

Dear Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you my intent to fill a position on the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council. I am from the re-founding class of Eta Sigma at Towson University and I have held many positions as an active member, including Chapter President and Northeast District Treasurer and District President. As an alum, I have founded the Towson Area Alumni Association, about to enter its second year, as well as actively participated in the NEDAA (Joint) and National Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. As of 2013, I have been a committee member of the Special Projects committee of TBSAA, headed by Executive Councilmember Tamara Henry. On this committee, I have helped develop the Alumni Grant program, as well as heading the "5k for greater bands" committee along with 3 other Alumni sisters.

In my professional life, I am a Music Educator in Baltimore, MD. I have continued in my capacity to serve the programs in the area to the best of my ability. I currently teach instrumental music at Pine Grove Middle School, while being the Assistant Band Director and Color Guard Director at Patapsco High School. I have many proud accomplishments with these programs, including receiving all Superior markings at County Festival Assessment, and re-building a competitive Indoor Color Guard program that had been non-existent for many years.

I have chosen to run for this office because I know that I have much more to offer Tau Beta Sigma. I know that my previous experiences have been very rewarding, and have no doubt that this next step will be just as fulfilling. Serving Tau Beta Sigma is something that I do well, and I have the capacity and dedication to do so.

I have great confidence in my ability to successfully fulfill my duties if I am elected to the Tau Beta Sigma Executive Council. As a young alumni, I have experienced what Tau Beta Sigma AA and Local Alumni Associations can offer to all alumni, as well as what we can offer back to the Sorority we love and the bands and communities it serves. I have a strong understanding of the procedures and goals of Tau Beta Sigma AA, and am excited to continue to develop and advance these objectives. I thank you for your consideration, and welcome any questions you may have.

In the Bond,

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Kristen Collins  
Tau Beta Sigma  
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### **Tau Beta Sigma Experience**

#### **Membership**

Active 2008-2012

Life Member 2012

TBSAA member 2012-present

NEDAA member 2012-present

Towson Area Alumni Association 2014 - present

#### **Offices and Chairs Held**

2007 - 2008 Eta Sigma Colony Treasurer

2008-2010 Eta Sigma Treasurer, Eta Sigma Music Chair

2010-2011 Eta Sigma President, North East District Treasurer

2012-2013 Eta Sigma Historian and Alumni Secretary, North East District President

2014- Present Towson Area Alumni Association (affiliate) President

#### **Committees Served**

2010 NED Jurisdiction Committee

2011 NED Ways and Means Committee Advisor

2011 National Sisterhood and Spirit Committee Chair

2012 NED Vision and Direction Committee Advisor

2013-Present TBSAA Special Projects Committee

#### **Conventions Attended**

2008 NED Convention - Virginia Tech

2009 Southern Precinct Meeting - University of Virginia

2009 NED Convention - University of Massachusetts

2010 NED Convention - University of Maine (Eta Sigma Delegate)

2011 Central Precinct Meeting - West Virginia University

2011 Southern Precinct Meeting - Virginia Tech

2011 NED Convention - James Madison University

2011 National Convention - Colorado Springs, CO

2012 Northern Precinct Meeting - University of Massachusetts

2012 Central Precinct Meeting - Lehigh University

2012 Southern Precinct Meeting - Morgan State University

2012 NED Convention - University of Maryland

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2013 Southern Precinct - University of Virginia  
2013 NED Convention - University of Massachusetts  
2013 National Convention - Springfield, MA  
2014 NED Convention - University of Connecticut

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Instrumental Music Teacher, Baltimore County Public Schools, 2012 - Present**

Teaching Orchestra and general music classes at Pine Grove Middle School I Parkville, MD. I am a member of the faculty communications committee that uses multiple digital and print medias to disperse announcements about the schools activities.

#### **Assistant Marching Band Director, Patapsco High School, 2009 - Present**

I assist in planning, writing, and execution of the annual marching band program. In addition, I am the color guard caption head and designer.

#### **Patriot Independent Winter Guard Director, 2013 - Present**

Last year, I built this youth education program. After our inaugural year, I now manage a competitive program, its finances, staff, design, and administrative needs.

#### **Bridal Consultant, Bed Bath and Beyond, 2008 - 2012**

I was a customer service specialist, in which I used my interpersonal skills to guide customers on their purchases and to ensure a good shopping experience.

### **Education**

#### **University of Maryland University College - in progress**

Masters of Education - Instructional Technology

#### **Towson University - 2012**

BS in Music Education - Instrumental Certification

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To Whom It May Concern –

As the director of bands at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, I have had the pleasure of working with Kristen Collins for the past seven years. Kristen has served the Patapsco community as a color guard instructor and assistant marching band director. She also started the indoor color guard program here at Patapsco. Through her involvement, Kristen has consistently demonstrated strong initiative, motivation and dedication. Her vision for growth and development of students is backed up with knowledge, skills, organization and patience.

Her commitment to our Patapsco community is on top of her full time job as orchestra director at Pine Grove Middle School. As orchestra director, Kristen has produced high achieving students as has provided extra opportunity for them including Tri M Music Honor Society and an honors ensemble.

I believe that Kristen's commitment to both Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts Marching Band and the Pine Grove orchestra have proven her to be a talented and dedicated musician and teacher and also an outstanding professional. I highly recommend her as a national officer. I am certain that she will share the same passion and drive she brings to both Patapsco and Pine Grove with Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Joann Talley  
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April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

To the National Leadership Team of Tau Beta Sigma,

Please accept this letter in recommendation of Kristen Collins for one of the vacant positions on the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association (TBSAA) Executive Council for the upcoming biennium. Kristen has served as a leader within her home Chapter, Eta Sigma at Towson University; at the District level as Treasurer and President; and taking a forward role in establishing and supporting the Eta Sigma Alumni Association. As an Alumna she continues to serve as a member of the Northeast District Alumni Association (NEDAA) and TBSAA Special Projects committee and 5K subcommittee. It is through this active participation and service that I think Kristen has found her niche in our organization and where she can continue to thrive in the future.

My experience working with Kristen began during the 2011-2012 school year when we served together on Northeast District Council. Through this experience on Council Kristen further developed herself as a leader. She is well-organized, ensures fairness in her decisions, and looks for opportunities for growth and change within the organization. As President, Kristen ensured that new projects and initiatives at the District level were feasible and well thought out so that they could continue on after her time on Council - a number of these ideas are still being used by Councils and Chapters today.

As an Alumna Kristen has participated in both NEDAA and TBSAA attending functions and showing support whenever possible. She has taken on an active role in the TBSAA sponsored 5k that will take place in Maryland this coming Sunday. As a young Alumna and music educator Kristen brings her perspective to Special Projects committee meetings and enlightens other members of the committee on how we can better serve our local communities and music programs.

Kristen and I have held many conversations about involvement for Alumni and ways to support Tau Beta Sigma and its Alumni Association. Kristen is committed to enhancing the experience of Alumni and providing opportunities for continued service and involvement in our organization. I know that she will devote her time and effort to executing projects and ideas that support and further TBSAA. It excites me to see someone with this passion ready to step forward as a leader of our organization.

Respectfully,

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Allison Leemann

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April, 2015

Dear Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma:

It is my honor to write a letter of recommendation for Kristen (Ulloa) Collins for a vacant position on the Executive Council of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association (TBSAA).

I first served with Kristen when I was the one of the Captains of The Towson University Game Day Crew. I was immediately impressed with her ability to step up when needed and willingness to accept any assignment. When Eta Sigma re-colonized, I had not been actively involved with Towson University but had heard of her prowess far before I was given the honor of meeting her. During the time that Kristen and I served together on the Game Day Crew, she filled me in on the process and taught me about Tau Beta Sigma. She possessed such a passion and dedication to enhancement of the Sorority and the Eta Sigma Chapter, her excitement was contagious.

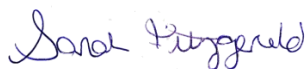
When Kristen decided to become a member of the Northeast District Alumni Association (NEDAA), I was thrilled. She and I immediately began discussions on how to increase and maintain membership of the Tau Beta Sigma Sisters. We became fast friends, and I found that she was, and will continue to be, a resource for me as I improve my knowledge and dedication to Tau Beta Sigma. Her problem solving and communication skills, combined with her visibility and adaptability have made her a crucial member of the NEDAA. Although she is not an officer, her leadership skills and knowledge are frequently utilized as we continue on our quest to better and strengthen the NEDAA.

Kristen's never ceases to settle for "enough". She continues to take on new projects and initiatives. She and a handful of other Eta Sigma Alumni banded together to create the Towson Area Alumni Association. Though they are a new organization, she has worked to create a structure and set of goals to help both the Eta Sigma Chapter as well as their alumni. Additionally, she has worked extensively on the For Greater Bands 5K hosted by the TBSAA that will occur in just a couple weeks.

I am confident that Kristen's prior leadership roles have more than adequately prepared her to serve as a member of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association's Executive Council. Her knowledge and desire to serve Tau Beta Sigma, will create a path for success for her in any leadership position.

If you have any additional questions, or need further explanation, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



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