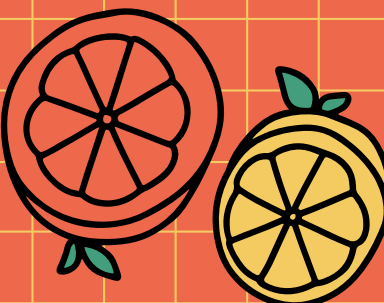


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The first thing you have to know about me is that I value family above everything. My parents and sister are the three people I love the most in the world, and I am who I am because of them. My uncle and aunt opened their home to me in Texas so that I could follow my dreams today; I love and appreciate them with all my heart. And I have my PTK family, who embraced me when I started the journey as an international student. They are my home away from home, and I couldn't be more grateful.

The feeling of belonging and a sense of community were two aspects of PTK that enchanted me the most. It was the reason I wanted to get more involved after becoming a member, and it is the reason I am running for this position. I hope to make every member feel the same way I do.



## A little bit about me

My last name means orange tree and because of that, my nickname was Orange for most of my life.

In my free time, you will find me reading a book or watching a sitcom, if I am not in the mood for Criminal Minds.



I love my country and everything our culture represents. What I bring to the table includes a Brazilian smile, infectious energy, and good spirit.



My guilty pleasure is everything pop culture. My family and friends always come to me when they want to know something about a celebrity. I know names, movies, albums, awards, and who your favorite celebrity was married to—the whole plot.





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Phi Theta Kappa encourages us to be the best version of ourselves. We all have dreams, aspirations, and goals. To achieve them we must believe in ourselves and be brave. As Division II VP, I want to help you find this courage within. You made it this far, just take another step.



## As Division II International Vice President I aim to:

- Be reliable - Someone members can talk to and be themselves around
- Be an officer who stands for and represents PTK's values and mission
- Be an advocate for Community Colleges
- Encourage members to be brave and fight for their dreams
- Be a better version of myself and grow as a leader

### My year as an officer:

As VP of Scholarship, I've led the HiA committee as we developed the project 'eQuality in eSports'. I also lead a workshop about scholarships at the Texas Leadership Conference alongside fellow officers from my chapter and a sister chapter. Motivated by research into the Honors Study Topic, I applied for the Honors Study Case Challenge. I was also part of our College Project committee, which focused on Diversity, Equality, and Inclusivity, a matter very close to my heart.

Our officer team increased our membership by 25% in 2022. My contribution to that was representing our chapter in resource fairs, and helping organize service and fellowship events at least once a month on our campus. We were happy to work with and participate in events hosted by Texas Region and other sister Chapters, embracing the community PTK built for us.

