

What BΘO alumni say

Emi Matsuura, VP of Operations, interviews former Chapter Vice-president **Tresca Truong**. Tresca is finishing her Biology degree at U.C., Davis. As a Chapter officer, Tresca won the International Outstanding Chapter Officer award.

Emi: Why did you participate in Beta Theta Omicron?

Tresca: I wanted to participate because I felt that having Beta Theta Omicron on my transcript would make it look better. Plus, a former officer showed me pictures of all the community service activities done by ΦΘΚ, which made me want to join since I love volunteering

Emi: Do you think the experience of Phi Theta Kappa helped you in your major or in transferring?

Tresca: I do think that the experience of ΦΘΚ helped me in transferring and not only because it was a transcript notation. A college personal statement on an application reflects the type of person you are. Am I a leader, somebody who helps out in the community and a well rounded individual? ΦΘΚ helped me gain all the skills I needed to be a well rounded college student

Emi: What did you gain through your experience as an officer of Beta Theta Omicron Chapter? and what is most valuable?

Tresca: Read answer to question number two. Funny thing is, that I also gained a love of traveling from being in ΦΘΚ.

Emi: Did membership in ΦΘΚ make any difference when you applied for jobs?

Tresca: It did make a difference. Usually employers are looking for potential employees who have leadership skills and have the ability to work very well with other people. During interviews, when questions about leadership or social skills pop up, I bring up my experiences with ΦΘΚ.

Emi: What has Beta Theta Omicron meant to you?

Tresca: Beta Theta Omicron was a big part of my life at Skyline College. BΘO was like a business-club— like family to me. I made a lot of friends from other chapters, became closer to my own friends because of all the traveling and BΘO events. Depending on how things work out with BΘO, what you have done with the group really determines the type of person you are. You want to keep the chapter 5 star and time management becomes more important to you than ever. BΘO was a stepping stone for me to become a better person.