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As a first-generation, non-traditional college student, I find every experience and opportunity fascinating. I am an avid space enthusiast and computer geek, so when presented with the opportunity to return to school, my path felt set.

Community college took what started as a pipe dream and gave me the opportunities to reach for the stars. From leading a capstone project for NASA Langley's Advanced Air Mobility Mission, to winning a solar sunshade proposal competition, leading the Honors in Action project, and even having the honor to serve as our chapter's Vice President of Scholarship, I have had the chance to work alongside other community college students from around the country, diving into real-world problems, and finding ways to serve my community. Every step of these journeys, advocating and supporting others.

When I was first accepted into community college, a door opened to opportunities that I never believed possible. The support and camaraderie I found here allowed me to take off. It is a shift in the course of my life that I will never be able to express enough gratitude for.



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## LEADERSHIP

Success is often directly correlated to leadership. My leadership aspirations have resulted in the following successes:

- Co-founder Space Techs, SEDS
- President Space Techs (Jan 26 - Present)
- VP of Scholarship Alpha Psi Tau Present
- NCAS Mission Lead



## FELLOWSHIP

As a relatively new member to PTK, I find myself jumping headfirst into the PTK Community:

- PTK Catalyst (2025)
- Heartland Region Fall Conference (2025)



## SCHOLARSHIP



Hard work and dedication often win out. These are some of the accolades I have received:

- Honors Studies OTC
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Sunshade Foundation Competition
- Lee H. Cruze Scholarship
- NCAS Alumnus

Advocacy and service go hand-in-hand. Advocating for my passions resulted in some of the following:

- Panel discussion on underrepresentation of women in STEM
- Volunteer at C.A.R.E. animal rescue
- Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity builds
- Volunteer Ronald McDonald House

## SERVICE

