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Dear Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

I am excited to display my interest in the position of National Vice President for Communication and Recognition. My journey in Tau Beta Sigma has a been filled with learning and growth, and I am excited to pursue this next opportunity. I began my journey as an active member of the Delta Kappa chapter at Kansas State University in 2010. I served for 4 years as a part of the Midwest District Council. In my professional career, I am the Instrumental Music Director for Fort Riley Middle School in Fort Riley, KS.

I have had numerous experiences within the sorority, and each one has shaped who I am as a sister. During my time on the Midwest District Council, I learned that each level of our organization can work together to promote the sorority's mission and vision. In my 2 years as Midwest District President, I helped chapters meet deadlines consistently. This was accomplished through differentiating personal contact and helping chapters incorporate national resources like the Chapter Operations Handbook into chapter planning.

I have also worked with active chapters to develop effective communication procedures. I lead a group called the Midwest District Advisory Council. It was implemented as both a communication tool and a chapter development tool. Each chapter had a voice in finding existing resources, and creating new ones to further advance our district.

Each chapter of Tau Beta Sigma is unique, and displays apparent strengths and weaknesses. As a district president, I knew that meeting each chapter at their level was crucial to helping them grow and succeed. Building strong relationships with each chapter president allowed for effective collaboration throughout the district.

In the position of VPCR, I would analyze and implement effective bilateral communication strategies. As an organization, we use various communication formats. To utilize these effectively, we need to stay current with popular trends. I will create a communication plan that outlines each communication format we use, how we currently use it, what type of content we would like to promote, and how it effectively promotes development within our active chapters.

Since my initiation into this sorority, my professional and personal experiences have lead me to this position. I had an incredible experience as an active collegiate member. I want to give back and promote those same opportunities for the next generation of Tau Beta Sigma. It would be a great opportunity to serve on the National Council and provide exceptional service to not only collegiate bands, but to our sisters. I would be esteemed to further discuss my ideas and aspirations as they relate to this position.

Much Love in the Bond,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Samantha N. Boxberger'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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Education

Bachelor of Music Education

Kansas State University

Major: Music Education (Choir, Orchestra, Band, General Music certified)

Overall GPA: 3.3

December 2015

Manhattan, KS

Classroom Experience

Instrumental Music Director

Fort Riley Middle School

August 2016- Present

Geary County, KS

- Develop musicianship in 65 beginning band students through performance opportunities
- Collaborate and co-teach 14 students advanced jazz performance concepts
- Orchestrate building/community outreach with music staff

Junction City High School

- Traveling assistant director; instructs Marching Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble
- Develop musicians through solos, sectionals, and small/large ensembles

Summer School Music/Theater Director

Northview Elementary

June 2016- July 2016

Manhattan, KS

- Created/Implemented 6-week music/theater program for K-7 students
- Differentiated classroom management skills for approximately 80 summer school students

Substitute Teacher

Manhattan-Ogden USD 383/Geary County USD 475

January 2016- May 2016

Manhattan, KS/ Junction City, KS

- Implemented instruction in a variety of subjects and environments

Leadership and Activities

Geary County USD 475

- Presented 2 Professional Development sessions as first-year teacher
 - CHAMPS procedures and Advanced Schoology
- Member of Climate committee

Kansas State University- School of Music, Theater, and Dance

- KSU Marching Band (Fall 2010- 2015)
 - (Head/Assistant Section Leader positions)
- KSU Cat Band (Fall 2010- Spring 2015)
- KSU Concert Band (Fall 2010- Fall 2012)
- KSU Wind Symphony (Spring 2013)
- KSU Wind Ensemble (Fall 2013- Spring 2015)
- KSU University Band (Spring 2011- 2014)
- KSU Flute Ensemble (Fall 2010- Spring 2015)
- Band Ambassador (Fall 2010-Spring 2015)

Sigma Alpha Iota- International Music Fraternity

- Served as Sisterhood Chair, Sergeant At Arms (Parliamentarian), Music Director, and Alumnae Liaison.
- Served as Province Day Co-chair (Spring 2015)
 - Planned workshop presenters, sisterhood activities, and lunch menu for 40-50 Members of Sigma Alpha Iota (Collegiate and Alumnae Members)

National Association of Future Music Educators

- Attend professional development opportunities
- Network and collaborate with music educators for best music teaching practices

Community Involvement

- City of Manhattan Municipal Band (Summer 2014-present)

Awards and Honors

Kansas State University School of Music, Theater, Dance

- Performed with KSU Wind Ensemble at Carnegie Hall in New York City, NY (April 2015)
- Student Conductor for KSU Flute Ensemble (Spring 2013) and KSU University Band (Spring 2014)

Sigma Alpha Iota- Kappa Upsilon Chapter at Kansas State University

- The Sword of Honor (Spring 2014)

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Chapter Involvement

Kansas State University, Delta Kappa Chapter

- Initiated into Delta Kappa chapter (December 2010)
- Co-lead prospective member service project (cleaning spats before bowl game)
- Committee Involvement
 - Spirit and Sisterhood (Spring 2011)
 - Ritual and Regalia (Fall 2011- Spring 2015)
- Ritual Chair and Co-Chair (Fall 2012- Spring 2014)
- Chapter Representative on the Midwest District Advisory Council (Fall 2011- Spring 2012)

Kansas State University, Joint Chapters of Epsilon Psi (KKY) and Delta Kappa (TBS)

- Stan Finck Memorial Leadership Award (Spring 2014)
- Bandswoman of the Year Award (Fall 2014)

District Involvement

Midwest District of Tau Beta Sigma

- Served as Committee Chair for District Committees
 - Credentials Committee Chair (Spring 2012)
 - Membership Committee Chair (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
 - District Events Committee Co-Chair (Spring 2015)
 - Nominations Committee (Spring 2016)
- Served as Midwest District Officer (VP for Membership) presiding over 10 states (Spring 2012-2014)
 - Furthered improvement of membership education programs for 11 collegiate chapters
 - Coordinated workshops for a District Day based on Membership
- Served as Midwest District Officer (President) presiding over 10 states (Spring 2014- Spring 2016)
 - Worked with 11 collegiate chapters to develop solid chapter operations practices
 - Coordinated and planned 2 District Conventions for 300+ members of TBS and KKY.
 - Lead the Midwest District Advisory Council (MWDAC)
 - Created sorority development opportunities for active chapter members
 - Increased communication and developed policies, procedures, and resources to aid in the advancement of active chapters in our district
- Attended/Facilitated numerous District Events
 - 12 District Days (K-State x2, KU, Mizzou, U of M x2, ISU, UNI, UNK, Missouri S&T, SDSU, Wayne State)
 - 7 District Conventions (Ames, IA x2, Rolla, MO, Lawrence, KS, Columbia, MO, Minneapolis, MN, Kearney, NE)
 - 4 Chapter Leadership Conferences (Kearney, NE, and Ames, IA)
- Given numerous workshops on Involvement in Tau Beta Sigma and beyond
 - Communication (x3)!, Identity of Tau Beta Sigma, Joint Relations, Music and Tau Beta Sigma, Other Music G(r)eeks, Almighty Membership Education Program, Balancing the Pillars to Support our Roof, Making Order Out of Chaos, and others
- Alumni Involvement
 - Co-directed Reading Jazz Band (Spring 2017)
 - Co-advised Joint and TBS Jurisdiction Committee (Spring 2017)
 - Presented workshop to active members (Personality Analysis, Spring 2017)

National Level Involvement

National Level

- 2 District Leadership Conferences (Stillwater, OK, and Lexington, KY)
- 3 National Conventions (Colorado Springs, CO, Springfield, MA, and Lexington, KY)
- Chaired the Jurisdiction Committee at the 2013 and 2015 National Conventions
- Life Member of Tau Beta Sigma since February 2014
- The Baton Award (Spring 2015)



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MIDDLE

April 24, 2017

To the National Delegation of Tau Beta Sigma:

Samantha and I have known each other since 2012, when we served on the Midwest District Council together. It's been wonderful to witness her transformation from that excited Vice President of Membership ready to dive into anything, to the experienced and determined Vice President of Communication and Recognition Candidate - still ready to dive into anything!

Sam is an organized go-getter who loves getting to know others. She is approachable and with a smile like hers, it's impossible to not feel happy around her! Sam truly lives by the purposes, factors, and qualities that make up our wonderful Organization. Not only that, but as a woman in music, she's promoting Tau Beta Sigma's mission each and every day while instilling the love of music in today's children. Without a doubt, she continues to represent the Sorority well as an alumna.

In her two years as Midwest District President, Sam took the district to new heights. Her ability to communicate and set forth plans well before they were to be executed was greatly appreciated, most notably during District Convention planning. Not only did she focus on keeping the district strong as a whole, but also on each chapter putting their best foot forward. Sam provided individual help where and when it was needed, whether it was helping a chapter develop a new way of budgeting or strengthening their MEP. Under her guidance both the district and the chapters of the district saw continued success.

If elected, Sam will approach the position of National VPCR with all the seriousness it deserves. Her work ethic and willingness to see her actions through will allow her to succeed while her problem solving skills and tactful but clear communication will help her overcome any obstacles she encounters. Her confidence and emotional poise will allow her to represent the Sorority well, at all times and under all circumstances. Her dependability will allow her to become a trusted team player from day one.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Samantha Boxberger for the position of National Vice President of Communication and Recognition. The Sorority would be honored to have such a well-rounded person willing to sacrifice her time and efforts to better the Organization.

Much Love in the Bond,



Shalyn Guthery
Midwest District Alumni Association President
Life Member, Theta Xi Chapter of Iowa State University

Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Samantha Boxberger for the office of National Vice President of Communication and Recognition. I believe Sam's past experiences within the sorority make her more than qualified for this role if elected.

Sam has gone above and beyond all her constitutional duties in prior positions so I am confident she would do the same for NVPCR. NVPCR is the voice of the National Council throughout the sorority and therefore effective communication is key. It is Sam's ability to achieve effective communication that I would like to focus on. There are three levels of the sorority that the NVPCR must communicate with in order for Tau Beta Sigma to grow and flourish: the National level, the District level, and Chapter level. Sam has experiences that prove her ability to effectively communicate with all levels.

Sam effectively communicated with her fellow officers during her four years on Midwest District Council. This experience has prepared her to work with her fellow National Officers if elected. Any council must work together as a team and advise each other with tolerance and kindness to ensure the best potential for success and growth. While we were district presidents together, we had conference calls with all the other presidents. As a second term president, Sam was someone each of us could bounce ideas off of and go to for advice. Sam was always very encouraging and willing to challenge us to think in new ways. Sam's ability to effectively offer feedback will help the National Council achieve a greater level of excellence than ever before.

Sam's experience on the Midwest District Council gives her the knowledge to serve and communicate with the six upcoming district councils effectively. Sam has seen the District side of the National-District communication and can therefore identify areas for continuation and areas for growth to make future district councils more effective. I believe Sam's district experience and desire to offer her advice and help wherever needed will bring the communication between the district councils and National Council to a new level.

The most daunting level of communication of our organization is the task of reaching active chapters and members of the sorority. During her time in the sorority Sam has worked to build relationships with the active members of the Midwest district and beyond. She understands the necessity of transparent communication with chapters to the growth of our organization. I believe Sam will continue to grow this transparency and consistency of communication with the active membership of the sorority.

As I mention above transparency is a crucial piece to effective communication especially in Tau Beta Sigma. Sam has proven she can accomplish this in her previous positions through her communications with previous National Councils, her peers on the various district councils, and with active chapters and members.

Sam is a model of what a true leader is within Tau Beta Sigma. She is loyal, honest, cheerful, tolerant, kind, and has had the courage to seize the ideals set before her in her time in the sisterhood. Sam has such passion for the growth of Tau Beta Sigma and has always been a source of encouragement and advice for me that I cannot see her accomplishing anything short of excellence if elected as NVPCR. I hope the sisters of Tau Beta Sigma grant her this opportunity so that this organization we all love so much can continue to grow even further.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Harrison

Life Member, Theta Lambda Chapter

Past Southeast District President, 2015-2017



Fort Riley Middle School

Home of the Troopers

Heather Oentrich – Principal

Trina Dibbini – Ass't. Principal Terry Heina – Ass't Principal

Brad Bascue – Athletic Coordinator

April 28, 2017

Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma:

I am writing to you in support of Mrs. Samantha Boxberger and her desire to obtain a National Office position in the Tau Beta Sigma Sorority. I have known Samantha for the past school year while serving in the capacity of Principal of Fort Riley Middle School. In that time, I have known Samantha to be a consummate professional who is dedicated to making sure that all students achieve success.

Samantha currently serves as a band instructor for 6th-8th grade students at Fort Riley Middle School. In this role, she plans and delivers standards-based instruction, which meets the individual needs of all of her students. She collaborates with her colleagues to design student-centered lessons, which engage students at a high level. Mrs. Boxberger's skill at designing and teaching lessons far exceeds that of other educators with a similar level of teaching experience. She is a reflective educator who recognizes the impact effective instruction can have on student learning, and she does not hesitate to implement a new strategy to better reach her students.

Mrs. Boxberger not only works collaboratively with her colleagues and families to meet student learning needs, she is an active participant in professional development opportunities. Samantha implements her learning at a high level. Whether it be using CHAMPS to structure her classroom for success, or the Schoology learning management system to assess student learning, she is not afraid to take risks if it means more learning for students. It is the value she places on her own learning that is evident in her pursuit of this honor. She recognizes that when she learns so do her students.

Samantha's collaborative skills, pedagogical knowledge and willingness to grow professionally all make her a high quality candidate to represent the Tau Beta Sigma Sorority. For these reasons, I recommend Mrs. Samantha Boxberger without reservation for an officer position within your organization. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding her qualifications.

Sincerely,

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