

To the Sisters and Brothers of Tau Beta Sigma:

I am writing regarding the position of National Vice President for Colonization and Membership, for which I present myself as a candidate.

I was initiated into the Delta Delta Chapter at the University of Massachusetts in the Fall of 1996. As an undergraduate, I served as a chapter officer and delegate to district and national conventions. I also had the privilege of serving as Vice-President of the Northeast District. At UMass, I had the honor to march with the "Power and Class of New England," the Minuteman Marching Band, for 5 seasons and serve as a rank leader and soloist. Near the end of my undergraduate studies, I marched with Blessed Sacrament World Class Indoor Color Guard for two seasons.

After graduation, I continued to serve bands as a color guard instructor. I have worked with the band programs at Boston University, Abington High School in Abington, MA, where I also worked as a high school math teacher, and have conducted workshops and clinics across the country. After earning my Master's Degree in Management with a concentration in Accounting, I made a career change and have worked as an auditor for the Department of Defense for the last 4 years.

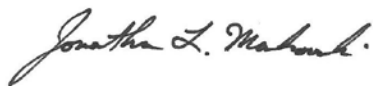
During the last biennium, I had the privilege of serving as your National Vice-President for Special Projects. My goals for this office were to educate members about Sorority programs and encourage chapters to participate. To this end, I designed and implemented the "Focus On Five" campaign, which awarded virtual "stripes" of the TBS flag to chapters that completed activities related to the national programs. The program had several indicators of success – many chapters have hosted Women in Music speakers or Scouting for Music activities, and the number of NIB auditions increased by over 30%.

I believe that the personal and professional skills that I have acquired from many years as a mathematics educator and color guard instructor, as well as the business education that I have received and my previous experience on the National Council, make me an outstanding candidate for the role of National Vice President for Colonization and Membership.

I plan to continue my efforts of streamlining Sorority documents, making video walkthroughs, and establishing clear, consistent expectations. Together with the National Leadership, specifically the NVPSP, I plan to continue the success of the Focus on Five campaign to assist chapters in developing membership education programs and continuing membership education programs.

I look forward to meeting you in Lexington to discuss how I can continue to serve Tau Beta Sigma.

In the Bond,



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2013-2015 National Vice President for Special Projects

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National Leadership

National Vice President for Special Projects 2013-2015

- Revised the National Program Guides for Composing Our Future, the Women in Music Speaker Series, and the Scouting For Music Program
- Designed and implemented the “Focus on Five” Campaign to educate and encourage chapter participation in Sorority Programs

National Vice President for Communication and Recognition 2011-2013

- Created video walkthroughs for the new Online Membership Reporting System (OMRS)
- Increased number of chapters with 100% National paperwork on time from 73 (2009-2011) to 119 (2011-2013)
- Increased number of eligible scholarship applicants to record high

Conventions Attended

NED 1997-2000, 2011-2013, 2015

SWD 2012, 2014

NCD 2013

National 1997, 1999, 2003, 2011, 2013, 2015

SED 2012, 2015

MWD 2013-2015

WD 2014-2015

Workshops Presented

“But My Chapter’s So _____”

Ritual Workshop

Auxiliary Clinic

“Hey, Big Spender!” (Chapter Finances)

Chapter Operations

Ask ALL of the Questions

Online Membership Reporting System

Offices Held

Delta Delta Chapter:

1998-1999 Corresponding Secretary

1999-2000 Ritual Chair

2000-2001 Parliamentarian

Eta Gamma Chapter:

2009 Advisory Council

Northeast District:

2000-2001 Vice President

Memberships

12/8/96	Delta Delta Chapter	Active Member
4/27/03	Eta Gamma Chapter	Honorary Member
5/6/03	Delta Delta Chapter	Life Member
12/12/07	TBSAA	Charter Member
4/20/12	Southwest District	Honorary Member
5/9/13	Midwest District	Honorary Member
5/4/14	Omega Chapter	Honorary Member
3/14/15	Northeast District	Honorary Member
4/10/15	Western District	Honorary Member



April 29, 2015

To the Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to recommend that Jonathan Markowski be the next Vice President for Colonization and Membership for the National Council of Tau Beta Sigma. I have worked closely with Jonathan this past year, as I was the Vice President of Special Projects for the Midwest District.

Honestly, I was a little nervous to take on the role of VPSP because I quickly realized how little I, and my district, knew about our sorority programs. However, once I met with Jonathan at DLC in Oklahoma, I felt reassured that I had someone who was going to help me succeed.

Jonathan was someone I knew I could ask for help before I was even elected to a district president. At the end of my sophomore year, I had some questions and I turned to Jonathan for advice. He was so helpful and prompt in his responses. This dedication to detail and communication will transfer well to his new position.

If it were not for Jonathan, I don't think the sorority would be as involved in programs as they are now. The Focus on Five campaign is the best idea I have seen since I've joined Tau Beta Sigma. The campaign was designed so well to motivate college students to get involved. Sometimes people forget that being in Tau Beta Sigma is more than just wearing the letters. We have these great programs that promote our ideals and service, and Jonathan got more sisters involved. The relations he has build with every chapter after this campaign will be extremely important when working at the NVPCM.

Jonathan is a sister that I encourage every sister to get to know. He embodies the ideals of our sorority and lives them out in his daily life. Tau Beta Sigma would be lucky to keep Jonathan on the council for another biennium. He is so essential to our sorority's success and that is because he wants nothing more than to see our sorority grow even more.

I would be happy to further discuss the wonderful person and sister that Jonathan Markowski is, if you wish.

MLITB,
Laura Cooke
TBS President – Zeta Omega, University of Missouri
Vice President of Special Projects, Midwest District

April 23, 2015

To the Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

I am writing on behalf of a dear colleague, Jonathan Markowski. We have worked on the same DCAA audit team for the past three years. During that time I found Jonathan to possess a deep knowledge of business systems and finance, a great source on auditing practices and techniques and a good friend.

One of the demands of our job is to conduct an audit at a business entity that we have never previously dealt with and within a very brief period of time put together an audit plan execute that plan and make suggestions to management on how they can improve their operation. Jonathan prides himself on being able to quickly identify audit issues and then communicate his ideas to management.

Part of our job requires that we interact with people who are uncomfortable being audited and sometimes hostile that they are being audited by the government. Jonathan has the ability to stay calm and work with contract managers to complete his tasks as well as making suggestions on how folks can improve the way they conduct their business.

This past fall Jonathan was able to teach an accounting course at Bridgewater State University. Teaching is one of Jonathan's great passions! He was able to do this by managing his flexible work schedule, using a little vacation time and juggling his life's schedule.

Obviously, Jonathan has tremendous time management skills. He has to manage the time budget of his individual audit assignments and he usually has several on-going assignments that can place demands on his time. Quite often our job requires out of state travel. Jonathan has developed the skills needed to manage the time demands of an out of state assignments, air travel, ground travel, lodging and finding a place for a relaxing meal at the end of the day. Another part of Jonathan's travel demands involve going home, unpacking his suitcase and repacking so he can go off and perform his Sorority duties. Jonathan really enjoys his duties with your Organization and puts in a great deal of his time and effort.

I always seek Jonathan's advice both personally and professionally. He always makes time for people. I enjoy his friendship and feel that Jonathan would make a wonderful National Vice President for Colonization and Membership.

Regards,

/s/

Robert P. Santry

To My Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma:

I am writing to you to express my great support for Jonathan Markowski and his candidacy for the office of National Vice President for Colonization and Membership. I have known Jonathan since I was an MC for the Delta Delta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma in the Fall of 2011. If there is one word that Jonathan can be described as, it is resourceful. As I hope my fellow Sisters know, Jonathan is one of the few people in our Sorority that knows answers to all of the questions.

It is very clear by the way that Jonathan carries himself in all capacities that Tau Beta Sigma is a large priority in his life, and he only wants the best for everyone. Jonathan is one of those people that you can call or email, and you know that he will respond with an answer to your question. If he doesn't know the answer to your question, he will find out for you so there is a mutual benefit to both Jonathan and the person he's helping. To call Jonathan resourceful is a true understatement and that skill is pertinent to the success of the National Vice President for Colonization and Membership. As the person responsible for the growth of our Sorority both internally and externally, I see him making great strides for our Sorority.

My most recent interaction with Jonathan was at Northeast District Convention, where he served as a Committee Advisor, presented two workshops, and became one of the Northeast District Honoraries. Specifically, it was Jonathan's commitment to being involved with the Northeast District that he was granted honorary membership. It doesn't matter what situation Jonathan is in, it is clear through his actions that Jonathan wants to be involved as possible to give the Sorority the best it deserves. Jonathan has proven time and time again that he is an integral part of our national leadership team, and he is one of the best we all deserve.

After attending last National Convention in Springfield, MA, it was clear that the National Chapter wanted a Vice President for Colonization and Membership that was focused on the quality of our Sorority members, as opposed to a focus on building numbers; a focus that I whole heartedly support. I have no doubt that Jonathan will fit this expectation; I even see Jonathan expanding upon it. Jonathan, through the development and overseeing of the Focus on Five campaign, has made it clear what he believes is good membership. I foresee great membership growth under Jonathan's leadership.

If you have any questions regarding Jonathan Markowski, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted with Much Love in the Bond,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Lukasik", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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