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MARIAH BLACK

ZETA DELTA- UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

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2016-2017 DISTRICT OFFICER BID PACKET

MWD District President

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March 25, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mariah Black, and I am interested in becoming the next Midwestern District Council President. If you are looking for a candidate with strong leadership and communication skills, look no further. As my resume will show, I try to do my best in everything that I am involved in and never back down from a challenge. I admire the way that the Midwestern District Council shapes chapters to be the best version of themselves and hope to be able to accomplish this next year. My candidate packet will demonstrate my abilities as well as my love of learning, playing music, and being a part of Tau Beta Sigma.

I am currently a sophomore studying French Horn Performance (B.A.) as well as Pre-Medicine. As the current Vice President for Service of the Zeta Delta chapter, I have experience being a member of the Executive Board to deal with any issues that arise within the chapter. I also pride myself on making great personal relationships with people so they feel comfortable coming to me with any questions or concerns. Relating that to the office of President on the District level, interpersonal relationships are crucial because it keeps you connected to all of the chapters. Being the President means being the "figurehead" of the council, and I believe that I have the ability to be that person that fosters personal relationships to keep us all connected within the District.

I would like to become the next President of the Midwestern District Council because I believe that I am flexible and creative enough to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. Because the position has not changed hands in some period of time, the transition is going to require a little more work compared to the other council positions. No matter how large the learning curve is, I am ready to be the person that the Midwestern District needs to carry on the job as President. My resume and recommendation letters will exemplify why my dedication and skills would make me a great President, and I would like to thank everyone in advance for their consideration.

MLITB,

Mariah Black

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## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS (LAWRENCE, KS) 2014-2018  
B.A. French Horn Performance  
Pre-Medicine

HAMSHIRE-FANNETT HIGH SCHOOL (HAMSHIRE, TX) 2010-2014

## WORK EXPERIENCE

LA SUPREMA MEXICAN RESTAURANT SUMMER 2014  
WAITRESS

- ❖ Provided excellent customer service in a fast-paced environment
- ❖ Restocked items within the restaurant
- ❖ Maintained cleanliness of the establishment

THE POMPANO CLUB SUMMER 2012,2013  
SERVER

- ❖ Provided excellent customer service in an outdoor snack bar
- ❖ Inventoried and restocked items
- ❖ Prepared food for customers
- ❖ Managed money and tracked cash flow throughout the day

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MUSIC TUTOR 2014-  
❖ Give free lessons to students who exemplify a love and appreciation for music

JAYHAWK HEALTH INITIATIVE CLUB 2015-  
❖ Member of new Pre-Medical interest club

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

STUDY ABROAD	SUMMER 2015
❖ 6 week program	
❖ Studied Spanish in Buenos Aires, Argentina	
DENNIS E. RIEGER SCHOLARSHIP HALL	2014-
❖ Member of disciplinary council (Fall 2015)	
❖ Member of Selections Committee (2015-2016)	
KU PREMEDICAL SOCIETY	2014-2015
❖ Attended clinics to learn medical techniques such as suturing	
❖ Cleaned Allen Field House to raise money for the organization	

## TAU BETA SIGMA

DISTRICT-LEVEL INVOLVEMENT	
❖ 2016 Convention: Chair of joint and separate Jurisdiction Committee	
MISSOURI STATE DISTRICT DAY	SPRING 2016
WAYNE STATE DISTRICT DAY	FALL 2015
CHAPTER-LEVEL INVOLVEMENT (2015-2016)	
❖ Head of Service Committee	
❖ Member of:	
❖ Jurisdiction Committee	
❖ Historian Committee	
❖ Awards Committee	
VICE PRESIDENT FOR SERVICE- ZETA DELTA CHAPTER	2015-2016
❖ Serve on Executive Board	
❖ Plan service events for the year	
❖ Girl Scout workshop- March 2016	
❖ Women in Music Faculty Panel- January 2016	

- ❖ Providing apples and water to visiting bands- Fall 2015
- ❖ Coordinate volunteering opportunities with School of Music
  - ❖ Jazz Festival- March 2016
  - ❖ Prairie Winds Festival- February 2016
  - ❖ SOM auditions- February 2016
  - ❖ Heart of America Marching Festival- October 2015

MIDWESTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION- UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA    SPRING 2015

- ❖ Served on Programs committee

MISSOURI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT DAY  
INITIATED

SPRING 2015  
FALL 2014

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# PLATFORM STATEMENT

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The position of President on the Midwestern District Council has been occupied by a strong, innovative leader for the past couple of years. Her ideas and projects have really helped bring chapters within the Midwestern District together. I really admire the way she captivated everyone's attention during seminars at District Days and Convention. I hope to continue helping individuals as well as chapters grow in the bond of sisterhood. I think this is one of the most important aspects of the position.

The ability to help others develop their full potential, and build personal relationships with chapter is one of the fundamental responsibilities of any leader. Often times I have heard from newer members of our chapter that they do not know much about the people on the Midwestern District Council. If I was elected President, I would want the members of the council to try and meet more than just the officers of the chapters. One way to make sure that people know a little bit about yourself is to make a few vlogs or videos during the semester introducing the members and a little bit about our life. Doing this would allow the newer members to have the ability to get to know you even if they are unable to attend District Days or Convention.

Another idea I have to strengthen the position is to share more about things that chapters are doing around the district. #4gr8rchapters is a great program that the VPSP handles, but I think we can partner up and give shoutouts to chapters for cool things that they have shared via a public Facebook page. This wouldn't overstep #4gr8rchapters, but rather motivate chapter to share and inspire others with their service projects, rituals, etc. To pair with that, I think that the President could explain and really encourage each chapter to participate in the little National projects like #13daysofTBS. I cannot stress how important I think that communicating and really getting chapters to participate in activities is to me. Continuing MWDAC is also one of my plans if I get elected. As long as the meetings and topics are set at the beginning of the semester, I think that this program shouldn't have too many obstacles.

Overall, I believe that the position of President on the Midwestern District Council has been held up to high standards, but I believe that I still have ideas to fortify the position even more. I am really excited for the opportunity to run for President, and look forward to sharing my ideas with everyone!

MLITB,

Mariah Black



Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Delta



Jefferson Vlasnik  
TBS Zeta Delta President  
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Lawrence, KS 66047

To whom it may concern,

It is with honor that I am writing this letter of recommendation for the office of TBS MWD President for Mariah Black. I have known Mariah since she joined Tau Beta Sigma two years ago. From the moment I met Mariah, I could tell her work ethic exceeded the rest of her initiate class, particularly her passion for service. She started to show her passion from the first meeting we had with her initiate class. When discussing committees, her interest in serving Tau Beta Sigma showed when she volunteered to be part of many different committees. Not only did she volunteer to be on multiple committees, but she participated and brought ideas and innovation to the committees. Her original ideas and tenacity set the tone for her entire first year in Tau Beta Sigma.

At the end of last academic year, Mariah decided to run for our third highest position. She received the honor of acting as our Vice President for Service (VPS), and has excelled greatly. During her time as our VPS, she has expanded greatly on the positions activities. The previous year, our VPS had set up and created about three to four events for our chapter to participate in. Mariah has expanded our service opportunities to at least ten service opportunities during this year. This larger number of ideas has sprouted from multiple sources, both of which are a direct result of Mariah's efforts. The first reason for our increase in service is that Mariah has reached out to many contacts to find sources of service both past and present. She connected our two previous VPS officers to find any service activities that have been lost over the years, and found great success. The second source for our service increase was found through Mariah's leadership in Service Committee. She has cultivated young members into creating original ideas, as well as leading them into completing these ideas. She not only creates her own service events, but finds them from past members and encourages new members to craft original ideas. When these members create original ideas, Mariah encourages them to plan and enhance them. This ability to delegate event planning to her members allows our chapter to have more service events without overwhelming any one member. This ability to lead, develop, and create service events, while also delegating development and creation tasks, allows our chapter to have a strong environment of creativity and service.

In conclusion, the skills that Mariah exemplifies would suit her perfectly for a position as the TBS MWD President. Her leadership skills would be a great asset to encourage chapters to participate in district events, and to be a great leader of those events. She would encourage young members, and stay connected to alumni to create the best environment for creativity. In addition, her organizational skills and ability to delegate tasks would create an efficient environment for the district council in which they would thrive. In summary, Mariah Black has extreme potential to take the MWD President position to the next level.

If you wish to contact me further, my e-mail is [jvlasnik4005@yahoo.com](mailto:jvlasnik4005@yahoo.com) and can be reached at 402-332-8749.

Thank you for your time,

*Jefferson Vlasnik*

Jefferson Vlasnik  
TBS Zeta Delta President

Date: March 24, 2016

To: Midwest District, Tau Beta Sigma

From: Matthew O. Smith  
Associate Director of Bands/Director, Marching Jayhawks

Re: Reference for Mariah Black

Please accept this letter in support of Mariah Black, a sophomore at the University of Kansas and officer candidate the Midwest District of Tau Beta Sigma. Mariah has been a member of our band program for the last two years at KU.

Mariah has already had a variety of experiences both in and out of music during her time on our campus. As a member of the Marching Jayhawks, she has marched with our mellophone and colorguard sections during her freshman and sophomore years, respectively. A wonderful musician, Mariah has also been a member of our Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. On campus, she is active in her scholarship hall, a unique residential option at KU that includes self-governing among its residents.

Our Tau Beta Sigma chapter here at KU is vibrant and supportive, and this year Mariah is serving as its vice president for service. In addition to the many endeavors and events within the KU Band program, our chapter also performs additional outreach in the Lawrence community.

The Midwest District would be fortunate to have Mariah serve in this capacity and I know that she serve as an outstanding ambassador for the Midwest District, our university, and Tau Beta Sigma at large.

I wish you the best of luck in your decision. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Matthew O. Smith, D.M.A.  
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March 25, 2016

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Mariah Black, a student I have known since 2014 in my position as Director of Bands at the University of Kansas.

Mariah is a motivated and dedicated leader with a good background in organizational leadership. She has taken on some significant roles in the band program and the school of music at KU, including work with our local chapter of Tau Beta Sigma as VP of Service. She is active in the band program, playing French horn in our Wind Ensemble and as a member of the colorguard with the Marching Jayhawks.

Mariah also has a strong desire to make things better, and has already made good strides with the chapter here at KU. She is well liked by her peers and the faculty. I hope you will consider her for your position on the Midwestern District Council.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul W. Popiel".

Paul W. Popiel  
Director of Bands