

## TBS Western District Officer Position

Hello there, I am writing this letter to express my interest in running for a position in a Western District officer position. The position I am running for this year would be that of District President. After spending an amazing year as a district officer, I was inspired by how much the district president helps others around the district. I was able to handle the work to life balance as a VPSP and I believe that I can do that as well for the president position even with its increased workload. However, if there is a better candidate than me, I would be willing to run for whatever position I am most needed in. My goal in life is to assist others in their well-being, which upon arriving at NAU I saw the TBS chapter servicing the band, this is what enticed me to join the chapter. After a year of being district VPSP I saw how much it can do for others and would like to do the same for even more people in the west.

This upcoming year is going to be a new chapter for the west, with both amazing counselors stints coming to an end, having a person who has held a district office position before would hopefully allow for a smooth transition into a stage for the west. With the position of Presidents main charge being to communicate both district and national affairs to the individual chapters having a familiar face would make communication easier. Throughout my time as the district VPSP I have had to have talk to most officers of each chapter, as well as being able to attend all but one chapter's meetings which has been a wonderful experience. I would hope to improve chapter to chapter communication throughout the year.

To go with that last sentiment a goal this year that I would investigate is possibly bringing more in person events even if they are a more localized events such as Arizona days, formally state days. I know some places do still have them but bringing the district bond closer to those chapters that are further away would allow us to meet so many more people. My hope in all of this would be to give sisters the amazing experience that I have been able to have as a district officer, meeting so many wonderful people around the district.

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### Summary of Qualifications

- 6+ Years of TBS Experience
- 3+ Years of TBS Leadership Experience
- Upheld National, District, Chapter, and Committee Charges
- Have attended Four district conventions as well as a National Convention
- Worked with a KKPsi counterpart at chapter and district level

### Education

<i>University of Arizona (in Progress)</i> M.A.- Masters of Teaching and Learning	Graduation Spring 2025
<i>Northern Arizona University (in Progress)</i> B.S.- Secondary Education Earth Science	Graduation May 2024
<i>Twentynine Palms High School</i> Highschool Diploma	Graduation June 2018

### Previous Officer Positions

Western District Vice President of Special Projects	Spring 2023 – Spring 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Director of Service Activities</li><li>○ Moderator of the Sisterhood</li><li>○ Guardian of the Sisterhood</li><li>○ Alumni Relations Officer</li><li>○ Historian</li><li>○ All Chair Positions</li></ul>	
Alpha Chi Vice President of Special Projects	Spring 2020 - Fall 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Director of Service Activities</li><li>○ Moderator of the Sisterhood</li><li>○ Guardian of the Sisterhood</li><li>○ Music Chair</li></ul>	

### Relevant Work

- Reorganized the WDVSP google drive
- Helped update the District website
- Caught up 6 years' worth of district history to the district document
- Ran Snarky's challenge where challenges were created as well as social post

- Simplified Snarky’s challenge point system
- Submitted District Lyre Piece
- Supported the district in focus on five
- Redid Snarky’s vest
- Created a WD Discord
- Made social post to hype WDC
- Ran chapter visits for WD
- Started work on a district yearbook
- Ran Trick-or-Treat for cans with my counterpart for AX
- Hosted AX Sister retreat during Covid-19 years
- Brought back in person events after the Covid Shutdown for AX

## **Littles**

### Brother Littles

- Amber “Naejem!” Young

### Sister Littles

- Anna “La:B^UHlle” Rilley
- Jolina “Eil^UHn;wy” Andrews
- Sammi “Æðe...lUHgyðe” Bergman

Dear Western District,

My name is Kelly Blackledge and I am the current president of the Alpha Chi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. This letter seeks to recommend Matthew Councill for the position of Western District President for the upcoming 2024-2025 cycle.

Upon entering college, Matthew assumed the role of 'grandpa' before I was a membership candidate of Alpha Chi. Like a typical grandpa, he was patient, thoughtful, and helpful to all the new freshmen in the band. His voluntary commitment and eagerness to assist beyond the chapter reflect his generosity and dedication to the ideals Tau Beta Sigma. Both within and out of Tau Beta Sigma, he consistently encourages others to try new things and will lead impromptu socials.

Matthew's dedication extends beyond Alpha Chi; he also actively supports and engages with the Brothers of Gamma Kappa. Despite scheduling conflicts, Matthew consistently attends both sister and brother meetings, embodying collaboration and unity. He encourages others to attend joint events and to go to unrequired ones. When there has been tension between the Sisters and Brothers, Matthew approaches it justly and provides helpful insight to both sides. His efforts in fostering strong relationships between the sisterhood and brotherhood have been instrumental in strengthening the joint bond.

Throughout his time at NAU, Matthew has displayed dedication to our organization in various ways. He has helped sisters in applying for leadership roles, facilitated events, and contributed to countless other chapter goals. His approachable nature and proactive attitude have earned him the respect and dependability of our entire chapter. Even being in another city from the rest of the chapter, Matthew continues to check on the chapter and keep us updated about District and National events.

Matthew's advocacy for active participation is evident in his encouragement for sisters to voice their opinions and engage in decision-making processes during meetings. His ideas and passion for progress serve as an inspiration to the sisters, motivating others to contribute meaningfully to our shared goals.

His leadership qualities and commitment to the organization make him an ideal candidate for the role of Western District President. Number two of the eight essential factors, demonstrated loyalty and dependability to those persons and institutions deserving of it, is what Matthew embodies the most. He is one of the people who I go to the most for advice, questions, or assistance with anything Tau Beta Sigma related. Matthew has invested himself into our chapter and continues to hold the same standard as Western District VSPS. I have no doubt that this factor will remain unwavering if he assumes the position of Western District President.

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