

Brandi Mazour

Theta Mu Chapter
University of Nebraska at Kearney



Midwest District
Vice President of Special Projects
Tau Beta Sigma
2021-2022

To the 2021 Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District,

My name is Brandi Mazour and I am ecstatic to run for the Vice President of Special Projects position of the Midwest District for the 2021-2022 school year. I am currently a second year student double majoring in Early Childhood-Inclusive and Elementary Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where the Theta mu chapter proudly resides.

On December 8th, 2019 I became an official member of Tau Beta Sigma. I did not know what to expect, but I was very excited for everything that laid ahead. My sisters in the sorority made it very clear to us new members just how many ways we could get involved, and just how easy it would be to make bonds with others in the sisterhood. Although we were not able to attend an in person convention in 2020, I still attended the virtual convention, and found many ways to enjoy, grow, and learn from it all the same. This past school year, I was given the opportunity to step into many important roles within our very own chapter. I have taken on the responsibilities this past year of being Historian, this entails updating social media, creating posters, keeping our scrapbook updated to the best of my ability, and much more. Although this year may have been different than other years, I have found ways to keep the spirit alive such as our new tradition of acknowledging each sister on their birthday by posting about them on social media. Along with all of these responsibilities comes being our chapter's Focus on Five Liaison. This role gave me the opportunity to really push our chapter to strive for greatness in all that we do as we are challenged to earn each stripe of the Flag as well as the Lyre piece. With all of the responsibility already in hand, I also took on the role of Sisterhood and Spirit Chair as these two positions correlate so perfectly with one another. With this position I have been in charge of both planning and preparing activities for our chapter to promote bonding. Along with bonding, my position is in charge of acknowledging individuals, both in the sorority and in the band as a whole, for going above and beyond in everything they do.

The major role of the Midwest District Vice President of Special Projects is making sure the Focus on Five campaign runs well throughout each of the chapters. With a year's experience already under my belt as the Focus on Five liaison for my chapter, I have found that I am compassionate and focused on obtaining the goals for this project. Organization in planning as well as being able to easily converse with others are some of my greatest skills. As VPSP I will keep a separate calendar solely for Tau Beta Sigma scheduling and will be able to easily get back to any chapters requesting my help for their Focus on Five campaign in a timely manner. Throughout college I have been involved in multiple organizations, all of which have helped to form me into a person who is ready to go out and take on the world.

With that in mind, I put one hundred percent of my effort and ability into everything I do. Working at the district level, I know I can be the Vice President of Special Projects that our organization deserves, and I can help our sister's in the bond to strive for greatness, not just in our national programs, but in all that we do.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brandi Mazour, Theta Mu

Platform Statement

To the sisters of the Midwest District of Tau Beta Sigma,

As a member of Tau Beta Sigma, I have been able to grow substantially both as an individual and a team member these past two years. I have learned a lot about both myself and Tau Beta Sigma from my chapter, but even more so from all of the sisters I've met outside of my chapter. Being given the opportunity to jump into leadership roles and be more involved, I feel that I have given the experience so far my all.

As my chapter's current Focus on Five liaison I have grown to be passionate about our national programs. Theta Mu as a chapter had been excellent at keeping on top of our national programs for the past few years, and I have a great deal of dedication to expanding that to our district as a whole. This is one of the greatest ways to get our sororities name out there, and to represent ourselves, not just at our schools, but within the communities surrounding our schools. The amount of people touched by music through these activities is unimaginable. From that child who just got to see a number of instruments for the first time and will become a musical prodigy, to that elderly individual whose soul happiness comes from the performance of music, that they themselves can not accomplish anymore. The emotional connections we make with these outreaches is amazing. With those thoughts in mind, I would like to further educate each individual in Tau Beta Sigma about just how important these programs are, and help each chapter, and individual to reach the goals they have set for accomplishing this feat.

I hope to continue with this past years direction on how we have taught each individual more about the programs, and I would like to further make sure every individual has an opportunity to understand just why each stripe means so much to us. I also hope to encourage all of our district to strive for the highest perfection and meet each of the deadlines

in a timely manner, meaning before the deadline has approached, everyone is finished or nearly finished.

Finally I hope to have better communication amongst the Focus on Five liaisons. This year, our VPSP really pushed for communication between chapters, and I hope to continue this tradition in the next few years. I want to also have a personal connection with each liaison, so I myself will do check up chats at least once a month with each member of the group. I plan to implement a 72 hour limit much like our VPSP from this year, so that all questions will be answered within a reasonable time period and individuals will feel that their questions or concerns have been heard.

As a VPSP I really hope to implement a higher understanding and completion rate of our Focus on Five Project!

Brandi Mazour

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Education

Expected Graduation: December 2024

- Pursuing a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education K-6 and Early Childhood Inclusive
- Accumulative GPA: 3.60
- The University of Nebraska at Kearney

Work Experience

Server/waitress, Dick's Place Lawrence, NE

2015-Current

- Utilize verbal and written communication skills to serve customers
- Responsible for providing services to customers to assure contentedness of customer
- Train new employees on job duties including cooking, dish water preparation, how to properly ring up a customer, and cleaning duties

Certified Nursing assistant, Heritage of Red Cloud, Lawrence, NE

2018-2020

- Effectively serve each resident at meal times and assist with feeding
- Communicate with other Certified Nursing Assistants along with the Nurses on duty to effectively meet the needs of all residents.
- Perform custodial duties when necessary within residents rooms
- Assist residents with both morning and evening routines

Desk Assistant, University of Nebraska at Kearney

2020-Current

- Assist residents of the building with any inquiries
- Sort and distribute all mail and packages to the proper areas of designation
- Assist with lockouts and file proper paperwork

Involvement

Tau Beta Sigma (Honorary Band Sorority)

2019-Current

- Attend band service-related events and meetings
- Assist fellow committee members and chairs on chapter related decisions

Pride of the Plains Marching Band 2019-Current

- Attend band camp as well as 3 weekly practices throughout the fall semester of each school year
- As a member, give my greatest effort, and help those around me to make sure they understand what level of precision we should be at

Thompson Scholars Learning Community 2019-Current

- Live by all rules within the guidelines set which include, living with other fellow scholars, and attending required events

Tau Beta Sigma

Historian 2020-Current

- Keep records for scrapbook and display board
- Update social media

Sisterhood and Spirit Chair 2020-Current

- Plan and implement activities for our chapter and joint events
- Present certificates such as Sister of the Week and Band Member of the Month

Focus on Five Liaison 2020-Current

- Update social media for all events completed
- Paying close attention to due dates in order to complete all activities

Convention Chair 2020-Current

- Converse with Kappa Kappa Psi counterpart to assist in planning district convention
- Create ideas for a theme and implement a design on shirts and gifts

Awards Received

- Outstanding Academic Achievement Fall 2019
Spring 2020

- Top Chapter Scholar

Spring 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this recommendation letter on behalf of Brandi Mazour for the Vice President of Special Projects of the Midwest District. She is compassionate, innovative, and cheerful in all she does. Brandi has been a member of the UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band and the Theta Mu Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma for two years.

As a sophomore, Brandi currently holds the Historian, Sisterhood and Spirit, and Convention Chair positions. Throughout her time serving the chapter has faced several obstacles due to COVID-19 but she has brainstormed and exemplified proficient problem-solving skills to overcome them. One of her most prominent traits, compassion, has been showcased through her Sisterhood and Spirit position in which she has further built her relationships with chapter members and helped create a stronger bond between us. She is also one of our chapter "cheerleaders" in that she is always bright and cheerful. I think the combination of these traits will help her build and strengthen the relationship between the Focus on Five Liaisons and district chapters.

As an active member in several student organizations, Brandi has a hectic schedule but has maintained and prioritized grades. Actively taking part in Thompson Scholar activities has helped her improve her time management and communication skills.

Throughout the year I have watched Brandi's leadership and communication skills grow tremendously. I believe that she is a good fit for this position due to her compassion, cheerfulness, and desire to innovatively overcome any obstacles she encounters.

Sincerely,

Patricia Schmidt

Patricia Schmidt
Tau Beta Sigma – Theta Mu President
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March 3, 2021
Tau Beta Sigma
Selection Committee for Midwest District Officers

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brian Alber and I currently serve as the Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Brandi Mazour in consideration for the position of Midwest District Vice President of Special Projects. I have known Brandi for two years, as a member of the UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band. In this capacity, I have had the privilege of working with a wonderfully bright, hardworking, and dedicated student.

Brandi's strong work ethic is one of her most apparent qualities. Brandi is a diligent student, able to expertly balance the many demands of her Elementary Education and Special Education studies along with Tau Beta Sigma and band activities. She is one of the most positive students I have worked with. She consistently comes to every rehearsal striving for the best and this positivity resonates with other members. In each of the various organizations with which she is involved, Brandi consistently brings a balanced approach, passionately pursuing the goals of the organization, while constantly building positive relationships with others. She is truly a team player, valuing every member as vital to the organization.

Along with Brandi's strong cooperative skills, she has been a wonderfully devoted member of the Theta Mu chapter. She has consistently fostered relationships with new members, actively recruited other students with strong potential in the organization and represented the chapter with the utmost integrity. She is consistently viewed as a model member of the Theta Mu chapter.

I believe these aforementioned skills makes Brandi qualified to serve as the Midwest District Vice President of Special Projects for Tau Beta Sigma. If selected, she would faithfully uphold the values of TBS. Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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



3 March 2021

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this recommendation letter on behalf of Brandi Mazour; she is an excellent candidate for the position of Vice President of Special Projects for the Midwest District. Brandi is a student 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. Brandi is a dedicated member of the color guard of the UNK *Pride of the Plains* Marching Band. She is a dedicated student and peer – a real asset to our program.

Brandi is currently the Theta Mu chapter Historian and Sisterhood and Spirit Chair, and she also currently serves as the chapter's Focus on Five Liaison and Convention Chair. She has consistently earned awards for her scholastic abilities, earning Outstanding Academic Achievement twice and Top Chapter Scholar last spring.

I have witnessed her developing skills as a leader and communicator in chapter meetings and as a member of the band at UNK. 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. Brandi not only excels at the skills needed to fulfill the duties of VPSP, but it is also obvious that she truly enjoys the challenges and rewards of such types of work.

I recommend Brandi 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 provide exemplary work to the benefit of all. She has concrete plans to build off of the accomplishments of the outgoing VPSP, particularly with the Focus on Five initiative; it has become an important part of our chapter activities, and Brandi has the ability to spread that importance among chapters in the District.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Duane Bierman', is written over the typed name.

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