

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

Name: Connor Stuart

Chapter of Initiation: Psi

Date of Initiation: (11/17/2015)

Anticipated Date of Graduation: (05/2019)

What position(s) are you running for? Vice Satrap, Secretary

Please list relevant Kappa Psi experience: served as finance/audit/fundraising chair 2017-2018 and organized fundraisers for the province, serving as Gulf Coast Province Treasurer 2018-2019 during which time I've created and maintained the province budget, worked with the fundraising chair to organize province fundraisers, participated in monthly conference calls with the GCP EC, and continued to grow the scholarship fund.

In the last three years, what Kappa Psi events have you attended? GCP Summer Assembly 2016, Kappa Psi Leadership Symposium 2016, GCP Winter Assembly 2017, 58<sup>th</sup> GCC 2017, Chartering of Zeta Upsilon 2017, GCP Winter Assembly 2018, GCP Summer Assembly 2018

In the last three years, what workshops or special presentations have you completed for brothers? Co-led a fundraising and philanthropy workshop at GCP Summer Assembly 2018 in Auburn, AL.

If elected, what would be your plans for that office? (If running for more than one office, please give us your plans for each office). Vice Satrap: work closely with each committee to ensure each committee is successful and continues to grow appropriately and meet all goals, encourage better communication between collegiate and graduate chapters, include each collegiate and graduate chapter in what the GCP EC is working on, work closely with host chapter for 2020 GCP Winter Assembly to ensure a smooth and meaningful Assembly  
Secretary: Maintain current contact information for province EC, chapter ECs, and chapter rosters, prepare agenda templates and record minutes for all GCP conference calls and province meetings, encourage strong communication between each chapter and the province EC, set up deadlines for annual chapter progress reports and work with each chapter to ensure timely completion of the progress reports and help to maximize points each chapter in the Gulf Coast Province receives.

If elected what would be your vision for the fraternity over the next two years? I would like to see every chapter in the Gulf Coast Province recognized as a top performing chapter over the next two years. I think that we have all of the resources necessary to elevate each chapter's performance to a higher level, we just need to have strong communication and dedicated leadership to achieve that goal.

Why did you decide to become a candidate for your future office and why you are the best brother for the office(s)? I decided to run for Vice Satrap because I feel that I can make a big impact on our province by working diligently with our committees to ensure that each committee meets its goals and continues to grow and achieve further success. I want to set up a system that

allows more fluid communication between each chapter and the province EC, and to help graduate chapters and collegiate chapters connect with each other. I also feel that by working with the Province Assembly Planning Committee, I can be very effective in planning a great Winter Assembly in 2020 that will be very meaningful and worthwhile to every brother in attendance.

What do you feel has been your greatest accomplishment as a Brother of Kappa Psi, a member of a committee, or leader? My greatest accomplishment as a Brother of Kappa Psi was when I served as regent of Psi Chapter and led our chapter to be recognized as a top performing chapter while at the 58<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Convention in Naples, FL. The brothers from Psi Chapter and our chapter EC worked very hard throughout the year and celebrated many successes, but the recognition as a top performing chapter was the greatest success I've experienced in Kappa Psi.

What goals and objectives do you envision yourself accomplishing as Vice Satrap or Secretary over the next year? Aside from meeting the charges set forth for each position, I envision myself helping to create an environment in which each collegiate and graduate chapter has excellent communication within its chapter, between each chapter, and with the province EC. I envision myself assisting chapters that may be struggling to perform to help them overcome obstacles and be a successful chapter.

What is something new you would like to accomplish as Vice Satrap or Secretary over the next year? I believe that with careful planning, a new committee could be set up to focus on improving communication within the province.

If your position oversees a committee(s), how will you incorporate members of your committee throughout the year? As Vice Satrap, I will work with each committee to ensure its success throughout the year. I plan on speaking regularly to each committee chair to get updates on committee progress and work through any problems that may arise.

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 Vice Satrap or Secretary? I firmly believe that communication is one of the root problems seen at the collegiate, graduate, and province level of GCP, and I believe that working together to set up more fluid communication between the province will help alleviate other problems as well, such as retaining involvement as student progress through school at the collegiate level, and after graduating school at the graduate level.

If not elected to Vice Satrap or Secretary by your fellow Brothers, how will you serve Kappa Psi at a collegiate, province, or graduate level over the next year? I will join my graduate chapter after graduation and continue to serve on committees and come to province assemblies, GCCs, new chapter charterings, and other Kappa Psi events.



