**Lauren Abbott**

Alpha Kappa 2013

Candidate for Alpha Chi Sigma Professional Representative

**Biography:** b. Guam, 1993. B.Sc Chemistry, specialization in Materials Science, University of Virginia, 2015. Undergraduate Researcher, X-Ray Crystallography, UVA School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, 2013-2015. Quality Assurance Laboratory Technician, QA Inspector, and QA Specialist for Altria Family of Companies, 2016-2022. Project Manager for Regulatory Submissions, Altria, 2022-present. Certified Associate of Project Management certification (CAPM), April 2024. Facility Chair, Women in Manufacturing ERG, Altria Family of Companies, 2021-present.

**Personal Involvement:** Initiated April 2013, Alpha Kappa Chapter. Non-delegate attendee and Transportation Chair for 52nd Biennial Conclave in Charlottesville, VA, 2014. Vice Master Alchemist, Alpha Kappa chapter, 2014-2015. Assisted with initiation of University of Richmond Colony (now Delta Kappa), 2015. Member, Alpha Kappa Alumni Foundation, 2015-present. Secretary, Alpha Kappa Housing Corporation, 2017-present. Non-delegate attendee for 57th Biennial Conclave in Champaign, IL, 2024.

**Personal Statement:**

Rushing and pledging Alpha Chi Sigma in the spring of 2013 was a chance occurrence that completely altered the course of my life for the better. I was introduced to the organization by a fellow student in one of my classes and was invited to a Rush event. I was somewhat apprehensive to joining a fraternity – even a professional one. However, the brothers of the Alpha Kappa chapter welcomed me with open arms and I knew immediately that I had found my people. Through pledging and initiation, I found my group of lifelong friends, both fellow collegiate members and alumni, who have helped me excel both professionally and personally.

After graduating, I was fortunate to move to Richmond, VA, where I was close enough to easily stay connected with the Alpha Kappa chapter. I have been heavily involved with the Alpha Kappa Alumni Foundation since its inception in 2015, attending meetings as a non-board member. I have also been involved in the Alpha Kappa Housing Corporation as Secretary since 2017. I have attended every one of Alpha Kappa’s initiation ceremonies since my own in 2013 (except for 2020 due to COVID-19) and was involved in the initiation of the University of Richmond colony in 2015.

While I have maintained connections with my home chapter, I am strongly interested in becoming more involved in the National Organization. I attended the 57th Biennial Conclave this year in Champaign, Illinois as a non-delegate and was grateful for the opportunity to observe the legislative process and speak with other Professional Brothers about ways to be involved. In addition to the possibility of serving as PR, I am investigating the feasibility of starting a Professional Group in Central Virginia to connect with other brothers in my area. I am passionate about the continued success of this fraternity and would be honored to be considered for this position so I may give back to the organization I love so much and contribute to the continued growth of the Professional Chapter in a sustainable, responsible way.

Yours in the Double Bond,

Lauren Abbott