

1. What are your strongest motivators in running for OHDCC Vice President?

My early days at Teachers College were filled with teen-level anxiety. I was terrified of embarking on a new life path, but mostly, I worried about being accepted by my ultra-high-achieving peers. The first OHDCC meeting I attended completely wiped away my fears, and I soon learned to see the organization not simply as a resource, but as a fulfilling place to find community within Org-Psych. With the help of my mentor and the encouragement of the OHDCC community, I grew increasingly confident in my path within (and beyond) TC. OHDCC serves a wide range of student needs, and I feel compelled to contribute to the organization's legacy and purpose.

2. What do you plan to accomplish (e.g., vision, action plan, etc.) during your year as vice president?

I would like students to feel a greater sense of community as they seek to develop lasting relationships. I believe that this can be accomplished through greater opportunities for socialization and by creating a more evenly distributed administrative workload (perhaps with specialized committees). It is my hope that current students will form positive emotional connections with TC, which will motivate them to actively participate as OHDCC alumni. I also hope to create a stronger sense of community between current OHDCC members and alumni - I've heard the demand for a more mutually beneficial exchange of value between the two sides and plan to address this.

3. Thinking back to your last leadership experience, how would your peers describe you as a leader?

My leadership style is collaborative but structured. If my team is headed into the unknown, I will happily join them in the trenches instead of watching events unfold from a comfortable distance. When faced with a daunting project, my specialty is breaking it into manageable components that can be delegated. My foremost leadership goal is to help the team feel empowered and at ease with the project.

4. Why did you choose the Social Org Psych program at TC?

I was torn between two excellent programs and finally chose TC after visiting and experiencing its culture. I sensed that the students felt genuine passion for the field, and I deeply wanted to join a program that would excite and challenge me. I attended a class and afterwards was approached by multiple current students (one of whom is a particularly active OHDCC member). These conversations convinced me that the TC experience would be far superior to that of competitors, and one of the students went so far as to follow up with me by email. I felt welcomed before I even submitted my formal acceptance.

5. Using only pictures, tell us something we don't know about you (e.g., GIF, photo of yourself, drawing, etc.)

