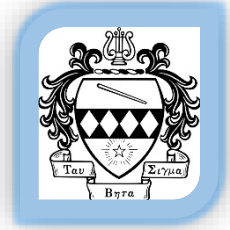


May 1, 2017



To the member of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association:

It is with a great deal of excitement that I present myself as a candidate for the TBSAA Executive Council. I am proud of the work we have done over the past four years to continue to expand and enhance the alumni experience in Tau Beta Sigma and I humbly ask the members of the TBSAA for another opportunity to serve as a member of the Executive Council. As the Association moves into its second decade of existence, I am excited to see where we are going next. The past four years have taught me that the passion for service and Sisterhood never dies, and I hope that I can continue this journey by again serving you as a member of the EC.

I was initiated into the Tau chapter at the University of Houston in 1998. As an active member, I was privileged to serve as a chapter officer, colony educator, and three years on the Southwest District council, including two as president. I am honored to be a recipient of The Baton Award, as well as honorary memberships in the Southwest District of Kappa Kappa Psi, the Southwest District of Tau Beta Sigma, and the Beta Sigma chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi. During my 19 years in TBΣ, I have had the great fortune to learn from and be inspired by an amazing group of Sisters and sorority leaders who have taught me and set examples that I strive to live up to in my Sorority actions and daily life.

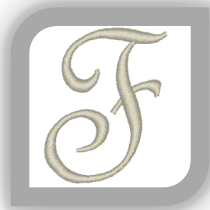
Over the past four years, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with TBΣ alumni from across the country, learning about their interests and desires when it comes to participating at the alumni level. I have been able to contribute by creating a new website for the Association, upgrading our documentation, evolving our communication efforts, designing the Platinum Jubilee pin, working with headquarters to bring about online membership processing & payments, and spearheading our new membership structure, including the Gold Star Club. I am very proud of these accomplishments, and am blessed to have been a part of the Executive Council team with nine different, dynamic individuals. Looking ahead, I would love the opportunity to serve you again as we keep working to improve your experience as an alum of Tau Beta Sigma.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the last four years and I hope you'll choose to allow me to serve you again!

Tau Beta Sigma for greater bands!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Foster  
Life Member, Tau Chapter  
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## **CHRISTOPHER FOSTER**

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### **EDUCATION**

- **Associate of Arts** Lee College ~ Baytown, Texas  
Major in Spanish; Phi Theta Kappa; *Summa cum Laude*
- **Bachelor of Arts** University of Houston  
Double Major in Music & in Media Policy/Media Studies
- **Master of Arts** Sam Houston State University  
Major in Higher Education Administration
- **Master of Science** (in progress) Kansas State Univeristy  
Major in Academic Advising

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- **Assistant Dir. for Graduate Programs & Student Records 2014-present**  
University of Houston Graduate School
- **Graduate Academic Advisor 2013-2014**  
University of Houston Moores School of Music
- **Records Associate & G.I. Bill Certifying Official 2012-2013**  
University of Houston Office of the Registrar
- **Communications & Marketing Specialist 2011-2012**  
University of Houston Enrollment Management Division
- **Restaurant Front-of-House Manager 2004-2011**  
Pappas Restaurants, Inc., 2004-2011
- **Operations Intern ~ Women's Basketball Summer 2005**  
University of Houston Intercollegiate Athletics

### **AFFILIATIONS**

- **Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association. 2013-present**  
Vice Chairperson, 2015-17
- **Houston Pride Band**  
Principal Tuba  
President, Board of Directors, 2016-17
- **Spirit of Houston Cougar Marching Band Alumni Association**  
President, Board of Directors, 2016-18
- **Professional Organizations**
  - American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers
  - National Academic Advisors Association
  - National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals
  - United States Electronic Theses & Dissertations Association
- **Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society**
- **Texas Music Educators Association**



## **CHRISTOPHER FOSTER**

Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority  
Life Member #2470  
1998-present

### ***Sorority Memberships***

- Active member of the Tau Chapter, University of Houston ~ 1998-2003
- Life Membership in Tau Beta Sigma #2470 ~ Fall 2003
- Honorary Membership, Southwest District Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi ~ April 15, 2005
- Honorary Membership, Southwest District Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma ~ April 10, 2010
- Honorary Membership, Beta Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi ~ April 14, 2013
- Executive Council, Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association ~ 2013-17 term

### ***Honors***

- The Baton Award recipient, 2004
- Accepted the National Spirit Stick at the 2003 National Convention on behalf of the SWD
- Outstanding Bandsperson, University of Houston Cougar Marching Band, 1998 & 1999

### ***Leadership Experience***

- Chapter Level
  - Offices held: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Historian, Colony Educator
  - Committees Chaired: Executive, Membership, Ways & Means, Ritual & Regalia (3 yrs), Colony Relations, History & Alumni, Website (3 yrs), Joint 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee
- District Level
  - Secretary-Treasurer, 2000-2001
  - President, 2003-2004
  - President, 2004-2005
- Alumni Level
  - Member, TBS SWD Alumni Steering Committee, 2008
  - Membership Director, ANSWER, 2008-2012
  - Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council, 2013-present
    - Communications Chair 13-15
    - Member Relations Chair 15-17
    - Vice Chairperson 15-present

### ***Convention Attendance & Participation***

- National Conventions
  - 1999-2005, 2009-2015
- District Conventions
  - Midwest District (1) 2014
  - North Central District (1) 2015
  - Northeast District (1) 2012
  - Southeast District (2) 2012 & 2017
  - Southwest District (20) 1998-2017
  - Western District (2) 2014 & 2016

### ***Miscellaneous Sorority Experience***

- Sorority 75th Anniversary Committee, 2016-present
- National Risk Management Committee, 2009-2012
- SWD Chapter Leadership Conference
  - 2003-2007, 2009-2013
- SWD Area Workshops (equivalent to precinct/block meetings)
  - 21 attended, 1999-2013
- Colony Installations
  - Theta Tau, McNeese State University – August 1998
  - Beta Omicron, Texas Southern University – May 2002
  - Iota Tau, University of Texas at San Antonio – March 2012
  - Epsilon Psi, Prairie View A&M University – April 2015



To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit a strong recommendation for Chris Foster for re-election for the TBSAA EC. During my time on the EC, Chris was a welcoming member and someone who truly holds so much organizational knowledge. In his previous position on the EC as the Communications Committee Chair, he was able to keep in contact with all membership of the TBSAA through emails and our publications. As the current Vice Chair, he is helping to continue the good work of the TBSAA and push it toward furthered success and growth. Personally, He helped to guide me, as a new member of the EC, through conference calls, TBSAA events, and travel to Stillwater.

Chris chooses to invest his personal time in continuing to serve the bands not only as a member of the TBSAA EC, but also as the President of the University of Houston Marching Band Alumni Association and the President of the Houston Pride Band. I cannot think of someone who is not a current band director who spends so much time and energy on his passion for music and the organizations who support it.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwyn Fox Stump".

Gwyn Fox Stump

Alumni Member, Epsilon Chapter at Butler University

TBSAA Member

TBSAA EC Service/Professional Development Chair 14-15



Dear TBSAA members,

It is an honor to recommend Chris Foster to serve again as a member of the TBS Alumni Association Executive Council. I have known Chris for over nineteen years, since he joined the University of Houston Cougar Marching Band and the Tau Chapter of TBS. During that time I have seen his dedication to the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma on many levels. He demonstrates the best qualities of a Sister by offering his time, experience, ideas, and enthusiasm freely to all members who need assistance. I have consistently been impressed by Chris's unwavering loyalty to TBS regardless of his own needs; he is always ready to do what is needed to support our Sorority. Chris is an exemplary Life Member, having demonstrated loyalty and dependability to our Sisterhood consistently since his initiation.

As a member of the EC, Chris draws upon his experiences as a member and officer at the many levels of Tau Beta Sigma, and his professional experience advising graduate students and being a consensus-builder. His continued commitment to music and bands is evident through his membership in the Houston Pride Band and UH Band Alumni Association. All of these qualities demonstrate that Chris has the knowledge, skills, and passion to continue to serve the TBSAA as a member of the Executive Council.

Through his years in the Sorority, attendance at conventions in every district, and four years on the EC, he has experienced the many different ways that alumni can contribute to Tau Beta Sigma. I believe the TBSAA benefits from leaders who bring this kind of understanding, interacting with alumni from different backgrounds and experiences, to find common ground and a pathway to work together. Chris is such a person.

I believe Chris' experience, knowledge, and passion for Tau Beta Sigma at all levels will contribute to the continued success of the TBSAA. I recommend him with enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

*Wendy R. McCann*

Wendy R. McCann

Midwest District Counselor 2003-2010, Interim Counselor 2015

TBS SWD NAA Director 1998-2001

TBS SWDAA President 1994-1997, 1998-1999

TBS Life Member & Honorary Member of the National Chapter

KKPsi Life Member

# Jennie Malone Brooks

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To the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Membership:

Chris Foster has been an amazing asset to the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association and Tau Beta Sigma for many years, always being capable of serving in whatever capacity is needed. I am writing to recommend him for re-election to the Executive Council of the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association.

I have had the opportunity to work with Chris multiple times over my involvement with TBSAA and Tau Beta Sigma. Chris has been very reliable and active in attending conventions and events for all districts, serving in a variety of ways from advising committees, presenting workshops or simply answering questions and giving advice. His knowledge of constitutions, rules and history have assisted the alumni of the Southwest District in a multitude of ways as our alumni affiliate continues to grow in numbers and evolve. Serving as the past Tau Beta Sigma Membership Director for the Southwest District Alumni Association, I always felt comfortable to reach out to Chris with whatever question I had regarding alumni polices or best practices for our alumni affiliate.

Chris Foster would be an excellent choice to continue serving on the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association Executive Council. I fully recommend him to be considered for re-election.

Sincerely,

Jennie Brooks  
Tau Beta Sigma  
Life Member-Alpha Omicron  
TBSAA Member