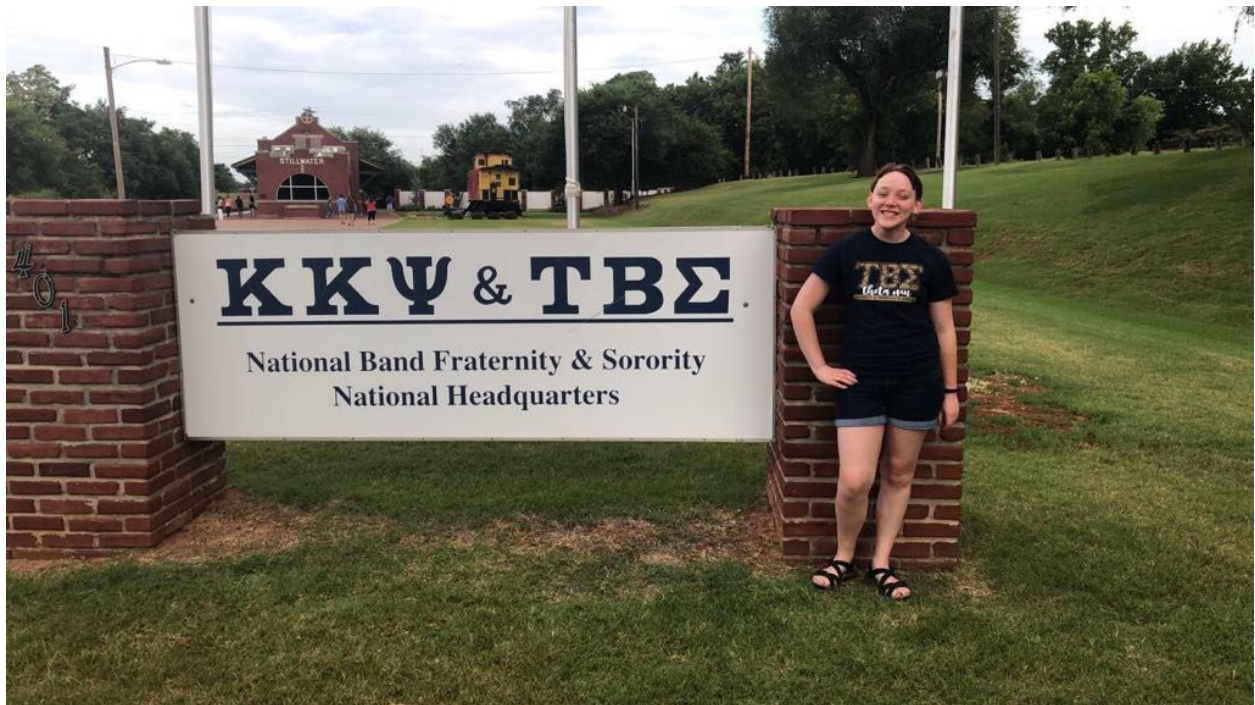


Mia Grant

Theta Mu Chapter
University of Nebraska-Kearney



Midwest District
Secretary-Treasurer
2019-2020

To the 2019 Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District,

I am excited to announce that I will be running again for Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer for the 2019-2020 school year. I am currently a junior at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, majoring in Political Science with minors in Spanish and Global Peace and Security Studies. I am member of the Theta Mu chapter at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, and am currently involved in the UNK Pride of the Plains drumline and wind ensemble.

I have served in a variety positions at the chapter level that have prepared me for this position. I have served as the chair of the Band History committee, which worked to put together a presentation on the history of the bands at UNK for Theta Mu and Iota Psi's 25th Anniversary celebration. Currently, I am serving as Parliamentarian chapter and Treasurer for the second term. Along with the different chapter positions I have held, I have a vast amount of experience at the district level from my previous term as Secretary-Treasurer. I have become familiar with the format of district council meetings, taking minutes, the district budget, and working with Google Drive. I have also had the opportunity to attend various district events, including three District Days, the 2018 Chapter Leadership Conference, and this will be my third District Convention.

Throughout my time in Tau Beta Sigma, the Midwest District has been a welcoming place to call home and my passion for this organization has only grown. If given the opportunity to serve this wonderful district again, I would strive to give this experience to every active member.. While I am running for the position of Secretary-Treasurer, I would be willing to accept any position on the council.

With Much Love in the Bond,

Mia Grant, Theta Mu

Platform Statement

If given the opportunity to continue to serve the Midwest District there are a variety of items I would like to continue. Obviously, a large part of the Secretary-Treasurer's job is organizing and executing fundraisers. If elected, a goal of mine is to have a fundraiser for the Midwest District during National Convention as well as one during the year. I have a variety of ideas for fundraisers, including TBS travel mugs, hats, and sunglasses. This list is by no means exhaustive, and I am open to other fundraising ideas.

Another goal of mine is to encourage more applications for both the Equal Opportunity Sister Scholarship and the Fundraising Award. This could be done through social media campaigns on Instagram and Facebook as well as through email. The Equal Opportunity Sister Scholarship is instrumental in helping individual sisters with the financial difficulty that can arise, as we never want money to be a limiting factor for the decision to continue in Tau Beta Sigma. Likewise, the Fundraising Award can be a factor in encouraging chapters across the Midwest to think outside the box and develop new fundraiser.

One of the most important aspects of the Secretary-Treasurer is communication. If re-elected, I would continue to distribute information via the Chapter Buddy program. A personal goal of mine would be to visit with each of my Chapter Buddies, preferably in person, or through Google Hangouts. Additionally, I would like to communicate on a more regular basis with Secretaries and Treasurers. A few ways I could achieve this goal are utilizing the Facebook Groups more effectively and through email. I would like to encourage communication among chapter Secretaries and Treasurers, through discussion posts in the Facebook groups on topics pertaining to their offices, or more broadly about Tau Beta Sigma.

A final goal I have for office is consistently posting on social media. This includes posting on topics such as district event information, award information, highlighting chapters, and national news. I would like to create a schedule for posting as a means of effective communication, and to avoid being repetitive. I would also like to focus on revitalizing the Midwest website and ensuring that all aspects of the website are up to date and provide an effective place to go to for information regarding all things about the Midwest District.

Mia Grant

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Education

University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney, NE

Anticipated May 2020

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

GPA: 3.872

Minors in Spanish and Global Peace and Security Studies

Honors

Dean's List – Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018

Mortar Board

Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

Honors Program member

Activities

Undergraduate Research Fellows

Fall 2018 - present

- Continuing research on different types of feminism

Co-Chair, Young Democratic Socialists of America

Oct 2017 – present

- Took meeting minutes and communicated with members
- Ran social media accounts and communicated with other chapters

Treasurer, Locke and Key Society

Sep 2017 – May 2018

- Worked with executive board to host Key Talks about relevant political issues
- Helped lead organization through a rebuilding year

Model United Nations

Aug 2017 – present

- Participated in international college conference in New York
- Worked diplomatically with other delegates to pass resolutions

UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band

Aug 2016 - present

Work Experience

Student Research Assistant, Political Science Department

Nov 2017 – May 2018

Jimmy John's

May 2017 – present

Tau Beta Sigma

Chapter Involvement

- Treasurer Spring 2017 - present
 - Created a yearly chapter budget
 - Maintained chapter checking account
 - Worked with Ways and Means chair to execute fundraisers

- Parliamentarian Spring 2017 - present
 - Educated chapter and ensured effective implementation of Robert's Rules
 - Implemented and revised chapter Constitution

- Band History Chair Spring 2017 - Fall 2018
 - Coordinated with Kappa Kappa Psi co-chair
 - Interviewed past band directors, drum majors, and chapter presidents
 - Edited and presented video on UNK chapter and band history

District Involvement

- Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer Spring 2018 - present
 - Took meeting minutes and communicated with district council
 - Maintained social media presence and updated website
 - Worked with Kappa Kappa Psi council to execute fundraisers for the district

- District Days Attended
 - Kearney, Nebraska Fall 2017
 - Golden, Colorado Spring 2018
 - Chapter Leadership Conference Summer 2018
 - Ames, Iowa (*gave Zoom presentation*) Spring 2019

- District Conventions Attended
 - Ames, Iowa Spring 2017
 - Springfield, Missouri Spring 2018
 - *Jurisdiction Committee*

Awards Received

- Theta Mu
 - Sister of the Semester Spring 2018
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Fall Spring 2017, 2018
- Top Chapter Scholar Fall 2016

March 20, 2019


Dear Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Mia Grant of the Theta Mu chapter regarding the position of Midwest District of Secretary Treasurer. Mia and I met three years ago during band camp for the Pride of the Plains Marching Band. She joined the sisterhood when she was Freshman at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and began her journey into the organization. Mia has been an essential part of our chapter as the Theta Mu Treasurer for the past two years where she has managed accounts, organized the budget, and communicated with our chapter and sponsor on multiple occasions. She also helped collect the history of Theta Mu, our brother chapter Iota Psi, and the Pride of the Plains Marching Band to present at Theta Mu's 25th Anniversary this December. I have also had the opportunity to see Mia serve in the position of Secretary Treasurer for the Midwest this past year. This comes to show how organized, dedicated, and passionate Mia is.

Not only has Mia been a leader for Theta Mu, but has gotten involved in several activities on campus. Mia has served on the Model United Nation where she has worked diplomatically with other delegates and attended many conferences. While Mia has been in school she has been upholding her academics by being part of the Honor's Program, joining the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and being a member of the Mortar Board of our University. She has done all of this by still achieving the honor of being on the Dean's List every semester.

Finally, I am confident that Mia Grant's strong integrity, character, and drive for excellence will make her an invaluable asset as the Midwest District Secretary Treasurer. Thank you for considering this applicant for this position.

Sincerely,



Sydni Ziemke
Tau Beta Sigma-Theta Mu President
The University of Nebraska at Kearney
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12 March 2019

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this recommendation letter on behalf of Mia Grant; she is an excellent candidate to continue in the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Midwest District. Mia is a student of mine at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where she has served in several leadership roles and committee chairs for the Theta Mu Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Mia is a dedicated member of the drumline of the UNK *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band, performs with the Wind Ensemble, and has performed with the Symphonic Band and Kearney Area Percussion Ensemble. She is a dedicated student and peer – a real asset to our program.

Mia excels at coordinating and collaborating all aspects of her duties for our chapter. These skills enable her to be successful at the chapter level, and I gather that she is able to take her strengths to the District level with professionalism and facility. Mia not only excels at the skills needed to fulfill the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, it is obvious that she truly enjoys the challenges and rewards of such types of work.

I recommend Mia Grant for this position without hesitation. I have reviewed the duties that go along with the position, and I am confident that she will be able to continue to provide exemplary work to the benefit of all. Her leadership skills are well respected both in the Theta Mu chapter as well as in the band program as a whole. Mia always strives to keep the "8 and 5" in the center of all she does; it is obvious to the rest of the chapter at all times.

Warm Regards,



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March 7, 2019

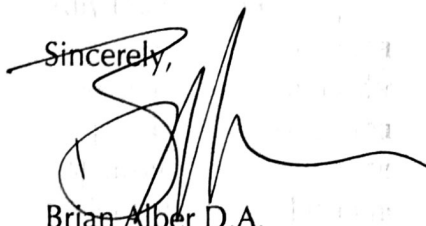
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brian Alber and I currently serve as an Associate Professor of Music and Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Mia Grant in consideration for Secretary/Treasurer position with the Midwest District. I have worked with Mia as a member of both the UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band and Symphonic Band for three years. Her contributions to both organizations have truly been outstanding.

The first quality that comes to mind in describing Mia is an outstanding work ethic. She is a model member of the UNK band program and Theta Mu chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Throughout her various responsibilities in both organizations she is consistently prepared and demonstrates high standards in performance and demeanor. She has graciously given of her time to help others, always with a positive attitude. Throughout all activities, she has upheld the values of the UNK Band program and TBS. She has never disappointed me in her quality and promptness of any assigned task. She has been a student that I can count on in a leadership role, serving as a positive model for others in the band program and Theta Mu chapter.

I believe these aforementioned qualities makes Mia a strong candidate for the Secretary/Treasurer position with the Midwest District. Thank you very much for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,



Brian Alber D.A.
Assistant Director of Bands
University of Nebraska at Kearney