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OVERVIEW

WHAT IS BETA ALPHA PSI?

Beta Alpha Psi (ΒΑΨ) is a national honorary organization for Accounting, and Financial Information students and professionals. The primary objective of the organization is to encourage and recognize scholastic and professional excellence in accounting and related fields. This includes promoting the study and practice of accounting, MIS, and finance, providing opportunities for self-development, associating with members and professionals, and encouraging a sense of ethical, social and public responsibility.

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The emblem of the organization denotes the promise of the accounting profession. The rising sun signifies the profession as one rising even higher among economic activities. The crossed keys symbolize knowledge of accounting as a means of opening doors of the financial world. The letters Beta, Alpha, and Psi denote scholarship, social responsibility and practicality, respectively.

HISTORY OF BETA ALPHA PSI

The Beta Alpha Psi national organization was founded in 1919. There are over 280 chapters on college and university campuses with over 300,000 members initiated since Beta Alpha Psi’s formation.

San Diego State University founded the Beta Eta Chapter in 1960.

CHAPTER AND NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The Beta Eta Chapter Bylaws and National Beta Alpha Psi Constitution and Bylaws are available to all candidates and members on our website: bay.sdsu.edu
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

300+ Chapters and Growing!
At every school, a local chapter is made up of student and faculty members. Student officers guide a chapter’s activities and operations, which are all overseen by faculty advisers.

Professional Reputation
Beta Alpha Psi is recognized and respected by the business community as a premier collegiate organization. The reputation of Beta Alpha Psi can open doors to outstanding career opportunities in the fields of finance, accounting and information systems. Potential employers know that when they see Beta Alpha Psi on a resume, they are getting the best!

Bonding Through Activities and Service
As a member of Beta Alpha Psi, you will have ongoing opportunities to participate in campus and community service activities. Service activities include participating in fund raising projects for charity, voluntary tutoring and assisting in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Communication Skills
Through numerous chances to make presentations at local high schools and introductory college classes, as well as at annual and regional meetings, Beta Alpha Psi members will develop strong communication skills.

Scholastic Achievement
Academic excellence is not only welcomed, it is expected. Beta Alpha Psi requires its members to maintain at least a 3.25 GPA.

Mentors
At many chapters, each Beta Alpha Psi member has a mentor. In the mentor program, Beta Alpha Psi alumni are assigned to new members and pledges, so you can benefit from their experience and advice. Their support can also help you maintain a high level of academic achievement. The Beta Alpha Psi mentor program ensures someone will always be there for you throughout your college career — and beyond.

Enhanced University Experience
Membership in Beta Alpha Psi is a wonderful and rewarding way to meet like-minded people who share many of the same goals and interests that you do.

Networking Opportunities
Members are also able to develop professional friendships and relationships through various networking activities. These include field trips to companies and firms, attending joint meetings with professional organizations, and service activities.

Future Contacts
Overall, Beta Alpha Psi is a tremendous way to interact with professionals and future professionals from whom you may later wish to seek employment. It is also a great way to develop strategic contacts and relationships with faculty members who can provide good potential job sources and references.
AN INTERVIEW WITH A BETA ALPHA PSI ALUMNI

Why did you get involved with Beta Alpha Psi (be honest)?

On the first day of my intermediate accounting class, BAP officers came to talk about the organization's purpose and its benefits. I decided that I would attend the informational (and to get free pizza). The informational convinced me that Beta was definitely one of the top organizations to join if I was serious about exploring the opportunities within the financial information profession. After 2 semesters of involvement, I decided that I would like to become an officer to make more of an impact on our campus and within our community, and the rest is history.

What did you learn from your involvement in Beta Alpha Psi (be specific and give examples of projects or events)?

One of the most significant takeaways from my involvement in Beta Alpha Psi was that there are a lot of smart people within Beta, and that being smart is not enough. Being passionate about whatever career or other activities you're interested in is what really makes you stand out within BAP. Beta also really helped me develop as a leader on my campus and gain more confidence in my abilities as a young professional.

What is something you got out of Beta Alpha Psi that you did not expect?

I would have never thought that I would have made as many significant friendships as I did during my time in BAP. I am actually in a wedding for one of the friends this fall with 3 other BAP members. I have also developed some really good relationships with the faculty that has continued after school.

How has your experience in Beta Alpha Psi influenced/helped advance your career?

Beta Alpha Psi has significantly influenced my career. Through the relationships I have been able to make within Beta, I was able to find several mentors. These mentors have helped me establish goals for myself within my careers, as well as helping me evaluate my progress towards those goals.

What have been the biggest challenges in your career?

I'm still new to my position, so everything is "challenging" as I transition from a student to professional. I'm just trying to soak in as much as possible in order to excel in my career.

What should current students in Beta Alpha Psi do to increase the value they obtain from the organization?

I would encourage members to immerse themselves in the organization's activities: take on leadership positions; attend Annual and Regional Meetings; and not to be afraid to meet people
(both collegiate members and professionals). It's also not enough just to "meet" people, but try to develop as many relationships as possible.

Interviewed with Ozo Nnamadim '15 Audit Associate, KPMG LLP

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Membership in Beta Alpha Psi includes those persons of good moral character who have achieved scholastic excellence in accounting, MIS, or finance, and who have been initiated according to the ritual after one candidate semester. The requirements of candidates are listed below.

Undergraduate Candidate

- Declared Accounting, Finance or MIS major
- Based on major, completed Accounting 331
- 3.25 GPA in upper division major courses (e.g. "ACCTG" courses only)
- 3.25 overall GPA or 3.50 in most recent 30 units

Graduate Candidate

- Declared Accounting, Finance, or MIS major
- Enrolled in 6 units of graduate study in your major.
- 3.25 for graduate level courses in declared major
- 3.25 Overall GPA

Undergraduate Candidate Apprentice

- Declared Accounting, Finance, or MIS major
- Be enrolled in Accounting 202 or if Finance or MIS major must be enrolled in 3 units of courses required for the major but not those courses required by all Business majors (i.e. Accounting 201, BA 323, MIS 301, BA 360)
- Have completed at least one year of collegiate courses
- 3.50 major GPA or a 3.50 SDSU overall GPA; if no SDSU overall GPA exists then a minimum overall GPA of 3.75

Graduate Candidate Apprentice

- Declared Accounting, Finance, or MIS major
- Be enrolled in at least 6 units of graduate study in your major beyond the core business classes.

NOTE: A Candidate Apprentice is not required, but rather encouraged to participate in various Beta Alpha Psi events throughout the semester. If at the end of the semester the apprentice has completed all required candidate activities and meets the GPA membership requirement, he or she may be initiated as a member. If at the end of the semester the apprentice meets the GPA requirement but did not have time to complete the other required candidate activities, he or she will advance to candidate status.
**Dress Code**

Professional activities, including the ΒΑΨ Spring Awards Banquet, Meet the Firms, and weekly meetings are specified to be business casual or professional dress. Exercise good judgment by displaying a neat, professional appearance at all times during these events. Business casual is appropriate for weekly meetings.

Business casual can be characterized as a classic, simple look with business professional overtones. Pressed long-sleeve collared shirts and khakis or dark slacks are standard for men and women. The rule of thumb for men is belts should match the color of the shoes and the socks should match the color of the slacks. Women may also wear skirts at an appropriate length.

It is important to pay attention to the fit of your clothing and the message your dress communicates to professionals. Jeans, shorts, cut-offs, revealing or ribbed tank tops, and T-shirts are not appropriate business casual wear.

If you are unsure about a particular item, it is best to practice conservatism. An easy test you can apply is as follows: *When in doubt, leave it out!*
FAQs

"I'm worried about the time commitment necessary to meet the pledge semester requirements. In your experience, how difficult is it to meet these requirements?"

Membership in Beta Alpha Psi does require a significant commitment, but only if you wish to maximize your experience. Our minimum requirements for Active Status are easily attainable, even for those with a full class load and a job. There are plenty of opportunities to meet the requirements without putting undue stress on your schedule. All in all, you may have to devote 2-4 hours per week to achieve Active Status.

"I'm already a member of SAS or ALPFA, what are the benefits to becoming a member of Beta Alpha Psi as well?"

Being a member of both Beta Alpha Psi and SAS allows you to have increased exposure to recruiters. Firms are on a rotational schedule so there is no overlap in the companies you will see. Additionally, some activities may count towards active status in both organizations.

"I have heard that the dues for Beta Alpha Psi are expensive. Is that true?"

Candidate dues for your pledge semester in Beta Alpha Psi are $140. As a national organization, we are required to pay $55 of these fees to the national Beta Alpha Psi office.

There are a number of benefits that go along with being a chapter of a national organization. Additional opportunities include: regional and national conferences, competitions, and widely-recognized prestige.

Following your pledge semester as a candidate, regular semester dues for members are $85. These dues help fund numerous activities including: socials, professional meetings, and community-building initiatives like our financial literacy program. Also, members and candidates both attend Meet the Firms (fall semester) or the Spring Banquet (spring semester) at no additional cost.

"Specifically, what opportunities do you have for me to gain leadership experience?"

Our chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is run by student executive officers under the guidance of our faculty advisor. These officers are elected through a formal election process at the end of each semester.
There are also a number of support committees comprised of both pledges and members. These committees must elect a chair to preside over committee meetings and report to the designated officer.

"I have been invited to/have joined other honors societies already. What makes Beta Alpha Psi more than just 'another line on the resume'?"

Beta Alpha Psi is an active, engaging and highly dedicated organization with participation requirements to both become a member and to remain in active status. Candidates, members, and alumni get to know each other in both a professional and social setting. New candidates and members can expect to learn critical networking, interviewing, and general recruiting skills and techniques.

"What does 'Active Status' mean to employers?"

Making Active Status, while important for all members, does not guarantee you anything during the recruiting process. You need to be able to speak to your peers, professionals and potential employers about what you did during your membership. What projects did your committee(s) work on? How did you contribute to the success of the chapter? In what ways did you add value to future members? How did you impact the community? What you should focus on is maximizing your Beta Alpha Psi experience.

What is meant by this, in a nutshell, is that you want to make a name for yourself during your time as an active chapter member. You should strive to create meaningful experiences from which you can facilitate your professional growth and pursue your career ambitions. Perhaps most importantly, you need to focus on establishing and sustaining relationships which will benefit you and others long after you leave SDSU. And that will require quite a bit more time than 2-4 hours per week.

Simply put, being a member of Beta Alpha Psi just isn't "enough" in the eyes of employers. They already know you have the grades. What they want to see is that you have the ambition, drive, desire and personality to succeed in a dynamic, fast and client-driven industry. They want to see that you have that extra "something" that will add value to their clients and their team.

If you have any questions of your own, feel free to contact our:

Chapter President, Joyce Mattingly, at BAPBetaEta.President@gmail.com, or
VP of Communications, Sara Holloway, at BAPBetaEta.Communications@gmail.com
AGENDA OF ATTENDANCE
Beta Eta Chapter – Spring 2018

To attain active status for the semester, each member, candidate, and candidate apprentice must complete the following tasks. Only participants obtaining active status will have a profile included in the Directory. All others will be shown by name only, as an inactive participant.

All of these requirements MUST be met and reported by 5:00 PM on April 18th, 2018 to obtain active status. An end of semester active status member list will be available the week leading up to April 16th for all participants to review, request corrections, and submit updates. No further exceptions or changes will be accepted after this date.

DUES

Pay dues of $85 for Members or $140 for Candidates and Candidate Apprentices by February 4th at 4pm. Please note that the dues for Candidates and Candidate Apprentices include a one-time fee paid to our National chapter. Dues are non-refundable.

ICEBREAKER SOCIAL (02/04/18)

Come get to know members of Beta Alpha Psi and sign up for committees.

MEET THE FIRMS (Fall Event)

Attend Meet the Firms to network with professionals.

SOCIAL EVENT (TBD)

Join us and get to know other members and officers!

OFFICER ELECTIONS AND INITIATION CEREMONY (End of Semester)

Attend the Beta Alpha Psi elections and initiation ceremony on April 25th.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Attend five (5) BAΨProfessional Meetings during the semester. A professional meeting shall be defined as a fifty (50) minute presentation or activity that is professional in nature and has a professional program.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fulfill the community service requirements of ten (10) hours for members, or fifteen (15) hours for candidates and candidate apprentices. You may submit up to five (5) non-BAΨcommunity service hours to go towards meeting this requirement. Any non-BAΨcommunity service hours must be reported, in writing, to the VP of Reporting by the end of the month in which they occur,
or the deadline for active status, whichever is sooner. You must obtain verification of your participation in any such event.

Tutoring is limited to half of your respective community service requirements (five (5) for members or seven (7) for candidates and candidate apprentices).

Please note that a “no-call, no-show” to any community service event may result in disqualification from Active and Outstanding Status. Please call and let the officer in charge know (at least 24 hours before the event) if you cannot make it, for whatever reason. Contact information for all the officers is located in the back of the informational handbook.

COMMITTEES

In addition to the above requirements, each candidate/candidate apprentice must serve as a committee member. Please note that failure to reasonably assist with duties throughout the semester may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, result in forfeiture of active status.

ACHIEVING OUTSTANDING STATUS

All of the above requirements must be completed in addition to attending an additional three (3) BAΨ, or Non-BAΨ professional meetings, participating in a total of twenty (20) hours of community service (only five (5) hours of which may be from Non-BAΨ community service events), and completing two (2) of the following options:

1. Serve as a committee Chairperson.
2. Actively participate in the PAL program, as defined by the PAL program guidelines on page 14 of the informational handbook.
3. Be nominated and Campaign (including speech) for an officer position.
4. Attend a total of ten (10) Professional Meetings.
5. Tutor an additional three (3) hours (above and beyond the 20 community service hours required for Outstanding Status).

NOMINATIONS, SPEECHES AND ELECTIONS

We encourage all members to get involved and run for an officer position. At the end of each semester, the membership elects officers to serve in the following semester. Each position lasts only one semester, except President-Elect and Treasurer, which last for one year each.

This semester, Nominations for the Fall 2018 Beta Eta officers will be held on November 19th. Campaigning will continue until December 7th when speeches will take place at the special elections meeting. At this meeting, candidates will be initiated and we will vote on officers for Spring 2017.

Members of the current Executive Board are available to provide interested chapter participants with important information, insight and candor. We strongly advise that those participants who
are interested in running for office get involved in chapter activities and committees, and to discuss the duties and responsibilities of an office with the current officer and our faculty advisor. If you think you might be interested, come see us!

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Professional Meetings
This semester, we will hold our professional meetings on Wednesdays at 12:30 P.M. in Pride Suite. These locations are subject to change, and any changes will be announced in a timely manner. The meetings are usually presentations by national, regional, and local professional business firms and range in topics from industry specialization to ethics discussions.

Chapter Workshops
Meetings dedicated to chapter administration that do not meet the definition of a Professional Meeting include, but are not limited to, meetings held for Orientation, Nominations, Speeches or Elections.

Spring Awards Banquet
The Chapter hosts the Spring Awards Banquet each spring semester where the Charles W. Lamden School of Accountancy honors scholarship and awards recipients. The event also allows networking and interaction among local area professionals, faculty and chapter members.

Community Service
We donate our time to charitable functions by participating in community service events. Beta Eta has participated in feeding the underprivileged at St. Vincent de Paul, Juvenile Diabetes Walk, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and tutoring. Our chapter also participates in the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) in the spring semesters. Beta Eta has also developed a Financial Literacy program to help arm children and young adults with valuable life skills in the areas of budgeting, savings and college investment.

Other Chapter Activities
Social events, firm tours and/or field trips are held throughout the semester. Some of these events will provide opportunities to interact with local professionals. Past social activities include bowling tournaments, Padres baseball games, kickball in the park, and barbeques.
**NATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Annual Meeting**
The Beta Alpha Psi National Convention is held annually during the summer. Members are highly encouraged to attend. The Annual Meeting provides opportunities to network, attend workshops, and participate in national-level competitions, such as the Best Practices Competition and the “Project Run With It” competition. More information on the meetings can be found at the BAΨ National website: [www.bap.org](http://www.bap.org).

**SUPERIOR CHAPTER STATUS**
As part of Beta Alpha Psi’s status as a national organization, we must meet certain point requirements for the National Chapter. Our chapter earns points for participating in activities such as organizing social events, volunteering for community service projects and attending weekly meetings. The point system is structured to encourage the individual chapters to meet the organization’s objectives of self-development, ethical behavior, and social responsibility. Chapters that excel, as measured by points, are recognized at the annual National Convention and are designated “Superior” chapters. Our chapter has been awarded Superior Status consecutively since fall 1991.

**GOLD CHALLENGE**
The Beta Eta chapter was one of fourteen Beta Alpha Psi chapters to receive the first annual Gold Challenge Award in August 2009. For the second consecutive year, the Beta Eta Chapter recently won the Gold Challenge Award in August 2010 at the Beta Alpha Psi National Convention. The Gold Challenge, sponsored by KPMG, is an achievement that recognizes and honors those chapters who go above and beyond the requirements for Superior Status. To be eligible for the award, chapters must (1) be a Superior Chapter for the last two years, (2) have participated in a Regional Meeting, (3) participated in a National Meeting. Additionally, each chapter must submit a 10-minute video which explains and/or demonstrates why their chapter deserves the KPMG Gold Challenge Award. Details about the award can be found at [www.bap.org/compGold.aspx](http://www.bap.org/compGold.aspx).
COMMITTEES

All candidates are required to actively participate in at least one committee. These committees will meet about once a week to work on their projects.

Community Service Committee

Members of this committee will assist Felicia Nilsson, our VP of Planning in the planning and execution of community service events. Each Beta Alpha Psi member is required to do a certain number of community service hours each semester, so it is essential that members are provided with enough opportunities to fulfill this requirement. Members of this committee will spend time searching for possible events and assisting in recording member participation at events.

Professional Activities Committee

The Professional Activities Committee will aid the Jiawei Li, our VP of Professional Activities in the delivery and setup of food at our Professional Meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The committee will be responsible for escorting speakers from the parking lot to the meetings.

Gold Challenge Committee

This Committee will document our chapter’s events and community service. At the end of the semester they will compile the video and photos into a competitive video that will be submitted to Beta Alpha Psi Nationals.

Best Practices Committee

Best practices are activities created and completed by a chapter to further specific goals identified by the board of directors of Beta Alpha Psi and by Deloitte LLP (Deloitte). These activities exemplify the spirit and purpose of Beta Alpha Psi and, if applicable, allow other chapters to emulate those activities.

Leadership and Management

Leadership and management are very different but both are critical to success. How does your chapter define Leadership and Management based upon your chapter philosophy? What has your chapter done in the past year to differentiate or combine the two traits into your chapter activities? How have you prepared your members for both? Finally, how does your chapter measure its success in promoting Management and Leadership? What take away can your chapter provide other chapters in this topic?

Alignment of Officer Activities

Each chapter needs to align performance, efforts and goals in order to lead the chapter effectively. This includes delegating through different activities such as professional, service and social activities. Provide the overall organizational structure for your chapter leadership and define the roles and responsibilities for each officer position. What forms of communication does your chapter use to avoid “working in silos”? Who is responsible for delegating responsibilities and why? How has your officer alignment changed or evolved over the past three years? What were some of the lessons learned from past mistakes? What were some of the successes? What is your chapter currently doing to keep your leadership/officer alignment dynamic?
Good or Great!

Sometimes the good can get in the way of great. What does your chapter do to evaluate their processes to avoid settling for good in order to strive to be great? BAP has been around since 1919. The organization, the mission and the scope has changed and will continue to change. This is why BAP remains one of the more prestigious student organizations within the US and Globally. Provide examples of what your chapter has done to venture outside of its comfort zone to include new and different ideas. Provide some examples that other chapters can benefit from. What has your chapter done to reach out to potential new members such as finance and IS majors? What review process has your chapter used to answer the question, “Are we good or are we great?” In the structure of your organization, what allows you to move forward?

Faculty Advisor

“It is my pleasure to serve as the faculty advisor, and I enjoy the opportunity to work with, guide, and mentor such a great group of future professionals. As a former student president, I realize the role Beta Alpha Psi can play in the development of our students, and look forward to ensuring this organization plays a similar role for our students here at SDSU. I thank you all for your dedication and hard work towards making our Beta Eta Chapter one of the best chapters in the nation,”

Brett Kawada
bkawada@mail.sdsu.edu
Dear Members and Candidates:

Welcome to a new year with the Beta Eta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at San Diego State University! I am excited to serve as the faculty advisor and continue the standard of excellence set under my predecessor, Dr. David DeBoskey. The past year marked another distinguished year in our chapter’s history. We were successful in competitions at both the national and regional levels. We were national finalists in the Deloitte LLP Best Practices competition under the Alignment of Office Activities category. In addition, one of our members was selected to compete in the Project Run With It competition at the national meeting in Baltimore this past August, and together with teammates from other universities created a winning strategic business plan to be used by an Atlanta-based not-for-profit organization. Lastly, the Beta Eta Chapter continued our streak of 26 years as a Superior Chapter.

The success of any organization is achieved with contributions from all levels. I welcome our new candidates and encourage you to participate in as many events as possible, absorbing all you can along the way. As a former president myself, I can confirm that there will be many events added to your likely already busy schedules; however, the rewards you will receive, both professionally and personally, will help you to establish a foundation upon which to build a successful career as an accounting professional. In any market, your ability to differentiate yourself from other applicants will determine obtaining employment that you find meaningful. I believe that the reputation of Beta Alpha Psi, both of our chapter locally and of the organization nationally, helps you to make that differentiation.

I would also like to welcome back all continuing members. Your hard work and dedication is what makes Beta Eta the model chapter that it is. I encourage you to continue being actively involved in chapter events and activities. Back when you were a new candidate, it is likely that the devotion exhibited by then members motivated you to strive for induction into chapter membership. It is now your time to guide the way for initiates, and exemplify the qualities that make our chapter what it is today. We have an excellent group of officers working to serve the chapter and lead us into a new year.

As faculty advisor, I welcome the challenges of being involved with a student organization that holds itself to such high standards. I am excited about the opportunity to work with the best students that the Charles W. Lamden School of Accountancy has to offer. As with the classes I teach, I have an open door policy, so please stop by if you ever need to discuss issues related to our chapter. Welcome to a new year. I look forward to working with you all to maintain the high chapter standards of past years and push for even greater accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Brett S. Kawada
Assistant Professor
Faculty Advisor
Hello Beta Alpha Psi Members and Candidates:

My name is Joyce Mattingly and I will be serving as President of our Beta Eta Chapter during the Spring term of 2018. My responsibilities include leading weekly professional and executive board meetings, as well as, managing this highly respected organization. I will also devote my time to ensure that every member of the club is presented with countless opportunities to help develop their accounting career.

I am currently a fourth year undergrad and plan on continuing my education through the BMACC program. I aspire to earn a Master’s in accounting and start my career at a Big 4 Accounting Firm. This is my third semester in Beta Alpha Psi and I am very excited to serve as president. During my time with the club I have been exposed to countless unique opportunities that have helped me develop professionally and academically. Not only have I grown as an accounting major, but I also have been able to expand my network significantly allowing me to discover and experience different opportunities. For example, I have attended many Big Four accounting firm events, such as summer leadership programs. Having the ability to attend these events has definitely helped me realize what I really want regarding my future career. Beta Alpha Psi has helped me work towards achieving my career goals and has helped me realize my potential within the accounting major. I truly believe this organization will provide students with ways to be successful as an accounting student.

I am truly excited to serve as President of Beta Alpha Psi this spring term. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a successful and great semester with all of you!
Hello Beta Alpha Psi Members and Candidates:

My name is Aimee Escolano and I am Beta Alpha Psi’s President-Elect. I am an accounting major in my senior year here at SDSU and I plan on continuing my education through the BMACC program. My responsibilities include providing support to our president, organizing committees, representing Beta Alpha Psi at weekly CBC meetings, and discovering new ways to improve our organization.

Beta Alpha Psi has been a tremendous asset to help me grow as an accounting student and as a professional. I’ve had the opportunity to meet and get to know professionals in a smaller setting, growing my network exponentially. I’ve also built relationships with other like-minded students, which has made life as an accounting student much more enjoyable.

I aim to help our members and candidates through this semester’s recruiting process, as well as provide information and guidance to help them succeed as a student and individual. I hope to inspire members to actively participate in our organization, so that they may all benefit from Beta Alpha Psi as I have.

I am honored to represent Beta Alpha Psi as President-Elect and am excited for what is to come for Spring 2018.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at BAPBetaEta.President.Elect@gmail.com.
Hello fellow members and candidates. My name is Lauren Barrett and I will be serving as the Treasurer of our Beta Eta chapter during the Spring of 2018. My responsibility is to maintain the Chapter’s finances to ensure stable incoming prospective opportunities for our upcoming students and future professionals.

I am a graduate student working towards a MSA with an emphasis in accounting information systems. As an accounting major, I have learned that accounting really is the underlying reason we can trust the companies we do business with as it helps keep businesses honest. As a member of Beta Alpha Psi, I have had the opportunity to improve upon many professional skills such as networking, selling my abilities, and how to better align my education to my career goals.

My goals within the accounting field is to get into IT risk and assurance with one of the bigger accounting firms in the area, as well as obtain the various certifications that are needed. Ultimately, I desire to gain as much exposure and experience as I can my first few of years out of college. However, after such time, I might consider moving to a smaller firm that works with Mom & Pop shops and entrepreneurs since I enjoy being a part of that community.

An organizational goal I have for this year is to improve upon documentation of budgetary items. While documentation in the past has been sufficient, it is my belief that it can be improved upon in such a way that would better assist the audit team when they conduct the audit at year end.
My name is Jiawei Li and I will be serving as the Vice President of Professional Development for the Spring 2018 semester. My responsibilities include communicating and scheduling BAP’s professional meetings, preparing for their arrivals and setting up the lunch after the presentation.

I am an accounting major in my senior and am planning on minor in MIS. I joined BAP last semester and I’ve been assisting my predecessor also my good friend in setting up the events. I’ve learned and gained more than I expected from an organization. BAP is no ordinary organization, it provides opportunities and resources to sharpen my skills for my future. I hope to take on a role in BAP and contribute more to BAP.

My main goal for the Spring 2018 semester is to bring in more professionals from different backgrounds and industries. Having them share their personal and unique insights to our members and help them find the perfect paths that they desire.
My name is Felicia Nilsson and I will be serving as the Vice President of Planning for the Spring 2018 semester. My responsibilities include setting up community service events, managing our tutoring program and planning the Spring Awards Banquet.

I joined Beta Alpha Psi last semester (Fall 2017). Through BAP, I have been able to network with professionals from highly respected companies, volunteer at many valuable community service events and get to know other motivated and career driven students. Being part of Beta Alpha Psi has been extremely valuable because of the connections I have made and the knowledge I have gained about the accounting field and the professional world.

My goals for this semester include providing many fun and valuable opportunities for candidates and members to fulfill the community service requirement to become/remain an active member and improving the effectiveness of the tutoring program.

I am very excited to serve as your Vice President of Planning for Spring 2018 and I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Feel free to contact me at bapbetaeta.planning@gmail.com if you have any questions.
Greetings All,

My name is Sara Holloway, and I am the Vice President of Communications for Spring 2018. I am currently a graduate student, working towards the MSA, in the Accounting Information Systems specialization. Prior to the MSA program, I was an alumna of SDSU, having earned my BA in Mathematics here.

I have appreciated all of the great information we receive and the connections we make via Beta Alpha Psi. This is such a helpful organization, and I'm so glad to not only participate, but now assist as the VP of Communications. I have enjoyed working in similar positions in military-affiliated organizations while living as a Navy spouse in Asia, Europe, and the United States.

I look forward to taking on the position's responsibilities and ensure members and candidates are kept up to date on BAP happenings. I will also utilize social media for reminders and make sure the Beta Alpha Psi website is a great resource for current and prospective members.
My name is Linh Nguyen and I will be serving as the Vice President of Reporting for the Spring 2018 semester. Currently, I am a BMACC student with an emphasis on taxation. I am seeking to obtain a CPA license and begin my career in public accounting.

My first semester at Beta Alpha Psi was Fall 2017, and I has always learned many things new and unique when I came to BAP meetings. Everyone at BAP has inspiring me to become my better self personally and professionally. My role as the VP of Reporting is to help the club to keep track all of the members’ hours including meeting attendances and community services hours. I am excited to welcome returning and new members, especially sophomore students when Beta Alpha Psi just changed the membership regulation. My main goal in this club is not only to grow professionally, but also to build better relationships with my fellow students and empower them to be a leader.

I believe everyone at this organization can be an inspiring leader in the future, and let Beta Alpha Psi be your fuel. I look forward to working with you all in this semester.