

# Brooke Lee

Theta Mu Chapter  
The University of Nebraska at Kearney



Midwest District  
President  
Tau Beta Sigma  
2021-2022

To the 2021 Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District,

After an exciting year of serving as the District Vice President of Special Projects, I am excited to run for Midwest District President! I am currently a fourth-year student at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where I am double majoring in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. I am a proud sister of the Theta Mu chapter.

I became an official member on December 2nd of 2018. I was very eager and excited to attend my first district convention in Boulder, Co. That weekend opened my eyes to how big of an impact Tau Beta Sigma makes. Since then, I have served my chapter in multiple different ways. This year, I served as Theta Mu's Vice President and chair of the Membership Committee. This includes rush week events, teaching the Overture modules, and guiding new sisters through the process of membership. In the fall, I also served as the Band Banquet chair. While this year looked different in multiple different ways, I am glad I have been able to serve my sisters and the Pride of the Plains marching band, regardless of the changes or sacrifices needed. Some previous positions I have held within my chapter would be Historian, Sisterhood and Spirit chair, and the Focus on Five liaison. I have also attended the National Convention at Stillwater, OK, and the Virtual District Convention of 2020. These are moments I will cherish forever. Lastly, for the 2020-2021 term, I have served as the Vice President of Special Projects. In this position, I have been able to work with the Focus on Five liaisons from each chapter to assist chapters with service projects and work towards the completion of the Focus on Five challenges. I have absolutely loved being a member of the Midwest District Council and serving as the VPSP. I have learned more about the district and been able to share my passion for service projects with others.

I believe I would be a good choice for District President as I am very dedicated to Tau Beta Sigma. Time management is one of my strongest skills in which I make sure to stay on top of all responsibilities. I am very organized and love to stay busy! In the Fall of 2021, I will be student teaching. I cannot wait to be in the classroom full time, but I am not ready to leave Tau Beta Sigma behind quite yet. I hope to continue to serve the Midwest District.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brooke Lee, Theta Mu

### Platform Statement:

To the sisters of the Midwest District of Tau Beta Sigma,  
Over the last three years of being a sister of Tau Beta Sigma, I have been able to learn, grow, travel, and be involved in a sorority that means so much to me. This organization has given me so much, and I hope to continue to serve and give back to the organization.

One thing that is important to me is communication. One must be able to communicate with others in a professional and reasonable way. Along with communication, relationships are crucial. In this position, I would build relationships with the Chapter Presidents and communicate with them in a timely manner. This also goes for the other district officers and the joint council. My goal is to reply to all emails within 72 hours and assist chapters as needed.

As stated before, time management is a strength of mine. I write down all obligations in my planner as I love the feeling of accomplishment when I can cross things off! For me, sticking to deadlines is important, so in this position, I would make sure to remind the district council and chapter presidents of deadlines arriving. One thing I did this year as VPSP was sending out a monthly email to the FoF liaisons. These emails included information specific to the Focus on Five campaign, but also reminders of the District events taking place! I also got to create many of the social media posts reminding sisters of important dates or events.

One thing I got to do in the role of the VPSP was creating and implementing the district lyre piece. The chapters of the Midwest district have many miles between each chapter, and COVID-19 stopped us from traveling, so the focus on communication was higher than ever. During the fall semester, members of the District council got to join in on meetings or bonding activities with chapters. I absolutely loved seeing how different chapters operate and work together. I also loved getting to know the sisters of our district. With this, I want to create a strong foundation during MWDAC meetings that allow sisters to share ideas with each other. One thing I enjoy doing during chapter meetings is asking sisters how they are doing, and incorporating different ways to connect with each other using Google Forms, Kahoots, etc. I would implement these ideas into MWDAC to keep it engaging along with creating an atmosphere of growth.

At the end of the day, relationships are one of the most important things to me. I want to instill a relationship of trust and compassion with each member of the Midwest District. If elected to this position, I will hold myself and the other district officers to a high standard to serve the Midwest District. Together, we grow.

# Brooke Lee

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## Education

Expected Graduation: December 2021

- Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education K-6 and Early Childhood Inclusive
- Accumulative GPA: 3.94
- The University of Nebraska at Kearney

## Work Experience

**Apparel Sales Associate**, Dick's Sporting Goods Grand Island, NE 2016-Current

- Utilize verbal and written communication skills to serve customers
- Responsible for opening and closing duties within the apparel department
- Train new employees on job duties including folding and organizing apparel, how to properly ring up a customer, and cleaning duties

**America Reads Tutor**, Windy Hills, Kearney NE 2017-2018, 2019-Current

- Assist students on daily assignments and improve critical thinking skills
- Conducted small reading groups
- Work with first, third, and fifth-grade students

**Thompson Scholar Peer Academic Leader**, University of Nebraska at Kearney 2019-2020

- Co-teach a Learning Skills class to a small group of freshman Thompson Scholars
- Communicate with other Peer Academic Leaders along with the Scholarship Associate Director to plan class effectively
- Review and evaluate homework assignments

**Thompson Scholar Mentor**, University of Nebraska at Kearney 2017-2018

- Assist twelve freshman transition to college
- Attend individual weekly meetings with those twelve freshmen and scholarship directors
- Demonstrate time management skills with each meeting

## Involvement

Loper Programming and Activity Council 2017-Current

- Volunteer at multiple school events throughout the year
- Attend weekly meetings

Tau Beta Sigma (honorary band sorority) 2018-Current

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

Pride of the Plains Marching Band 2017-2020

- Attend band camp and weekly practices throughout the fall semester
- Work together with the other co-captain to lead and critique the Color guard

Elementary Educators Club 2018- 2020

- Attend monthly meetings
- Volunteer for events hosted for elementary students

Thompson Scholars United 2017-2018

- Held Programming Officer position
- Created and lead my own committee

## **Tau Beta Sigma**

**Midwest District Council - Vice President of Special Projects** 2020-Current

- Guided the Focus on Five liaisons through service projects
- Collaborated frequently with members at the district, joint, and national level

### **Theta Mu**

**Vice President** 2020-Current

- Educated new sisters using Overture
- Responsible for Rush week events and recruitment

**Membership Committee Chair** 2020-Current

- Implemented re-education activities in chapter meetings
- Connected new sisters with active sisters

**Band Banquet Chair** 2019-2020

- Meet frequently with Kappa co-banquet chair
- Plan and facilitate banquet

**Historian** 2019-2020

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

**Sisterhood and Spirit Chair** 2019-2020

- 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** 2019-2020

- Update social media for all events completed
- Paid close attention to due dates to complete all activities

### **District Convention attended**

- Boulder, CO Spring 2019
- Lincoln, NE - Virtual Spring 2020

### **National Convention attended**

- Stillwater, OK Summer 2019

### **Awards Received**

- Outstanding Academic Achievement Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- Top Chapter Scholar Fall 2018, Spring 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this recommendation letter on behalf of Brooke Lee for the President position of the Midwest district. She exemplifies great leadership skills, dedication, and innovation throughout all she does. Brooke has been a member of the UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band for four years and the Theta Mu Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma for three. Throughout her college career she has grown tremendously both professionally and personally through these organizations and leadership positions she has held.

Brooke has served in the following chapter level positions: Historian, Band Banquet Chair, Sisterhood and Spirit Chair, Focus on Five Liaison, and Vice President. On top of her dedicated work to the chapter, she has gone above and beyond her duties serving as the Vice President of Special Projects of the Midwest District this year. Although COVID-19 has made it difficult on our chapter to grow and encourage active participation in the Focus on Five campaign and district events, she has been determined to recreate our rush week to improve membership as well as increase our chapter's participation at district events. Her dedication and determination to Tau Beta Sigma and upholding our ideals has been key in our chapters success this year.

Another important leadership role Brooke has taken on the previous two years is serving as co-captain for color guard. As her co-captain, I cannot commend her enough for her determination to ensure the routine was perfected and we were a cohesive group as well as her flexibility and problem-solving skills that came about anytime an issue arose. As co-captain, she faced numerous obstacles due to COVID-19 and the new regulations but easily overcame them with innovative ideas and problem solving. Serving in this position has helped improve her confidence, communication skills, and time management.

Brooke actively participates in various school organizations that have provided her with other leadership and professional development opportunities as well. As a Thompson Scholar she has served as a mentor and pal. While balancing her busy schedule, she has still prioritized academics. She has excelled academically and received the Top Chapter Scholar or Outstanding Academic Achievement Award every semester since joining.

I am confident that with Brooke's academic achievements and leadership background, she will be an asset to the Midwest District and excel in this position. Her strong leadership skills, time management, and desire to continuously improve will help her successfully lead the Midwest District while upholding the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma.

Sincerely,

*Patricia Schmidt*

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1 March 2021

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this recommendation letter on behalf of Brooke Lee; she is a strong candidate for the position of President for the Midwest District. Brooke 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. Brooke is an enthusiastic 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.

Brooke excels at coordinating and collaborating in her duties for our chapter. These skills enable her to be successful at both the chapter and District level, where she is currently serving as chapter Vice President and District Vice President of Special Projects. Brooke not only shines at the skills needed to fulfill her duties, it is obvious that she truly enjoys the challenges and rewards of such types of work.

Of particular note to me is Brooke's experienced perspective going into the position, should she be elected. Her experience in leadership, particularly at the District level, will enable her to lead while knowing what it is like to serve in the group. Her point of view would be beneficial to the office of President, as she is very dedicated to the organization.

I recommend Brooke Lee 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. Her leadership skills are well respected both in the Theta Mu chapter as well as in the band program as a whole. Brooke works diligently to keep the "8 and 5" in the center of all she does.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Duane Bierman', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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February 25, 2021

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 Brooke Lee in consideration for the position of Tau Beta Sigma Midwest District President. I have worked with Brooke as a member of the UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band and the Theta Mu Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma for four years. Her contributions to both organizations have been exemplary.

The first quality that comes to mind in describing Brooke is engaging. She has a naturally relaxed personality that is welcoming to all people. She is comfortable working with any person, regardless of background or experience. For the 2019 and 2020 marching seasons, Brooke served as co-captain for the UNK Color Guard. This leadership position provided a perfect opportunity for her engaging, outgoing personality, and to gather valuable mentorship experience. While many students have a slight adjustment period transitioning into a leadership role, Brooke was able to lead by example immediately, confident through her mastery of fundamentals, but also by consistently engaging new members and making them feel welcome in the Pride of the Plains family. She continued to mentor new members throughout the season, showing the kind of investment in people I value in my student leadership.

Brooke has been a model student. She is even-tempered and seeks to understand first and help second. I believe this to be a valuable skill in a leadership role, and Brooke has excelled in this area—this will be a valuable skill as she seeks further leadership opportunities at the district level of TBS and as a future educator.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Alber'.

Brian Alber D.A.  
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