

# Vitae

It is not mandatory for a candidate to submit a vita in order to run for a National Office or as a Region Director.

The purpose of the vita is to give Chapter members a sense of who is running for office and have discussions prior to convention.

## VITAE OUTLINE FORM

(Limit each answer to the 5 most relevant items)

Name: Jeremy Bingman

Position Sought: Region VI Director

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Region VI Extension Coordinator

Other current roles in APO (national level):

2010 National Convention Legislative Director

APO LEADS Launch Director

Member, National Membership & Extension Committee

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions:

Section 51 Chair (2003-2009)

Section Volunteer (2000-2003)

Region VI Alumni Voting Delegate (2002)

Chicagoland Area Alumni Association Vice-President (2010)

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): none

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) none

Position(s) held while an active: President, 2nd Vice President-Pledge Trainer, 4th Vice President-Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Alpha Alpha Chapter, University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign (Fall 1996)

Recognitions Received:

Section 51 Distinguished Service Key;

Section 48 Distinguished Service Key;

Alpha Alpha Chapter Robert E. Lee Exceptional Service Award, Distinguished Service Key, Distinguished Service Certificate, Kinetic Leadership Knot, Most Valuable Active (F98,S99,F99,S00), and a Platinum Service Disk for 1000 hours of total service;

Fraternity Life Member

Relevant non APO Experience:

Project Manager for Morningstar, Inc.

Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member and Founders' Award recipient in the Order of the Arrow, and registered Troop Committee member within the Boy Scouts of America;

NESA Chicago Steering Committee

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Name: Robert M. Coop, PE

Position Sought: Program Director

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Region VI Director

Other current roles in APO (national level): Board re-structuring Task Force, National Office committee, Life Member, Torch Bearer.

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: National Convention Sergeant-at-Arms, National Volunteer Conference Planning Committee, National Convention Planning Committees: 1998, 2002, 2006; Region VI Volunteer Staff: Membership, Service, Leadership Development; Section 52 Treasurer

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Alumni member for Tau Omicron, Tau Lambda, and Mu Chapters

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) Mu Chapter Advisor, Tau Omicron Chapter Advisor

Position(s) held while an active: Sergeant-at-Arms, member of various committees

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Tau Omicron: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Fall 1991

Recognitions Received: Region 6 DSK, Section 52 DSK, Tau Omicron Most Valuable Pledge fall 1991, many thank yous from groups served, Actives, and Alumni

Relevant non APO Experience: Project Manager for multiple county bridge inspection projects in Indiana. Professional Engineer in Indiana and Michigan. PADI certified Rescue Diver. Eagle Scout. Blood Donor.

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Name: Matt Cross

Position Sought: Region IV Director or Program Director

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Region IV Director

Other current roles in APO (national level): Member of Executive Committee for Board of Directors; LAUNCH Director, APO LEADS; DISCOVER Director, APO LEADS

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: Region IV Director (2004-Present); Section 74 Chair (2000-2004); Member, 2003 Legislative Task Force; Member, 2006 Fall Pledgeclass Namesake Committee

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Psi Omega Chapter Advisor (2000-Present)

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s)

Position(s) held while an active: President, Service Vice President (multiple terms), Treasurer, Pledgetrainer

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Psi Omega, University of Central Florida

Recognitions Received: Region IV Distinguished Service Key (DSK) (2008); Section 74 DSK (2004); Psi Omega Chapter DSK (2000); Region IV Jack A. McKenzie Alumni Award (2009); Psi Omega Spring Pledge Class Namesake (2005)

Relevant non APO Experience: Seminole County Hearing Officer/Teen Court Judge (2006-2008); Member of Board of Directors, Orlando International Fringe Festival (2000-2004); Head of Security, Orlando International Fringe Festival (1995-2004)

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Name: Rashid Darden

Position Sought: Program Director

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Region III Alumni Council Chairman

Other current roles in APO (national level): National Alumni Relations and Internal Volunteer Development Committee Member

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: Section 85 Advisor to the Section Chair (2010); National Task Force on Underground Chapters (2009); Section 85 Alumni Coordinator (2008-09); Region III Alumni Council Representative (2006-07), National History and Archives Committee (January 2003-December 2004);

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Community Advisor, Mu Alpha Chapter; Chancellor (Immediate Past President) of the Mu Alpha Alumni Association; 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chairman

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) Sponsor, Petitioning Group at Howard University (2001-02); Sponsor and Community Advisor, Petitioning Group at the University of the District of Columbia (2007-09)

Position(s) held while an active: Vice President of Pledging (2001), Vice President of Communications (2000), Voting Delegate to the 2000 National Convention

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Mu Alpha Chapter, Georgetown University

Recognitions Received: Sectional Distinguished Service Key 2009, Ellesworth S. Dobson Certificate of Merit

Relevant non APO Experience: Director of Development and Communications for Damien Ministries, a faith-based HIV/AIDS service organization in Washington, DC; Founding Chairman of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Arts and Humanities Advisory Council; Award-winning novelist with experience in developing marketing plans; Workshop presenter with a focus on developing strong cultural and operational practices among fraternal organizations and other nonprofits.

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(Limit each answer to the 5 most relevant items)

Name: Laura (mom) Fowler

Position Sought: Region Director/ Program Director

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Chapter Advisor and Extension Sponsor

Other current roles in APO (national level): Chair, Alumni Relations Sub Committee of the National Alumni Relations and Internal Volunterr Development Committee (past 6 +yrs)

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: Section 72Chair

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Advisor to Gamma Zeta, Delta Iota and Mu Mu Chapters; Co Sponsor of Clayton State Unversity Interest Group; Chair of the Alumni Relations subcommitte of the National Alumni Relations and Internal Volunterr Development Committee; APO LEADS Presenter/Staff/Director

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) Section 72 Chair; Region 4 staff member in the positions of Membership, Extension and/or Chapter Advisor Liaison under four different Regional Directors in the past 20 years; co-founder of the Atlanta Area Alumni Assocsation [served as secretary, treasurer and events planner during the 6 years that it was active]; Assisted home chapter with its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration; Chapter Program/President Weekend/Workshop (CPW ) Staff/Director.

Position(s) held while an active: Chapter secretary

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Mu Mu Chapter Oglethorpe University

Recognitions Received: DSKs from Delta Iota and Gamma Zeta Chapters, 72 and 98 Section and Region 4

Relevant non APO Experience: Served for three years on the Alumni Board of Oglethorpe Univesity a the led on the renuions and assisted in the development of a Renuion Guide. Active member of the Georgia State Defense Force (State Guard, non profit arm for the Army and Air National Guard in the State) as the assistant for training and missions. Active member of the US EPA R4 Earth Day Events Committee [20yrs]; Co-founder and current president of the EPA Region 4 Southeast Employee Recreation Association, non profit orgnization consisting of other smaller employee groups in the agency.

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Name: Michael E. Haber

Position Sought: Region II Director, Board of Directors

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Region II Director, Board of Directors

Other current roles in APO (national level): APO LEADS Trainer/Observer/Director, National Bylaws Taskforce, Fall 2010 Pledge Class Namesake Committee

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: Section 88 Chair, Section 88 Vice-Chair, Section 88 Representative (Xi Rho, SUNY - Oneonta; Alpha Gamma Delta, SUNY - New Paltz), Section 96 Liaison (Kappa Omicron, UMass - Amherst), Region II Representative (International Relations - Canadian Extension Committee)

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Advisor (Xi Rho, SUNY - Oneonta), Epsilon Zeta Alumni Association

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) Member-at-Large (Epsilon Zeta Alumni Association)

Position(s) held while an active: President, Service Vice-President, Historian, Voting Delegate, Lost & Found Chair

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Epsilon Zeta, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY

Recognitions Received: Section 88 Distinguished Service Key, Epsilon Zeta Distinguished Service Key, Section 88 Golden Eagle Staff Award, Regional Directors Membership Cup, Chapter Pledge Class Namesake - Spring 2000 (Xi Rho, SUNY - Oneonta), Spring 2002 (Alpha Delta Eta, University at Albany), Spring 2007 (Epsilon Zeta, RPI)

Relevant non APO Experience: Project Manager and trainer with a focus on technology and volunteer management, experienced with both public agencies and private corporations

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Name: Marilyn L. Mims

Position Sought: Program Director

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Region 1 Director

Other current roles in APO (national level): APO LEADS Trainer, Launch Director

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: Section 96 Chair, Region II Service Chair, Charter Review Team, National Service Committee

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Advisor to the Theta Zeta Chapter (University of New Hampshire)

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) chapter rep to Alpha Chi (MIT) sponsor to Nu Alpha (Quinnipiac University)

Position(s) held while an active: Recording Secretary, Pledgemaster, President, Voting Delegate to the 1994 National Convention and Rules and Credentials.

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Phi Chapter (Syracuse University/SUNY ESF)

Recognitions Received: Region 1 DSK, Section 96 DSK, Phi Chapter DSK, Spring 2003 Phi Chapter Pledgeclass namesake, Spring 2001 Nu Alpha Pledgeclass namesake, Spring 2010 Alpha Chi Spring Pledgeclass Namesake,

Relevant non APO Experience: I teach middle school art, so as an educator, I have a great deal of student interaction experience at a variety of levels and the skills to remain flexible. I served as a member of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts Educators Advisory Board for a period of five years.

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Name: **Carla Moran**

Position Sought: **Program Director**

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: **Program Director**

*(External Relations: 2008-Present; Service & Communication: 2002-2008).*

Other current roles in APO (national level): **Webinar Creator/Presenter** (*APO Impact LIVE*). Authored **Torch & Trefoil** articles. **Nominated National Pledge Class Namesakes** (*Fall, 2004-Secretary Togo West, Jr., Zeta Phi/Howard University & Fall, 2007-Jack Jadel, Jr., Zeta Kappa/Bowling Green University*). **Preserving Frank Reed Horton's Effects** (*Cataloging, protecting and documenting personal and APO items Horton's family left to the Fraternity*). **APO Youth Service Grant Reviewer**.

Past National, Regional, Sectional Positions: **International Service Project Co-chair** (2001/2002 Book Drive): *125,000+ books collected by APO-USA for distribution by APO-Philippines to needy children*. **Convention Legislative Manager** (2000) & **Reference Committee Advisor** (1994-1998 Conventions). **National & Special Committees** (including): *APO Endowment Trustee Nominating Committee Chair* (2004 & 2008), *Pledge Class Namesake Committee* (2002, 2003, 2005 & 2009), *Executive Director Search Committee* (2001), *Service (& Communication) Committee* (1994-Present/Region One Service Chair 1994-1998 & 2000-2002), *International Relations* (1998-2004) and *Board working groups*. **Workshop Developer/APO Conference Presenter** (topics including): *Chutes & Ladders of Service, Campus Visibility, Fundraising, Recruitment/Retention, Inclusive Fellowship, Resumes/Interviews & Banquet Speaker* (Sectional & Regional Conferences), **Service & Communication Program Director** (2002-2008: *oversaw initiation of APO's Service Database & online service reporting requirement, quadrupled donor support/student participation in Youth Service Grants, expanded committee, raised awareness of APO chapters' service, engaged volunteers to obtain media coverage of past several National Conventions*).

Position(s) held while an active: **National Convention Chair** (1992, Boston, Massachusetts). **Membership Vice-President**. **Advisor Liaison**. **Project Chair** (*Service & Fellowship*). **Represented APO** at Corporation for National & Community Service conference (*Panelist*).

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): **Theta Zeta**, University of New Hampshire

Recognitions Received: **Received all formal Theta Zeta recognitions** (*Distinguished Service Key, Outstanding Brother Award, Service Award & Pledge Class Co-Namesake*). **Outstanding Alumna Award** from the UMass-Boston Program for Women in Politics & Government (*Spring, 1998*). **APO Torchbearer** (*Silver Founders Circle*). Recognized as a **Person Making a Difference** in my neighborhood (2010). **Represented APO at the White House** (*President's Remarks on Volunteering/September, 2008*).

Relevant non-APO Experience: I am employed as the **Chief of Staff** to a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature where I began as an intern and have worked since 1996. After college I was an **AmeriCorps VISTA** (*Volunteers In Service To America*) at a non-profit where I recruited, trained & placed volunteers in the Boston Public Schools. I am a Lifetime Member of the **Girl Scouts-USA**, & (Past) Explorer (*Boy Scouts of America*). **I serve locally** including at my church (*Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Bread Baker, Floral Design*), in my neighborhood with the Friends of Wollaston Beach (*Grant Writing, Children's Face-Painting, Cleanups*) and the larger community (*Notary Public/pdg.*). **Married to Brother George Kober, P.E.** (*Alpha Phi & Alpha Psi; Advisor to Omicron Iota*).

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(Limit each answer to the 5 most relevant items)

Name: Hon. John K. Ottenad

Position Sought: National Vice President

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Membership & Extension Program Director and Chair of the Membership & Extension Committee (2006-2010)

Other current roles in APO (national level): National Pledge Class Namesake Committee (2005, 2007-2010); National Spirits & Standards Committee (frequent member from 2006-2010); Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (2006-2010); Underground Activities Task Force Chair (2009-2010); Membership Academy Staff (2008-2010)

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: Region VIII Director (2004-2006); Section 49 Chair (1992-2000); National Convention Planning Committee (1990 and 2004); Region VIII Leadership Development Chair/National Leadership Development Committee (2000-2002); Region VIII Service Chair/National Service and Communication Committee (2002-2004)

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Advisor--Alpha Phi Chapter

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) Advisor--Alpha Phi Chapter (1991-present); Workshop presenter at all levels including past CPW presenter, National Convention workshop presenter and National Volunteer Conference workshop presenter

Position(s) held while an active: Chapter President (2 terms); Membership Vice President; Chapter Voting Delegate to the 1990 National Convention (Nominations Committee member)

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Alpha Phi Chapter (Fall 1989) at Washington University in St. Louis

Recognitions Received: Alpha Phi Chapter Distinguished Service Key; Section 49 Distinguished Service Key; Pledge Class Namesake for the Alpha Phi Chapter; Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow (Boy Scouts); Silver Beaver recipient (Boy Scouts)

Relevant non APO Experience: Administrative Law Judge for the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation; Speaker/Presenter at various Missouri Bar and other law-related educational programs; Long-time Troop, District and Council Volunteer in various positions for the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; Member of the Board of Directors for Kids Chance of Missouri; Former member and Chair of the East Area Resource Development Team for Special Olympics of Missouri

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Name: Ed Richter

Position Sought: National Vice President

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: National Leadership Development Program Director, 2006-2010

Other current roles in APO (national level): APO LEADS presenter, director and observer; various board task forces and committees as assigned.

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: National Membership and Extension Program Director, 2002-2006; National Service/Communication Program Director, 1998-2002; Chapter Program Workshop Coordinator, 1996-1998; Sectional Resource Weekend Coordinator, 1993-1996; Section 57 Chairman (Ohio), 1988-1994.

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): Community/Scouting Adviser, Zeta Delta Chapter, Miami University (Ohio), 1994 to present; served two years as chapter Advisory Chairman.

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) Served as a Sectional Representative to the Zeta Kappa Chapter; advisor, 1995 Region V Conference.

Position(s) held while an active: Fellowship Chair, Founders Day Chair, Service Vice President

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Alpha Iota at The Ohio State University, Pledged fall 1982 but depledged; repledged in fall 1984 and inducted as a Brother in January 1984

Recognitions Received: Dennis Wallis Memorial Award for outstanding Leadership, Friendship and Service to the Alpha Iota Chapter; Zeta Kappa Distinguished Service Key; Section 57 Distinguished Service Key; Region V Distinguished Alumni Medal; Region V Distinguished Service Key; numerous recognitions from a number of chapters for presenting at conferences, etc.

Relevant non APO Experience: Member, Society of Professional Journalists; Advocate for The Ohio State University Alumni Association; At-large member of the Hopewell District Committee, Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America; U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 1981-1987; former member St. Mary Church Parish Council, Franklin, Ohio.

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Name: **John T. Strada, Jr.**

Position Sought: **Region V Director**

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: Region V Director

Other current roles in APO (national level):

APO LEADS Launch Director/Observer, Discover Director/Observer,  
Serve Director/Presenter, Basic Skills Courses Instructor  
Membership Academy Presenter

Past National, Regional, and Sectional positions:

Region V Membership Chair (2007-2008)  
Section 67 Chair (2003- 2007)  
Membership Academy Design & Development Team Coordinator  
Louisville 2006 National Convention Bid Committee Advisor  
Louisville 2006 National Convention Committee Day Trips Advisor

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s):

Current roles and responsibilities covered by the Region Director position  
Advisor, Alpha Zeta Chapter (University of Kentucky) (2000-Present)  
Advisory Chair, Alpha Zeta Kappa Chapter, (Eastern Kentucky University) (2006-Present)

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s):

Advisor to the Membership & Extension reference committee at the 2008 National Convention.  
Sponsor to the Alpha Zeta Kappa Chapter at Eastern Kentucky University (new charter 2006)

Position(s) held while an active:

President, VP of Membership, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms.  
Head Trainer for the Auburn University War Eagle VI Mascot Program.  
Student Book Exchange Manager  
Voting delegate for the 1996 National Convention in Phoenix, AZ (member of the nominations reference committee).

Initiating Chapter (Greek and School): Delta Chapter, Auburn University (Spring 1993)

Recognitions Received:

Section 67 Distinguished Service Key, Alpha Zeta Chapter Distinguished Service Key,  
Delta Chapter Distinguished Service Key, Delta Chapter Outstanding Pledge,  
Pledge class namesake honoree for Alpha Gamma Phi Chapter (Spring '08), Alpha Zeta Chapter  
(Spring '09), and Alpha Zeta Kappa Chapter (Spring '10). Life Member, Torchbearer.

Relevant non APO Experience: Full time Communication Studies faculty at Eastern Kentucky University, with 15 Years experience teaching Communication Studies on the college level, including courses in Interpersonal Communication, Small Group Communication, and Business and Professional Communication. Have served on numerous university hiring committees, on the ECU graduation speaker selection committee, and on the planning and advisory board for the \$2.8 million dollar Noel Studio for Academic Creativity at ECU. Involved in strategic planning, curriculum review, and recruiting for the Communication Studies Major.

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Name: Mark Allen Stratton

Position Sought: National President

Current (most prominent) Role in APO: National Vice President (2006 - present)

Other current roles in APO (national level): Chair of Bylaws Revision Task Force; DISCOVER Director/Presenter; workshop presenter/facilitator for sectional and regional conferences, and various alumni volunteer conferences

Past National, Regional, Sectional positions: Region VI Director (2004 - 2006); Vice Chair of the National Membership & Extension Committee (2002 - 2004); Vice Chair of the Legislative Process Task Force (2002 - 2004); Region VI Volunteer Staff (1998 - 2004) (Alumni, Leadership Development, Membership & Extension, Parliamentarian); Section 52 Volunteer Staff (1997 - 2004) (Communications, Leadership, Development, Membership & Extension)

Current Alumni Roles with Chapter(s): None

Past Alumni Roles with Chapter(s) Faculty Advisor and Advisory Chair to Tau Omicron Chapter (Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis) (1998 - 2005)

Position(s) held while an active: Delta Xi Pledge Class Sergeant-At-Arms (Fall 1994); Delta Xi Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms (Spring 1995); Delta Xi Chapter President (1995 - 1997)

Initiating Chapter(s) (Greek and School): Delta Xi Chapter, Ball State University (Fall 1994 - Alexander Lewandowski Pledge Class)

Recognitions Received: Delta Xi and Tau Omicron Chapter Distinguished Service Keys; Section 52 Distinguished Service Key; Region VI Distinguished Service Key.

Relevant non APO Experience: Co-Manager, Office of Census Data, Indiana Legislative Services Agency; presenter at the National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Summit (2010); Instructor of Political Science, Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis (1999 - present); member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians (2008 - present) and the National Association of Parliamentarians (2001 - present); member of the Bristols Homeowner Association (2004 - present)