

Dear Division 19,

I am grateful for this opportunity to be considered for the Student Member-at-Large position with such a strong organization. The moment I chose to pursue a path in military psychology was when my grandmother told me about her uncle who had served in the Korean War, who sadly never returned to American soil. This moment for me was experiencing a deeper connection to my family ties with the military and was the beginning of my pursuit of this path, knowing the challenge that lay before me. I had to find out how I could join and serve. In a way, I really wanted to see if one day I could try and complete my great uncle's mission by serving all who give so much for us and our country.

I discovered the Health Professions Scholarship Program prior to applying to doctoral programs. I began at Florida Institute of Technology in 2020 and applied for the HPSP program during my second year. I received the joyful news of acceptance in January 2022 and was commissioned into the U.S. Army in March 2022. I appreciate this chance to serve my country and its soldiers through psychology.

At FIT I participated as a volunteer and student clinician during my first year with the Family Learning Program (FLP). I was able to assist individuals struggling with sexual trauma through Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. During my second year, I began as a student clinician with the Concussion Management Program, where we screen athletes for depression and anxiety while also providing year-round concussion assessment care. During my third year, I trained at Baptist Health, which has provided me with amazing medical experiences that I can apply to my later service at the Army medical centers. I am currently at the Patrick Space Force Base providing therapy and assessment services to service members as a student clinician. I currently serve as the Space Coast Honor Flight-FIT Liaison that serves to place student guardians on trips to assist veterans in seeing their war memorials in D.C. I have also served as a guardian twice. I believe all these experiences will help me serve Division 19 and the U.S. Military in the future.

If elected as the Division 19 Student Member-at-Large, my goal is to continue to engage others and increase involvement in Division 19 and Military Psychology. I further aim to represent and advocate for the women in our armed forces and those in training to become military psychologists. I am outspoken, respectful, and will always stay true to the military values, aiming to work together with the leaders in our division, APA, and discipline to promote new areas for training, learning, and exposure for military psychology students. I plan to always be a resource for sharing ideas and concerns. You can count on me to represent you effectively and truly. Thank you for this opportunity to campaign to do so in Division 19.

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