest District Constitution lists off many requirements and qualities of someone hoping to be the Midwest District President. The first half of the President's responsibilities are similar to the Chapter President's responsibilities in the National Constitution. They must preside at all meetings, vote at National Convention, appoint the committees, act as a representative of the Midwest District and more. Having been a Midwest District Officer as well as a Chapter Officer, these requirements will be more than satisfied. It's the next sentence that gets into the meat and potatoes of the President's duties.

“The Midwest District President shall be responsible for coordinating the Convention with host chapters. These responsibilities include finding speakers, creating a business agenda and coordinating with Tau Beta Sigma in the overall schedule.”

Essentially, the Midwest District President is in charge of coordinating with the Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Council to plan next year's convention. The sooner things can be done, the easier this task becomes. After watching the planning process for this year's convention, I know where the pitfalls can be and what the timeline is like to get everything set up. Most of the work comes from the host chapter by getting rooms for workshops, registration, hotel rooms, and more figured out. The President works on the backend by reaching out to members of the National

Council to find those that can present subjects brothers want to attend to bring back to their chapters, setting up a schedule for the entire weekend on the Kappa Kappa Psi side, coordinating with the host chapter to help them stay on track and schedule so they can be relaxed through the whole process, and so much more. While this seems very stressful and difficult, as long as the President is mindful of the deadlines, stays focused, and keeps a list of what needs to be done, then it boils down to staying on top of communication.

The rest of the Midwest District President's position is not listed, but is more implied. The Midwest District President works with the rest of the District Council to help them achieve what they set out to achieve once elected. Our current Midwest District President, has done everything he can to make sure that he had an answer to any question that the rest of the council had. He also made sure to ask the council what questions and thoughts we had on any decision that was made to make sure it was the majority decision and stayed fair. That is the kind of President that will strive to be if elected to this position.

As for the qualities of the Midwest District President? There are numerous that are listed out in the Officer Guidelines document that can be found on the Midwest District Website. I will be more than happy to explain how I fit each of these qualities if you feel I do not meet them based on my resume.

### **Why President Specifically?**

I've always had a deep passion for Kappa Kappa Psi. Ever since I joined the fraternity back in the Fall semester of 2013. My experiences with the band programs I've been a part of have shown me how much good it does for a lot of people. Kappa Kappa Psi is not just a fraternity. It is a family. After serving as the Midwest District Member-At-Large this past year, I've come to see that in all of the chapters in our District. The Midwest District has gone through many hardships this past year, which I believe has brought us closer together. That is why I think now is a perfect time to run for District President. My goal as Midwest District Member-At-Large was to bring the district itself closer together and make it feel smaller. I want to continue this goal as the Midwest District President. With that being my goal, I have four different ideas, in no particular order, I plan to implement to help achieve this goal.

The first plan I have is to work with the next Midwest District Vice President to try and take the Road to Wisdom to the next level. I plan to have us achieve this by gathering the schedules from each Vice President of Membership and plan a lesson that is taught by members of the District Council to multiple chapters at once. This idea came from the District Officers introducing themselves to the membership candidate classes instead of having the Vice President of Membership list them off. So by working with the next Midwest District Vice President, we can take this idea further by scheduling chapters to have some lessons taught by other members of the District Council and maybe even the National Council, if the schedule permits. I believe that by getting the membership candidates excited about district related events, they can in turn get their chapter excited about attending the events as well. Plus, it will have the added effect of showing the membership candidates what Kappa Kappa Psi is like outside of their chapter.

The second plan I have is to work with the next Midwest District Secretary/Treasurer to develop a district-wide fundraiser for all chapters to utilize. My idea behind this is that chapter representation at district events such as District Days or Leadership Conferences aren't relatively diverse. It usually consists of the host chapter, the District Officers, and a few brothers from neighboring chapters. From the brothers I've talked to about this, the main two reasons they do not attend these events is because they can't afford to go or they had other obligations. We cannot control the latter of these two problems; however, if we can raise funds for the district to give to chapters specifically for traveling to district events, then my hope is to expect a much larger turnout to all of these events.

The third plan I have is to work with the next Member-At-Large to improve the Pen Pal Program that I started during my term as Member-At-Large. I will admit that this program was a logistical nightmare whilst I was planning it. I hope that by passing it off to a new Member-At-Large, the program could be drastically improved and help achieve the goal I want us to achieve. I can say for sure that a few of the pairs I made in the Pen Pal group, they have made new lifelong friends. Now we only need to keep it going and get that spark to go through more brothers in the district.

The fourth plan I have is to develop a chapter buddy system, tentatively named the "Strive Higher Together" program. This system would work the same as the Pen Pal program did, but chapter-to-chapter instead of brother-to-brother and without a point system. My thought process behind this is to pair chapters with one another so that the chapters can help improve each other on the chapter level. For example, a chapter that excels with Brotherhood events but struggles in the aspect of Service could be paired with a chapter that excels in Service but falls to the wayside with Brotherhood. By pairing these chapters together, the Officer Corps from each chapter can see what each other does to excel where the other lacks, thus bringing both chapters to "Strive Higher Together."

## **Conclusion**

I appreciate you going through my novel of a nomination packet. I believe that President is something I can truly make my own with this organization and allow me to strive even higher. I have proposed many different ideas that I plan to implement if elected to the position of Midwest District President. I will say that if I am extended any other position, then I will gladly accept that position and continue to pitch my respective idea to my fellow officers in the hopes to achieve my personal goal of bring the Midwest District closer as a district.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

AEA,

*Samuel James Faulkner*

*Epsilon Psi*

*Missouri State University*



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U N I V E R S I T Y

March 20, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write to you today on behalf of Samuel Faulkner and his bid to become the Midwest District President of Kappa Kappa Psi. Over the last several years, I have written many letters of support for students that have run for the same or similar offices at the district level. I would consider Samuel above par with these students that have successfully held these offices, and I have no reservations in giving him my full support as he seeks to further serve this wonderful organization.

Samuel has always been a hard worker and quickly rose through the leadership ranks of our university band program. As a trumpet player in the PRIDE Band, Samuel served as a section leader for one of the largest sections in the band. He was in charge of the daily operation of his section overseeing 30+ of his fellow students, doing so in an exemplary manner. Most recently, he has served as Drum Major for the band. This is the highest position in our student leadership structure. Where many students have a difficult time supervising their peers, Samuel has thrived.

Mr. Faulkner is very dedicated to the various positions that he holds on campus as well. He recently has served as the Sergeant-At-Arms for the Epsilon Psi chapter here at Missouri State University. Along with his fellow officers, Samuel has always put the chapter first when it comes to the chapter's future and its members. Samuel has also served on the District Council this past year as the Midwest District Member-At-Large where he has devised the new Pen Pal Program to help bring the chapters across the Midwest District closer together.

I hope you are able to tell by this letter how much I am impressed by Samuel and his leadership skills. I am eager to discuss his many positive attributes should you desire clarification or further information.

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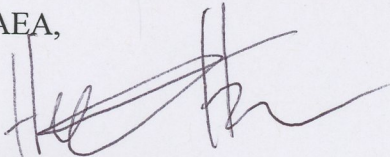
To Whom It May Concern,

Sam Faulkner has been an important and influential brother of the Epsilon Psi chapter since he joined in 2013. When Sam graduated from his undergraduate program, we were all disappointed that he would no longer be a part of our chapter, but when he decided to stick around to complete his Master's degree, I and the rest of the Epsilon Psi chapter were ecstatic. Sam's experience with this fraternity provides much needed insight. His time as a brother has allowed him to watch our chapter, this district, and this fraternity grow and change. He has seen successes, struggles, and failures, which our chapter and now the entire district can see has provided him with wisdom and advice. Throughout his time in Kappa Kappa Psi, Sam has attended District and National Conventions, as well as District Days, which inspired him to become Midwest District Member at Large.

Sam has not only served as an excellent Member at Large while working toward his Master's degree, but he has also been serving as our chapter's Sergeant at Arms for the 2018-2019 year. This position has taught him more than he already knew about the history of Kappa Kappa Psi and the importance of The Ritual, and I believe it has only deepened his love for this fraternity. As the President of Epsilon Psi, I have been in constant communication with Sam since our terms began. Sam has been a source of advice, information, and encouragement from day one. Without fail, he always comes to the aid of our chapter when it is struggling. I have witnessed his desire to see this chapter succeed when he meets me wherever I am to help with paperwork or to discuss chapter decisions. He has kept our chapter well-informed about District opportunities by posting on our Facebook page and making weekly announcements at our meetings. If anyone in the chapter ever has a question about the fraternity, Sam will tell us what he knows or otherwise find the answer. He has been a steady rock for our chapter.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Sam for four years now, and I have seen him grow as a person, a brother, and a leader. Since I first knew him as drum major, Sam has displayed characteristics of a true and good leader. He has impressed with his desire for himself and everyone around him to strive for the highest. Kappa Kappa Psi has benefitted from his actions through his time as brother, our Music Committee Head, Sergeant at Arms, and MWD Member at Large. Sam's kindness, dedication, and intelligence make him a perfect candidate for Midwest District President. If chosen, I am certain that Sam will make a positive impact on the district.

AEA,



Heather Haloupek  
Epsilon Psi  
President 2018-2019