

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jennifer Han, and I am collaborating with a group of other female students in attempting to bring a chapter of Kappa Phi Lambda to Dartmouth.

I would like to speak a little bit about my own experiences regarding Kappa Phi Lambda, a national Asian-interest sorority that first sparked my interest during one of my high school summers. A good friend, whose older sister was also a KPL sister, brought us both to a party hosted by the organization. I met numerous sisters that night, all of whom were extremely gracious, considerate, and accommodating. For example, I had no place to stay, and I hadn't planned on staying the night, but through their contacts, my friend's sister was able to find housing for me and 3 of my other friends through their network of sisters. As their guests, they were the most exemplary hostesses I've ever known. They treated us to meals and introduced us to numerous other sisters who were equally gracious and hospitable. I was thoroughly impressed by their many kindnesses and generosity - and to this day, it is that show of solidarity and unity that has formed the epitome of sisterhood in my mind.

As an Asian-American female at Dartmouth, I feel that the environment created by cultural differences and lack of unity created by the division between cultural organizations must and should be supplemented by the presence of a strong center of diversity and positive reinforcement. I can think of no better way to accomplish such than to accept and implement a small, yet determined and dedicated focal point in allowing us to charter an Asian-interest sorority at Dartmouth. Our mission ultimately has a three-fold purpose, which I would like to explicate in further detail.

Members of our interest group are currently on executive boards of DAO, KASA, DCCS, DJS, and other such cultural organizations. We hope to create a niche within the Dartmouth community that will allow us to coalesce the functioning purposes of all such organizations and centralize a sense and spirit of Asian American community by bringing a charter of KPL to Dartmouth. This will allow us to combine a bond of sisterhood and a mission to improve the cultural and social awareness and politics on campus, while diversifying the atmosphere that can be presented as an integral and necessary component of college life. The unique opportunity to form a coalition of integrity, diversity, and sisterhood, while broadening the cultural horizons of any community, is one too imminent and critical to ignore. The growing need to bring an organization and interest group that functions to span out and connect the divisive and self-driven goals of existing organizations will only increase with expanding interest with incoming classes and even with younger generations of students at Dartmouth.

Secondly, many have already voiced the limited options in joining or rushing at sororities, and to augment the existing choices with a charter functions jointly within a Greek and culturally diverse community. Not only would we be striving to educate others about Asian American issues and the different subcultures that exist even at Dartmouth, we would also be contributing to the community through service, leadership, and cultural awareness. The general attitude and atmosphere on campus reflects the need to bring such a charter to campus; articles and forums have been held and published that discuss the difficulty and necessity of allowing girls to experience a more encompassing and meaningful four years at Dartmouth by fusing cultural and