

## GCP 2019-2020 Officer Election Biography

Stephen Read

Chapter of Initiation: Epsilon Kappa

Date of Initiation and Graduation: 4/16 Initiation, Graduation 5/19

What position(s) are you running for? GCC Delegate

Please list relevant Kappa Psi experience:

Epsilon Kappa Immediate Past Regent 2018-2019

Epsilon Kappa Regent 2017-2018

Epsilon Kappa Professionalism Chair 2006-2017

In the last three years, what Kappa Psi events have you attended?

GCC 2017, Winter Assembly 2018, APHA Annual Reception 2018

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

Ritual Workshop for Eboard after returning from GCC

Addiction and Recovery Panel Series

Setup Adopt the Highway for our Chapter

If elected as GCC Delegate I would like to see the position grow over my tenure to not just include GCC, but also helping with Assemblies. As delegate I will strive to make GCC as affordable as possible, for as many brothers as we can, so that we can make a National presence as a province. Over the next two years I envision using our National presence to continue our growth and friendships with other chapters across all Provinces. With a presence, the excitement for our Brotherhood should grow amongst small and large chapters alike. Excitement will lead to passion and potential Brothers down the road will see how passionate current brothers are on campus and will want to take the appropriate steps to seek membership into our ranks.

I decided to run for this position after watching our current GCC Delegate at the convention. I said that is something I can do, still have time for my family, and give back to amazing Brotherhood that has given so much to me. I am the best candidate for this office based on my experience of running meetings, fundraising, and organization skills. Before I came to Pharmacy school, I was a General Manager and District Manager for several different restaurant establishments and used these skills daily. My passion and dedication is evident in everything I do, just ask my wife or my fellow Board members at my son's soccer club.

Last year as Regent I ran my whole year on one word, Presence. I wanted us as a chapter to have presence in the Pharmacy School, community, entire Belmont Campus, and anywhere else we could. When I handed over the reins I felt very confident that this was accomplished after discussions with my Chapter, GCD, Alumni, and professors. I want to continue the use of this word, hopefully in connection of being elected GCC Delegate. With this position I want to fundraise and figure out a solution to help as many brothers attend GCC as possible, especially smaller chapters. What I saw when I attended GCC was that the larger chapters had several representatives, but usually the smaller chapter only had 1 or 2 representatives. Fundraising is an important way to help fund different things for our province, from GCC fees, to airport transportation, to helping hosting chapters with Assembly expenditures. We as Province need to find successful ways in helping the Chapters and Brothers have a presence at Assemblies, GCC, and other Kappa Psi Events. The delegate is more than just GCC, they are somebody that can help other officers and committees because after July GCC is over. Maybe we should elect this position a year before we actual do? That would be something I would look into during my tenure, as so to make the most of this position and benefit our Province and chapters.

If not elected I will continue to support our Brotherhood anyway possible at both the Province and Chapter level. Kappa Psi has been an amazing blessing in my life and during the past 7 months away from my Chapter I have truly missed it.