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Decade: 2010's+

As a prospective officer & leader of the ODPAA, what do you consider your greatest strengths? Weaknesses?

I think my greatest strength would be my ability to communicate with others, and my ability to really get to know people and get along with others in a business aspect! My one weakness within the ODPAA would be that I am a little afraid to speak up since I am a new alumni, but I have been working on that and speaking my mind more and I would love to be apart of the board so I can help make the changes that I think would make us an even stronger sisterhood!

If elected or re-elected to the position you seek, what is your commitment to serving out the full term?

I am committed to the full term.

Please describe accomplishments in your career and personal life that would benefit the ODPAA.

Although I am a new alumni, I was president when we had all of the issues with the school, and I really think I can provide a lot of the information that we may need and I can really help in the aspect of recolonizing if we decide on that in the future, I think that being President while I was active can really help me with being on the board if elected!

What is your vision for the future of the ODPAA? What changes would you advocate and why?

I think that we just need a stronger sisterhood bond overall, I think there are a lot of gaps in generations and opinions, which is always good, but I think that we need to learn to work with each other and not against each other within the ODPAA, and I think having younger alumni such as myself on the board can really help close those gaps.

If elected or re-elected, please describe what you seek to accomplish:

As a legacy representative, if I am elected, I would just like to establish a sense of sisterhood, like I have previously stated. I haven't felt that since I joined the ODPAA, and I think it would be nice to just establish that again and rebuild what a sisterhood means to everyone.

What does Omega Delta Phi mean to you? Please describe your experience as both an active member and an alumni.

Omega Delta Phi means so much to me, although I joined during COVID, and didn't really get the experience as an active that I would have liked to, it brought me my very best friends and I

couldn't be more thankful for that. Omega also taught me so many things I don't think I would have learned if I hadn't joined Greek life.

How would your sisters describe you?

I think my sisters would describe me as someone who can be a leader, and someone who is a very good listener as well. I think they would say I am very good at separating business versus personal, and that I know when I have to be serious and when I can be their friend.

Please describe your approach to communicating and working with the ODPAA membership.

As I stated previously, I was president for quite sometime while I was active, and I worked very closely with Allie Gingras during the issues with the school, so I know what it takes to communicate effectively with board members. I also attended one or two board meetings while I was active, so I have an insight on what those are like as well.

How do you deal with difficult people & situations? Please describe a situation in which you took a position that upset someone else, and explain how you handled it.

I think this ties into the business versus personal aspect that I touched on previously. You have to know how to separate the two things, and I believe that I do. When I was active, I ran against my pledge sister for the position of social, and I knew that we both really wanted it. The house did end up electing me, and I felt so bad about it, because I knew my pledge sister wanted it as much as I did, but we both knew it was the better thing for the house, and that it changed nothing about our friendship. You have to know how to work in a business setting, whether you're best friends with someone, or you don't speak to them.

How do you motivate others?

I think the best way to motivate people is to always tell them what they are doing right, before you criticize them, and when you do make corrections or suggestions to someone, you have to be gentle about it, and not aggressive. Nobody responds well to being yelled at, so I think the best way to get things done is to always be kind to others when suggesting things to them.

How do you handle criticism?

I think that I handle criticism well. I always just take what others have to say, listen to it and let it sink in and then make the corrections I have to make or the corrections that I think are right. I am very confident in my decision making but I am always open to hearing suggestions and corrections from others.

What top 3 qualities do you think a leader should have?

I think a leader should have confidence, communication skills, and compassion!

Would you rather be liked or respected? Why?

I would rather be respected. I think that being respected by others, especially your own sisters, is much more valuable than being liked, because it means that you are doing something to better the sisterhood that we all know and love.

How do you spend your free time?

My free time is dedicated to work! When I am not working, I spend time with my friends and sisters that live near me!

For Fun: What's your 'superpower' or 'spirit animal' and why?

I think my superpower would be making people laugh. I think laughter is the best medicine so anytime I have the chance to make a joke or lighten up a situation with humor I always take the chance!

Is there anything else that we haven't already covered/asked that you would you like to share with your sisters?

Thank you so much for reading my answers! Although I am a new alumni, I really hope you consider me for this position, as I really think having some younger alumni being represented on the board is super important! LIO ❤️❤️