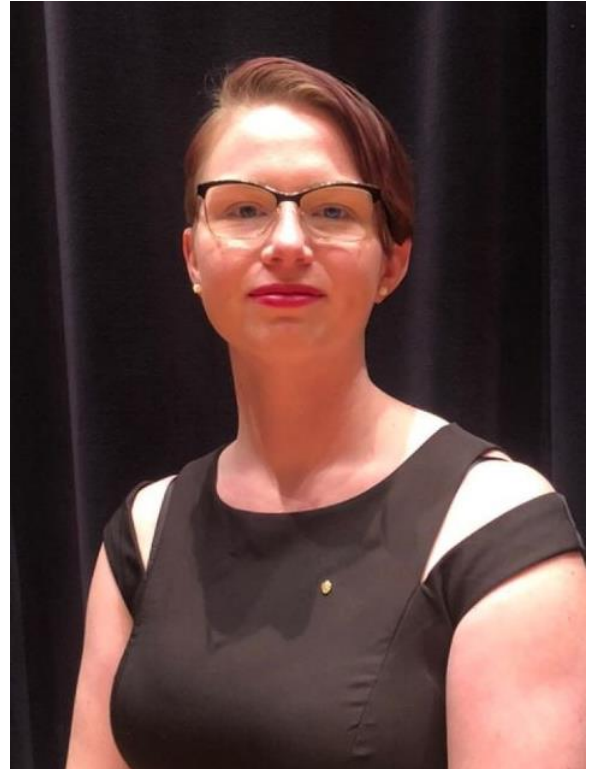


# **Josie Minor**

Iota Psi

University of Nebraska Kearney

Candidate for Member at Large



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## Education

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**University of Nebraska at Kearney**

**Expected Graduation May of 2021**

- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Minor in Biology

## Participation

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**Pride of the Plains Marching Band**

**2016 – Present**

- Leadership Team

2017 – Present

**UNK Symphonic Band**

**2016 – Present**

**UNK Pep Band**

**2016 – Present**

**Collegians for Integration and Accessibility**

**2017 – Present**

**Kappa Kappa Psi – Iota Psi**

**2017 – Present**

- Historian

2017 – 2018

- Band History Chair

2017 – 2018

## Work Experience

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**Pizza Hut**

**2016 – Present**

## Awards and Achievement

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**Susan Thompson Buffett Scholar**

**2016 – Present**

**Midwest District Outstanding New Brother**

**2016**

## **Introduction**

Dear brothers, officers, and governors of the Kappa Kappa Psi Midwest District,

My name is Josie Minor and I am running for the position of Member-at-Large for the Midwest District. I am currently an active member of the Iota Psi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Biology which I plan to complete in the Spring of 2021. I am on the Leadership Team for the Pride of the Plains Marching band as a part of the Uniform Team. I have held this position for two years. Previously, I was the chapter historian for the Iota Psi chapter and also held the band history committee chair position. I currently serve on the service & fundraising and brotherhood committees for our chapter. As for ensemble participation, I have been a member of the Pride of the Plains Marching Band flute/piccolo section for three years. For these three years, I also have played flute/piccolo in the UNK symphonic band and tenor saxophone in the UNK basketball pep band ensemble.

I believe that my qualities and skills represent that of a Member-at-Large but I would be willing to accept nominations for a different position if the district and/or committee believe that my strengths heavily compliment another position.

## **Qualifications**

The ideal Member-at-Large is someone who has good time management skills and thrives on fostering a strong bond between all brothers of the Midwest District. I believe that Member-at-Large is not a position that can only be attended when time is available but rather should be given attention on a daily basis. I believe that this time is crucial since the Member-at-Large is responsible for such a variety of tasks. From social networking within the district, to scrapbooking and visiting chapters across the district, many hours need to be dedicated to the position and its duties. My previous position as historian for the Iota Psi chapter has given me some ideas and skills that will benefit this position greatly. As historian, I compiled a chapter scrapbook which hadn't been completed in a few years. While I was our Band History committee chair, my Tau Beta Sigma co-chair and I, for a year and a half, compiled as much history of our band program and chapters as possible. All of the information and pictures were transformed into a thirty-minute presentation to celebrate 25 years of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi at UNK. This presentation will especially have me prepared for maintenance of the district archives.

I have always been very passionate about bonds between brothers within the chapter and would like to bring that to the district level. Attending district and national events has always been on my priority list. I have attended most CLC and District Days and I have attended all district and national conventions since I have been an active brother. At our last convention, it was a great honor to receive the award of Outstanding New Brother of the Midwest District. I feel this award gave me reassurance that I was benefiting my own chapter and the district as well as I hoped I could.

## **As an Officer**

If elected as our Midwest District Member-at-Large, my main goal would be to maintain a sense of transparency between the District and the District Council and, through that, bring our district closer together. The officer bid guide states that the Member-at-Large serves as the face of the district to the council and vice versa. As an active member the past two years, I have not personally seen an ideal amount of the officers to fulfill this duty. In order to represent the members of our district well, I would like to get to know as much of the district as possible and I want the district to be comfortable with reaching out to me or any other district officer. Another goal of mine would be to visit as many chapters as possible which I think would be the best way to fulfill my previous goal. As a member of the Iota Psi chapter, I am very centrally located within the district which makes visiting every chapter a very real possibility. With these goals, I will definitely need as much time as possible. With what I have completed so far within my studies, I am able to take a light load for the rest of my college career. This will allow me more time for other activities and responsibilities such as this one. As an officer, I plan to dedicate most of my free time to the district since I believe this will be something that I will truly enjoy. I will set aside daily time for the position for as long as it is needed.

Although those are two of my main goals, there are many other things I would like to continue and accomplish during my time as a district officer. I would for sure complete a district scrapbook as I know the scrapbook has been put on the back burner before this year. The district pen pal program that was implemented by our current Member-at-Large was a very good idea, but it did not seem to work as well as everyone would have liked. I would like to implement something similar, possibly with the use of Snapchat. There is currently a national snapstreak group that is very successful, it would be great to have something similar for the district. I think that having this more popular platform would be more appealing and would be easier for brothers to participate in.

## **Conclusion**

Overall, I strongly believe that I would be a great fit serving the Midwest District as our Member-at-Large. I absolutely love getting to know other brothers and sisters from the district and nationally, I am passionate about serving others, and I very much always want to put others before myself. My creativity, passion, and loyalty to the fraternity will help me to distinctively serve the district and make the position of Member-at-Large my own.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

AEA,

Josie Minor

Iota Psi

University of Nebraska at Kearney

25 February 2019

To the Midwest District Council of Kappa Kappa Psi:

Please accept this recommendation letter on behalf of Josie Minor, an excellent candidate for the position of Member-at-Large for the Midwest District. Ms. Minor is a student at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where she serves the Iota Psi Chapter for the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi and is a member of the flute section of the UNK *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Pep Band. She has also served as a member of the student leadership team for the *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band.

Ms. Minor excels as a member of both our band program and our Iota Psi chapter, and she has grown immensely in her dedication to our ideals. Most recently, she was instrumental in the creation of a large video presentation on our band and chapter history for our recent 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in December. This video was done with care, professionalism, and pride. Her skills enable her to be a successful team member at the chapter level, and it is evident to me that she would be able to take her strengths to the District level with professionalism and facility. Ms. Minor not only excels at the skills needed to fulfill the duties of Member-at-Large, it is obvious that she truly enjoys the challenges and rewards of such types of work.

I recommend Ms. Minor for this position without hesitation. Her leadership skills are well respected both in the Iota Psi chapter as well as in the band program as a whole.

Warm Regards,



Dr. Duane Bierman

Chapter Sponsor, Iota Psi (Kappa Kappa Psi) and Theta Mu (Tau Beta Sigma)  
Honorary Member, Delta Xi (Kappa Kappa Psi) and Alpha Theta (Tau Beta Sigma)  
Director of Bands  
Associate Professor of Music  
University of Nebraska at Kearney

3/19/19

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this unreserved recommendation on Josie Minor's behalf for the position of Member at Large (MAL).

I have known Josie for about three years now. Since the first day of band camp, I knew she was going to accomplish a lot. Josie has a sense of leadership to her that you don't see in many people. She is quite reserved, at first, but she is one to get done what needs to be done. For example, if there are issues with drill on the field, she will step up to fix it instead of staying quiet. Also, any time a bandmember or brother is in need, she is there for them, whether that be helping to read rhythms, talk to the band director about an issue, or jumping someone's car. She is by no means a bystander--she's a doer, especially for the cause of bettering bandmembers and ensembles. Despite her readiness and ability to lead, Josie isn't cocky or aggressive. She stays humble, respecting the authority of her section leaders and directors while contributing however needed. Josie and I came were in the same section at the beginning of college and we went through membership education together, so I've had plenty of opportunities to see her in action. Because of her leadership and level head, she has always been the one person that I go to when I need guidance or an opinion--something not uncommon for other bandmembers, as well.

Since that first day at camp, Josie's interest in Kappa has never been a secret. After our Third Degree, Josie made it her goal to become our historian and accomplished just that. She was elected our historian soon after initiation and did a wonderful job, putting up new posters regularly to show the music department what Kappa was up to. Along with the historian's duties,

she was also put in charge of our chapter's 25th anniversary celebration. She composed a video of not only our chapter's history, but also our marching band's, which started back in the early 1900's. She tracked down alumni and previous directors, interviewing them, getting their perspectives, and digging up more history about the bands, which previously hadn't been recorded well. Josie worked long hours along with her Tau counterpart to make sure this event ran smoothly. She accomplished all of that within a year while continuing her education and keeping up her grades.

Among her accomplishments as a leader and officer, Josie has been an actively participating brother and bandmember. Josie is always giving good ideas and feedback in our chapter meetings, communicating and working well with others. This is one huge reason why she's been in charge of the marching band uniform team for two years and counting. Josie knows how to work with her peers to get the needed uniforms and pieces fitted, overseeing alterations and helping make the process smoother (a feat our band never thought possible!).

Since I can't write everything that Josie has accomplished in a short space, I can only give you my most sincere recommendation. As her peer and brother, I hope to instill in you that Josie has never been a person afraid of a challenge, which is why Iota Psi knows that she is perfect for the position of MAL.

Thank you for your consideration,



Caitlin Becker



## Kappa Kappa Psi, Iota Psi

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March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Josie Minor has been an active brother in Iota Psi since the spring of 2017. Since joining our chapter, she has brought her hard-working attitude and tenacity to our ranks. When asked for assistance, Josie has always been there to offer herself in the best ways that she can. While many of these things have been seemingly small or unnoticeable, she has also tackled perhaps the chapter's biggest joint service project in the last few years—putting together a video about the history of the Pride of the Plains Marching Band. Josie did not stutter in her work despite previous poor history keeping and a small pool of current contact information. Rather, she pushed onward, discovering facts and pictures unseen by many and tracking down past drum majors and presidents with the help of her tau co-chair. Their work combined into a thirty-minute video that none of us could've put together nearly as well, Josie at the head of the researching process.

As hinted at, Josie has a great working and personal relationship with our Tau Beta Sigma chapter, Theta Mu. Without being asked to or intentionally doing it, Josie has acted as a strong bridge between the two organizations. She has taken the time to build strong relationships with her sisters, knowing most if not all fairly intimately. Josie regularly talks with, hangs out with, and dedicates time to her sisters, often traveling with them to district events and so forth. Her closeness with the chapter has resulted with all of our brothers having a better understanding of them as well as a stronger connection. Even for membership education, she has been a reliable resource for those going through the degrees and beyond to learn more about our sisters and to connect better with them.

Because of her attitude and her connections with our brothers and sisters, I believe Josie would easily fulfill the necessary duties as the Midwest District Member at Large. She is very concerned with the relationships between brothers and between brothers and sisters, regularly looking for ways to unite them. Josie is also constantly pursuing ways to better Kappa, whether that be at the chapter level or beyond, such as interaction with other nearby chapters. Giving her the opportunity to go across the district would be an excellent way for her to put her skills to use, allowing all of our brothers to benefit from her abilities.

AEA,

Emily Lillich

Kappa Kappa Psi, Iota Psi—President