



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: 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.