

Roads and Monuments

Introduction

I have come to notice that the small details are often overlooked. Everyone was looking at what the next big thing would be. This did not interest me – I was more interested in the system: How it worked, how we can improve it, and what is it that I could do to make this organization better for the next generation.

This semester, I have found ways to lighten the load for future officer boards. I have achieved that by integrating many IT and Design solutions to the way we do things. We now have a robust cloud file system, complete with the necessary database tools and resources. We now have a modern website a distinct reputation about us. Most of all, we have the members. Without the members, there is no organization, no Beta Alpha Psi & Accounting Society.

A Bit of Perspective

People can be taught to manage; few can actually lead. Some are disconnected from reality, where others are grounded in it. There are a number of philosophy schools one can base their principles off of, which in the end, influence their perception of reality and who is being lead.

For some, becoming an officer is a designation of superiority. In their mind, they believe they are the crème of the crop, the best the organization has to offer. Everyone is judged accordingly, using him or herself as a standard in which everyone has to compare against.

I have a different perspective. With Beta Alpha Psi & Accounting Society, I see each officer position as a chance to serve the members in a different manner, a way of giving back to an organization that does a great amount for the community. Officers are neither superior nor inferior to their members, merely equals. Only, one has a different designation from all the others which allows him or her to help others.

I have done what I could as Director of Correspondence, Vice President, and as a member. With the backing of the Fall 2014 board, I have been able to improve upon many of the resources we have that are available to the members. Now, I move to the next challenge, and that is the position of President.

The Next Challenge

John F. Kennedy had once asked the American public “Ask not what America can do for you, but what you can do for America.” To me, it is a call to action. A challenge to improve the way things are so that future generations may reap the benefits. This cannot be accomplished alone, nor can it be achieved from scratch. This is a process that takes time, teamwork, and determination. It takes a high degree of self-awareness, of knowing when to ask others for their help.

The best kind of environment to be working in is an environment where ideas flourish. Where one individual can suggest an idea, and another capitalizes on it. Building off one another’s ideas is paramount toward success, and I want this to continue. I want many of the things that were developed in recent semesters to go on.

In addition, I will be developing the next set of officers so that they may be able to bring in their ideas to help improve the organization. It will be their hard work that makes the organization run. I will be behind the scenes, rooting for them, developing them, and most of all, trusting them.

Conclusion

There were two mottos of which I have followed this semester when it came to this organization of ours. The first was to “build roads, not monuments”. With this take, I was more interested in developing the infrastructure of the organization, not trying to get the next big name. The other was this: You will never walk alone. I had a great time learning all the new faces this Fall. I will have a great time learning about each and every one of the members next semester. It is only through an understanding of one another where I can truly help.

My last statement is this: What makes you think I’m done doing what I do?

Sincerely,

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