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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: Kashish Manglani

1. What is your college major?

Biology

2. What is your ultimate career goal?

I aspire to become a physician in the future.

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

I was drawn to PTK because it represents more than academic recognition; it's a community built on leadership, scholarship, service, and fellowship. I've always believed that real leadership is about collaboration and creating meaningful impact. PTK's framework aligned perfectly with my values because it emphasizes balance between personal achievement and contribution to others. I wanted to be part of an organization where I could develop as a leader while working alongside people who share that commitment to excellence and service.

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

I spent the first 12 years of my life in India before moving to the United States. That transition shaped a lot of who I am today; it taught me how to adapt to new environments, appreciate different perspectives, and navigate between cultures. It's given me a unique lens on community and connection that influences how I approach leadership and working with diverse groups of people.

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

Taking on that first leadership role even though I felt underprepared at the time. I was genuinely nervous about whether I could handle the responsibility, but that experience taught me more about resilience and problem-solving than I could have anticipated. It showed me that growth requires stepping outside your comfort zone and trusting yourself to learn along the way. That decision fundamentally changed how I approach challenges and opportunities.

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

When I'm working on a project, all the pieces finally fall into place. Whether it's coordinating an event, collaborating with my team on a solution, or finishing a challenging assignment, there's real

satisfaction in seeing effort translate into results. Those small wins keep me energized and remind me why I enjoy taking on leadership responsibilities.

7. If you could instantly master a random skill (tightrope walking, speaking fluent whale), what would it be and why?
If I could instantly master a skill, it would be the ability to learn new languages quickly. In healthcare, being able to communicate with patients in their native language can make all the difference in building trust and providing quality care. I'd love to break down those communication barriers and connect more meaningfully with diverse patient populations. Language is such a powerful tool for understanding and empathy, and mastering this skill would enable me to serve many more people effectively.
8. What's your go-to hype song when you want to feel unstoppable?
"Till I Collapse" by Eminem. Gets me through study sessions and workouts like nothing else.
9. What's your favorite way to recharge when you're running on empty?
I really enjoy watching comedy films to recharge. Immersing myself in lighthearted, feel-good narratives allows my mind to genuinely disengage from stress, while the humor offers both mental and physical relief.
10. What's your favorite tradition – family, personal, or something you invented?
Sunday morning breakfast with my family. No phones, just food and catching up. It's simple but it keeps me grounded no matter how crazy school gets.