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ALPHA KAPPA PSI RUSH GUIDE





DEAR RUSHEE,

Welcome to Fall 2026 Rush!

Thank you for your interest in joining the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Psi at the Beta Gamma Chapter. The Membership Team is extremely excited to have you. We have many events planned to help you learn about AKPsi and evaluate your fit in our fraternity.

Alpha Kappa Psi is devoted to developing a well-rounded brother that thrives in a professional business setting and focuses on growing life-long friendships with other brothers. These relationships formed in Beta Gamma last well beyond our time at Indiana University. Although our brothers have different backgrounds, interests, and ambitions, our fraternity creates leaders who leave a legacy in Bloomington and make a change worldwide after graduation.

This semester, our rush theme, The Global Standard, symbolizes finding the team and community where you truly belong. Like the World Cup, greatness is never achieved alone: it comes from individuals with different strengths and backgrounds coming together with a shared purpose. Every player has a role, every connection matters, and each person pushes the team toward something greater. Alpha Kappa Psi embodies that same spirit by creating a community built on ambition, support, and shared values. Being a Beta Gamma Brother means becoming part of a team that celebrates your wins, challenges you to grow, and stands beside you through every stage of the journey. The Global Standard isn't just about striving for excellence. It's about finding the people you want by your side as you pursue it.

We wish you the best of luck throughout this process. To learn more about AKPsi at Indiana University, please visit our website. We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Sincerely,

Elise Varhan

Vice President of Membership | Alpha Kappa Psi



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SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 8/31

TIME: 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

PLACE: HODGE 1000/1006

ATTIRE: CASUAL

MEET THE CHAPTER

COME LEARN ABOUT OUR BROTHERHOOD! HEAR FROM ACTIVE BROTHERS, MEMBERS OF THE RECENT PLEDGE CLASS, SENIORS, AND SOME LEADERSHIP ABOUT WHY WE ALL LOVE ALPHA KAPPA PSI. THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY NETWORKING.

TUESDAY, 9/8

TIME: 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

PLACE: HODGE 2083

ATTIRE: BUS PRO

RUSH PRO

A PANEL WILL DISCUSS PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AKPSI AND HOW IT HELPED PREPARE THEM FOR RECRUITING, INTERNSHIPS, AND FULL-TIME JOBS. FOLLOWING THIS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO NETWORK WITH OUR BROTHERS ABOUT TOPICS RELATED TO PROFESSIONALISM THAT INTEREST YOU!

FRIDAY, 9/11

TIME: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

PLACE: HODGE 1055/1059

ATTIRE: CASUAL

RUSH OUR COMMUNITY

A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR RUSH PROCESS IS "RUSH OUR COMMUNITY," A DEI FOCUSED EVENT TO BROADENING PERSPECTIVE ABOUT COMMUNITIES AT IU AND THOSE WITHIN AKPSI, HOW DIVERSITY AFFECTS OUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE, AND HOW WE SERVE OUR LOCAL BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY!

FRIDAY, 9/11

TIME: 11:59 PM EST

APPLICATION DEADLINE

APPLICATIONS OPEN ON SUNDAY, 9/6, AND ARE DUE FRIDAY, 9/10, AT 11:59 PM EST!

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, AS THEY WILL BE USED TO HELP DETERMINE YOUR FIT WITHIN BETA GAMMA!



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RUSH TIPS

BE YOURSELF

WE WANT TO MEET THE REAL AND GENUINE YOU! SO BE CONFIDENT IN WHO YOU ARE, SHOW US WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE, AND WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO OUR BROTHERHOOD.

BE PATIENT

THIS IS NEW FOR EVERYONE, SO PLEASE STAY CALM IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG! WE WILL FIGURE IT OUT AND ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE ALL THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES DURING OPEN RUSH AS EVERYONE ELSE.

HAVE FUN!

THE CLASSIC ADVICE ALL YOUR PARENTS AND COACHES ALWAYS GAVE YOU: HAVE FUN! RUSH IS A GREAT TIME TO LEARN ABOUT OUR BROTHERHOOD IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS. SOME EVENTS WILL BE FORMAL, AND SOME WILL BE INFORMAL. REGARDLESS, TRY TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT AND HAVE THE BEST TIME POSSIBLE.

TALK TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE

BETA GAMMA HAS BROTHERS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MANY DIFFERENT THINGS! WE'VE HAD BROTHERS PURSUE CAREERS IN CONSULTING, BANKING, HEALTHCARE, MUSIC, AND SO MUCH MORE. BY TALKING TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EVALUATE YOUR FIT IN THIS FRATERNITY AS WELL AS HEAR DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AND LEARN ABOUT OUR BROTHERHOOD.

TALK TO EVERYONE

"ON THE FIRST DAY OF RUSH, I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO EXPECT. AFTER THE FIRST EVENT, I REALIZED THAT BEING AUTHENTIC AND CURIOUS LED ME TO THE BEST CONVERSATIONS! RUSH IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PEOPLE AND LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF. TRY TO MINIMIZE FEELINGS OF ANXIETY AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!"

IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, COMMENTS,
OR CONCERNS...
PLEASE EMAIL
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FROM OUR BROTHERS...

“HOW DID YOU PREPARE FOR RUSH?”

“WROTE DOWN SOME OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.”

“I TOOK THE TIME TO REALLY THINK ABOUT AND UNDERSTAND WHAT MATTERED TO ME AND HOW AKPSI WOULD FIT INTO THAT.”

“I CAME UP WITH A FEW QUESTIONS I MIGHT BE ASKED AND TO ASK OTHER PEOPLE.

“MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A SUIT AND SOME THINGS IN MIND THAT YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT AKPSI.”

“BE READY TO TAKE YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.”

“COMMUNICATED WITH PREVIOUS PEOPLE THAT RUSHED AND MEMBERS, AND ALWAYS MAINTAINED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.”

“I PREPARED FOR RUSH BY PREPARING A FEW STORIES OR FUN FACTS TO TELL ABOUT MYSELF, AS WELL AS UNIQUE QUESTIONS TO ASK THE CHAPTERS.”

“I HONESTLY JUST WENT INTO RUSH WITH AN OPEN MIND AND WAS LOOKING TO CREATE GENUINE CONNECTIONS RATHER THAN ASKING RANDOM QUESTIONS.”

“I TRIED TO GO INTO THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE WITH A POSITIVE MINDSET AND KNEW THAT EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN PATH.”



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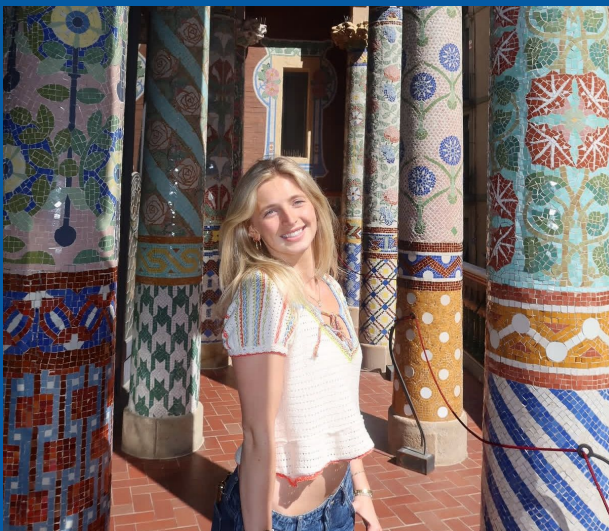
WHY AKPSI & TIPS



TINA PAXHIA
FALL '23

WHY AKPSI: I LOVE AKPSI BECAUSE ALL THE PEOPLE ARE GENUINELY SO NICE AND FUN TO BE AROUND!! NO MATTER WHO YOU TALK TO YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT CONVERSATION AND LITERALLY EVERYONE IS THERE FOR EACH OTHER! I'VE ASKED SO MANY ACTIVES QUESTIONS THAT I'VE NEVER MET AND THEY NEVER HESITATE TO HELP ME IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM!! AKPSI IS THE BEST!

RUSH TIP: BE YOURSELF! EVERYONE YOU TALK TO WANTS TO GET TO KNOW THE REAL YOU WHICH I'M SURE IS AWESOME!



FRANKI SHERWOOD
FALL '24

WHY AKPSI: I CHOSE AKPSI BECAUSE AS SOON AS I WALKED IN THE ROOM DURING MEET THE CHAPTER THE ENERGY WAS ELECTRIC. ALL THE ACTIVES WERE TALKING AND LAUGHING AND ENJOYING THE EXPERIENCE. AFTER GETTING TO MEET SOME ACTIVES I COULD TELL HOW MUCH THEY CARE NOT ONLY ABOUT THE CHAPTER BUT THEIR FRIENDS WITH IN IT. I AM BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR AKPSI AND CAN TRULY SAID I HAVE FOUND LIFE LONG FRIENDS. I HAVE PEOPLE TO GO TO NO MATTER THE OCCASION WHETHER IT'S TO ASK AN OLDER MEMBER FOR ADVICE ON AN INTERVIEW OR NEEDING TO DEBRIEF AFTER A LONG DAY. AKPSI IS NOT JUST FRIENDS, IT'S A COMMUNITY AND FAMILY THAT YOU WILL HAVE FOR LIFE!

RUSH TIP: ALWAYS BE YOURSELF! TRY AND TALK TO AS MANY ACTIVES AS POSSIBLE SO YOU CAN GET A GENUINE FEEL OF THE CHAPTER! WE ARE ALL SO EXCITED TO LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU AND WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE!



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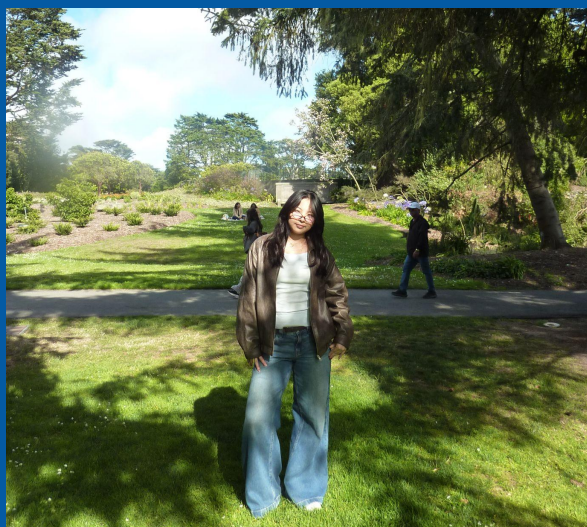
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ELIZABETH POWER
SPRING '25

WHY AKPSI: I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IT'S IMPORTANT TO SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE MOTIVATED AND EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING. WE ALL COME FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND SEEK DIFFERENT FUTURES, BUT WE'RE UNITED BY THE SAME PASSION FOR THIS FRATERNITY AND FOR SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER. IN SUCH A SHORT TIME, I'VE ALREADY LEARNED SO MUCH FROM THIS UNIQUE GROUP OF PEOPLE. AKPSI HAS TRULY BECOME LIKE A FAMILY TO ME.

RUSH TIP: HAVE FUN! RUSH IS SUCH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE, SO MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY CONVERSATION. REMEMBER—IT'S ALL ABOUT GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER, BOTH FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE AND YOURS. BE YOURSELF, LET YOUR PERSONALITY SHINE THROUGH, AND MAKE THE PROCESS YOUR OWN!



OLIVIA HALIM
SPRING '26

WHY AKPSI: THE BIGGEST REASON I CHOSE AKPSI WAS TO FIND A FAMILY AWAY FROM HOME. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, I'VE MET SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME, ENCOURAGED ME, AND MADE ME FEEL LIKE I TRULY BELONG. THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOMEONE THERE FOR ME, WHETHER IT WAS CELEBRATING A GOOD MOMENT, HELPING ME THROUGH A STRESSFUL ONE, OR SIMPLY BEING SOMEONE I COULD COUNT ON. I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO AKPSI FOR GIVING ME COMMUNITY AND BELONGING.

RUSH TIP: ONE TIP I WANT TO SHARE TO RUSHEES IS TO RELAX! RUSHING IN BIG CROWDS CAN SEEM SUPER DAUNTING, BUT TAKING A SECOND TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND RELAX YOUR BODY WILL LET YOUR CONVERSATIONS FLOW MORE NATURALLY. OTHER THAN THAT JUST HAVE FUN WITH IT! ACTIVES ARE JUST AS EXCITED TO MEET YOU AND ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO HAVE A CONVERSATION. GOOD LUCK AT RUSH!



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WHY AKPSI & TIPS



MADELYN BURTON
FALL '25

WHY AKPSI: THROUGHOUT MY FRESHMAN YEAR I STRUGGLED WITH FAILURE, FINDING MY PLACE, AND EMBRACING THE OPPORTUNITIES COLLEGE HAD TO OFFER. I DECIDED TO RUSH AKPSI, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME COLLEGE CLICKED FOR ME. I HAVE MET SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS, MADE MEMORIES I WILL CHERISH FOREVER, AND HAD A CONSTANT SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT IS THERE FOR ANYTHING I NEED. THROUGH AKPSI I HAVE TRULY FOUND MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME AND BROTHERS FOR LIFE. I AM CONSISTENTLY SURROUNDED BY INDIVIDUALS THAT PUSH ME TO BE THE BEST PERSON I CAN BE PROFESSIONALLY, ACADEMICALLY, AND PERSONALLY. I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY THIS FRATERNITY IS AND WILL ALWAYS BE THE BEST PART OF MY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

RUSH TIP: AS SIMPLE AS IT SOUNDS, MY BIGGEST PIECE OF ADVICE IS TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF AND REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ALSO INTERVIEWING US! APPROACHING RUSH AS A UNIQUE WAY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, HAVE INTERESTING CONVERSATIONS, AND TEST A NEW COMMUNITY MAKES THE EXPERIENCE SO INCREDIBLY IMPACTFUL. ALTHOUGH IT CAN BE NERVE-WRACKING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE HERE FOR A REASON, AND WE ARE THRILLED TO GET TO KNOW YOU!



THOR AVELAR
FALL '24

WHY AKPSI: WHY AKPSI: AKPSI IS A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION THAT DEMONSTRATES IT THROUGH ITS MEMBERS. THE PEOPLE AT AKPSI ARE THE MOST UNIQUE AND INTERESTING. MAKING IT THE PERFECT PLACE TO BE A UNIQUE AND INTERESTING PERSON AND IMPROVE PROFESSIONALLY BUT MOSTLY IN LIFE IN GENERAL.

RUSH TIP: BE YOURSELF (TRULY) THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN BEING UNIQUE AND PASSIONATE AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS BEING YOURSELF.



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FAVORITE CONNECTIONS

“WHEN I FIRST GOT ASSIGNED MY BIG, I IMMEDIATELY KNEW THAT I WAS GOING TO LOVE AKPSI. JULIA AND I INSTANTLY BECAME CLOSE, AS WE REALIZED WE WERE BASICALLY THE SAME PERSON. I REALIZED THAT NOT ONLY HAD I FOUND A BROTHERHOOD OF AMAZING FRIENDS, BUT ALSO AN ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD GIVE ME THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE IN MY CIRCLE FOR DECADES TO COME. AKPSI DOESN'T SIMPLY REPRESENT A PINNACLE FOR BECOMING YOUR BEST PROFESSIONAL SELF, BUT ALSO A WAY TO DEVELOP PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETTER THAN ANY OTHER METHOD.”

TED NITKA
FALL '25



“ONE OF MY FAVORITE CONNECTIONS I'VE MADE THROUGH AKPSI IS WITH MY SENIOR MENTOR, DYLAN MEYERS! THROUGHOUT PLEDGESHIP, DYLAN AND I WOULD HOST OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS AT A DIFFERENT COFFEE SHOP AROUND BLOOMINGTON. THIS ELEMENT OF OUR MEETINGS MEANT A LOT TO ME BECAUSE I FELT LIKE I GOT TO DISCOVER SO MANY NEW SPOTS ON AND OFF CAMPUS THAT I OTHERWISE MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT. I COULD NOT BE MORE GRATEFUL TO HAVE DYLAN AS MY MENTOR. THROUGH OUR MEETINGS, HE HELPED ME GROW TO BE CONFIDENT AS A PROFESSIONAL, AND AS A FRIEND COMFORTABLE BEING MYSELF. MY PLEDGESHIP PROCESS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE SAME WITHOUT DYLAN'S SUPPORT, AND I AM THANKFUL TO AKPSI FOR PAIRING US AS MENTOR/MENTEE!”

ROSIE KERRIGAN
FALL '24





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RUSH PROCESS Q&A

DO I HAVE TO BE A KELLEY STUDENT?

AKPSI ALLOWS ALL MAJORS ACROSS CAMPUS TO RUSH AND PLEDGE OUR FRATERNITY! WE HAVE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS FROM HAMILTON-LUGAR TO BIOLOGY MAJORS AND ENGLISH MAJORS. WE'VE EVEN HAD CHEMISTRY AND JACOBS STUDENTS! EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!

DO I NEED TO ATTEND ALL RUSH EVENTS?

WHILE WE RECOMMEND IT, ATTENDANCE TO ALL RUSH EVENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP INTO ALPHA KAPPA PSI.

WHAT ALL DO I NEED TO APPLY?

ATTEND AS MANY RUSH EVENTS AS YOU CAN AND BE SURE TO FILL OUT OUR APPLICATION!

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**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU AT
OUR EVENTS!**