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FOR DIVISION II VICE PRESIDENT

From: **RHO CHI CHAPTER AT TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE - SOUTH**



I was born and raised in Odessa, Texas, a small oilfield town in the west. Growing up, my family always emphasized the importance of college, yet never fully explained why. I always heard, “Go to school, get an education, don’t be like us.” Still, I couldn’t help but question what that path truly meant.

That question followed me until I enrolled at Tarrant County College, where my understanding began to take shape. Through my academic journey and the opportunity to join Phi Theta Kappa, I discovered not only the value of higher education, but my own capacity to lead. The mentors and peers around me challenged, supported, and believed in me, shaping me into the leader I am today.

That experience shaped how I approach leadership today—by listening first, showing up consistently, and turning opportunities into growth for others.

Phi Theta Kappa transformed me from a helping hand into a passionate leader. Grounded in gratitude for those who invested in me, I am committed to giving back—ensuring that other members experience the same growth, confidence, and sense of purpose that defined my journey.

TALK SHOW TOPIC:

TURNING LEARNERS INTO LEADERS

AN APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP BASED UPON PRESENCE, COMMUNICATION, AND REAL-TIME DECISION MAKING

LEADERSHIP

WHAT I'VE LED

- TCC CHAMBER SINGERS SECTION LEADER
- RHO CHI CHAPTER PRESIDENT
- TCC SOUTH SGA JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
- RHO CHI LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR
- TEXAS REGION DISTRICT II VICE PRESIDENT
- TEXAS REGION CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTER



ENGAGEMENT

WHO I SERVE

- TCC COMMUNITY CHORUS
- DALLAS KOREAN CHAMBER CHOIR
- TEXAS REGION SCHOLAR DASH TEAM
- TCC STUDENT WELLNESS VOLUNTEER
- TCC STUDENT ORIENTATION VOLUNTEER

RECOGNITION

WHAT OTHERS SAW

- PTK OFFICER HALL OF HONOR
- RHO CHI OUTSTANDING OFFICER
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALL STATE CHOIR
- TCC SGA STUDENT FAVORITES AWARD

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While higher education was once a struggle for me, the support of those around me helped me overcome challenges and discover my potential. Because of that experience, my goal is to lead by offering others the same support.

While data guides strong decisions, I believe the most meaningful transformation comes from listening, connecting, and responding to people in real time.