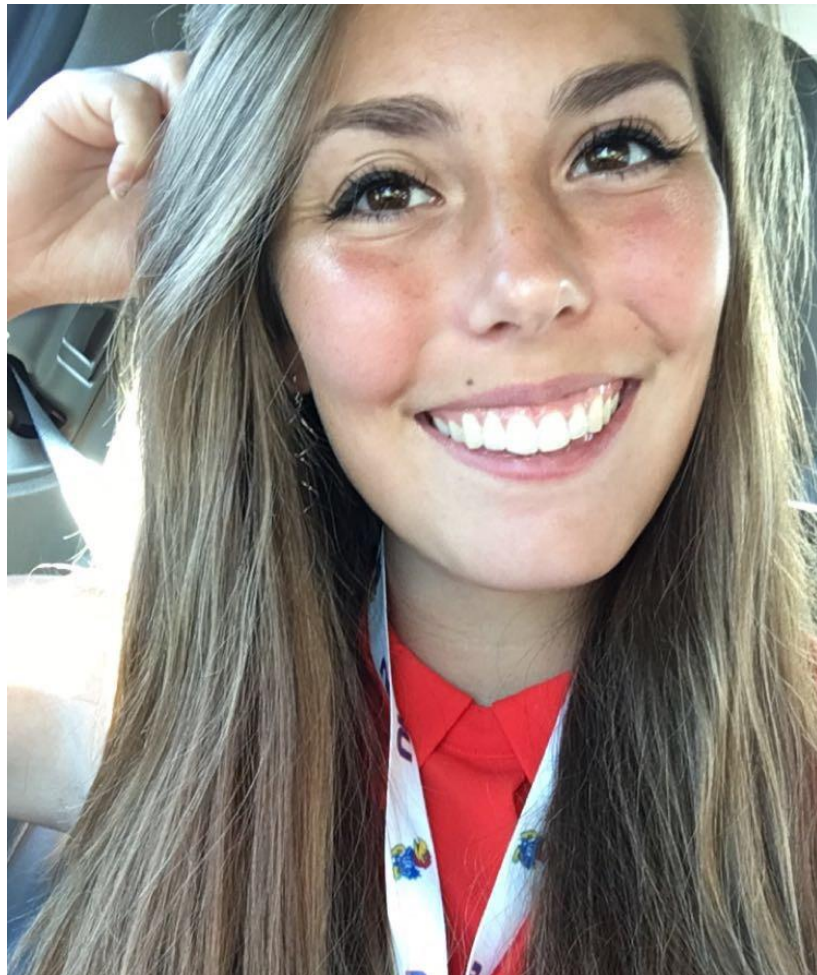


Veranna Bauske  
Zeta Delta Chapter  
University of Kansas



2019-2020 Candidate  
Midwest District President  
Tau Beta Sigma

Midwest District,

With the enclosed resume and platform statement, I would like to enthusiastically express my interest in the position of the Midwest District President of Tau Beta Sigma.

Throughout my collegiate experience at the University of Kansas, I've had the privilege of refining my leadership skills through my positions within the University of Kansas' Math Club, the Kansas Algebra Program, the Marching Jayhawks, the Basketball Band, and Tau Beta Sigma.

My strengths lie in communication, engagement strategies, and organization which stem from the many leadership positions I've had throughout my time at KU. At the chapter level, I've served two terms as the Vice President of Service for the Zeta Delta chapter at the University of Kansas. As the head of the Service Committee and a participating member on my chapter's Ways and Means, Jurisdiction, Public Image, and Membership Education committees, I've gained a more well-rounded and holistic approach to my responsibilities as both a general member and an officer in my chapter. On the district level, I have also been a member of the Jurisdiction and Ways and Means committees. Additionally, my position as VPS in the Zeta Delta chapter requires that I maintain an open, positive, and transparent line of communication when creating service events and I feel that I can represent the Midwest District authentically with confidence at this year's National Convention in Oklahoma.

I am choosing to run for Midwest District President because my qualifications and previous experiences go above and beyond what is expected of the District President.

Currently, I work as a desk assistant and class assistant for the Kansas Algebra Program, which oversees the Intermediate Algebra and College Algebra courses at KU, where I must be both a timely and effective communicator to adequately prepare students for success through

individual tutoring, organizing review sessions, and using students' strengths to encourage a positive and open learning environment that students feel safe to make mistakes in. I also attend meetings with the head coordinators to assure students are receiving an equal and equitable education by constructing ways to differentiate instruction for those who learn material in unconventional ways. My previous teaching experiences at the collegiate level attest to the communication and organizational skills required of the President to coordinate meetings for the Midwest District Council, the Midwest District Advisory Council, District Days, and the host chapters of the next District Convention.

My passion for what I do exudes enthusiasm in whatever environment I'm placed in. I use that passion to inspire others to seize upon an idea and follow it wherever it may take them. With that attitude and determination, I was awarded the Midwest Outstanding New Sister Award my freshman year at the Midwest District Convention held at Iowa State University. My passion for college band has allowed me to serve as a rank leader for the Marching Jayhawks, where I reinforced marching fundamentals and drill sequences on the field. Enthusiasm for leadership and service has also provided me with experience as a Junior Coach for the North Dakota Leadership Seminar, where I lead group cheers and discussions regarding leadership, volunteerism, and antics with high school sophomores throughout the state. My previous work as a Junior Coach stood out to peers and alumni in the program and I have been nominated for Miss Positive Mental Attitude for the upcoming seminar in May.

With my dedication to the sorority, its ideals, and the Midwest District as well as my ability to excel in an objective-based environment and position, I'm prepared to contribute whatever is necessary of me for the success of the Midwest District as the 2019-2020 President.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to seeing you all at convention!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veranna M. Bauske". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right from the end of the name.

Veranna Bauske, Vice President of Service, Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Delta

I'm exceptionally passionate about the promotion of our 8's and 5's, and as such, my platform for running will be focused on communication, engagement, and sisterhood. Currently, our district excels in all of the above categories, but the conditions that each individual chapter works under is a continuously evolving entity that has the ability to continuously modified to fit the ever-changing size of a chapter, available funds, and demanding schedules. My educational background in both Mathematics and Curriculum and Instruction provides me with the tools to analyze and assist in the optimization of these factors effectively.

As Midwest District President, I would like to continue to improve our line of communication and relationships between chapters by utilizing the current resources available to us, including the Midwest District Facebook and Instagram pages and the e-mail list. Ultimately, my emphasis will be utilizing the online social tools already available to the district, making the #4Gr8rChapters page an excellent tool to share experiences and ideas between chapters and districts through pictures, which are easily shared and received by the general public. By using my position to communicate with chapters across the district, I will be able to decrease the size of individual chapter reports while increasing the frequency of them. Alternatively, this could also be done with a private Facebook group. This sharing of smaller goals provides additional drive and pride in the larger, completed goal through satisfaction gained by completing the preceding task. As a result, chapters across the district will have the option to receive feedback from other chapters of varying sizes, resources, and experiences.

In addition to the communicative benefits of an increase in idea sharing through online social outlets, I believe that the free sharing of ideas can open more creative opportunities for

chapters of varying levels of diversity to increase their communal impact. An increase in communal impact then increases overall awareness and gives individual chapters more exposure to create connections for future use in National Programs such as Coda and Crescendo. Furthermore, any increase in communal presence for a single chapter boosts presence for the sorority on district and national levels, allowing the impact of our National Programs to expand to subgroups of communities that may not typically be reached without such exposure. This idea directly correlates with our mission statement, by promoting and enriching an appreciation of band music through recognition and leadership development. The purpose of these programs is to create a difference and share our love for music with others; though physical allocations of materials such as instruments or funds may be limited through the high academic ability and potential of our members is combined with generosity of mind, heart, and hand the sorority can provide an equal and equitable experience for the members of any chapter and its community.

# VERANNA BAUSKE

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## EXPERIENCE

**AUGUST 2018 – PRESENT**

**TUTOR & CLASS ASSISTANT, KANSAS ALGEBRA PROGRAM**

Graded and proctored coordinated Intermediate Mathematics and College Algebra exams  
Assisted students with both physical and academic special needs with exams and homework  
Assisted with, created, and executed lessons for an enhanced College Algebra course

**SEPTEMBER 2013 – AUGUST 2018**

**SERVER & HEAD WAITRESS, MR. AND MRS. J'S RESTAURANT**

Efficiently delegated tasks to a group  
Managed and closed registers  
Maintained a clean and positive atmosphere for both staff and customers.

## EDUCATION

**MAY 2020**

**B.S. MATHEMATICS, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**

3.05 GPA – Coursework includes an emphasis in Curriculum & Teaching with a license to teach secondary mathematics. Additional courses of interest encompass the subjects of computer science, music, biology, and chemistry.

**MAY 2016**

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, DEVILS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

3.8 GPA – Involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, and a variety of Fine Art programs including: theater, student congress, and speech as well as pep, jazz, and concert bands.

## SKILLS

- Experienced with Microsoft Office
- Well Organized
- Previous Teaching Experience
- Adaptable
- Positive Work Ethic
- Great Communicator

## ACTIVITIES

Volunteer and Junior Coach, North Dakota Leadership Seminar  
Rank Leader, Univ. of Kansas Marching Jayhawks  
Vice President of Service, Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Delta  
General Member, Univ. of Kansas Math Club

May 2014 – Present  
August 2018 – Present  
May 2017 – Present  
January 2019 – Present

## **TAU BETA SIGMA**

- Served as Vice President of Service and Chair of the Service Committee of the Zeta Delta Chapter for 2 years.
- Zeta Delta committee member in the following committees: Membership Education, and Ways and Means for 3 years, Jurisdiction and Public Image for 2 years.
- District committee member for 1 year in the following committees: Jurisdiction and Ways and Means
- Attended 2017 (Iowa State), 2018 (Missouri State), and 2019 (Univ. of Colorado – Boulder) District Conventions
- Attended Fall 2018 District Day (Univ. of Kansas)



To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Veranna Bauske, a great candidate for the Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President position. Veranna has shown great leadership not only in the chapter but in the band and academically.

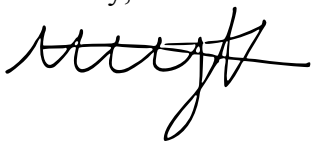
Within the chapter, she has served as our Vice President of Service for two consecutive years. During this time, she has shown her ability to take initiative, organize events, and communicate effectively. Since she became our VPS, the sisters in our chapter have had more opportunities to serve, both, the band/music program and community. As a result, we increased our yearly service hour requirement from 24 to 30 hours. This sister has a huge heart for service and it is apparent in how she has made an impact in the chapter and the programs we serve. Veranna is incredibly organized in planning service events and does a great job communicating with the members in our chapter.

In the marching band, Veranna held the position as a rank leader in the saxophone section. From this, you can see during rehearsals and game days that she is upholding the qualities of a good sister in an environment outside the chapter. One of the essential factors that she best displays is "A cheerfulness at all times and under all circumstances, even in the face of great trial". When rehearsals are getting tedious or the weather is bringing people down, this sister does a great job at keeping the energy positive and uplifting which is contagious to others around her.

Veranna has also shown leadership and commitment in her academics. She is a tutor and class assistant in the Kansas Algebra Program. This includes many responsibilities involving grading exams, assisting in the learning of students with special needs, and planning/executing lessons for an enhanced college algebra course. This is a great example of her modeling the second quality, "Recognition and development of your intellectual potential". She is a brilliant person who thinks things through and understands clearly, the importance of education and learning. She is a person who strives to grow and improve by putting herself out there.

It is evident from her overall involvement shown above that Veranna Bauske is a determined and selfless person who would serve the position as district president well. One quality she has that I highly respect is her ability to recognize problems and confront them head-on. She is able to identify when something is going wrong and is not afraid to speak up about it. She understands when she has a role to fulfill and it is more important for the organization as a whole to address an issue than to let it slide under the rug. This is quality that many people struggle with and I strongly believe is important and essential in effective leaders. Thank you for taking the time to learn about this incredible sister, and I hope you see the potential she has to help the sorority grow and improve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Kilgard', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Kilgard, President of Tau Beta Sigma – Zeta Delta

Date: March 28, 2019

To: Midwest District, Tau Beta Sigma

From: Dr. Matt Smith, Associate Director of Bands

Re: Recommendation for Veranna Bauske

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Veranna Bauske, a member of our Zeta Delta chapter and applicant for Midwest District President. As the Associate Director of Bands at KU, I have had the pleasure of working with Veranna during her three years with us. Veranna has been a member of the Marching Jayhawks and Basketball Band in our band program.

Veranna has been very active in our chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, having served as vice-president, head of our service committee, and as a member of numerous other committees. At the district level she has served on the ways and means committee.

This past season, Veranna served as a rank leader for the Marching Jayhawks. She was responsible for the teaching and reinforcement of marching fundamentals and drill formations for members of her section.

Veranna has a calm, supportive personality that puts her peers at ease, and an amazing work ethic. She is a passionate band member, and her commitment to service and Tau Beta Sigma is a model for others. I highly recommend her for the position of Midwest District President! Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further support to Veranna's application.

Sincerely,



Matthew O. Smith, D.M.A.  
maosmith@ku.edu

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in regards to Veranna Bauske's application for Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President. Veranna is an amazing, forward thinking, energetic, positive, organized, selfless young woman. She is a leader in every aspect of her life...be it in the band program, in Tau Beta Sigma, and in academic settings. It seems like everything she does is for the service and betterment of others. Veranna is a Junior here at KU, and has impressed her peers and the staff here with her volunteerism, positivity, organization and hard work immensely. I know without a doubt Veranna would be an amazing President for the Midwest District.

Veranna's record of service and leadership in our programs here in the band as well as in KU community at large has shown us the amazing potential she has as a leader. She's the whole package! In the Zeta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma she was selected as Vice President of Service and has served in that position for two years now. The VP of Service is a challenging job with organizing and coordinating events that provide service opportunities for the chapter while supporting the community and the University of Kansas Marching Band. She has done a tremendous job thus far, all with a positive attitude and smile on her face. Which brings me to an fun fact about Veranna...she was a Miss Positive Mental Attitude Candidate for 2019! I'm honestly not surprised as she is always smiling and positive.

Veranna was also selected as a Marching Jayhawk Alto Saxophone Rank Leader this year. That position is determined based on application, peer recommendation, and finally, approval by the marching band directors. There was NO doubt in anyone's mind that she would be an amazing leader in our program and has proven to be so. She has earned respect from her peers through her positive, energetic and fun personality and is one of our strongest leaders in the program.

Academically, Veranna is taking on an ambitious degree of a B.S. in Mathematics with a Minor in Education. One degree is time consuming enough, but to add an education minor, participation with the Marching Jayhawks and basketball band bands, and leadership positions in the Zeta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma shows her work ethic, dedication, motivation and love of service and music. On top of all of that, she is a member of the Math Club, UKan Teach, and the Kansas Algebra Program. As a member of the Math Club, Veranna is in charge of their social media presence and creating their Rock Chalk Central page. Within the UKan Teach, she mentors students within the program by helping them with lesson plans, giving critiques on their "practice teaches" which is a mock lesson these students give for feedback, as well as offering emotional and academic support when needed. Finally, the Kansas Algebra Program calls on her to be a class assistant where she organizes and executes lessons in College Algebra, proctor and grade quizzes, and hold office hours. She works as a desk assistant in the math department that shows tremendous organizational and communication skills. She coordinates with the Academic Achievement and Access Center to provide students with proper testing accommodations throughout Intermediate Algebra and College Algebra. She is responsible creating work schedules, maintain communication between the program, the Math Department and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She also works directly with the director of the program to analyze class pace and student progress. Keep in mind, Veranna is an undergraduate student and these responsibilities are certainly more of a graduate level status. This is a true testament to the organization, trust and work ethic we all see in Veranna.

As you see, Veranna is quite the amazing individual with a maturity well beyond her years. I am extremely confident that Veranna would be your best choice for Midwest District President and it is without hesitation I give my strongest recommendation.

Sincerely,



Sharon L. Toulouse  
Tau Beta Sigma Zeta Delta, Sponsor  
Assistant Director of Bands  
University of Kansas