

# Joanna Ramirez

Eta Delta Chapter

Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

## Northeast District President Candidacy Packet



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Eta Delta Chapter  
Tau Beta Sigma  
National Honorary Band Sorority, Incorporated



Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

It is with great honor and pride that I write this letter as a petition to become a candidate for President of the Northeast District Council. Ever since my first interaction with the Northeast District Council and since I attended my first District Convention, this has been a dream of mine that I wish to fulfill. The members of the NED council proved to be nothing but outstanding people and they quickly became sisters that I looked up to. The dedication, drive, and love that they had for serving on the council was undeniable and it was what sparked my interest in becoming a member of the council myself. The same love and passion for everything Tau Beta Sigma that they exemplified is also what I feel, and it is my driving force for wanting to serve on the District Council.

I have known that I wanted to be a member of Tau Beta Sigma since August of 2018, when I was just a freshman in the Howard University S.H.O.W.T.I.M.E. Marching Band. All of the women of the Eta Delta Chapter were stellar performers, provided exceptional service to our band programs, and were outstanding members of the band overall. These women always went above and beyond by serving the band when times were tough and by ensuring that the program was a safe and inclusive experience for everyone involved. Music, band, and service have always been near and dear to my heart, so I knew that becoming a sister of Tau Beta Sigma would be the right step for me.

I was initiated as a member of Tau Beta Sigma in the Spring of 2020 and have been blessed enough to serve in various different ways. As a new initiate to the chapter I served as the Corresponding secretary and First Vice President of Membership during the first ever year that the chapter served in a virtual format. It was hard for me to adjust to an environment that I did not expect to be in, on zoom. Nonetheless, the chapter worked beautifully together and they always encouraged me to grow as a leader. At the end of the year, I was elected chapter president and I knew that it would be time to put in even more work. This year was the first year that all of the current active members would be operating in person which made me nervous but it made us even stronger! It was during these unsure and trying times that I made sure to reach out for help from my alumni, and from current council members Kayla Lennon and Ameenah Muhammad. These two women demonstrated limitless loyalty, knowledge, and dedication to Tau Beta Sigma and this really resonated in my heart. Their desire to help me and the chapter inspired me to want to do the same for others.

"Demonstrated loyalty and dependability to those persons and institutions deserving of it.", this second essential factor is what I live by as a sister of Tau Beta Sigma. It is my vision that if I were granted this position I would create a safe, inclusive, informative and welcoming environment for all members of Tau Beta Sigma. I strive to ensure that all chapters are participating and engaging with other chapters in the district as well as with the district council for support and guidance on how to succeed. I want to make sure that I can be there for chapters in any way that they may need me whether it be on a personal level or on a professional level. I want to make sure that all chapters in our district are successful by submitting paperwork early, adhering to our core values, and being there for one another as sisters in the bond. It is my goal to ensure that chapters are reaching their highest potentials and that the district council is promoting their existence and welfare.

It would be a great honor for me to be able to lead this district during this new upcoming term. If given the opportunity to do so, I can assure you all that I will always lend a helping hand to all chapters in the district. I am readily available to learn how to best support every chapter in the district and serve the district to the best of my abilities. Thank you for your time and consideration of me as a candidate.

MLITB,

Joanna Ramirez  
Eta Delta Chapter President

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## Education

### Howard University - Present

Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts  
Fourth Year, Music Education Major  
Cumulative GPA: 3.6

## Tau Beta Sigma Experience

### Eta Delta Chapter, Initiated Spring 2020, Howard University

#### *President (April 2021 - Present)*

- Presides over all meetings, caucuses, joint chapter meetings and caucuses with Kappa Kappa Psi.
- Manages all official forms and maintains communication with National and District Officers.

#### *First Vice President of Membership (April 2020 - April 2021)*

- Responsible for the continued membership education of all active sisters.
- Responsible for the membership education of all membership candidates.
- Maintained communication with the National Vice President of Colonization and Membership and the District Vice President of Membership.

#### *Corresponding Secretary (April 2020 - April 2021)*

- Maintained communication between other chapters, other organizations and societies, and alumni.
- Created alumni newsletters which included updates on sisterhood, service, Membership Candidates, important dates, and more.

## Conventions and Meetings Attended

### Northeast District Convention, *Virtual (2021)*

- Membership Committee Co-Chair
- Eta Chi's Proxy

### National Convention, *Grand Rapids, Michigan (2021)*

- Epsilon Rho's Proxy, sat on Sisterhood and Spirit Committee

### Precinct Meeting, *Virtual (2022)*

## Campus Experience

### Howard University School of Education Council

*Music Education Liaison (August 2020 - Present)*

- Maintains relationship and communication between the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts Music Education Majors and the School of Education Majors.
- Represents the Music Education Department and all Music Education Majors during all School of Education Council Meetings.
- Creates events that involve and engage Music Education Majors with all Education Majors.

### The Hilltop Policy Board, Howard University's Official Newspaper

*Vice Chair (August 2021 - Present)*

- Provides constant revisions and feedback to the Policy Board's Constitution.
- Evaluates all Hilltop contributors, editors, and staff.
- Presides over all meetings in the absence of the Chair and Sponsor.
- Assists the Chair and Sponsor in the creation of all official meeting agendas.

## Performing Arts

### Howard University Wind Symphony

*Principal Oboist (August 2018 - Present)*

- Manages and mentors all incoming Howard University Oboists.
- Assists the distribution of music for the entire ensemble.
- Serves as section leader and plays all first chair oboe parts.
- Attends all Wind Symphony performances.

### The Howard University Orchestra

*Principal Oboist (January 2019 - May 2020)*

- Serves as section leader and plays all first chair oboe parts.
- Attends all Howard University Orchestra performances.

### Howard University S.H.O.W.T.I.M.E. Marching Band

*Alto Saxophone Section Leader (August 2021 - Present)*

- Manages all sectional rehearsals and performances.
- Mentors all incoming Howard University Saxophonists.
- Manages the distribution of music for the entire section.
- Manages the recruitment of new potential members of the section and ensemble as a whole.



# List of Goals for District President

## Goals for District Council:

- To maintain the vision of the past NED Councils while revamping those visions with the changing times.
- To increase joint relations between the Kappa Kappa Psi NED Council as well as other chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi within the district.
- To support all chapters in the NED by providing opportunities for all sisters to remain involved regardless of their officer positions.
- To create leadership workshops in order to lend a helping hand to chapters who may be struggling in this area.
- Create a Google Form for chapters to leave any questions, comments, or concerns, for the council.
- To promote all district and national awards, grants, and scholarships.

## Northeast District Goals

- To increase District participation in regards to attending office hours, submitting paperwork on time, and award submissions.
- To encourage participation and representation of all chapters during precincts and the NED convention.
- Host joint district events in order to establish a bond between the NED chapters of Tau Beta Sigma as well as the NED chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi.
- Request and hold chapter check-ins for all chapters to meet with the district council and counselors.
- To encourage chapters to interact and visit one another in order to establish bonds.

## Northeast District President Goals

- To preside over all meetings of the District and represent the district to the best of my abilities.
- To continue to provide monthly virtual office hours and meetings for all NED Chapter Presidents in order to maintain consistent communication, bonding, and to provide knowledge about Chapter Operations.
- Create a Google Calendar with all upcoming deadlines and events to share with chapters.
- To hold inclusivity and diversity workshops with chapters in order to encourage them to create relationships with both HBCU's and PWI's.
- To create informative guides about how to complete official sorority paperwork.

# Projected Timeline

## **Every Month:**

- Continue monthly virtual office hours where all sisters of the Northeast District are welcome to come and discuss any problems, questions, or concerns they may have. During this time I would encourage all sisters to join and get to know one another and be there for them in their times of need.
- Continue monthly emails to chapter presidents about all upcoming deadlines and district information.
- Create a Google Calendar that will be updated on a monthly basis with any and all upcoming deadlines for paperwork, award submissions, and events.
- Update the Northeast District website as necessary.

## **March 2022:**

- Northeast District Council officer transition meeting where we will discuss all unfinished business, previous district and council goals and how to execute them, and set new goals for the district and council.
- Meet with the new council to get to know one another on a business and personal level.
- Discuss our goals as newly appointed officers and how we can work hand in hand with one another to fulfill those goals.
- Meet with chapters in the district in order to establish relationships with them as the new council.

## **April 2022:**

- Meet with the NED Council of Kappa Kappa Psi and discuss our goals and visions for joint relations.
- Send officer transition materials outlines and reminders to chapters.
- Create a Google Form for NED Convention feedback from chapters and discuss this information with the joint council in order to begin planning for next year.
- Virtual meet and greet with chapter presidents about how they can be best supported by the Northeast District President and any changes they would like to see implemented.

## **May 2022:**

- Remind chapter presidents about the upcoming paperwork deadline for the Chapter Summary Report.
- Hold virtual office hours to assist chapter presidents with completing their Chapter Summary Report.
- Remind chapter presidents to submit the Graduating Seniors Report if applicable to their chapters.
- Send a final reminder about officer transition materials.



## **June 2022:**

- Gather contact information about newly appointed chapter presidents and create a groupchat with them.
- Meet with the council to discuss their experiences on the council thus far, their goals for the summer, and how I can best support them.
- Meet as a joint NED council in order to check in on one another and continue to establish a bond.
- Ensure that newly appointed chapter presidents have submitted the Officer & Chapter Update in OMRS.

## **July 2022:**

- Meet with chapter presidents in order to establish a bond and discuss with any ways that I may help them prepare for the upcoming semester.
- Meet with the council in order to establish long-term fundraisers and create a formal budget with the Secretary/Treasurer.

## **August 2022:**

- Send an email to the District wishing them well on the start of a new band season and semester. Upcoming paperwork deadlines will be included in this email.
- Meet with the joint NED council to discuss plans and event ideas for joint relations in the fall.

## **September 2022:**

- Request one on one meetings with chapter presidents regarding upcoming paperwork and any other ways I can be of assistance.
- Begin to request dates from each chapter for a chapter check-in with the NED Council and NED Counselors.

## **October 2022:**

- Meet with the council in order to assess the progress that we have made thus far, what we can improve on, and how we can best support one another.
- Meet with the joint NED council to discuss precincts and how we can help the host chapters prepare.
- Invite chapter presidents to a virtual hang out where we can bond and do a mental health check-in.
- Have chapter check-ins with the NED Council and NED Counselors as dates are requested and continue to encourage chapters to sign up for one.

## **November 2022:**

- Remind chapters about the upcoming deadline for the Fall Activity Report and the Graduating Senior Report if applicable.

- Hold office hours specifically for the purpose of assisting chapters with their Fall Activity Report.
- Meet as a joint NED council with the host chapter of precincts to discuss all business matters.
- Meet with the council in order to reflect on the semester, ways we can improve, and what we would like to accomplish in the next semester.

### **December 2022:**

- Meet as a joint NED council in order to begin planning for district convention.
- Meet with chapter presidents in order to congratulate them on their progress thus far and discuss their plans for the upcoming spring semester.
- Create and share a suggestion box for members of the NED to submit any ideas for workshops and programs they would like to see at district convention.
- Host a zoom call for members in the NED who are interested in running for district office.

### **January 2023:**

- Encourage chapters to have their check-in with the NED council and NED counselors if they did not have one during the fall semester.
- Meet as a joint NED council with the host chapter of precincts to complete final preparations and all unfinished business.
- Meet with chapter presidents in order to discuss award submissions, precincts, and district convention.

### **February 2023:**

- Meet with the joint NED council in order to solidify all plans for district convention.
- Email chapters with information regarding precincts, award submissions, running for district office, and district convention.
- Attend precincts and meet with members in the NED who are interested in running for district office.
- Receive feedback from chapters about precincts and use the information to assist the future council for the next precincts.

### **March 2023:**

- Meet with the council and joint council in order to finish preparing for district convention.
- Email chapters with information regarding district convention.
- Attend district convention and prepare officer transition materials.
- Receive feedback from chapters about district convention and use this information to assist the new council for the next district convention.

### **April 2023:**

- Continue to transition from office and provide all support that I can for the newly elected council.

# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

We, the sisters of the Eta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Incorporated, would like to provide this letter of recommendation and support of soror Joanna Ramirez in the 2022-2023 elections of the Northeast District Council. It is with great honor that we fully approve her candidacy for the position of President of the Northeast District Council.

Soror Joanna Ramirez has been a part of our chapter since the Spring of 2020 and has continued to provide her leadership and service when the chapter has needed her most. Joanna began her service with our chapter after her election as Corresponding Secretary as well as the First Vice President of Membership in the 2020-2021 school year. During her time in these positions our University was completely shut down because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic but nonetheless she maintained our alumni relations high and successfully brought in a new membership candidate class of six sisters all whilst being a new sister herself to our chapter.

During her time as Chapter President, she has continued to promote our well-being and success as a chapter through her unwavering love and loyalty for Eta Delta and Tau Beta Sigma. The chapter has worked hard this year because it is everyone's first time being an active sister in person since the pandemic first started but Ms. Ramirez has provided very much needed support, patience, and understanding. She has represented our chapter well and has been such an exemplary bandswoman and sister to us.

It is truly an honor to recommend Soror Joanna Ramirez because we know that she would be an excellent addition to the Northeast District Council if she were to be elected as President.

Sincerely,

The Sisters of Eta Delta Chapter

*Kyarha Meadows-Russell*

*Omya Goodwin*

*Reagan Wade*

*Nasyah Oxner*



# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

To the Sisters of the Northeast District:

It is with great pleasure that we, the brothers of the Eta Omega Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Incorporated, write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Joanna Ramirez for the position of President of the 2022-2023 Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council. We have worked closely with Joanna as we have looked up to her as a sister, bandswoman, leader, and for guidance.

Joanna has been very dedicated to ensuring that our chapter is successful along with her own chapter. She has presided over all of our joint council meetings and has helped us maintain a positive relationship with not only the band but with our band staff. She has spearheaded all of the joint events that our chapters have held and has done an outstanding job at delegating between our chapters. She continuously checks on us and provides resources for us in our times of need.

Joanna is truly a pleasure to work with and has proved to be an integral part of our joint chapters here. She is looked up to by not only us, but by the students and staff in our band program. She has proved to be an outstanding member of all things that she is involved in especially as a bandswoman.

We can confidently say that it is thanks to her, her guidance and wisdom, that our chapter is where it is today. We can affirm that Joanna is the perfect candidate for President and will shed nothing but light and positivity for the Northeast District.

MLITB,

The Brothers of Eta Omega Chapter

*Tovell Watson*

*Nabil Turzman*

*Jamul MacNear*

*Gregory Coleman*





*Excellence in Truth and Service*

**Chadwick A. Boseman**  
College of Fine Arts  
Office of Choirs and Bands

February 28, 2022  
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Joanna Ramirez for the position of Northeast District Council President. I have known Joanna since the Fall of 2018 when she came to join the Howard University Band Program as a Oboist and Saxophonist. Since that time, Joanna has continued to demonstrate her leadership, love, and dedication to this program.

I have had the pleasure of working with Joanna closely since she is the chapter president for the Eta Delta Chapter Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Incorporated as well as the section leader for the Alto saxophone section in the marching band. Joanna has been nothing but supportive of me and this program in its time of need. Joanna is always readily available to serve the band and the staff in whatever way we have asked her to. She has worked tirelessly to become a fine musician and she is a very dedicated leader to this program.

Joanna is highly respected in our program as well as in the music department and I recommend her without reservation for this position. Joanna has a very bright future ahead of her as a musician and a leader. Joanna has proved to be the embodiment of a good band member and shows great promise for this position.

Sincerely,

Kelvin W. Washington  
Director of Bands  
Howard University



*Excellence in Truth and Service*

**Chadwick A. Boseman**  
College of Fine Arts  
Office of Choirs and Bands

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Joanna Ramirez to proudly recommend her for the position of Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council President for the 2022-2023 term. I have known Joanna since the start of my Assistant Director of Bands position in 2019 and have been working closely with her since then. Since I've known her, she has truly transformed into the leader that our program needed.

Joanna has proven to be an essential member of the Howard University Band programs. Joanna currently serves as the 2021-2022 section leader for the Alto Saxophone section in the S.H.O.W.T.I.M.E. Marching Band and is the current President of the Eta Delta Chapter. She is also involved in other organizations across campus but has never allowed anything to interfere with the work and service that has been required of her here in the program. Even in the face of great trials, she has never failed to stay motivated and has always been a pleasure to work with. Joanna has an excellent work ethic, is dependable, and is a true team player.

As the Eta Delta Chapter Sponsor, as the Assistant Director of Bands, as a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, and as a sister of Tau Beta Sigma, I can affirm that Joanna is the type of leader that the Northeast District needs. She has helped her own chapter navigate the many challenges they have faced this year and has done so with grace and elegance. It is truly a pleasure for me to fully endorse Joanna Ramirez for the position of President of the Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District Council. Joanna is a true representation of the ideals and values that Tau Beta Sigma stands for.

Sincerely,

Michael Fitzhugh  
Chapter Sponsor, Eta Delta Chapter  
Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.



February 28, 2022

To the Sisters of the Northeast District,

It is an honor and privilege to be writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Joanna Ramirez for the position of President of the Northeast District Council 2022-2023. I have known Ms. Ramirez since 2019 and began working with her on a closer level in 2021. During the time that I have worked with her she has demonstrated exceptional service to Howard University Bands, extraordinary leadership, and an unwavering loyalty to Tau Beta Sigma. She has continuously gone above and beyond her role as Chapter President and has always been readily available to tackle any task given to her.

In our first year back to in person operations Joanna has been nothing short of outstanding. Serving during these unprecedented times can be a challenge to any chapter, but she has proven to be a successful leader. As the only returning chapter member, she has not only navigated these unprecedented times flawlessly but has taken the extra step to teach her sisters what it means to be a part of Tau Beta Sigma. Lending a helping hand is not unlike Joanna, as she has done the same for her brother chapter, Eta Omega at Howard University. She works closely with her brother chapter to make sure that both chapters are consistently putting their best foot forward and are working collaboratively the band director. Joanna is the common thread between the sorority, fraternity, and the band directors.

Sister Ramirez is committed to making Tau Beta Sigma a better place for all. Joanna has a strong desire to serve as a member of the Northeast District Council and would be a great addition to the leadership of Tau Beta Sigma. I highly recommend Sister Joanna Ramirez for President of the Northeast District Council 2022-2023.

Fraternally submitted,

*Rassii Elliott*

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