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## 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:** José Fuentes

**1. What is your college major?**

I am a double major in Spanish and Psychology, guided by a commitment to understanding people and communicating across cultures.

**2. What is your ultimate career goal?**

To become a psychiatrist and establish a Hispanic-serving institution that expands access to culturally competent mental health care.

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

I accepted PTK membership because it offered a clear path for growth, academically, personally, and as a leader, within a community that values purpose and service.

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

I have eight cats and have a strong appreciation for animals, especially fostering and adoption.

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

Choosing early on to be a well-rounded student. The leadership roles, service, and experiences I pursued from the beginning have directly shaped who I am and how I lead today in community college.

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

An Ocean Water from Sonic. It's both a small comfort and my fuel of choice for road trips—those quiet moments on the road give me space to reflect, reset, and prepare for what's ahead.

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

Being able to play and understand every instrument. Music is an international language, and mastering it would allow me to connect with people on a deeper, more human level.

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

“CHIHIRO” by Billie Eilish, its spiritual, ethereal feel creates an almost out-of-body experience that helps me focus and move forward with intention.

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

Taking a nap, rest is an essential pit stop that allows me to show up fully for others.

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

Eating together as a family. It represents support, connection, and the importance of having people beside you throughout the journey.