

social politics. While recruiting members for our interest group, I recall talking to many individuals who had already pledged and become sisters of other sororities, and the regret that they specifically expressed in not having been informed sooner of the possibility that an Asian-interest sorority would be brought to Dartmouth College. I personally regret not having initiated this process sooner, for I feel our numbers would have doubled had we began the expansion procedure in the fall. Although it is better late than never, I hope to positively influence and affect the future and present of Dartmouth by branching out in the overlapping Greek and cultural communities by bringing Kappa Phi Lambda to the college.

Thirdly, I feel that it is significant to offer a supportive network and comfort zone for those who arrive at Dartmouth feeling lost or confused in regard to issues of self-definition, individualism, and placement within the community. As an incoming freshman, and with all the cultural denominations and rivalry that exists between the organizations that presented themselves to me, I often wished for a non-competitive, encouraging and understanding group of fellow peers or upperclassmen who would take the initiative to simply take the time and make me feel comfortable, and make Dartmouth seem like home. With a growing population of international students from all over Asia, I feel that having an Asian-interest sorority at Dartmouth will spur greater inclusion and acceptance at Dartmouth and to allow all national identities to blend and smoothly transition into a single, greater purpose and identity. We were approached by several freshman women who expressed interest in contributing to our goals, and although we firmly had to decline any freshman participants in the process, we did note the budding and developing interest that permeated the community.

While some may question the validity or necessity in bringing an Asian-interest sorority to Dartmouth, I am convinced that this step is inevitable; with a group of strong-minded, determined and hard-working women, we neither lack conviction nor the spirit to see the growth and success of such an organization at Dartmouth. I am hopeful to be given the chance to prove our worth and potential contributions to the college, and eager to begin the process that will fulfill our aspirations by bringing Kappa Phi Lambda to Dartmouth.

I urge you to consider this missive and petition and to grant us the freedom and support to impart our own individual legacies and imprints upon the history of Dartmouth College. I would like to thank you for your time and deliberation on this matter.

Regards,



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