

# Benjamin Sang

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## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Hello, my name is Benjamin Sang, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share a little about myself today.

I grew up in Burma, where my life and education were disrupted by the military coup and COVID-19. Due to these, I faced education disruptions for over two years—

having no schooling during those times. Familiar routines disappeared, and uncertainty became part of everyday life. During those years, I experienced what it feels like to have opportunities taken away and voices limited. I also witnessed how powerful it can be when someone chooses to stand beside others, speak up, and create space for hope in difficult moments.

Those experiences shaped how I view advocacy. I became aware that many capable individuals are overlooked not because they lack potential, but because access, stability, or representation is missing. This awareness stayed with me as I continued forward.



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At sixteen, I began my college journey in the United States at the Community College of Baltimore County. As a student and member of Phi Theta Kappa, community college became a place where I could rebuild direction and find my voice. Navigating a new country, education system, and culture required adaptability and patience. Moving between cultures shaped how I listen, how I communicate, and how I show up for others.

I continue forward guided by the belief that meaningful progress often begins with taking the first step, even when the full path is not yet visible. That perspective shapes how I approach education, service, and my commitment to advocacy. It would be my great pleasure to have the opportunity to be your International President.

“龙汇百川，共成大海”

“Dragons Gather the Rivers  
and Rise as the Sea”





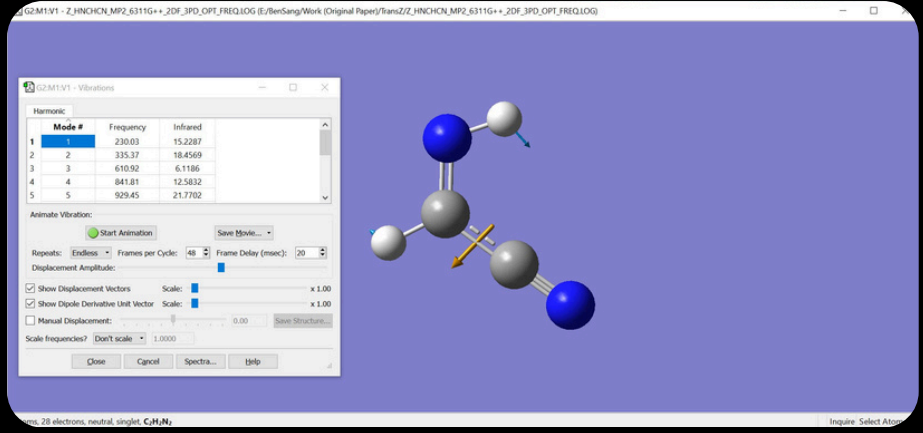
## Service

Service has always been how I stay grounded. Whether volunteering over 100 hours as a medical assistant, observing patient care through my experience at Johns Hopkins Hospital, or serving through my church community, I learned that service begins with showing up consistently for others. As a provisional PTK member, I shared my story and helped create spaces where students felt heard and supported, even before stepping into formal leadership. Each experience reminded me that service is not about titles, but about presence, empathy, and commitment.



## MY JOURNEY Research

As a National Science Foundation funded Undergraduate Researcher (INSPIRE Program), I do research on how molecules form in space/interstellar conditions (approx. 10K), particularly Cyanomethanimine ( $C_2H_2N_2$ ), which is a precursor to adenine and ultimately relates to genes. Using quantum calculations and computations, I calculate the energies, geometries, and frequencies. Overall, I use these data to contribute to discovering the formation pathways.



## Fellowship

Fellowship, to me, is about helping people feel that they belong before they feel expected to lead. As Vice President of Fellowship and later as Maryland/Washington, D.C. President for Phi Theta Kappa, I focused on creating spaces where students could connect, share their stories, and see themselves as part of something larger than their chapter. At the regional level, this meant engaging students across campuses and backgrounds, while at my home college it meant working through Student Government to bridge communities and support students who felt uncertain or unseen. Through these roles, I learned that fellowship is built through listening, inclusion, and consistency—less about position.



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# MY JOURNEY

## Leadership

**VP of Fellowship** – PTK Beta Alpha Tau  
**Maryland/DC State President** – Middle States Region  
PTK (2025-2026)  
**President**, Student Government  
**VP of Media & Publicity**, Student Honors Council  
**Board Member**, Student Alumni Council  
**Vice-Leader**, Calvary Mission Church Youth  
**Worship Leader**, Calvary Mission Church



Your Hero's Journey Info Session  
(Middle States Region Fall Leadership  
Conference)

## Scholarships

Presidential Honors Scholarship (Spring 2025, Fall 2025)  
Faculty Honors Endowed Scholarship (Spring 2025, Fall  
2025)  
Dr. Christine Gray Memorial Scholarship (Fall 2025)  
·Phi Theta Kappa – Global Leaders of Promise Scholar (Fall  
2025)  
Constellation Energy Scholarship (CCBC) (Fall 2024, Spring  
2025, Fall 2025)



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## Achievements

MSSI Academic Excellence Award (4.0)  
CCBC Emerging Leader Award  
**Winner** of 38<sup>th</sup> Middle States Regional  
Convention Candidate Campaign Speech  
(Phi Theta Kappa)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place, Vocal Solo Male** – Regional  
Student Convention (Thailand, Vietnam,  
Myanmar, Laos)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place**, Rising Star Singing Competition  
(National Competition for Early Teenage – I  
was 11 years old)



With my college president, Dr. Kurtinitis



Catalyst 2025,  
Maryland Flag Bearer



# About Me

## Goal

I exercised my grandmother, helped feed her, and stayed beside her as she lived with ovarian cancer. Later, She unfortunately passed away. Being part of her daily care taught me what it means to truly look after someone, especially when they are vulnerable and afraid. I also watched her oncologist care for her with patience and dignity, becoming a steady presence for our family. Because of those experiences, I want to become an oncologist when I grow up and dedicate my life to caring for people in similar moments.



I started singing since I was eight. This is a snapshot of one of my recorded songs when I was 11. I mainly stream from Facebook. However, here's my YouTube channel if you would like to check out!

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With My Best Friends...



My Cutie Cat, Luna!



With Beta Alpha Tau Chapter! In the middle is our beloved chapter advisor and MSR associate regional coordinator...

My family has two unique siblings: my big sister and me.

Middle States Regional Officers!

