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Fellow Colleagues,

I am running for president because I believe that Phi Rho Pi is a one-of-a-kind community that soon will face some major challenges. Challenges that will require thoughtful planning and purposeful leadership to overcome. As your current secretary-treasurer, past recording secretary, past national host and long-time member of the national tab room staff, I am uniquely suited to understand these challenges and provide Phi Rho Pi with a plan forward through these difficult times.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, every day we are learning ways to adapt: working from home, social distancing and self-quarantining. Most people believe that all these measures to combat the virus will be temporary, and that at some point — in 2, 6, or perhaps 12 months — life will be back to normal and business as usual. To some extent, this may be true. On the other hand, many changes could well be permanent. This crisis could permanently change how we work. It could permanently change how we socialize. Quite possibly, it could even permanently change how we will compete at local, regional and national tournaments in the future. To confront this crisis, and move forward from it, we need experienced leadership. Leadership who recognize that the solutions to yesterday's problems are not necessarily what is called for when trying to meet tomorrow's challenges.

My vision for Phi Rho Pi's future is clear. I want to see a Phi Rho Pi that remains: student-centered; dedicated to refining and fulfilling our mission; dedicated to building relationships with outside organizations that advance Phi Rho Pi's overall mission; dedicated to building a leadership pipeline through mentorship and training; and dedicated to understanding complex issues from all angles by including diverse voices in our tab room, executive committee and executive board.

Know that if elected as your next Phi Rho Pi President, I will devote myself to fulfilling the trust that is placed upon me. If I represent a president you want Phi Rho Pi to have, then I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you for considering me. Be safe, be kind, and I will see you all again very soon!

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