

## **GCP 2019-2020 Officer Election Biography**

Name: Bryan J. Keen

Chapter of Initiation: Zeta Upsilon

Date of Initiation (MM/YY) and Date of Graduation/Anticipated Date of Graduation (MM/YY): Initiation – 08/17 Graduation – 05/20

What position(s) are you running for? Chaplain

Please list relevant Kappa Psi experience: Zeta Upsilon Rush Chairman. I was responsible for setting up and hosting recruitment events and talking to potential new members about the importance of Kappa Psi in pharmacy and why they should join. We were able to have several events for brothers and potential new members to get to know each other and make the decision to pledge our great fraternity. The biggest event was the first annual Kappa Psi “grill and chill”. We grilled and had various outdoor games setup for everyone to play and it really allowed to the potential new members to see the brotherhood we have at Zeta Upsilon. I have also served at class president, APhA chapter president, NCPA treasurer, TSSP delegate, and student faculty relations committee.

In the last three years, what Kappa Psi events have you attended? I have attended all gulf coast province assemblies since my initiation/institution of the Zeta Upsilon chapter. Those are as follows: Winter Assembly Birmingham 2018 and Summer Assembly Auburn 2018. I also attended the Leadership Symposium 2018 in Fort Worth.

In the last three years, what workshops or special presentations have you completed for brothers? N/A

If elected, what would be your plans for that office? My first priority will be checking with all of the GCP chapters to see what ritual equipment they currently have and what they are missing/wanting. If chapters have a surplus of equipment, I will work to connect them with chapters that do not possess any and will try to facilitate the transfer of that equipment to chapters in need. If a surplus is not available, I will work with all the chapter chaplains to raise funds to purchase equipment. I will also work with the GCP treasurer to work on a province wide fundraising campaign to purchase ritual equipment. It is essential for all chapters to have proper equipment so that the ritual can be effectively performed and make an impact of the members taking the charge of the fraternity. Next, I will contact all chapter chaplains and discuss how the ritual is being used at each of the chapters. I want to make sure it is being administered appropriately and being used regularly at the chapters. I will assist all chaplains in any way to pertaining to the ritual. I also would like to attend at least one chapter initiation at each chapter over the next year. It is important that the chapters see that GCP executive committee is committed to the success of each chapter. I would also like to continue Brother Harris’s history of the ritual presentation and continue to look into the history of our ritual and educate our brothers on the importance of the various insignia and figures chosen for our fraternity.

If elected what would be your vision for the fraternity over the next two years?

My vision would be to see all of the chapters in the GCP have complete sets of ritual equipment and all administering the ritual in a proficient manner. I want to see the cement of brotherhood being spread between us all... that being the ritual. It is the very thing that unites us as brothers.

Why did you decided to become a candidate for your future office and why you are the best brother for the office(s)? I felt like that I have made a great connection with brothers from across our province since being initiated. I have been passionate about the ritual at the Zeta Upsilon chapter since being initiated. It is the very thing that forms our bonds as brothers. If the chapters do not have suffice equipment and do not have the proper knowledge of using the ritual... is the bond of brotherhood being set properly among our members? I found my passion in making sure this question answered. I am ready to work hard so that all chapters have the material and skill to be ritually proficient. I believe I am the best brother for the position due to learning how to lead from my previous leadership positions. I have served as APhA chapter president, NCPA chapter treasurer, TSSP delegate, and Zeta Upsilon rush chairman. All of the positions have taught me many things and have honed my leadership skills. Chapter president showed me how to delegate out projects and showed me I cannot do everything by myself. Treasurer showed me how to properly raise money for a goal and how to budget the money. Delegate taught me to listen to my constituents and be able to bring concerns from the people to TPA and seek change. Rush chairman has allowed me to get people excited about Kappa Psi and show them that the sky is the limit at what they can accomplish as a bother of our fraternity.

What do you feel has been your greatest accomplishment as a Brother of Kappa Psi, a member of a committee, or leader? My biggest accomplishment as a brother of Kappa Psi was the recruitment of the Zeta Upsilon 2018 fall pledge class. This was our biggest class to date and was a success due to great organization and the work of the brothers whom were always there to assist me. We were able to have a cookout and truly get the potential new members excited about membership in the fraternity. The 27 new brothers that came from that will be great brothers in the future and ensure the success of the Zeta Upsilon chapter. Any time you get to recruit the lifeblood of the fraternity and add new brothers... it is a huge success.

What goals and objectives do you envision yourself accomplishing as chaplain over the next year? I see all chapters getting ritual equipment and utilizing it to properly perform the ritual. I will also assist other executive members in assisting their goals.

What is something new you would like to accomplish as chaplain over the next year? I would like to see a recognition program started for members to earn certificates for memorizing parts of the ritual. This was being done in my undergraduate fraternity. It makes the ritual look much cleaner and shows how much we care. This is something I have wanted to discuss for sometime.

If your position oversees a committee(s), how will you incorporate members of your committee throughout the year? I would make sure to make contact with all the members at least monthly via a conference call or over coffee if im in their particular city. I would also have a google document so that the members could make notes as they work on their particular projects, this will show us the progression we are making.

What is one weakness at a collegiate, graduate, and/or province level of the Gulf Coast Province and how do you plan to improve this weakness via your position as chaplain? I think at time chapters may feel forgotten by the executive committee. There may need to be more interaction with the chapters. This can be as simple at attending at recruitment event or stopping by a chapter for a presentation.

If not elected to position X by your fellow Brothers, how will you serve Kappa Psi at a collegiate, province, or graduate level over the next year? I will continue to attend meetings and stay involved in the fraternity. I will want to work with the elected chaplain particularly to help him/her with their goals and projects for the year. A position isn't needed to make a change... just a drive to accomplish a goal.

