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Dear Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma:

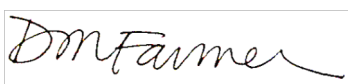
The Board of Trustees plays an integral role in the development and future of Tau Beta Sigma. The Sisters who serve on the Board commit to developing strategies and plans to ensure a strong future for our national organization, which in turn impacts our local chapters and band programs. As someone who has served in a national leadership position within the Sorority for thirteen years and as a college band director and music education professor, I present myself as a candidate for a Trustee position on the Board of Tau Beta Sigma. I feel that my experience and roles within the Sorority and my professional life provide me with a skill set and background that can contribute to Tau Beta Sigma in ways that are essential for our continued success and longevity.

As a Life Member of Tau Beta Sigma, I have held multiple roles within the organization that allow me a wide breadth of knowledge about the Sorority. Since my initiation in the Fall of 1997, there has not been a time span of more than thirty days that I have not held an office; I have been an active leader and contributor to the Sorority as an Active member and officer of the Omega Chapter at the University of Arizona, as a Western District officer, as a Western District Joint Alumni Association officer, as a National Council member, and this past term as a Board of Trustees member. In these positions, I have learned an incredible amount about Tau Beta Sigma and have been a part of major plans, improvements, developments, and events of the Sorority. I hope to continue this track record.

In my professional life, I am a professor at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. I teach music education, music, and general studies courses at my school and work with a wide variety of students across all majors. I work closely with the current music, music education, education, and band faculty. Concurrently, I serve the college through committee work, and I have been appointed to prominent committees in my first year here, including one focused on curriculum as it relates to diversity. These experiences will prove invaluable and allow me to garner skills to bring to the Tau Beta Sigma table.

My desire to serve Tau Beta Sigma through the role of a Trustee comes from a place of deep love, respect, and appreciation of the Sorority. My life has been indescribably impacted by the organization, and I want to ensure a strong, positive, meaningful future for all college band members who make the decision to be a part of the Sisterhood. I have served on the Board since my Presidential position in 2011-2013, then as the Immediate Past National President in 2013-2015, and as an elected Trustee from 2015-2019. In these years, I have learned more about the functions, roles, and tasks that the Board of Trustees must undertake. I contributed to the Board as the Scholarship Committee Chair, a position that allowed me to work with alumni members and Wava's daughter, Sandra, and give them the opportunity to continue to serve at the national level of the organization, as well as developing rubrics for the scholarship awards. In the most recent biennium, I have taken on the role of Secretary and tried to develop more professional strategies in that capacity. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve on the Board of Trustees and contribute in meaningful ways. I sincerely hope that there is a wide pool of candidates for the Board positions, yet I also urge you to strongly consider my nomination. I have an amazing track record of service to the Sorority, and I plan to continue that level of commitment if you deem it in the best interest of Tau Beta Sigma.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Professor of Music Education, Augustana College
Life Member, Omega Chapter

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education May 2015
Arizona State University

Dissertation title: *Urban Music Education: A Critical Discourse Analysis*

Master of Arts in Music Education May 2008
University of Maryland

Thesis title: *Authorship and Methodology Patterns in Music Education Research, 1984 – 2007*

Bachelor of Music in Music Education May 2002
University of Arizona

Graduated *Cum Laude*

Professional Experience – Positions in Higher Education

Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music Education Fall 2018 – Current
Augustana College [IL]

Assistant Professor of Music, Director of Bands Fall 2014 – Spring 2018
Saint Mary's College [IN]

Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music Education Fall 2013 – Spring 2014
University of Oklahoma [OK]

Assistant Professor &, Coordinator of Music Education Fall 2012 – Spring 2013
Boise State University [ID]

Graduate Teaching Assistant Fall 2010 – Spring 2013
Arizona State University [AZ]

Graduate Teaching Assistant Fall 2006 – Spring 2008
University of Maryland [MD]

Professional Experience – Positions in K-12 Education

Kenmoor Middle School, Director of Instrumental Music July 2008 – July 2010
Landover, MD

MBUSD: Elementary Bands & Honor Ensembles, HS Band July 2002 – July 2006
Manhattan Beach, CA

Research, Publication

Research Interests

Urban music education, social justice, critical race theory, women in music/band, teacher preparation

Publication

Dissertation & Thesis documents: ProQuest; Book Chapter on Gladys Wright & Women in School Band Leadership (2017)

Sorority Experience – National Level

Board of Trustees

2015 – 2019

Scholarship Chair, Secretary

Immediate Past National President, Board of Trustees

2013 – 2015

Scholarship Chair, Wava Memorial Team, 1946 Club Development

National President

2011 – 2013

Development of Wava Memorial, Standard Operating Procedures Development

National Vice-President for Colonization & Membership

2009 – 2011

Installed 9 Colonies, National District Leadership Conference Innovations

National Vice-President for Special Projects

2007 – 2009

Inclusion of *Affirmation* as a National Song, Scouting for Music Program, Developed National Historian Position

National Vice-President for Communication & Recognition

2006 – 2007

Appointed Midway Through Biennium, Reorganized Records, Top Chapter Rubric Development

Sorority Experience – Alumni, District, Chapter Levels

WDJAA: Western District Joint Alumni Association

President; Vice-President of Special Projects

Omicron Colony Advisor

Western District

President; Vice President for Colonization and Membership

Omega Chapter (The University of Arizona)

President (2 terms), Vice-President of Active Membership, Parliamentarian

Sorority & Fraternal Memberships

Honorary Membership in Tau Beta Sigma

National Chapter, Midwest District, Southwest District, Western District, North Central District, Northeast District, Beta Eta Chapter

Honorary Membership in Kappa Kappa Psi

Omega Chapter, Midwest District, Western District, Beta Omicron Chapter, Psi Chapter, National Chapter

Tau Beta Alumni Association Charter Member

Life Membership in Tau Beta Sigma

National Chapter, Omega Chapter

Community Band Involvement (Clarinet)

Notre Dame Summer Band [IN], Treasure Valley Concert Band [ID], University of Maryland Clarinet Choir [MD], Santa Monica College Concert Band [CA]