

Leslie Gartin



**Candidate for
Vice President for Communication &
Recognition
2019-2021**

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To the National Convention Delegation of Tau Beta Sigma,

Hello! My name is Leslie Gartin, and I am thrilled to be running for the position of National Vice President for Communication & Recognition (VPCR). Since my initiation into the Zeta Nu Chapter in the fall of 2002 I have held numerous leadership positions in the organization including Chapter President, District Vice President for Membership, Midwest District Alumni Association President, and Midwest District Counselor. My varied experience in the organization and fortitude are needed in this National Office position at this time.

I recently completed my twelfth year as a band director in Iowa. My career and passion as a teacher would not be possible without Tau Beta Sigma and its ideals. It is a part of my every day, and I cannot imagine my life without it. I strive to live the 8 and 5 daily in and out of my classroom. The hundreds of students I've taught through my career have benefitted from the Sisterhood indirectly in my practices. It has been my pleasure to have past students now return into my life as Sisters which is a special, full-circle experience.

The VPCR serves as the "mouthpiece" for the National Council, and I will excel in this role with my organization, excellent note taking skills, and strong knowledge of social media analytics. It also requires direct contact with the Active membership. This has been one of my favorite parts of working as a District Counselor for the past four years and is something I look forward to continuing at the national level.

If elected, I plan to continue our successful methods of communication in the ways of social media including Instagram takeovers and "Tau Beta Tuesday" newsletters. I understand how the analytics work within our social media outlets and plan to implement a posting schedule to our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts that maximizes exposure and limits posting fatigue. One avenue of communication I'd like to explore is podcasts. They are a wonderful tool for the busy college student to obtain Tau Beta Sigma information while on-the-go. These podcasts would be uploaded monthly or more frequently, based on demand. This new form of communication would have a variety of important information about the Sorority happenings and responses to student questions.

I have had the privilege of working with a majority of the current National Leadership in a variety of capacities. I adore these people, and pride myself on my ability to build strong personal and professional relationships. Cohesiveness is crucial to a successful leadership team, and I feel like I fit into this National council well.

I have the experience, leadership skills, musicality, and communication skills necessary to be a wonderful National Officer, and I am excited for the opportunity to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Much Love in the Bond,

Leslie Gartin

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Life Member #2613

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Education

Bachelor of Music in Music Education and French Horn Performance May 2007
University of Northern Iowa- Cedar Falls, IA

Master of English as a Second Language Instruction July 2013
Drake University-Des Moines, IA

Career Experience

Green Mountain Garwin CSD August 2016-Present

7-12 Band Director, K-12 Talented & Gifted Coordinator

Band director instructing JH Band, HS Concert Band, HS Pep Band, HS Jazz Band, and lessons. TAG coordination includes supervision of Advanced Placement online courses, coaching the Robotics team, Quiz Bowl Squad, and Lego League team.

Southeast Warren CSD July 2013-July 2016

5-12 Band Director, ESL Coordinator

Band director instructing 6 ensembles, lessons, and ESL coordinator for 5 schools in the area.

Adair-Casey CSD June 2007-June 2013

5-12 Band Director

Band director instructing 6 ensembles, including 8th grade music appreciation, study hall and cafeteria supervision, and advisor to high school students.

Sorority Leadership

National Office

Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Counselor March 2015-Present

Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Finance Chair December 2011-March 2015

Alumni Office

Midwest District Alumni Association President March 2009-March 2012

Midwest District Alumni Association Secretary/Treasurer November 2007-March 2009

District Office

Midwest District Vice President for Membership March 2005-March 2006

Midwest District Secretary/Treasurer March 2004-March 2005

Chapter Office

President 2005-2007

Corresponding Secretary 2003-2005

Parliamentarian 2002-2003

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Sorority Membership for Tau Beta Sigma

Initiated into the Zeta Nu Chapter at UNI
Life Member
Honorary Member-Midwest District

December 6, 2002
May 2007
March 8, 2012

Fraternity Membership for Kappa Kappa Psi

Honorary Member-Eta Pi Chapter
Honorary Member-Midwest District

November 3, 2012
March 28, 2015

Convention Experience

National Conventions

2017-Orlando, Florida

Ritual of Excellence-Music Coordinator

White Caucus Advisor-Midwest District Caucus Advisor

Advised Programs Committee

Conducted the Reading Band, ran French Horn sectionals and chair placement for NIB

2015-Lexington, Kentucky

Ritual of Excellence-Equipment Coordinator

Midwest District Caucus Advisor

Advised History and Traditions Committee

2013-Springfield, Massachusetts

TBSAA Executive Committee Member

2011-Colorado Springs, CO

2007-Orlando, FL

Member of NIB, Chapter Delegate

2005-Lexington, KY

Chapter Delegate, Committee Chair for Recognition & Regalia

2003-Norfolk, VA

Member of NIB, Chapter Delegate

District Conventions

Midwest District Conventions- 2003, 2005-2019 (Tentative)

District Officer in 2005, 2006

Participant of Host chapter in 2008

Midwest District Counselor 2015-2019

Ran MEP workshops and advised Nominations 2015-2019

North Central District Convention-2012 Western District Convention-2013

Southwest District Conventions- 2005

Committee Advisor for Ways and Means

Other Professional Affiliations

Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association

Iowa Bandmasters' Association

Music Educators National Conference

Music Director, St. Johns' Church, 2010-Present

Iowa Quiz Bowl Organization Coach/Sponsor

First Tech Challenge Coach/Sponsor

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10 Jan 2018

TBΣ Nominations Committee
2019 TBΣ National Convention
Stillwater, OK

Dear TBΣ Nominations Committee:

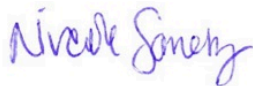
It is my pleasure to recommend Leslie Gartin for the office of National Vice President for Communication and Recognition (VPCR). Having held this office, I understand the commitment and expectations, and believe that Leslie will be a perfect fit. She has a strong history of Sorority leadership and commitment to our members.

I have known Leslie since she and I were district officers in 2005. We actually met at the National Leadership Conference in Stillwater. Her passion for the Sorority is palpable, and can be seen in all she does. She currently serves as one of the Midwest District Counselors, a role she has held since her appointment in 2015. In this role she has mentored countless Sorority members including district officers and chapter members. The Midwest District has excelled in meeting national obligations, such as on-time paperwork submission, and participation in National Programs such as Focus on Five. Strong leadership and mentorship is a key to success, and I know that Leslie leadership has been essential to the successful accomplishments of the Midwest District chapters and members.

The National Council has a history of strong leaders, particularly in the VPCR position, and I believe Leslie will continue this tradition. She knows how to build strong connections with students, which is vital to this role. This is visible not only in her connections with members of the Midwest District, but her connection with the students she teaches as a Band Director. Communication methods continue to change; therefore, keeping abreast of the changes to social media, as well as the best methods to reach the largest audience is imperative. Leslie's goal to introduce podcasts as a method for communication is a fantastic idea, and will offer a new way to share information with the members of the Sorority. Additionally, her plan to implement a social media posting schedule will help prevent overwhelming our members with information by effectively using our different social media platforms. Clearly Leslie understands the importance of message presentation when it comes to social media, and communication with our members.

As important as building relationships with our members, it is equally important to build relationships with the National Leadership Team, Headquarters staff, and others in order to be successful. Leslie has developed a positive rapport with many individuals in leadership positions within the Sorority, and has built long-lasting relationships with many Sisters in Tau Beta Sigma. Leslie is passionate, organized, and willing to put in the extra effort required to get the job done. Without a doubt I know that Leslie will succeed if elected to the office of National Vice President for Communication and Recognition, and offer her fullest recommendation. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

In the Bond,



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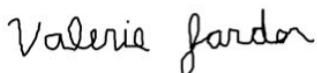
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to Leslie Gartin and the National Vice President for Communication and Recognition officer position. Leslie Gartin has continually proven to be a forward thinking, positive, reliable, hardworking, and selfless individual. Throughout my time in Tau Beta Sigma, I have had the honor of having Leslie as one of our District Counselors and I have had the opportunity to work with her more closely throughout my time as a district officer. I have continually been inspired by Leslie for her dedication and commitment to our ideals, our mission statement, and our sorority as a whole.

I speak for the entirety of the Midwest District when I say that Leslie is truly our second mother. Leslie is always there to offer advice, provide support, and teach. What stands out to me greatly, and I especially remember noticing this my second year as a sister, but Leslie has a way of making the Midwest feel small. She takes the time to get to know each chapter and its members, and is always pushing us to become better sisters, better students, and ultimately, better people. This is something that comes so naturally to Leslie, but incredibly impacts us and strengthens the bonds across the district. We can achieve so much more when we are united, and I know without a doubt in my mind that Leslie would continue this as a national officer on an even greater scale. Leslie is incredibly knowledgeable, dedicated, passionate and reliable. She really takes it upon herself to build strong leaders, and I know that without her influence and continual support, I never would have been able to achieve what I have. Our sorority is made up of so many wonderful leaders, but it is important to recognize where we come from and who helped us along the way. For all of us in the Midwest District, Leslie has played a vital role in our development as leaders and as sisters.

Leslie is truly committed to the Five Qualities and Eight Essential Factors that our sorority values so deeply. "Tolerance, tempered with kindness and a consideration for the needs of others" and "generosity of mind, heart, and hand" are two that I have seen Leslie employ continually as a leader of the Midwest. Through interactions I have had with her and her interactions with others that I have observed, even in challenging situations, Leslie remains level-headed, respectful, and kind. She is a problem solver and a very gifted and passionate educator. Leslie is very gracious in what she gives, whether it be her time, her knowledge, or her ideas, and her continual selflessness and willingness to help others inspires people to do the same. Leslie's leadership experience at the chapter level as Ritualist, Secretary and President, and at the district level as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President for Membership and District Counselor, have provided her with a multitude of skills and experiences that would be necessities on National Council, such as strong communication and organizational skills, and experience recording, publishing, and distributing the minutes and other important documents on a grander scale.

Leslie Gartin is an exceptional individual and I am proud to have had the opportunity to work closely with her throughout my time as an active member of Tau Beta Sigma. It is without any hesitation that I recommend Leslie Gartin for National Vice President for Communication and Recognition.



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January 14, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mrs. Leslie Gartin to the position of National Vice President for Communication and Recognition for Tau Beta Sigma. Learning about your organization and reading Leslie's resume and cover letter, she would be perfect for this position.

I have known Leslie for the past 3 years, when her and I both arrived to GMG Jr./Sr. High at the same time. Leslie has started our Talented & Gifted from scratch, and she has done a fantastic job. This year, she took over the JH and HS instrumental music program, replacing the teacher who has been here for over 30 years. Both of these tasks are not easy, but Leslie has tackled them with ease. She has excelled at both starting a new program and transitioning into an already successful program, which both are hard tasks.

Students and other teachers look up to Leslie for her straightforward approach, and dedication to the school. She consistently holds herself in a professional manner, never losing her composure and keeping the respect of her colleagues. I have thrown a lot at her professionally, and has handled everything with great aplomb. Leslie dedicates so much of her time to go above and beyond, including starting an academic team and robotics team to take to local tournaments.

Listening to Leslie talk about Tau Beta Sigma, it is evident how much she cares about this organization. She has spent a lot of time and effort doing what she can to make this organization better, and her decision to move from Counselor to National Office is a remarkable one. We take up a lot of her time here at school, and the fact that she's consistently been able to devote so much of her free time to this professional organization is something I admire.

In closing, I recommend Leslie Gartin to the position of National Vice President for Communication and Recognition, and hold her in high regard. She would make a superb National Officer. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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