



Candidate Questionnaire: Getting to Know You

*Please complete this questionnaire. Answers should be brief.
Responses will appear unedited on Phi Theta Kappa's Catalyst website.*

Candidate for (highlight ONE):

- International President
- Division I Vice President
- Division II Vice President
- Division III Vice President
- Division IV Vice President

Your Name: Sylar Danhof

1. What is your college major?

My college major is an Associates in Applied Science.

2. What is your ultimate career goal?

My ultimate career goal is to become a Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associate, and work closely with physicians at a children's hospital!

3. What was your primary reason for accepting PTK membership?

In high school, community service became a hallmark of who I was. It provided me with new perspectives, purpose, and opportunities to grow. PTK is a wonderful avenue to experience all of those things, and grow as a leader and an academic advocate as well. As such, it perfectly aligned for my “whats next” in college.

4. What’s your go-to “fun fact” during an icebreaker?

My go to “fun fact” is I have gotten to see humpback whales in Sitka, Alaska, by accident!

5. If you could thank your past self for one decision, what would it be?

If I could thank my past self for one decision, it would be for deciding to join HOSA (healthcare occupation students of America). Through HOSA I was able to get certified in basic life support, CPR, and electrocardiogram technology, which allowed me to get a job at the hospital right out of high school. It has immensely benefitted me, both financially and in networking opportunities.

6. What’s a small, everyday thing that brings you joy?

A small, everyday thing that I enjoy in sunlight. Every time there is a direct beam of sunshine, everyone knows that I have to stop and let it warm my face and hands. My sister calls it “photosynthesis time”.

7. If you could instantly master a random skill (tightrope walking, speaking fluent whale), what would it be and why?

If I could instantly master a skill, it would be glass blowing. I have always been mesmerized by that art form, but handling molten glass is surely not for the faint of heart!

8. What’s your go-to hype song when you want to feel unstoppable?

My go-to hype song would have to be “Hold On” by Belle Sisoki.

9. What’s your favorite way to recharge when you’re running on empty?

My favorite way to recharge is an “everything shower”. When life gets chaotic, busy or stressful, I always take one. While it might not solve all my problems, it helps to have a physical reset, and time to think and calm myself.

10. What’s your favorite tradition – family, personal, or something you invented?

My favorite tradition is one my siblings and I invented. Every Christmas Eve, we build a fort together in my room, complete with a giant blanket nest. We watch the “Charlie Brown Christmas” movie, and have a sleepover!