

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 Membership & Expansion (VPME). Since my initiation into the Zeta Nu chapter during the Fall of 2002, I have held numerous leadership positions in the organization, including Chapter President, District Vice President of Membership, Midwest District Alumni Association President, Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council Finance Chair, Midwest District Counselor, and National Vice President of Special Projects. My leadership experience has given me a wealth of ideas to bring to this position.

I am in my sixteenth year of teaching as a band director in Iowa. My career and passion as an educator would not be possible without Tau Beta Sigma and its ideals. It is 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. My practices have benefitted hundreds of students I've taught throughout my career. It has been my pleasure to have past students now return to my life as Sisters, which is a special, full-circle experience.

My plan for serving as your next Vice President for Membership & Expansion is these three words: Health, Strength, and Growth. By first focusing on the Health of our existing chapters, we will continue to thrive as an organization. This will be achieved through organic contact of chapters and making sure they are being supported. In the action word Strength, I will facilitate opportunities for growth in our chapters, both in quality and quantity. Interactive activities, engaging discussions, and using our Curriculum Committee to help individual chapters achieve growth through a personalized process will help our chapters maintain their health. We can always improve, and I will work to accelerate our strength. Lastly, the term Growth pertains to the expansion of chapters, which I will endeavor to install more chapters into our wonderful organization. I will do this by being present at multiple National events for College Band directors, and using my existing contacts as a K-12 Instrumental music educator to help facilitate this goal.

My background in the organization makes this position a natural fit. One example of this is that I was fortunate to co-write the original Overture Curriculum, so I am excited for the potential to continue working on this evolving document. Also, as a public school teacher, I have the expertise necessary to have tough conversations with students and adult leaders to ensure the stability of our chapters and Organization. Lastly, as a professional Woman in Music, I can use my professional connections and communication skills to work with our Directors of Bands and Sponsors professionally and concisely.

I have the experience, leadership skills, musicality, and communication skills necessary to be a wonderful National Vice President for Membership & Expansion. 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
University of Northern Iowa- Cedar Falls, IA

May 2007

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

July 2013

Career Experience

Green Mountain Garwin CSD

August 2016-Present

Elementary Music/Band, K-12 Talented & Gifted & ESL Coordinator

Band director instructing 5th grade band, 6th grade band, lessons, 14 sections of elementary music, and ESL duties as needed. 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.

Sorority Leadership

National Office

National Vice President for Special Projects

July 2021-Present

National Vice President for Communication & Recognition

July 2019-July 2021

Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District Counselor

March 2015-July 2019

Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Finance Chair

December 2011-March

2015

Alumni Office

Midwest District Alumni Association President

March 2009-March 2012

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

Sorority Membership for Tau Beta Sigma

Initiated into the Zeta Nu Chapter at UNI

December 6, 2002

Life Member

#2613

Honorary Member-Midwest District

March 31, 2012

Honorary Member-Northeast District

March 21, 2020

Honorary Member-Western District

March 28, 2020

Honorary Member-Southwest District

April 18, 2020

Honorary Member-Theta Xi Chapter

August 25, 2021

Fraternity Membership for Kappa Kappa Psi

Honorary Member-Eta Pi Chapter

November 3, 2012

Honorary Member-Midwest District

March 28, 2015

Honorary Member-National

July 15, 2021

Convention Experience

National Conventions

2021-Grand Rapids, Michigan

Ritual of Excellence-Speaker

Credentials Committee Advisor

Coordinated all Individual and Chapter Awards and Their Presentations

2019-Stillwater, Oklahoma

Ritual of Excellence-Music Coordinator

Ritual & Regalia/History & Traditions Committee Advisor

Conducted Reading Band, ran French horn chair placements for NIB

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

2003-Norfolk, VA 2005-Lexington, KY 2007-Orlando

Member of NIB, Chapter Delegate, Committee chair for R&R Committee in 2005

District Conventions

Midwest District Conventions 2003-2019, 2022

Northeast District Convention 2020-2023

Southwest District Convention 2005, 2020-2023

North Central District Convention 2013, 2020-22

Southeast District Convention 2019-2023

Western District Convention 2014, 2020-2023

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



February 14, 2023

To the Sisters and Brothers of Tau Beta Sigma,

My name is Holleyanna Nolen and for the past four years I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Leslie Gartin as a chapter and district officer in the Southeast District (SED). When I think of all of the experiences that I have had with Leslie three words come to mind - dedication, kindness, and passion. All of these qualities are fundamental in any effective leader to inspire change and growth within those they lead. It is because of this that I without reservation recommend Leslie Gartin for the position of National Vice President of Membership and Expansion (VPME) for the 2023-2025 biennium.

In 2019, my chapter had the privilege of hosting the Southeast District Convention where I had my first encounter with Leslie. Although I was a younger sister, she took time out of her day to speak with me about my personal and chapter goals. This interaction had a major impact on my view of Tau Beta Sigma leadership and what it meant to continue serving after graduation. Even from our short interaction, it felt like she genuinely cared about me as a person. Throughout my time as an active sister, I have come to know that Leslie is someone who consistently invests in the well being of those around her. With the role of Vice President of Membership and Expansion, her compassion will help aid her in fostering relationships with officers and members around the nation.

One of Leslie's qualities that I would like to highlight from her professional and sorority career is her ability to balance multiple roles and responsibilities. As a music educator, wife, and National officer, there are many hats that she has to switch between on a frequent basis. While to some this is a difficult task, she has been able to handle this smoothly and with grace, all while ensuring that the needs and requirements of her office are met.

Leslie is someone who I believe is a perfect embodiment of what it means to be a sister of Tau Beta Sigma. She consistently mirrors the Tau Beta Sigma fundamental principles and values in her interactions with both sisters and brothers. If elected to the position of National Vice President of Membership and Expansion, she would continue working directly with both chapter and district officers to pave the legacy of Tau Beta Sigma. With her firsthand experience from a district and national level, she provides a wealth of knowledge and resources that can help officers grow. I believe her previous leadership experience and goal-oriented personality make her the ideal candidate for this position.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holleyanna Nolen

Tau Beta Sigma | Eta Lambda Chapter

Life Member #3967

Hello Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma,

My name is Zack Rebarchek and I am writing to encourage you to support one of the most dedicated and reliable sisters I have known in this organization for the office of National Vice President for Membership and Expansion, Leslie Gartin. I have had the pleasure of working with Leslie closely at many points during our work in Tau Beta Sigma. In 2011, I began working with Leslie while I was Midwest District President. She was serving as the President of the Midwest Alumni Association. I used Leslie as a source of advice, a collaborator for programming, and saw a direct benefit in the strength of the Midwest Membership.

I worked closest with Leslie while we were serving as Co-Counselors of the MWD. During this time we worked directly as a team to support our chapters and members individually throughout the Midwest. While we all have our strengths, Leslie's ability to connect with people will always be a trait I admire. She has a strong ability for personalized communication. She uses this ability to work with students and team members to help them accomplish their goals. By doing this, she was able to directly help the strength and health of the chapters within the MWD along with our District leadership team.

During her time as MWD Counselor, the MWD consistently met deadlines for both district and chapter submissions. The district was consistently a top participant in programs including Focus on Five. Leslie directly influenced this consistent performance by setting standards, working with her team to create a realistic plan of action, and following through. I have seen her carry these habits into her performance for her last 4 years of leadership on the TBS National Council.

Leslie's tireless work ethic, strong organization, and interpersonal relationship ability will give her every tool she needs to focus on expansion and growth for Tau Beta Sigma. Building a connection, maintaining contact, and managing expectations is critical for chapter expansion and development.

With her experience and professional ability, I have every bit of confidence in Leslie to excel in the office of VPME and I encourage you to support her in this endeavor.

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Zack Rebarchek
Past MWD Counselor
Kansas City Retail Sales Manager, AT&T



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February 5, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Leslie Gartin for the Vice President for Membership and Expansion position. I have worked with Mrs. Gartin over the past 7 years at Green Mountain Garwin Community School District. Leslie serves diverse roles as an educator; she is currently our K-6 music teacher, 5-6th grade band instructor, junior robotics teacher, 3rd-6th grade Talent and Gifted teacher, and our English Language Learner teacher for K-12th grade. Mrs. Gartin serves each of these roles with enthusiasm, professionalism, high standards and ingenuity.

Leslie believes in building a strong foundation for all of her programs by developing trusting relationships built on respect and high expectations. She sets her programs up for success by clearly communicating her expectations for student behavior and holding students accountable. Mrs. Gartin dedicates time in class to get to know her students, interests, and social/emotional well-being to connect with them as individuals. Building trusting relationships and listening to her students helps Mrs. Gartin and her students to achieve their goals and set her programs up for success.

Mrs. Gartin demonstrates great leadership skills by being organized, a forward thinker, and intentional. I have collaborated with Leslie on our school's Veterans Day Ceremony for the past two years. She has modeled these leadership qualities by developing our program, managing the sound system, and taking a lead of how we should organize our program for our stakeholders. In addition, Mrs. Gartin shows these leadership skills as she plans and prepares for our winter and spring concerts. She is forward thinking as she selects music for her programs to engage students and develop a love for music whether it be for band or music. Leslie is very intentional and purposeful as she balances each of the programs she leads to set them up for success, but bigger than that to push her students to excel to their fullest potential.

Mrs. Leslie Gartin would be a great candidate for the Vice President of Membership and Expansion position. She demonstrates strong leadership outside of the school setting by being a part of the Zeta Nu Chapter of the organization at UNI. She has served in leadership positions as a student and now as an adult life member. Leslie is currently the National Vice President for Special Projects where she oversees the flagship Women in Music Speaker Series, the National Programs, and National Convention Planning.

Mrs. Gartin's strong leadership, organization, forward thinking, and ability to build trusting relationships makes her an exceptional candidate for the Vice President of Membership and Expansion position. I highly recommend her for this position as she is well qualified. She will bring her expertise and experience to this position to oversee recruiting new chapters, assisting with chapter membership issues, and serving as the President-elect of the organization.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacey Busch