



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

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: Jared Parker Stewart

1. What is your college major?

My major is Biotechnology, which is an applied field under biology focusing on commercial implementation and use!

2. What is your ultimate career goal?

My ultimate career goal is to become a physician-scientist focused on researching novel therapies for people suffering from notorious diseases, as well as representing science as a communicator a la Bill Nye, Neil deGrasse Tyson, and Veritasium. I hope to help patients directly, discover cures and help destigmatize the word "chemical."

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

I joined PTK because when I hit campus in the Fall I knew I wanted to be involved. PTK welcomed me with open arms even before I had the necessary credits to join. Every Hallmark of PTK: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship represented what I wished to embody when I decided to leave my career in Information Technology.

4. What's your go-to "fun fact" during an icebreaker?

My grandmother has 12 siblings, and they each have five or six siblings, meaning I have a large enough extended family to be related to three professional athletes across the NFL and MLB, one being a unanimous future hall of famer!

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

I have two landmark decisions I can thank myself for countless times, the first being going to my college's Spring All Majors Transfer & Career Fair April of last year, where I learned of so many wonderful clubs and campus resources, and the subsequently going to the Purdue's Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium, where I came to fall in love with science as a career.

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

I appreciate the ability to reach my friends and family and the connection I share with everyone around me. Although access and communication can bring a lot of negativity into people's lives, I appreciate the ability to check in with a friend or family member at any moment.

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

I would love to be a Master of Communication. I've come to appreciate the growth and the boundless ceiling that comes with the simple concept of sharing thoughts, ideas, feelings and much, much, more. It would only serve to enrich both mine and others' lives.

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

My go-to song is unapologetically **"In da Club"** by **50 Cent**. It's just too perfect and embodies "hype" to me, even if it is much more explicit than my typical taste.

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

A nice meal, a thrilling movie, show, or book and a clean face brings my energy right back to full.

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

One day years ago my cousin and I decided to make an honest weekly attempt to meet, however we could, and just start enjoying some movies and TV together and it's been one of my most consistent and cherished times of the week.