



## 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:

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

My current major is General Studies (Science), but my intended major for my Bachelor's is Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity with a minor in chemistry. My major is in animal science because I've always had a passion for animals and wildlife. The minor is partially to supplement my knowledge so I am able to take the MCAT, but also, I love understanding the "whys" of the world.

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

Honestly, the world is ever changing, and I have a lot of learning left to do to narrow my passion into a specific career. As of right now, I know I want to work in some form of public health. Whether it's scientific research, practising medicine, administration, or a mix of these, I am thrilled to find out.

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

I wanted to be a part of a community. I tend to be an introvert, but I also greatly enjoy collaborating with like-minded peers. PTK was not only the community of friends I wanted, but allowed me the space to collaborate and grow.

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

I don't necessarily have a go to, but instead I have a typical theme I stick to and figure out the specifics as my turn approaches. This "theme" I use is something from my Spotify Wrapped, such as listening minutes. Though sometimes someone else's fact will spark an idea, and I'll share that instead.

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

Playing Overwatch, it was the start of a butterfly effect. While playing Overwatch, I met a good friend, Annalise Smith, who encouraged me to join PTK. From joining PTK, my confidence has grown tremendously, making my past self almost unrecognizable.

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

Definitely caffeine. If I intend on getting meaningful work done that day, then you can bet on seeing me with at least one coffee throughout the day. Bonus points for an extra shot and hazelnut flavoring.

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

I'd like to be uncannily good at rock, paper, scissors. Specifically, in the first round, everyone does best out of 3, and winning the first round gives me a huge advantage. In case that is too powerful, then maybe instead of juggling fruits. There is no real advantage to being able to juggle food besides the obvious pride that I would have over this skill.

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

"Empty Walls" by Serj Tankian. Serj is the lead singer and songwriter for System of a Down. The song is all high energy and catchy lyrics to follow along to.

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

If an extra booster coffee won't do it, then turn on some music pretty loud and try to take a nap. The music helps me empty my head, and the nap *should* recharge me physically.

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

At least once a year, a group of my oldest friends rent an Airbnb, order some pizza, play Mario Kart, and play card games for a whole night. We started off doing it as a spring break trip in high school, but thankfully, it didn't end up being a one off event.