

# Nate Page

Alpha Iota Chapter

CU Boulder

Candidate for District VPM



## Why I wish to serve:

Over the past two years, I have been blessed with the opportunity to call myself a brother of this fraternity. Through my experiences here, I have grown as a leader, musician, and public servant. I could never have predicted as freshman that I would ever have encountered the opportunities this organization has provided me. Most importantly, I have met and worked alongside individuals who have challenged me to improve myself, and I am a better individual because of it. This fraternity has been a positive force for change within my life. Through thick and thin, my brothers in the Midwest District have walked alongside me, and I could not have asked for a better group of people to call my brothers. For all Kappa has done for me, I now hope to give back to my brothers tenfold, by equipping our fraternity to deal with the challenges that face modern college students. While I am running for the District Vice President, I would be willing to accept the position of District Secretary-Treasurer.

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## Work Experience

June 2016 - December 2018

### **First National Bank of Omaha** – *Universal Banker*

- Assisted customers with navigating their financial options.
- Responsible with understanding the unique needs & goals of each of my customers.

## Leadership Experience

May 2017 - March 2019

### **Alpha Iota Chapter** – *Financial Analyst/Co-Treasurer*

- Developed and maintained the chapter's first line item budget.
- Oversaw more than \$12,000 annual income and expenses.
- Ensured that financial difficulties did not prevent membership in our fraternity.

September 2017 - March 2019

### **Alpha Iota Chapter** – *Parliamentarian/Jurisdiction Committee Chair*

- Implemented the first full review of our Constitution in over eight years.
- Organized and lead a year long, ten person project.
- Wrote new policy to improve the experience of brothers of our chapter.

May 2018 - Present

### **Golden Buffalo Marching Band** – *New Member Advisor*

- Introduced the "Band Houses," providing immediate social networks for new members.
- Worked with band leadership to ensure a positive and fun experience for band members.
- Assisted new students with their introduction to band and college life.

August 2017 - Present

### **Golden Buffalo Marching Band** – *Trumpet Squad Leader*

- Charged with building and maintaining musicianship in myself and my squad members.
- Fostered a culture of professionalism and comradery in new members.

May 2018 - Present

### **Midwest District** – *Secretary-Treasurer*

- Gained valuable public speaking experience.
- Educated on the workings of the district and its internal operations.

## Education

Graduate May 2016

**Legend High School, Parker, CO**- *High School Diploma: 3.8 GPA*

Expected Graduation May 2021

**CU Boulder** - *BA of International Affairs/Economics/Political Science: 3.68 GPA*

## Awards

Alpha Iota Crown Pearl Award- April 2017

- Awarded to the new brother who best reflect the values of Kappa Kappa Psi

CU Esteemed Scholars Program - May 2016 - Present

- Program made up of CU students who demonstrate and maintain high academic rigor

Alyssa Moody and Disney Matching Scholarship - November 2017 - Present

- Yearly scholarship granted to the Marching Band member who continually facilitates a positive experience for the members of the GBMB

Mildred Buck Memorial Scholarship - June 2018 - Present

- Awarded to two CU students every year who demonstrate their commitment to public service.

## Skills

Policy & Process development, Speech writing, Microsoft Office Suite, R-Studio, Team Building

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## Introduction

Dear Brothers, Officers, and Governors of the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi,

My name is Nate Page. I am a third year student studying International Affairs, Economics, & Political Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. I am a trumpeter with the Golden Buffalo Marching Band, Buffs Basketball Band, and serve as a trumpet squad leader and GBMB New Member Advisor. I am an active member of the Alpha Iota Chapter and am currently serving as the Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer. While I am running for District Vice President of Membership (VPM). I would be willing to accept the position of District Secretary-Treasurer.

## Qualifications

In my time as a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi and as a member of the Golden Buffalo Marching Band, one of the skills which I have been able to best hone is the ability to bring groups of individuals together to accomplish a larger task. As the head of our chapter's Jurisdiction Committee for a year, I both initiated and guided our committee membership through revisiting every article in the entire document. Additionally, as a new member advisor for the GBMB, I helped to bring together our Marching Band leadership for the betterment of our new members. Our task was to ensure that all incoming freshmen had fun and positive experiences within the GBMB, and this was something that no one could accomplish alone. Together with our band's leadership, I implemented a new "band house" system that provides an immediate connection between new and existing band members. These roles have shown me that when accomplishing major tasks, it is not possible for one individual alone to provide solutions. Instead, I have learned to gather individuals with a diverse set of experiences and ideas for the betterment of the larger group. As District VPM, I plan to use this skill set in the service of my office.

Another crucial quality of any District VPM is that they possess good communication and organizational skills. Through my years with this organization, I have been able to improve these skills drastically. As the co-treasurer for the Alpha Iota chapter for two years, I was in charge of ensuring that the chapter leadership be provided with clear and concise information on the state of our chapter's finances as well as maintain a line item budget for our chapter. This line item budget totalled over \$12,000 in expenses last year. In many of my roles, I have been required to communicate information both accurately and in a manner that was engaging to my brothers and bandmates. During the fundraising period of band season each year, I was in charge of communicating to the entirety of our band membership information regarding each of our fundraising programs. This involved self-motivating to sell merchandise, publicly speaking in front of a group of more than 200 individuals on a regular basis, and organizing the delivery of over

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250 shirts to the correct recipients each year. This required constant communication with all band members, our t-shirt manufacturer, as well as those brothers involved in the process of distributing t-shirts. Lastly, having served as the Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer for the past year, I have gained the institutional knowledge needed to accomplish tasks and communicate effectively at a district level. These experiences have improved my skills in communication and organization, and I am confident that I will be able to draw upon the lessons I have learned from these experiences.

Finally, this year's officer guide states that candidates for the office of Vice President of Membership should be passionate about the growth and continuation of Kappa Kappa Psi. This fraternity, through its kindness and desire to improve the bands, has become my first passion, and has been something which I have strived to improve in any capacity that I am able. I have taken three littles, guiding these new members through our fraternity's Membership Education Process and each time I have learned more about our brotherhood. Each of these lessons has proven to me the value of Kappa Kappa Psi as well as equipped me with the tools I have needed to be a positive and contributing member of our college band community. The power of Kappa Kappa Psi to improve the lives of those whom it touches has proven to me, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that this is an organization worth dedicating oneself to and that the brothers who comprise it are individuals who I am proud to serve alongside. This fraternity has given so much to me, and I now hope to return this favor through serving as the Midwest District Vice President of Membership, a role in which I can help to share those lessons that have helped me better myself every day.

## **The Challenge We Face**

As college students, brothers in our fraternity are living through a time of great change in their lives. While most of these changes are positive, many college students will face one or more crises during their time in school. According to data from ActiveMinds, 39% of college students will experience a significant mental health issue. While no organization has the capability to prevent mental health crises, as brothers in the bonds, we both have a responsibility and a unique opportunity to walk one another through difficult life situations. Friends are the likeliest members of someone's social circle to be contacted during a mental health emergency, and for many brothers, their best friends are within their chapters. Therefore, it is imperative that we as an organization are prepared with how to handle these situations when they are brought to our attention; how to discuss topics of mental health, how to connect brothers with the necessary resources, and how best to ensure that we are creating positive environments for our membership. These are questions which most of our chapters are ill equipped to answer, and I believe that the platform of District Vice President is the ideal position from which to address this challenge.

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Additionally, our chapters face challenges that have the potential to cause significant distress in our brothers. Just this year, our fraternity has tragically lost 3 active brothers, something which deeply affected both those brothers from the respective chapters as well as all who knew those individuals. Our fraternity does not have a response plan or support network in place to adequately assist brothers during these times, and we as brothers must be there when our family is in need. Long after we have been replaced by the next generation of brothers, our chapters will continue to struggle with these events, so it is crucial that our organization does not rely on people, but rather policy to face these situations of adversity.

## **Goals**

In today's environment, we as a brotherhood must strive to ensure that we rise to face the challenges of today. To that end, if elected to this position, I would have three goals for my term, excluding the duties already assumed by the office of VPM:

The first goal of my term would be the education of chapter VPMs on proper mental health crisis first response. As the officers in charge of overseeing the membership of our chapters, I believe that our chapter VPMs possess the foundational skills and responsibilities needed to ensure that a brother in crisis is connected to the resources that they need for a successful recovery. The education of our VPMs on this topic would also serve the purpose of destigmatizing discussions of mental health within the leadership of our fraternity, an important first step towards ensuring the mental wellbeing of brothers in the long term. As far as educational materials go, many non-profit organizations have created free and comprehensive educational materials on these topics. My current plan for the education of our VPMs is to utilize online roundtables, as open discussion amongst our VPMs will allow the best ideas to prosper as well as ensure that multiple viewpoints are considered when creating plans for such events. However, if the online roundtable proves to be ineffective or infeasible, I will explore any and all options to prepare our VPMs for these crises.

Second, as District VPM, I plan to curate material for District Days on how to accomplish self-care as a college student. A significant portion of mental and emotional wellbeing for everyone comes down to our day to day actions and what decisions we make when faced with stressful situations. These presentations could include topics such as healthy stress management strategies, how to balance responsibilities and our lives, and information on mental health and how to seek treatment as a student. One of the pillars of our fraternity is leadership, and through providing these tools to our members, I hope to assist our brothers as they continue to strive for achievement.

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Lastly, and most importantly, as District VPM I will collaborate with other District VPMs, District Governors, and the National Chapter to develop a response plan for chapters in crisis. This area would truly need to be a collaborative effort, as no one individual possesses the diverse skills or life experiences to adequately establish an organizational policy for such crises. While this policy is only in the idea phase, I believe that there is an unspoken desire amongst our fraternity to ensure all of our brothers across the nation are cared for in their times of need. I do not know how best to implement this piece, there are already many possible solutions, such as district officer or governor involvement during moments of crisis, nationals beginning correspondence with the chapter sponsor, or any other multitude of actions which could ensure that a chapter is cared for. However, any solution should include the direction of brothers to mental health resources available to them, both at their respective universities as well as outside organizations that specialize in crisis care. Additionally, in cases in which interbrother conflict is the source of tension, an unbiased individual from the fraternity should be brought in to ensure that the situation does not escalate to a point at which it becomes dangerous or detrimental for brothers. With the support and collaboration of brothers from throughout both the Midwest District, and the country, I have no doubt in my mind that we as a fraternity can affect positive change for future generations.

## **Conclusion**

Our fraternity has faced many challenges since our institution one hundred years ago. From gender inequality and discrimination, to expansion and hazing prevention, we have found solutions and have grown as a brotherhood because of it. Our parents' generation fought for the inclusion of everyone in this fraternity, and in all sorts of organizations across our universities. The fight was long and hard, but yet they fought because it was the right thing to do. In the end they succeeded and our fraternity is better now because of it. Today, we face the challenge of confronting the emotional and mental impact our organization has on everyone that it touches, and current lack of support systems for our brothers in crisis. Just like the battles of the past, addressing this crisis will be difficult, and the progress will never be as fast as we wish, but we must fight this fight. We must fight for our brothers, for their safety, their wellbeing, and their ability to live a fulfilling college life. And we must fight for our organization. We are brothers, a second family, and there are brothers who need our help. Together, I believe that we can equip our fraternity and every brother with the tools they need to strive for the highest.

AEA,

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March 22, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Nate Page in his candidacy for Midwest District Vice President of Membership.

I have known Nate for three years as he has been a member of the "Golden Buffalo" Marching Band, "Buff" Basketball Band, and brother of the Alpha Iota Chapter at the University of Colorado Boulder.

As you can see from Mr. Page's bid packet, I believe that Nate has some very innovative and constructive goals that could be implemented into the District during his tenure as VPM. Nate is a thoughtful person and I believe that these well-intentioned goals would go a long way to increasing the mental and physical health of brothers in all chapters, while shoring support for existing crisis education. At the very least, bringing these difficult subjects to light will help struggling brothers and hopefully assist them in obtaining the help they deserve.

During Nate's time in the Alpha Iota Chapter and serving as Parliamentarian and Co-Treasurer, he worked with his fellow brothers on the Executive Board to provide leadership and develop and maintain a thriving chapter. Nate has been continuing to develop his communication and leadership skills and I believe this trend would continue at the District level.

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Nate Page for Midwest District Vice President of Membership.

Sincerely,



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March 24, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to state my support for Nate Page's platform in regard to his candidacy for Vice President of Membership for the Midwest District.

According to researchers, one in five college students experience mental health problems. In my time in Kappa Kappa Psi, I have felt that my brothers they will be there for me if I need. However, I feel that we need to do more in opening up the conversation regarding mental health and creating a strong support system in which brothers are readily prepared to help each other. That is why I feel Nate's goals are important for our fraternity and will help create stronger brotherhood and healthier brothers.

Nate's goals are clear and achievable. He has created a highly detailed plan that also addresses other options. This shows Nate's commitment and flexibility with such a tough topic. Nate also connects his goals to the fraternity's values and why it is important to implement such things from a standpoint that is founded upon our fraternity's purpose and mission.

I believe good organization and clear communication is needed in order to achieve such goals. Nate has shown these qualities in his time in Kappa and in band ensembles. I had the opportunity to assist Nate in collecting t-shirt orders from hundreds of marching band members. I can attest to the amount of organization it required, as well as the need to be diligent and persistent with members in order to ensure each order was accounted and paid for.

Educating brothers about good mental health, creating support systems for brothers and chapters, and providing the necessary resources will help brothers strive for the highest. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Our fraternity should strive to achieve the goals stated by Nate in order to ensure that the bonds between brothers will not break.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lee  
PR Chair  
Alpha Iota Chapter  
University of Colorado, Boulder

April 1, 2019

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Nathaniel Page's platform for his candidacy for Vice President of Membership of the Midwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Having personally experienced mental health crises myself, I understand the detriment that is created in the face of such hardships. The Fraternity provides an immense social network that can help guide brothers to seek help, however, our current structure at a District and National level shows no sign of progress in opening the conversation to the Fraternity.

As it stands, our social bonds are incredibly important. In the last year, we have lost too many brothers to mental health crises which continue to adversely affect the college experience for many young adults to this day. This is a loss not just within the Fraternity, but create ripples in the fabric of the Fraternity that provide difficult opportunities for the chapter to move forward in progress.

It is critical that as we move forward as a brotherhood, we continue to educate our brothers on how to handle the challenges we may face. The current lack of any policy from a District or National level is alarming; our brotherhood is beyond the chapter level and our mental health should require the attention of this organization in order to effectively serve as musicians and leaders.

I firmly believe that the implementation of this platform by Mr. Page will create a dialogue that has been so desperately necessary for many years. It's time to begin educating our chapter members, district council members, and National Chapter on the issues that continually face our brothers on a daily basis.

AEA,

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Chapter President  
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