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Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association

Subject: Letter of Intent for the Executive Council Position for TBSAA

This letter is to formally announce my intention for the consideration of the position on the executive council for Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. I have decided to seek interest because I would like to continue to serve this great organization on the alumni side of Tau Beta Sigma. I have held many positions for Tau Beta Sigma on both a chapter and district level, and I am also a charter member of the Southeast district alumni association for Tau Beta Sigma. As a charter member I was given the responsibility of finance chair and my first initiative was to spearhead a fundraiser that would introduce SEDAA and to give generously to the Wava memorial fund. Under my leadership, the SED delegation raised over \$1500 to give towards the Wava memorial fund.

I bring over 11 years of leadership and passion for Tau Beta Sigma and I am a firm believer that you will get out what you put in an organization like Tau Beta Sigma. My challenge going forward is to continue to grow the TBSAA organization, to create more ideas and programs to alumni and life members of TBS, and to offer experience, passion and love for this organization that I would like to contribute to this council. Thank you again for the opportunity and your consideration going forward.

Thank you,

LaShika Renee Williams

Epsilon Lambda, Life Member
SED Past President
SEDAA Member

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Education

The Art Institution of Raleigh-Durham

Baking and Pastry Certificate, Culinary

Anticipated graduation: October 2015

North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC

B.S. Social Science, Criminal Justice, 2007

Experience

Tyler's Taproom/Restaurant, 2015

Line Cook: Saute/Dessert/ Salad

Helps set up the whole kitchen prior to a restaurant's opening.

Assist with special prep for catering and special events.

Cooks a specific portion of each plated meal as assigned by either the head or sous chef.

Assists with cutting, marinating and precooking foods.

Keeps pace with other cooks on the line so that all food is ready for each plate at the same time.

Sweet Savory Cupcakes 2012-Present

Baker/Decorator

Prepare icings according to recipes and decorate baked goods appropriately

Ensure that correct quantities of batches is being made

Ensure appropriate storage of baking utensils and supplies

Make sure that baking equipment is cleaned and maintained properly

Ed Mitchell's Que, 2014-2015

Pastry Chef

Responsible for all pastries and baked goods in the restaurant

Recreated the dessert menu with items I created to fit the restaurant setting

Quick pace and able to meet deadlines with the demand of the restaurant

Educated in restaurant business and mindful for food cost and watching food waste

Excellent leadership skills and able to assign tasks to other kitchen staff.

Other Experience

Substitute Teacher/ Extended Day Teacher, 2013

Global Scholars Academy Facilitates instruction for first grade students.

Enforce common core goals/standards mandated by both the state of North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Global Scholars Academy.

Lead instructor for reading and comprehension remediation groups for grades K-2.

Durham Public Schools March 2012-January 2014

Group Leader/Assistant Manager- Community Education

Assists in maintaining a comfortable atmosphere for each student and the culture of the school.

Assist in the creation of projects and activities for the students on a weekly basis.

BSAC Certified

Allstate Insurance Company, Charlotte, NC (Licensed Agent) 2009-2011

Liaison between various customers and insurance departments.

Communicated to customers through phone, fax, email, and postal services.

Answered inbound and outbound calls and assisted customers who had inquiries and questions about the current policy.

Skills,Awards and Accolades

5+ years of Customer Service

Proficient in Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel and adobe acrobat

Excellent communication skills

Excellent in multi-tasking to accomplish each task.

NC State License Auto, Property and Casualty Insurance

Finance Chair, 2013-Present

Southeast District Alumni Association for Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

District Vice President of Membership, District President 2006-2008/2008-2009

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Spring 2003 Initiate of the Epsilon Lambda Chapter of North Carolina Central University

Member of the Marching Sound Machine, and Wind Symphony at NCCU

Life Member of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, 2008

Chapter Positions

Membership committee member

Ways and Means committee member

Special Projects committee member

Homecoming committee Chair

Chapter Historian, 2003

- Responsible for the history of the chapter and restoring the connection between the current actives of the chapter and the alumni member of Epsilon Lambda.

Chapter Vice President of Special Projects, 2005

- Introduced this position to the chapter and created the foundation of the duties of the position.
- Created numerous chapter programs and events throughout the year.

Chapter President, 2006--2007

- Top Chapter of the Southeast district, 2006
- Created a tutoring and literacy programs in surrounding high schools.
- Creator and member of the Epsilon Lambda travel band.
- Part of the planning committee of our high school, Band Blast.

Assistant Chair of Membership, 2005--2007

- Responsible for the education of the initiates before, during, and after initiation to the chapter.
- Coordinated rituals and rehearse chapter and sorority songs throughout the semester.
- Chapter Delegate, 2003, 2005--2006

District Positions

Finance Chair, Southeast District Alumni Association

- Raised over \$1500 for the Wava Memorial with the SED convention delegation
- Vice President of Colonization and Membership, Southeast District 2006--2008
- Created the Southeast District "district tree" that showed the lineage of the district
 - Vice President of four colonies in the Southeast district.
 - Stayed in constant communication with chapter VP's and colony members.
 - Created the "Leadership in the Membership" seminars for NC chapters.

District President 2008--2009

- Assisted in coordinating the 2009 District Leadership Conference at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
- Coordinator of Southeast district convention at the University of South Carolina, 2009

Conventions attended:

Southeast District Convention, 2003--2009, 2011, 2013
2003 National Convention, Norfolk, VA
2005 National Convention, Kentucky
2007 National Convention, Orlando, Ga
2013 National Convention, Massachusetts
2013 SED District Leadership Conference Participant/Speaker



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April 28, 2015

Tau Beta Sigma
National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.
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Dear Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

I have known LaShika Williams for seven years. I was given the opportunity to work with her as she continued her growth in leadership while serving on the Southeast District Council. During her tenure as Southeast District President she encompassed three main characteristics, just as she does today. They are passion, commitment, and direction.

LaShika embodies a tremendous amount of passion for Tau Beta Sigma. From the onset of initiation she has found ways to support, serve, and grow the sisters of this great organization. LaShika has continued to surround herself with likeminded sisters who search for ways to ensure that our organization is strong, vibrant, and life-changing.

LaShika has a commitment which enthusiastically carries with it a heart of service. Over many years LaShika has made it her mission to continue the good works of those before her. Shortly after her completed service on the District level, LaShika began her journey into the alumni sector; however, she continuously refuses to allow her daily achievements to allow her to become distant. She instantly found arenas that allowed her give back to the organization that she holds so dear. She returns annually to local, District and National events to give of her time and knowledge.

Finally, LaShika has a great deal of direction. She envisions the path in which Tau Beta Sigma will carry her and she unswervingly aims to achieve it. The sisters of this great sorority have entrusted LaShika with many aspects of its wellbeing. Even today, she serves as finance chair of SEDAA where she is a constant pillar of its success since the day of its founding.

It is with great pride and support that I recommend Ms. LaShika Williams to be elected as part of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Board. Her service will be of great benefit to all sisters of this outstanding sorority.

Respectfully,

Crystal Wright
Tau Beta Sigma

Alumni Association – Southeast District
Southeast District Counselor 2008-2014

Danielle Yates
Career Services Advisor
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April 30, 2015

To whom it may concern:

I met Ms. LaShika Williams when she first became a student in the international culinary institute here at the Art Institute in 2014. Since then I have had the privilege to work with her in many capacities. She was my student worker as my administrative assistant as well as co-advisor for students that were looking for jobs in their field while a student at AiRD. LaShika also spearheaded a wonderful culinary workshop with world-renowned pitmaster Ed Mitchell at his restaurant entitled, "The art of whole-hog cooking and being an entrepreneur" where he discussed being a pitmaster, a small business owner and cooking barbecue. She was able to get over 30 students to sign up, a personalized logo and take-aways for each student, and of course the memory of sitting with the pitmaster himself Mr. Ed Mitchell.

LaShika Williams is a very hard worker and she take pride in anything that she puts her mind to doing. She speaks highly of this organization and always working on ideas to implement with this organization. It is with pleasure that I recommend Ms. LaShika Williams for the Executive Council for Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

Sincerely,

Danielle Yates
Career Advisor, AiRD.

March 29, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the privilege of working closely with LaShika Williams for the past nine years through North Carolina Central University. Prior to LaShika's graduation, she served our chapter as President, Historian, Ritual and Regalia Chair, Treasurer, and anywhere else she found her hands. She also served the N.C.C.U. band as a clarinet player during marching band and when the ensemble needed she began playing trombone. That difficult switch proved LaShika's sheer passion, love and enthusiasm for the band. Through my observations of LaShika within my own chapter and around our school, I have been able to observe her positive interactions with students and staff. Her skill with the infrastructure and inner workings of Tau Beta Sigma is exceptional. LaShika is capable of executing all aspects and representing the sorority in such a positive and impeccable way.

First, LaShika has made our chapter a friendlier and more efficiently ran organization through her positive relationships with other district and national officers across the organization. In addition to her warmth shown to other chapters, she is always willing to help in anyway to further the great work of the sorority. She is extremely close to the national work of the sorority and manages to attend an official sorority event each year. She has formed close bonds with many sisters and brothers in the bond as well, and has strengthened the positive community in our chapter each year we worked together and years following. One of her strengths is her ability to keep personal information confidential, and I can trust her with any information that needs to remain private. Which further proves her loyalty and truth to her oath at initiation.

One of LaShika's strengths is her ability to be a leader. She has served as Southeast District President, our chapter won Top Chapter in the Southeast District

and our membership grew substantially, all under her leadership. She saw an ideal, seized upon it and ran for Vice President of Communication and Recognition last biennium. LaShika has left an indelible mark on the Epsilon Lambda Chapter! I have seen her interact with sisters and brothers in the bond who have a variety of social or behavioral differences that are not always the best representation of the sorority, she is always firm yet patient, expecting the best from each sister or brother and helping each reach his or her goals. Each and every sister and brother benefit greatly from her support and firmness. She definitely embodies: “Tolerance tempered with kindness and a consideration for the needs of others.”

Finally, LaShika serves as a leader for our current chapter as a whole. She has served in many of the positions which make a chapter function so she serves as a mentor to younger members of the sorority in those current positions to ensure success. While she has transitioned into her career, she frequently updates our chapter about policy changes and other important sorority news. She has developed initiatives to bring our sorority closer together and create unity, while also challenging the status quo, standing up for what is right and not facilitating mediocrity. Her role as a well rounded sister and advocate for greater bands is well-known by all, and she is well deserving of serving this position.

Respectfully Submitted,

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