

Robert Lujan

for Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Vice President for Programs Dear Brothers of the Southwest District,

My name is Robert Lujan and I am running for the Vice President for Programs on the Southwest District council. I have been part of Kappa Kappa Psi since the fall of 2021 from the Gamma Iota chapter at the University of New Mexico.

Since my initiation I have learned about what it means to be part of this organization. This fraternity has shown me many ways on becoming a leader in my chapter. 2 years ago, I had the privilege to attend my first district convention in Springdale, Arkansas. I had an amazing experience of meeting many brothers from other chapters. I am very fortunate to form long lasting relationships with the members of my chapter and along the southwest district.

I am currently serving my chapter as the Vice President for Programs. I'm hardworking and compassionate about my work with this fraternity. With this position I have been finding ways to support our bands and music community. Last semester we painted our music student lounge to brighten the room so everyone didn't feel sad or tired all the time. We also have started a food pantry this semester to provide music students food and needed items for those who are unable to provide for themselves. I also collaborated with Cyrus Jackson to feature our chapter on the New ALTO.

With this position I would love to have more participation with district and national awards. My goal is to announce the application period for awards as soon as possible. I will also be continuing to update the New ALTO about district or national events. I would like to continue recognizing chapters for the upcoming year including individuals. I would also be willing to collaborate with the Vice President of Special Projects of Tau Beta Sigma to create ideas for a service project.

I would be honored to serve on the Southwest District Council as Vice President for Programs. My commitment to Kappa Kappa Psi is strong and I promise to dedicate my time that this position needs as I do with my chapter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fraternally yours, Robert Lujan

Resume

Education:

Bachelor of Arts in Music

University of New Mexico

Chapter Experience:

Initiated to the Gamma Iota chapter

November 19th, 2021

Expected: May 2026

University of New Mexico

Active Brother Fall 2021-present

Vice President for Programs

April 18th, 2023-present

- Plan and implement at least one larger service project per semester.
- Oversee field painting and other projects to support the marching band and delegate responsibility as needed.
- Continue working on finding ways to support all bands, not just marching band.

Alumni Secretary

September 13th, 2022-April 18th, 2023

- Continue updating the Kappa Kappa Psi Gamma Iota Alumni Facebook page as frequently as you can. Use the posts to invite Alumni to be involved in our chapter activities
- Plan an event for the chapter to interact with the alumni.
- Talk to each individual who is part of the alumni so you can learn their past experience with the fraternity (if you can)

Representative Service

•	Chapter Delegate, Southwest District Convention	2022
•	Chapter Delegate, National Convention	2023

District Experience:

Southwest District Convention

•	Springdale, Arkansas	2022
•	Lafayette, Louisiana	2023

New ALTO

• Submitted photo and details about our chapter's current events to the Vice President of Programs to be featured in the November 2023 New ALTO edition.

National Experience:

National Convention

• Orlando, Florida

2023

Band Experience:

UNM Spirit Marching Band

2021-present

Drumline

UNM Soundpack Pep Band

2021-present

Percussion Flute

UNM Symphonic Band

2021-present

Percussion

UNM Campus Band

2024-present

Percussion

Band Leadership:

Percussion Section Leader, UNM Spirit Marching Band

2022-2023

• Responsible for music and drill distribution, section instruction, rehearsal with the section, and individual assistance if necessary.

Equipment Manager, UNM Spirit Marching Band

2023-2024

• Responsible for transporting instruments, drum major podiums, and other equipment needed for rehearsals and football games.

Equipment Manager, Zia Marching Band Fiesta

2023

• Responsible for high school bands having space to unload their equipment for performances. Also responsible to refill water at water stations if needed.

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Platform

For the New ALTO, I plan to continue sending out the newsletter monthly and keep it updated as much as possible. I think that the majority of brothers would also like to be recognized as individuals from each chapter. For next year I would like to introduce "Kappa Kappa Why?" to the New ALTO. I believe that this will engage our brothers to tell us their story on why they joined Kappa Kappa Psi. To achieve this I will send a google form to brothers of the Southwest District starting from July to hopefully recognize individuals from different chapters as much as possible. If the google form is not possible, then I will email each chapter president by email to help encourage their members to contribute to the New ALTO. I still want to recognize the chapters as well, but my goal is to have more individuals represented. I will also contact the SWD President to send out any messages they have to the district in the article.

I am aware that I will be working along with the Vice President of Special Projects from Tau Beta Sigma. I will communicate with them as soon as possible to develop joint district service and awards for the upcoming year. I plan on communicating with the council and the Vice President of Special Projects biweekly by email and/or zoom. I will also like to promote district and national awards as soon as possible for chapters to have enough time to apply. I believe we will also make adjustments to the requirements of district awards if needed.

I believe that I'm the right candidate for this position because of my love for this organization. I want to not only represent my chapter but also the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi. I'm hardworking and passionate and willing to showcase my leadership skills to the best of my abilities.

March 8, 2024

Dear Southwest District Council of Kappa Kappa Psi,

I am writing to recommend Robert Lujan for the role of Vice President for Programs for the Southwest District Council. As the President of the Gamma Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, I have had the privilege of working closely with Robert in his capacity as our Vice President for Programs. I can attest to his exceptional leadership qualities, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

Robert has consistently demonstrated his passion for our organization and his unwavering dedication to serving our band community at the University of New Mexico (UNM). He has shown exceptional organizational skills in planning and executing various programs and events at UNM, including weekly field lining, campus beautification projects, opening a music student food pantry, and organizing our spring Kappa Re-Psi-Tal. Robert's creativity, attention to detail, and ability to collaborate with others make him an invaluable asset to any team.

Furthermore, Robert's strong work ethic, professionalism, and integrity are truly commendable. He leads by example, always going above and beyond to ensure the success of our chapter's initiatives. His positive attitude and willingness to take on challenges inspire those around him, and I have no doubt that he will bring the same level of dedication and enthusiasm to the role of Vice President for Programs for the Southwest District Council.

In conclusion, our chapter fully endorses Robert Lujan for the position of SWD Vice President for Programs. We are confident that he will excel in his duties and make significant contributions to the Southwest District Council and membership. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Amethyst Gallegos

President

Kappa Kappa Psi Gamma Iota Chapter

University of New Mexico



March 14, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Robert Lujan, current Vice President for Programs of our Gamma Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the University of New Mexico. He is running for the same position on the Southwest District Council for KKY.

I am in my first year as Director of Bands at UNM and have only had a handful of interacts with Robert. I do not feel qualified to write a letter on his behalf at this time, however I understand he is required to have a letter from the DOB. I asked Robert to tell me about his strengths and what he would bring to the position. Here is what he said:

"My strengths are that I'm hardworking and able to work in a group setting. I also care about everyone who is part of Kappa Kappa Psi and my percussion section for any ensemble. With the position I'm applying for I have worked with the current district officer of the same position for keeping them updated on our chapter's current events. The Vice President for Programs also lets district know about workshops or conventions happening in the district or at national level. I will continue with those responsibilities along with having individual recognition on why they joined this organization."

I hope you will consider Robert for this position, despite my lack of knowledge of him and his capabilities as a leader within Kappa Kappa Psi. If there is more I can do to help the organization or our chapter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Emily Moss Director of Bands

University of New Mexico



To: Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Council

Re: Vice President of Programs

Dear members of the committee,

Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of Robert Lujan. He is an outstanding member of the University of New Mexico bands, including the Spirit Marching Band and Soundpack Basketball Band, both of which I oversee. Beyond performing as a member of the marching band in 2023, Robert was the assistant equipment manager where he coordinated the loading and unloading of the equipment truck. He was also a section leader in the drumline in 2024.

In addition to his membership in our ensembles, Robert has taken an active leadership role within our Gamma lota chapter where he is the Vice President of Programs. He continuously seeks out ways in which Kappa Kappa Psi can serve the band area. Recent projects facilitated by Robert include maintaining the yard lines and "ticks" of the marching band practice field, providing water for outdoor rehearsals, painting the walls of the student lounge area, and repairing music stands in the practice rooms and ensemble rehearsal spaces.

Through Kappa Kappa Psi's mission of meaningful music experiences, transformational leadership development, this opportunity would mutually benefit the Southwest District, Robert, and UNM as we could grow a stronger bond with our local brothers. Based on the work and experiences at UNM, I believe that Robert would make a great candidate for the Vice President of Programs for the Southwest District.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey B. Harman, PhD in Music Education

Director of Athletic Bands

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