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“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do” (Pele). As a first-generation student to graduate high school and go to college, I had to set the bar high to inspire and motivate my family of 6 to be their very best. Due to my father's absence and the passing of my older brother at age 10, I had to grow up fast and become the man of my family. This meant going to a university and acquiring a degree. I dream of receiving a Juris Doctor and eventually running as a senator for the state of California. My dream goes beyond the scope of my family. I grew up in southern San Diego for most of my life. Where I grew up in San Ysidro, most families live in poverty and are uneducated. The people there are brilliant but are often discouraged when it comes to following their dreams, passions, aspirations, and attending the most elite universities within the United States. I believe the most effective leaders, lead by example. My most prominent incentive in regards to running for office is myself wanting to be the example for my community. I want to show my community that if I can do it, they can too.

Throughout my time at Southwestern College (SWC) I have been a huge advocate and voice for our students. I served for my student government as a senator who chairs his own committee, the Ways & Means Committee for a duration two terms. Furthermore, I sit in other school committees with administrators and school faculty such as Student Campus Relations (SCR), Shared Consultation Council (SCC), and the Facilities Master Planning Committee (FMP). I have taken part in reviewing and introducing significant policies for our campus (SCC), the construction of new multi-million dollar buildings (FMP), and the advancement of new projects for our school with the deans, vice-presidents, trustees, and the superintendent/president of Southwestern College (SCC). I have also been a massive proponent of the affairs of our local Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter, Alpha Pi Epsilon. I was the only member of our chapter to take part in both our Honors in Action (HIA) and College Project. My duty for the HIA project was to conduct research, edit the final draft, collect petition signatures, take charge of our donation drive, meet with and interview the CEOs of multiple businesses, and to bring the directors of various organizations to our campus for further questioning. For the College Project, I became the liaison between the administration, faculty, and students. I was tasked with setting up events and evolving all 60 clubs on campus to help out with our College Project. Our efforts and collaborations ended up being incredibly successful. I am also the student delegate for SWC, a Five-Star member of PTK, and I have maintained a GPA of 3.9.

I am not running for the Nevada/California Regional President because the title and duties seem appealing to me. I have plans that I want to accomplish for the betterment of our region. I believe that every student has the ability to join our honor society. Furthermore, I would like to extend that belief and propose that all 114 community colleges in California should have a 5-Star Chapter. I will strengthen the bonds between chapters, and increase 5-Star Chapter Development participation region-wide. I am confident in my ability due to my participation in not only PTK, but also the work I have done within my community college. Most importantly, I am running for the Nevada/California Region President because I love Phi Theta Kappa.