

Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi,

My name is Brittany Woodruff, and it is with great pleasure that I announce my intent to run for the position of Vice President for Student Affairs for the 2021-2023 biennium.

I am a Spring 2013 initiate and Life Member of the Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Auburn University, where I majored in Interdisciplinary Studies with focuses in mechanical engineering and biology. I am 26 years old, and will be 27 by the start of the 2021 National Convention. I plan on attending the National Convention in Grand Rapids, barring any worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic. While I am running for Vice President for Student Affairs, I am open to the idea of serving in any position.

I marched clarinet in the Auburn University Marching Band, and played bass clarinet and contrabass clarinet in Auburn's Symphonic Winds and Concert Bands. I also was selected to participate in the 2013, 2015, and 2017 Alabama Intercollegiate Band and the 2019 National Intercollegiate Band on bass clarinet and contrabass clarinet. I have also performed with Dr. Brian Viliunas's clarinet studio on bass clarinet every semester since the spring of 2012 at his invitation. I continue to play bass clarinet in the East Alabama Community Band in Auburn, Alabama.

I want to be Vice President for Student Affairs because I believe I can make a difference in the lives of brothers. I know this is what everybody says when they're running for national office, but I truly believe I can make an impact. I want to have personal investment in the lives of our brothers, and really let them know that they have someone on the National Council that is rooting for them. I also want to assist chapters and districts in any manner they may need. I have seven years of experience as an active brother serving in many different ways. I believe that my experiences are useful for helping chapters who need new ideas, a nudge in the right direction, or someone to just listen to their struggles. I also have experience in convention planning, both in logistics and in creating content. While I know that this is largely taken over by the new National Coordinator position, I still believe that I can help councils and host chapters and provide support.

Since my initiation into the Pi Chapter in 2013, I have served Kappa Kappa Psi in a variety of roles on the chapter, district, and national levels.

While I have never had formal leadership roles in Pi as a member of the Executive Council, I have served my chapter in a variety of roles and held several appointed positions. As a member of the Nu Nu Colonization Committee from the start of my initiation, I helped the Colony Chair manage paperwork and streamline communication to and from the colony. I also attended the colony's First and Second Degrees of the Ritual. Nu Nu's First Degree as a colony occurred 6 days after I was initiated, and was my first real experience meeting brothers from other chapters and bonding over a shared love of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Ritual. This experience was instrumental in serving as Colony Liaison to the Iota Nu colony in 2016, where I led the performance of all three Degrees of the Ritual in coordination with brothers from the Theta

Theta Chapter at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. I also was part of the group of brothers that performed all Degrees of the Ritual, the Colony Initiation Ceremony, and the Graduating Senior Ceremony at the Kappa Kappa Colony at Miles College in March of 2020, coordinated with Pi, Nu Nu, and former Kappa Kappa brothers. These experiences with colonies are useful for the office of VPSA because I have interacted directly with colonists, heard their complaints and seen their complications with the colonization process, and ensured positive performances of the Ritual. It is more specifically useful to VPSA because if colonists do not feel they have their voices heard by the National Council, why should they think they would as active brothers? My time with colonies has also been useful because it has provided me with the opportunities to coordinate with brothers across the state, which has improved my communication skills.

My first standalone leadership role in the Pi Chapter was serving as the service coordinator for the AU Symphonic Winds trip to Italy in 2016. Similar to how Pi plans gameday service, I created lists of crews for bus loading and unloading and coordinated which bus's luggage or instruments would be placed on for each city traveled to, and to airports. This experience directly led to my second standalone leadership role in the chapter, where I served as Summer Camp Chair. Every year, the Auburn Chapter of the National Band Association sponsors summer camps for middle school and high school band members. I communicated regularly with the camp director and graduate teaching assistants to gauge how many volunteers would be required at what times across two weeks of camps. I then created sign-up sheets to be sent out to the Pi Chapter and the Theta Lambda Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Any change in plans, from weather to availability, were communicated through me from the camp director or graduate teaching assistants to the volunteers.

Additionally, I have been a member of the host chapter of Southeast District Convention in 2016 at Auburn University and in 2020 at Callaway Gardens, Georgia. I assisted in organizing service requirements and shifts, space allocation, costs, and running a help desk. While the 2020 Southeast District Convention was moved online, I had already attended Winter Council and sent out sign-up sheets to the chapter. Along with the other members of the SEDC Committee, I helped create a website, t-shirt design, and had a plan for a quick turnaround between the performance of each organization's ritual. My experiences in service coordination and logistics are useful for the office of VPSA because I am able to assist host chapters, chapter service chairs, and District Councils in those areas. I also have experience in hosting District Convention at both a host school and a host site. Additionally, it demonstrates that I am organized and capable of coordinating small- and large-scale events and the manpower required for such events.

In 2018, I was appointed to be the Pi Chapter's first-ever Ritual Chair. I was tasked with forming a Ritual Committee to regularly inventory and evaluate Ritual materials, set up and break down Ritual sets, and coordinate speakers at Ritual and our Joint Ceremony with the Theta Lambda Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. I also was in regular contact with Chris Haughee about how to create Ritual-based Continuing Membership Education presentations for the chapter. I presented one for each Degree along with members of the Ritual Committee, highlighting

important symbolism and events in each and encouraging discussion of what those meant or represented to individual brothers. I also pushed for the creation of a budget for the Ritual Committee, which was established after my graduation. Our Ritual is one of the most important parts of Kappa Kappa Psi and my experience in performing and sharing knowledge of the Ritual is important for any member of the National Council, but uniquely so for VPSA during the COVID-19 pandemic as current VPSA Bang Co helped organize performances of the Ritual for chapters who could no longer perform in person.

I also served as the chair of the Audit Committee in 2018 and 2019. I was responsible for organizing the committee and deciding on meeting times, and was given access to the chapter bank and Venmo accounts. This voluntary committee met once a year to conduct an audit of the chapter Treasurer, note any discrepancies, and make recommendations to the chapter. We reviewed the chapter Venmo account, bank statements, and ledger to make sure chapter funds were being used properly and as reported. This attention to detail makes me an asset to the fraternity and would be useful in any office.

I served as the Pi Chapter delegate for the 2018 and 2019 Southeast District Conventions. In 2018, I also was chosen to be the Student Keynote Speaker at the first separate session of convention. My speech was entitled "Kappa Kappa Psi Matters - How the Ritual Inspires Us to Strive for the Highest." Additionally that year, I served as the Jurisdiction Committee Chair. Much of my work was initiated before convention, organizing the changes to the District Constitution to be voted on in a way that would lessen the time it would take to vote on legislation. However, I spent much of my time at convention communicating with District Officers, Governors, and Counselors from both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. I also worked directly with my counterpart in Tau Beta Sigma to pass joint legislation, clearly laying out expectations for District Leadership Conference and the way the district was going to host Southeast District Convention moving forward.

In Fall 2018, I was selected to be the Kappa Kappa Psi Chair for the Eighth Note Committee, the Southeast District's joint publication. The committee was made up of eight members, four per organization, and two student advisors. The positions were Chair, Graphic Design, Editor, and Public Relations, as well as the Kappa Kappa Psi Vice President of Programs and the Tau Beta Sigma Vice President of Special Projects, who served as the student advisors. One of our charges was to publish multiple editions of the publication within the school year, rather than the previous pattern of a single issue released at Southeast District Convention. The Eighth Note was also on its last legs as interest in participating on the committee and submissions had dwindled over the years. In fact, legislation had been drafted the previous year to remove the Eighth Note as an official program of the district, but the Joint-Actions Committee decided to give it one more chance. To increase interest, I led the committee in implementing an interview system, where committee members would sit down with alumni, actives, and membership candidates from across the district through Skype, email, phone calls, or in person. Members of the committee also interviewed people directly at the 2019 District Leadership Conference. This was to make participation with the Eighth Note seem less daunting, as people no longer had to write their own articles. By the end of the school year, the Eighth Note released four full

publications and one mini edition, totalling over 30 submissions. These experiences are useful for serving as VPSA because I learned how to actively communicate across organizations throughout an entire school year, keep people accountable for deadlines and deliverables, and connect with members of the district and showcase their achievements. These skills are directly relatable to working with the National Communications Team in showcasing the work that brothers do across the country.

At the 2019 Southeast District Convention, I was also appointed the Kappa Kappa Psi Chair of the Joint-Actions Committee, where we reviewed bids for the 2020 Southeast District Convention location, ways to improve joint relations, and created a rubric for how to evaluate bids. While again, most of this has been made the responsibility of the National Events Coordinator, I still believe that my experience is useful for helping the National Council evaluate and decide on future host locations. I also gained much from this experience again from working across organizations, through lunch breaks, and even after banquet. It also brought me into an amount of conflict with District Governors and Counselors, but through active listening and communication, we reached a compromise.

After graduating in December of 2019, I joined the Southeast District Alumni Association. I was also chosen to give the keynote speech at the 2020 District Leadership Conference, speaking on Strength, Excellence, and Diversity in the Bond. In April 2020, I was elected to the SEDAA Board of Directors, and from there selected to be the Finance Chair. Since then, I have implemented an annual audit policy, checking the Venmo history against the ledger. I also led the Finance Committee in hosting a virtual fundraiser in the fall of 2020 to raffle a Life Membership to graduating seniors and alumni. The Life Membership was purchased with permission at the discounted rate for Boh's birthday, maximizing the potential profit for SEDAA. Overall, SEDAA totaled a net profit of \$295. This experience is useful for VPSA because it shows I can help chapters conduct fundraisers online, even amidst a pandemic that has taken away most of the usual in-person options.

Professionally, I currently work as a service industry professional at Country's Barbecue in Auburn, Alabama. The service industry is widely stigmatized, but I believe it has offered me a unique perspective on how to interact with brothers. As a server, I have interacted with customers from a wide variety of backgrounds and temperaments. My coworkers are similarly diverse. The job has also taught me to think ahead for potential needs of customers and how to pay close attention to detail. Through my time at Country's, I've gained patience, learning how to talk to different groups, task prioritization, and time management. I have regularly met with SEDAA, the Finance Committee, and performed my duties as Finance Chair, so I do believe that I can successfully maintain a work-Kappa Kappa Psi-life balance if I were elected as VPSA.

While at Auburn, I studied Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER) and Student Development Theory. Student Development Theory comprises multiple sub theories, including Mindset Theory, Validation Theory, and Identity Development. The more I studied, the more I realized that sometimes, you just need someone to be there for you and support you. Studies have shown that personal investment by professors results in happier, more successful students

across all types of universities. So brothers, why shouldn't personal investment by someone on the National Council result in happier, more successful brothers?

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Brittany Woodruff is a 2019 graduate of the Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Auburn University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary University Studies with focuses in Mechanical Engineering and Biology. She is a Spring 2013 initiate and Life Member of the Pi Chapter. Professionally, she has worked at the Auburn University Museum of Natural History, interned at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, and currently works as a service industry professional at Country's Barbecue in Auburn, Alabama.

While at the Auburn University Museum of Natural History, she spent time both in outreach and the aquatic and marine invertebrate collections. As an outreach employee, she primarily worked with underserved populations in the Black Belt region of Alabama. She taught from age groups 8 to 80 on a variety of topics, including conservation, museums, dinosaurs, and with live animals. In the collections, she took on a leadership role by becoming Lead Technician and serving as supervisor for 3 undergraduate researchers.. Brittany organized data as well as physical collection items and communicated regularly with collections managers and curators museum-wide.

Throughout her time as a brother, Brittany served in a variety of roles both for the Pi Chapter and the Southeast District. In the Pi Chapter, she was elected as the chapter's inaugural Ritual Chair and District Liaison, and appointed the chair of summer camp service and Audit Committee Chair. Brittany served as chair of the Southeast District Jurisdiction Committee, Eighth Note Committee, and Joint-Actions Committee. Brittany was the chapter delegate for the 2018 and 2019 Southeast District Conventions, 2019 National Convention, and sat as proxy for the Iota Mu chapter at the 2017 National Convention. She also gave the keynote speech at the 2018 Southeast District Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

Since graduating, she has served on the Southeast District Alumni Association Board of Directors as the Finance Chair. During her tenure, Brittany instituted a new policy for future finance chairs to conduct an annual audit. She also hosted a successful fundraiser for SEDAA, raffling a life membership and raising nearly \$300. Brittany is also co-hosting a workshop at the 2021 Southeast District Convention with RJ Gammon, Programs Chair of the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District Alumni Association, which focuses on mental health and mindset theory. She also gave the keynote speech at the 2020 Southeast District Leadership Conference in Starkville, Mississippi, talking about Strength, Excellence, and Diversity in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.

In her free time, Brittany participates in the East Alabama Community Band as a bass clarinet player, enjoys reading, playing Pokemon, and cuddling with her dog, Leia.

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During my time as an active brother, I met and collaborated with brothers from many different institutions across the country. Through my experiences in the fraternity, I know that the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi are the backbone of college band programs. As brothers, we support our band programs in many different ways, such as conducting fundraisers, setting up and tearing down concert arcs, and waking up at the crack of dawn to prepare for game days. Recently, we even discovered how to do the impossible: support our bands through a global pandemic.

In our districts, brothers continue to step up in many ways. Some of us are district officers, committee chairs, or participate at our district conventions by attending workshops to improve ourselves and our chapters. I served as the chair of the Southeast District Jurisdiction, Joint-Actions, and Eighth Note Committees during my tenure, experiencing firsthand what it takes for brothers to keep our districts running and constantly striving for the highest. I know the effort it takes to showcase our achievements and to collaborate both within the fraternity and with Tau Beta Sigma. I understand how hard it is to communicate, but also how rewarding it is to complete a project. These are all efforts that I aim to continue as VPSA and assist with on a chapter, district, and national level.

But brothers, most of all, I want to support you.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Country's Barbecue, Auburn, AL — *Waitress*

February 2020 - PRESENT

Responsible for customer service and satisfaction, monitoring salad bar and refilling contents as needed, task prioritization and management, monitoring phones for takeout orders, checking orders for accuracy and quality, training 8 new servers, communication and teamwork with other waitresses, and flexibility before and throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

Ballen Lab of Biology Education, Auburn Univ. — *Undergraduate Researcher*

December 2018 - December 2019

Assisted PhD student Emily Dreissen with defining active learning in undergraduate biology classrooms in a formal paper. Defined over 1000 active learning terms as submitted by the SABER community and from a literature review conducted by Dr. Ballen and organized into one of ten categories, which were then further defined. Paper submitted to Biology-Life Science Education.

Auburn University Museum of Natural History, Auburn Univ. — *Museum Technician*

March 2015 - July 2019

Assisted aquatic and marine invertebrate collections manager with day-to-day collection maintenance, database entry and upkeep, and specimen preservation. Was primarily responsible for converting invertebrate database from FileMaker to Specify. Catalogued, labeled, and organized over 20,000 specimens into database. Also responsible for contributing to museum annual report. Assisted with outreach events, including museum tours, summer camps, and other events hosted on or around the campus of Auburn University.

EDUCATION

Auburn University, Auburn, AL — *BS Interdisciplinary Studies*

December 2019

Concentrations in Mechanical Engineering and Biology.

SKILLS

Public Speaking

Report Writing

Data Entry

Database Management

Customer Service

AWARDS

Outstanding Alumni Award

From the Southeast District of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity, Spring 2020

Keynote Speaker

Given at the 2020 Southeast District Leadership Conference of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma in Starkville, MS.

Zachary T. Stoddard

Exemplary Brother Award

From the Southeast District of Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity, Spring 2019

Student Keynote Speaker

Given at the 2018 Southeast District Convention of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma in Charleston, SC.

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Education

BS Interdisciplinary Studies - Auburn University December 2019
□ Concentrations in Biology, Mechanical Engineering

Fraternal Experience

Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

- Initiated in Spring of 2013 (Alpha Mu Class)
 - ❖ Class Treasurer Spring 2013
 - Planned class fundraiser at Marble Slab Creamery in Opelika, AL
 - Organized “guest ice cream scoopers”, including chapter sponsor
 - Raised \$200 for the chapter
 - Collected money from membership class for crests to be used on paddles
- Life Member Fall 2020
- Co-Chair, Social Committee 2013 – 2014
 - ❖ Helped Corresponding Secretary plan and create gifts for other chapters during football season
- Member, Membership Committee 2014 – 2018
 - ❖ Helped Vice President of Membership plan recruitment events
 - ❖ Attended all candidate lessons and functions
 - ❖ Presented candidate lessons on OMRS
- Member, Audit Committee 2013 – 2019
 - ❖ Chair, Audit Committee Spring 2018, Spring 2019
 - Conducted annual audit of chapter treasurer
 - Organized meeting of ad hoc committee
 - Compared bank account, Venmo, checkbook, and ledger for inconsistencies
 - Made recommendations to the chapter and treasurer about bookkeeping
- Member, Jurisdiction Committee 2013– 2019
 - ❖ Reviewed chapter constitution on a semester basis
 - ❖ Reviewed proposed changes to constitution from chapter
 - ❖ Presented changes to constitution to be approved by chapter
- Member, Nu Nu Colonization Committee 2013 – 2015
 - ❖ Assisted Nu Nu Colony with paperwork and questions
 - ❖ Performed all degrees of the ritual
- Host Chapter, Southeast District Convention 2016, 2020 SEDC
 - ❖ Organized buildings needed for 2016 SEDC in Auburn, AL
 - ❖ Organized service required for both 2016 and 2020 SEDC
 - ❖ Attended 2020 Winter Council in Pine Mountain, GA

- Service Coordinator for AU Symphonic Winds in Italy February - March 2016
 - ❖ Created bus crews for instrument and luggage loading for AU Symphonic Winds trip to Italy
 - ❖ Reorganized bus crews during trip based on flight schedules and bus breakdowns
 - ❖ Coordinated with Graduate Teaching Assistants for any additional service needs in Italy, including setup and takedown of concert sets and instrument maintenance

- Colony Liaison to Iota Nu 2016 – 2017
 - ❖ Performed all degrees of the ritual
- Chair, AU Summer Band Camps 2017 – 2019
 - ❖ Communicated beginning in April with Camp Director on expectations and needs for camps in June-July
 - ❖ Organized service required for several camps in June
 - ❖ Responsible for quickly disseminating information in events of inclement weather or schedule changes
 - ❖ Evaluated service with Camp Director following each camp and each summer
- Proxy for National Convention, sat for Iota Mu 2017 National Convention
 - ❖ Sat on Ritual and Regalia Committee
 - ❖ Presented at iPsi for Pi Chapter for Scroggs Trophy
- Chapter Delegate for Southeast District Convention 2018, 2019 SEDC
- Southeast District Liaison 2018 – 2019
 - ❖ Facilitated communication for FocuSED Connections between chapters
 - ❖ Submitted information for State-Wide-Athons and Reach for the Stars
 - Achieved All-Star Chapter Status
- Chair, Ritual Committee 2018 – 2019
 - ❖ Planned committee meetings
 - ❖ Organized ritual rehearsals
 - ❖ Kept regular inventory of ritual materials
 - ❖ Communicated with Tau Beta Sigma ritual committee chair to plan joint ceremony each semester
- Delegate for National Convention 2019 National Convention

Southeast District of Kappa Kappa Psi

- Chair, Jurisdiction Committee 2018 Southeast District Convention
 - ❖ Reorganized District Constitution, putting like subject material with each other, renumbering and consolidating points
 - ❖ Gave power to District Parliamentarian to fix grammar without approval of delegation, final approval to Governors
 - ❖ Expanded Eighth Note Committee membership from 6 to 8 (4 from each organization)
 - ❖ Added Zachary T. Stoddard Exemplary Brother Award to District Constitution
 - ❖ Clarified expectations for District Leadership Conference
 - ❖ Proposed new system for hosting Southeast District Convention
 - Combined university host system with convention center host system
- Chair, Eighth Note Committee 2018 – 2019
 - ❖ Organized regular meetings with Tau Beta Sigma Chair
 - ❖ Committee consisted of 4 brothers and 4 sisters, not including Tau Beta Sigma Vice President for Special Projects, and Kappa Kappa Psi Vice President of Projects
 - ❖ Increased submissions to approximately 30 articles

- ❖ Implemented interview system to increase interest and awareness
- ❖ Conducted in-person interviews at 2019 District Leadership Conference
- Chair, Joint Actions Committee 2019 Southeast District Convention
 - ❖ Discussed ways to improve joint relations at Southeast District Convention
 - ❖ Created rubric to evaluate host bids
 - ❖ Created recommendation for how the district hosts convention
 - ❖ Evaluated reading band and auxiliary blocks during convention
 - ❖ Reviewed bids for 2020 Convention Site
 - ❖ Created slate for 2020 Convention Site

Southeast District Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Psi

- Finance Chair March 2020 - Present
 - ❖ Recorded dues paid to SEDAA Venmo Account
 - ❖ Disbursed reimbursements as approved by the SEDAA Board
 - ❖ Balanced Ledger throughout term
 - ❖ Audited previous finance chair to identify any inconsistencies between Venmo Account and Ledger
 - ❖ Conducted a life membership raffle in Fall 2020
 - Raised \$295 for SEDAA

Fraternal Awards and Honors

Pi Chapter

- Most Outstanding Brother 2017 – 2018 School Year

Southeast District

- Keynote Speaker 2018 Southeast District Convention
 - ❖ Title: Kappa Kappa Psi Matters - How the Ritual Inspires us to Strive for the Highest
- Zachary T. Stoddard Exemplary Brother Award 2019 Southeast District Convention
- Keynote Speaker 2020 District Leadership Conference
 - ❖ Title: Strength, Excellence, and Diversity in the Bond
- Outstanding Alumni Award 2020 Southeast District Convention

Musical Experience

Auburn University

- Symphonic Winds
 - ❖ E^b and B^b Contrabass Clarinet Fall 2012 – Spring 2014
 - ❖ Bass Clarinet Fall 2015 – Spring 2016, Spring 2019 - Present
- Concert Band
 - ❖ Bass Clarinet Fall 2017 – Spring 2019
- Marching Band
 - ❖ Clarinet Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
- Campus Band
 - ❖ Oboe, English Horn Spring 2013
- Kappa Kappa Psi Small Ensemble
 - ❖ Baritone Saxophone Spring 2013 – Fall 2016

Samford University

- Dr. Brian Viliunas Clarinet Studio
 - ❖ Bass Clarinet Spring 2012 – Fall 2018

Other

- Alabama Intercollegiate Band
 - ❖ E^b and B^b Contrabass Clarinet 2013, 2015
 - ❖ Bass Clarinet 2017

- National Intercollegiate Band
 - ❖ Alternate Bass Clarinet 2013
 - ❖ Principle Bass Clarinet 2019

- East Alabama Community Band
 - ❖ Bass Clarinet 2018 - Present

December 20, 2020

Jason Morcos

Former Southeast District Parliamentarian (2018), Former Iota Chapter Historian (2016-2018)

Kappa Kappa Psi – Iota, Eta Beta Class (Spring 2016)

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My Brothers:

I am writing to you regarding Brittany Woodruff, a candidate for the position of Vice President for Student Affairs in our great fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi. I have known Brittany for the past three years. I first met Brittany when she served as the chair of the Jurisdiction Committee at the 2018 Southeast District Convention. I, then Southeast District Parliamentarian, served as an advisor to her committee alongside then National President Evan Thompson.

Brittany's work as Jurisdiction Committee Chair was exemplary, working dutifully to find compromises to many controversial issues, notably the process for determining future District Convention sites. Brittany's ability to find common ground and genuinely listen and care allowed her to forge compromises that were not only acceptable and embraced by the Brotherhood, but were also crucially passable by the Sisters of the Southeast District of Tau Beta Sigma as well, without which changes to the convention process would have been impossible. Brittany's work in the Southeast District went far beyond District Convention, as she went on to chair the district publication – The Eighth Note. Brittany worked steadfastly to ensure that the students of the Southeast District were reflected in the publication, soliciting content from all brothers and encouraging active participation. Brittany's service did not go unnoticed, earning her the Southeast District's Zachary T. Stoddard Exemplary Brother Award.

I have had the privilege of continuing to work with Brittany on a series of issues over the past few years. Our work in the Southeast District had led to an understanding that individual Brothers often fall through the cracks, their voices unrepresented at the National level. When I began work on a proposal aimed at addressing these concerns, Brittany was the natural choice to assist in the endeavor. As I graduated, Brittany took up this torch and carried this movement forward, gaining significant momentum. Brittany's ability to clearly communicate her beliefs and willingness to compromise in order to achieve meaningful progress resulted in the Pi chapter and Iota chapter voting to support the proposal. Brittany's diligence resulted in a noticeable increase in awareness at the National level which can be directly attributed to the creation of the national Events Coordinator position in 2019.

I believe that Brittany has tremendous potential to continue helping our fraternity Strive for the Highest. Electing Brittany VPSA would provide her with the resources and support to ensure that every voice is respected, that every Brother is treated with respect, and that inclusion and honesty remain central to our Fraternity's values. I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy.

AEA,

Jason Morcos

1st January, 2021

To the Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi,

I am writing to you today to offer my recommendation for Brittany Woodruff to serve as Vice President for Student Affairs for the 2021-2023 biennium.

I was lucky enough to get to work closely with Brittany and get to know her as a Brother and a friend during my tenure as Southeast District President; she continuously blew me away with her inclusivity, positive attitude, communication skills, and willingness to serve. Brittany is one of those people that puts a smile on everyone's face when she walks in a room, because she truly cares about what's going on in your life. This is a quality that is, in my opinion, paramount when selecting a VPSA, as it is absolutely necessary for the advocate of the students to take a vested interest in who they are and what their priorities are for their bands and for Kappa Kappa Psi. She is also extraordinarily organized, responsible, and effective when it comes to leading committees. She was my first choice as Jurisdiction committee chair when I planned the 2018 SED Convention, and served flawlessly in that role. She also applied and was selected to co-chair the 2018-19 KKΨ/TBΣ Southeast District Eighth Note Committee, helping to produce numerous issues of the District publication which was previously only released once a year. Additionally, Brittany was selected as keynote speaker for not just one, but both of the Southeast District's premier events in a span of less than two years, which is an absolute testament to not only her ability to inspire, but her incredible ability to communicate thoughts and ideas.

Knowing the roles and responsibilities of the Vice President for Student Affairs, as well as the character and qualities of the candidate in question, I recommend Brittany Woodruff without a shadow of a doubt as an exceptionally qualified and deserving Brother to serve as our next Vice President for Student Affairs.

AEA,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Marzen', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Frank Marzen

Iota Chapter, Spring 2015

2017-18 Southeast District President



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Dear Brothers:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Brittany Woodruff as she seeks the office of Vice President of Student Affairs for the next biennium. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Brittany in the Southeast District, and I think she would be an excellent candidate for this position.

Brittany has served Kappa Kappa Psi in a variety of ways since becoming a brother in 2013. In the Pi chapter, she held several positions as a committee member and chair, making an impact on everything from social activities of the chapter to bookkeeping. Some of her more visible roles in the district include serving as a leader in hosting the 2016 and 2020 district conventions and working with other brothers to establish the Nu Nu and Iota Nu chapters. She was a selected keynote speaker in 2018 at SEDC and has been the recipient of our district's "Zachary Stoddard Exemplary Brother Award" and "Outstanding Alumni Award." Brittany has been a mainstay at district and national events for many years as well.

Brittany has an engaging personality that will be well received by brothers around the country. Because of her varied experiences as a chapter and district leader, I believe she understands well how Kappa Kappa Psi works, and I believe she has the capacity to help brothers identify their strengths and weaknesses towards the goal of becoming more effective allies with their university band programs. Certainly, her experience as a brother in the Pi chapter, one of our fraternity's strongest, would be beneficial to her in this position.

The VPSA position is a very important one in the fraternity's organization, and we have been fortunate to have many good brothers serve through the years. The qualifications for VPSA include the ability to represent the active and associate members of the fraternity well. Having had the opportunity to observe and work with Brittany over the years in several different capacities, it is my opinion that she meets this criterion. I am pleased to recommend her to you without reservation, and I urge you to give her high consideration for your vote.

AEA,

Craig Aarhus
Associate Director of Bands
Southeast District Governor

Brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi,

I am writing this letter to highly recommend Brittany Woodruff for consideration as a candidate for the position of Vice President for Student Affairs. Brittany is an exceptional brother who has demonstrated great devotion to Kappa Kappa Psi and has truly presented unswerving loyalty to the Auburn University Bands.

Brittany began her Membership Education process in the spring of 2013, and over the course of her 8 years in this fraternity, she has served on countless chapter and district committees. Her wealth of knowledge and experiences in this fraternity have formed her into a guiding spirit for the Pi chapter, one who is called upon frequently for questions or ideas. As we experienced challenges in changes of leadership, implementing the Road to Wisdom, and refocusing our selection process of membership candidates, Brittany offered invaluable guidance on how to move forward correctly, and what resources were available for us to use. When our chapter would begin to struggle with something, she would be the first person to help identify the problems and suggest solutions. Brittany constantly reminds our chapter of the values of Kappa Kappa Psi and exemplifies them in her own life.

A lifelong learner, she is always trying to further her own knowledge and understanding of Kappa Kappa Psi, continuously attending workshops and district and national events. She is always eager to help instruct others in the ways of our fraternity and bond with her fellow brothers, from attending other chapters' Ritual, to serving as a Colony Liaison. Her dedication to this fraternity never wavered in her transition from active member to alumni, as she has consistently continued with her involvement and attitude since graduating. Brittany was an integral part of planning the 2020 Southeast District Convention, working as a representative of the host chapter with both district councils to plan logistics and assign personnel. Though the convention had to be made virtual 3 weeks before it was scheduled to begin, her experience in the planning process would no doubt serve her well as a National Officer. She was also awarded the 2020 Southeast District Outstanding Alumni Award for her efforts not only in planning the convention but helping the district as a whole.

In making decisions, Brittany excels at considering all options before pursuing the one most likely to be successful. This is evident through her help with planning Pi chapter events and from chairing three different Southeast District committees. Wherever she sees a fraternal need at any level, she goes out of her way to solve the problem or make suggestions to improve it, collaborating with fellow brothers to do so. She desires to serve in any manner, and she is a fine example of what a brother is and should strive to be. I have been Brittany's brother for 4 years, and she has shown time and time again constant professionalism and care in representing our fraternity and our chapter. Brittany is a determined, driven brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, and perhaps most importantly, has demonstrated an attitude of perseverance during difficult times.

Brittany's knowledge of the brotherhood, her friendliness, and her compassion make her an excellent candidate for VPSA. Her many years of experience supporting and advising brothers throughout her chapter and the Southeast District would be a great asset to the National Officers and would help her serve the brothers and chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi with confidence and love. Few brothers have Brittany's quantity and quality of fraternal experience at her age; her consistent dedication to Kappa Kappa Psi is unparalleled, and I am honored to call her my brother.

Overall, Brittany Woodruff is an exemplary person and brother, and if elected to this position, would perform it at the highest level attainable. It is for all these reasons that I highly recommend her as a candidate for consideration for this role.

Sincerely,



Madeline Jory
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Dear Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity,

I am writing to you regarding my recommendation for Brittany Woodruff and her application for National Vice President for Student Affairs. I work with Brittany who holds a serving position at Country's Barbeque. I am one of the lead managers for the Auburn location where I have been working for almost five years now. Brittany began serving there in February of 2020. I was a server when Brittany was hired, and became a manager soon after. Brittany and I had never met until her first day on the job where we instantly became more than coworkers, we became great friends and our professional relationship grew from there.

Brittany instantly showed many skills and qualities that stood out to me and other managers. To say her first day was completely chaotic due to short staffing would be an understatement. We did not have two of the scheduled servers, two trainees starting that day, and the busiest lunch rush we had seen in months. Brittany actually ended up with no trainer and just went with the flow and followed orders as best as the trained staff could give her. I remember looking at her after three hours of running around and sweating like madmen and saying, "Please come back Brittany, I promise it will get better." She trained for very little that day and honestly I thought we had lost a great opportunity in receiving a new server that was eager to learn and work. She took every bit of information thrown her way that day and did not hesitate to ask questions when she needed help. To my surprise, she returned for a second shift and has now made her way to the top of our servers list. Even with her short period of time training, Brittany has grown into one of our best servers during the hectic year of 2020. Brittany learned a lot in that short time, and I believe she would excel in growing her knowledge further into the position she is seeking.

In the restaurant, it is our job to take customers' requests and communicate it back to the kitchen workers quickly and correctly. Since day one, she communicates with coworkers in a manner of professionalism and ease. She is very efficient in her time management as well. When she arrives for her shift, she immediately begins to prep. Once she is finished with her own prepping, she helps others complete their work. She can handle a busy day as if she has been working there for years. However, she is also not afraid to ask for help when she gets overwhelmed. She understood quickly that teamwork is truly the backbone of working in a restaurant, and that knowing her own limits and when to ask for help are key elements to success. While she performed well at her job, she was also communicating with other officers for KKPsi events. She planned and executed a successful fundraiser for the Southeast District Alumni Association while working 6-8 shifts a week. She also works with two brothers from two different chapters, and continues to discuss the organization and offer advice with enthusiasm. She was efficient in both areas of her life and did not show signs of hesitation to complete tasks in both fields.

Brittany shows excellent people skills. She is great with customers. She is always ready to serve and be available for them whenever needed. Even if it is not her table to

be serving, she is always mindful of them and will tend to their wants and requests. Her people skills have grown since I first met her. She strives to provide excellent service even to the most difficult of customers. She quickly became a favorite amongst coworkers and customers alike. Brittany never meets a stranger. She engages conversations that lead her to more opportunities such as a greater request for her as a server. She has used these skills in her current role as Finance Chair for the District Alumni Association to help support the fraternity's programs and brothers, making her an incredible asset to the organization.

She is willing to step up above her position and cover shifts, come in early, train new employees, and complete tasks that are beyond her responsibilities. Brittany not only worked during 2020, but continued serving our customers during the quarantine and lockdown period when many servers were no longer available to work. She does not stop until the goal is met. Brittany continues to work countless hours at her job as well as in her position with the Fraternity. She was constantly working and meeting goals set by herself and other Officers.

Brittany expresses great communication, time management, and people skills, and I watched her work ethic and commitment grow by leaps with her initial and continuing respect and gratitude for her coworkers and managers. She has given encouragement to each of us on our hardest of days. A day does not go by that Brittany is not checking in with me and asking if I need anything with work or personal life. She goes the extra mile in every aspect that a manager seeks in an employee. I enjoy every shift I get to serve or manage alongside her. Her attitude and spirit is always comforting and fun to be around.

The service industry is not easy, and has been made more difficult throughout the pandemic. Communication, teamwork, leadership, and striving for excellence are important qualities in servers, and Brittany has never once let me down. Time management, task prioritization, and a work-life balance have also been skills that Brittany has enhanced throughout her time at Country's. She reads people well, she sets high expectations for herself and those around her, and has been an incredible asset to the restaurant.

She continues to amaze me with her work ethic and furthermore, her friendship. If I had the chance to hire Brittany again, I would not hesitate to do so. She is always willing to go above and beyond for those she works with and for those she is serving. I believe Brittany would be an outstanding addition to the leadership team of your program. If you have any questions about Brittany's qualifications or professionalism, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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