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NORTHEAST DISTRICT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
CANDIDACY PACKET***



Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

I want to start off by thanking you all, for allowing me the opportunity to be a candidate for Northeast District President. Music as we all know is a universal bonding agent, and what better way to use music, than through service. The love I have for Tau Beta Sigma and the Northeast District continues to grow everyday, and I would be honored to be able to unify the district, offer support, and encourage the chapters to continue to stay strong and push forward during these unpredictable times. I truly believe that innovation lies in troubling times, and it makes way to build something new and expand on what was already there. I want to be your Northeast District President because I want to serve the District through a time that needs patience, resilience, and creativity.

My journey in Tau Beta Sigma began when I was initiated to the Iota Pi chapter at Lincoln University of PA in the spring of 2019. At this time, our chapter had only 3 active members, and I had to become the Chapter President soon after our initiation. At this time our chapter was on probation, and I soon realized that I had the responsibility of leading the chapter back into good standing, not only within the sorority but the band. During my time as an active sister, I have served as the 2019-2020 President, and Membership Chair. I am currently serving as the President for the 2020-2021 academic year. Due to the size of our chapter, I had the privilege of learning the ins and outs of all the positions, which in turn developed me even more as a leader, because I understood what it felt like to be in the shoes of the rest of my sisters. I recognize the diversity within our district, both with chapter/band size, and the differences of the band programs and culture at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Predominately White Institutions. My main goal for the district is to celebrate and capitalize this diversity. I believe that we are all capable of bringing something valuable to the district and organization as a whole. I also want us to maximize our work ethic when it comes to submitting things early and doing more than required. In order to do this properly, I believe we must sit down with each chapter to see what they need and expect from us, and we would express the same. This is our district, and it should be a mutual understanding for success on all levels. Lastly I want to stress the importance of taking care of your mental health as an active sister, because we truly cannot serve others properly if we are not serving ourselves.

Throughout my active membership, I have served as the voting delegate at the 2019 National Convention, sitting on the Membership Committee, and served as the voting delegate for the 2020 Northeast District Convention, serving on the Nominations committee. During this time I was able to learn how differently the chapters in the district function. Every Chapter has unique chapter operations based off of the needs of both chapter and band. I want us to continue to use this diversity to create a space of understanding while also building a legacy for those who come after us. Throughout my time in the District, I have grown to love the passion that each

chapter in the district has. If I were to be accepted into this position, I would do everything possible to learn and prepare to serve the district in every capacity possible. I believe that this is the year for us to do something special, because we are creating a blueprint for the future. I am always open to talk or to hear ideas, so feel free to reach out to me!

With MLITB,

Ameenah Muhammad

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ameenah Muhammad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tau Beta Sigma

Iota Pi Chapter President

Ameenah Muhammad

Tau Beta Sigma, Initiated Spring 2019 into Iota Pi Chapter

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Officer Positions Held

Chapter President

April 2019 - PRESENT

Presiding over all Chapter operations including but not limited to: meetings, service, membership activities, social media, and programming.

Membership Chair

April 2019 - April 2020

Presiding over all membership education and post education activities.

Leadership Experience

Student Government Association, Vice President of internal Affairs

October 2020 - Present

Presides over Student Senate and works in absence of Executive President, acting as a liaison between the Executive Branch and the divisions of student success and academic affairs, while serving as an advisor to the President Pro Tempore and an ex-officio member of all senate committees.

Lincoln University Orange Crush Marching Band , Trumpet Section Leader

August 2020 - Present

Serving as a student ambassador responsible for sections performance level, while playing at on-campus and off-campus recruiting events/performances

Lincoln University Residence Life , Resident Advisor

August 2020 - Present

Enforcing all University Residence Life rules including Covid-19 policies and mediating conflict between residents, ensuring a safe space for residents

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Dean of Students' Assistant

Student Conductor/Soprano Section Leader

LU Mentor

Opera Philadelphia Teaching Artist Apprentice

Jazz Band

AWARDS

Dean's List 2018 - Present

Greek and Social Fellowship
"President of The Year"
2019 - 2020

National Honor Society of Leadership and Success

Conventions and Meetings Attended

Northern Precinct Meeting, ZOOM— 2021

NED Convention, Zoom - 2020

Chapter Delegate, sat on Nominations Committee

National Convention, Oklahoma State University— 2019

Chapter Delegate, sat on Membership Committee

National Convention, UMass Amherst — 2019

Membership Candidate

Goals for District President:

Communication:

- To increase communication across Chapters, setting up a chapter buddy system to connect chapters of similar size to encourage sisterhood as well as create a space for brainstorming chapter operations.
- To increase Joint Relations with brother chapters and other KKPSI Chapters in Northeast District.
- Individual meetings with Chapters to inquire about progress of District and National Programs, and offer support when needed !
- Chapter Penpals ! Connecting with chapters in other Districts.
- Continuing Virtual Office Hours and Monthly Newsletter to maintain the consistent communication between Chapters and District President, also allowing space to bond and mentally check in.
- Creating a virtual suggestion box for Chapters to leave their questions, concerns, or ideas. This is also a way for Chapters to hold us accountable as a District Council by leaving feedback.

Leadership:

- Support Chapters in creating tasks and opportunities for Sisters who do not hold Officer Positions. Sisters don't need a title to be a leader!
- Continue the initiative of the current District President of developing members and preparing them for life after undergraduate membership. Many of the skills learned as an Active Sister can be transferable to life skills and professional development.
- Having monthly President workshops that dive deep into the position and Chapter Operations, as well as discussing topics that go beyond the scope of what the perception of leadership is.
- Support Chapters in having Officer Position transition documents, that will encourage consistency from board to board.
- Charge and Support Chapters to go above and beyond !

Goals for District Council:

- Continue the vision of past Councils and discuss with them initiatives that could be improved upon or revamped for upcoming councils. How can we carry on visions from council to council?
- Continue to support a diverse and inclusive environment. How can we do more ?
- Continue to create easily accessible and informative guides for OMRS paperwork.

Goals for the Northeast District:

- To increase chapter participation in scholarships and awards by using earlier promotion.

- Have higher attendance at Precinct, District, and National events.
- Charge everyone to take steps to understanding the diversity within the district, including but not limited to, the differences of HBCU & PWI band and campus culture.
- To understand the importance of self care
- To increase social media participation and spirit

District Timeline

Each month will have these recurring events :

- Virtual Suggestion “box” - Google form that chapters can fill out to leave questions, comments/ideas and concerns, a tool for chapters to also hold us accountable as a council
- Continue Monthly Virtual Office Hours- Anyone could meet with me to discuss any questions or ideas that they have. They can even just hop on to chat and we can get to know each other ! I am open to new ideas and perspectives, and also I would want to check in on people mentally during this time
- Continue Monthly Email: In form of a newsletter, this email would go to Chapter Presidents so they can easily access any deadlines and district information. A shorthanded graphic of this will also be created as another source of information for chapters to easily see what's going on in the district !

March/April:

- Transition from previous council and finish any unfinished business
- Get to know the new NED Council!
- Discuss previous council goals in relation to new council vision to develop a combination of the two if necessary
- Getting to know chapters, introducing ourselves as a council via social media/email
- Joint Council vision board to outline goals as a district and to get to know Kappa Kappa Psi NED Council
- Reminders about OMRS Paperwork deadline and registration for NATcon

Summer:

- Highlight any summer chapter activities, focusing on service and sisterhood
- Virtual Chapter Meet and Greet bonding night
 - Discuss with chapters what they need/want from the district moving forward
- Collect contact information for new chapter officers
 - Have first President council meet and greet
 - Leadership training/webinar hosted by council focusing on leading through and after a pandemic
 - Create 2021-2022 President group chat

- Continue to use google calendar to keep chapters updated with upcoming deadlines
- Update NED website
- Prepare for NATcon
 - Make sure chapters have at least 1 delegate/representative
 - Offer resources to help plan and fundraise to get to NATcon
 - “Road to NATcon” checklist and guide
 - Meet with other district presidents to idea swap and bring some practices back to NED
- Debrief with Chapter Presidents/Delegates- sometimes Nationals could be overwhelming, especially for new members/officers, so this meeting would be to breakdown information given at NATcon so chapter presidents/delegates can relay the information to their constituents
- Meet with Kappa Kappa Psi council to plan for any joint relations in fall
- Start to prepare chapters for OMRS documents

September:

- Have a one on one with each chapter
- Meet with Presidents focusing on leadership and paperwork
- Update chapters via the newsletter
 - OMRS reminders
 - District and National updates
 - Outline district vision and goals for the year
- Create Chapter Buddy system- Pair chapters of similar size (one HBCU and one PWI if possible)- Chapters will be tasked with checking in on eachothers and holding each other accountable, as well as sharing ideas !

October:

- Monthly newsletter including paperwork reminder
- Meet with Presidents, focusing on work/school balance and increasing participation of non-officers
- Work with Sec/Treas to prepare chapters hosting Precincts
- Check in to see how Chapter Buddy system is going

November:

- Monthly newsletter including paperwork and awards reminder
- Meet with Presidents to discuss problem solving and interpersonal skills
- Check in with Precinct hosts

December:

- Monthly newsletter
 - Congratulate chapters for getting through the semester
 - Highlight chapters who turned paperwork in early
 - Offer suggestion box as a resource for chapters to provide feedback on District Council communication and initiatives
- Meet with Presidents to discuss highs and lows of the semester. Charge Presidents to create and bring outline of goals for spring/winter semester

January:

- Monthly newsletter
 - Getting prepared for Precincts and District Convention
 - Reminders about scholarships and paperwork deadlines
 - Information about running for District Office
 - Motivation to get through the year!
- Plan for District Convention
- Meet with Presidents - Vision Boards with progress from goals from last semester and adding new goals for the year
- Have Joint Council meeting

February:

- Monthly newsletter
 - Reminders about Precincts and District Convention - providing as much information as possible
 - Deadline reminders
 - Happy Black History Month !
- Meet with Presidents to discuss importance of diversity and inclusion
- Highlighting HBCU Chapters and their contribution to not only the district but music
- Attend Precinct meetings

March:

- Monthly newsletter
 - Precinct recap
 - District Convention tips and information
 - Happy Women's History Month!

- Attend District Convention
 - Prepare for officer transitions
 - Getting feedback from Chapters

April:

- Continue to transition from office !

Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

We, the sisters of the Iota Pi Chapter, are writing this letter to formally recommend Ameenah Muhammad for the position of President and Vice President, in the Northeast District Council. Ameenah is a Spring 2019 initiate, serving as our current President. She has also served as our membership chair as well.

Throughout her two years serving as our President, Ameenah continues to bring in new ideas for the betterment of our chapter, shows support for each member, and goes above and beyond her duties as president to make sure our chapter is running smoothly. Within our chapter, Ameenah makes sure to constantly check in on each member, to make sure that everyone is doing well, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. If anyone is not doing well mentally, Ameenah is always the shoulder to lean on for support, giving us moral support and cheering us up when we need it. Even in times of stress, Ameenah fulfills all of her duties within Tau Beta Sigma and outside of Tau Beta Sigma to the best of her ability and the highest standard. She is an inspiration for our chapter, motivating us to have pride when fulfilling our duties within the chapter. Ameenah has also been awarded Lincoln University President of the Year for Greek Organizations and Social Fellowships in the 2019-2020 school year for demonstrating academic excellence, initiative, and consistency throughout the year.

Ameenah's leadership goes beyond her role within our chapter. She serves as Vice President of Internal Affairs in the Student Government Association at Lincoln, Vice President of Periodt Menstrual Supply Hub, Residential Advisor, Trumpet Section Leader, Soprano Section Leader, and Student Conductor of Lincoln's Concert Choir. Ameenah is a phenomenal mentor to students of Lincoln University and does her very best to continue to advocate for students and promote change to our campus. Within our band, Ameenah always has a magnetic personality with everyone and easily bonds with other members of our band. She continues to uphold our standard as a good bandswoman and is an influence for all members. She also continues to keep close contact with our band directors and never hesitates to give out ideas and input to help out our band. Even during games or other performances, Ameenah never fails to give her 100% when performing and is always bringing her bright energy to help cheer on our football and basketball teams.

Once Ameenah joined Tau Beta Sigma she made it her goal to want better not only for herself but for her university and all the organizations she joined. In 2018, our chapter was put on probation due to a lack of membership. Ameenah then became president for the chapter in 2019 and made it her duty to make sure we were meeting our standards. She didn't take being mediocre lightly because she sees the potential in each of her peers. We managed to complete all of our focus on five challenges, turned in all documents on time, and recruited four new sisters for the chapter. There were days where we wanted to give up but Ameenah wouldn't allow us to. She'd always sit and make us think of other ways to get through situations.

The sisters of Iota Pi believe that Ameenah would be a great addition to the NED as she is very resilient, responsible, and overall a great leader. She has a very bright future ahead of her that could be brightened by this position. She has a strong but caring personality that a leader needs, especially during these trying times we are living in today. Ameenah is the person in our chapter that has it the most together, and she hasn't ever let any of us down even if it means that she has to sacrifice something for herself. She is a force to be reckoned with and shows dedication to the Bond and Sisterhood.

Ameenah shows great promise as she continues to be a strong leader and an even stronger person. She has gone through so much but she perseveres and does not let anything affect her work ethic or take her away from what she is trying to achieve. We believe that Ameenah would be a great NED President as she is dedicated, punctual, and caring. She would demonstrate these qualities and more if she were to lead the NED, as she is a natural-born leader and a dedicated sister.

We hope this letter showcases Ameenah's valuable leadership skills, as well as her character and how she perseveres and leads our chapter beautifully. She upholds the values and morals of sisterhood and we hope that she will be able to share that with the entire NED if she were made President.

Thank you with much love in the bond,
The Sisters of Iota Pi
Towanna Tatum
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Sisters of the Northeast District,

It was a great pleasure that I write to you on behalf of Ameenah Muhammad to recommend her for the Tau Beta Sigma Northeast District President's office. As Chapter Sponsor of the Iota Pi Chapter at Lincoln University-PA, I have watched Ameenah grow in the Sorority from Membership Candidate to Chapter President two years in a row. Ameenah has developed into a confident, intelligent, and effective leader for Iota Pi. As Chapter President, she is responsible for all operations and functions of the Chapter, which she has been an instrumental part in the Chapter's growing success. Proving that numbers do not matter, she has improved the Chapter's overall productivity, and she excelled at this. Ameenah has a democratic leadership style, and she works with all members of the Chapter and the band program towards common goals. I believe that Ameenah would excel at the Office of NED President because of her ability to connect and collaborate with those she works with.

Ameenah's greatest strength is her attention to detail. As the President of Iota Pi for two years now, she has modified and revamped several Iota Pi events to improve. With her attention to detail skill, she develops timelines forms for each Chapter event. These forms are filled out with as much detail as possible about events. The more planning and detail that goes into an event, the more success that event will have. This skill allows the Chapter to function even with Ameenah's numerous roles at Lincoln University. She manages to be a very successful President of the Chapter, a section leader in both band and choir, and a student government position at Lincoln University. She will provide Chapters of the NED with this same guidance, allowing them to achieve their own personal and Chapter goals.

Ameenah's communication skills are part of what makes her a successful leader. She is well-written and professional in all her correspondences. Furthermore, she is caring and attentive to the active members of the Chapter and all who know her. Ameenah is a passionate band member who dedicates her time and energy to the Orange Crush Marching Band. She assists without being requested and works to improve the band members' musicianship, all while maintaining a 3.5 GPA. She puts her all into the things she is passionate about, and this is a trait that will continue if elected NED President.

I know that Ameenah will apply her skills, knowledge, and abilities that she has gained and honed in her Chapter leadership experience in Tau Beta Sigma to the District level. She is a dedicated and passionate Sister with a willingness to serve all around her. She will be an organized and effective leader for the District. If you have any further questions about Ameenah, please contact me.

In The Bond,

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February 26, 2021

To the Esteemed Members of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.,

As an experienced educator, I have had the pleasure of working with an exceptional array of students. Ameenah Muhammad stands out as one of the extraordinary students; an intelligent, gifted, hardworking, enthusiastic, responsible, and competent individual with an incredible amount of untapped potential and promise.

For the past four years, I have been fortunate to have Ameenah as one of my undergraduate music students, concert choir members, and most recently, student conductor. Her level of musical knowledge, skill, and artistic ability is commendable. She never misses class, rehearsals, and performances. Ameenah is always fully prepared to participate in any and all course topic discussions, submits assignments in a timely fashion, and receives top scores on assessments and course projects.

I know Ameenah to be a trustworthy person who makes every effort to successfully achieve the responsibilities expected of her. She demonstrates her belief in the value of sustaining community by successfully building networks with others to make both individual and group efforts effective and sustainable. She is an excellent communicator and implements creative strategies with the single goal in mind that everyone she works with experiences accomplishment and measurable development. Ameenah sets high, yet attainable expectations for herself and those she associates with, inspiring all to greater achievement.

Innovation and resourcefulness, coupled with a sincere desire for her own personal improvement and development, will undoubtedly continue to inspire Ameenah throughout her lifetime. In any endeavor, She has shown herself to be a considerate, accountable, highly motivated individual who embodies the leadership qualities of inventiveness, compassion, integrity, perseverance, and devotion. It is without any hesitation that I confidently recommend Ameenah Muhammad for consideration as an officer for the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc.

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Sisters of the Northeast District,

On behalf of the Mu Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, I would like to take the time to recommend Ameenah Muhammad with the highest regards for the position of President for the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma.

I have gotten to know Ameenah very well over the last four years here at Lincoln University through our band program and also the choir. I have had the great opportunity to serve as the President and Vice president of the Mu Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi as Ameenah served as President of the Iota Pi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Working with Ameenah is always a great pleasure. Even before I became a member, she was always that helping hand that everyone was looking for.

Ameenah is the definition of Leadership. She runs the chapter with great work ethic and great execution. Ameenah goes throughout the day and fills it with such joy and enthusiasm, which spreads throughout the band all the time. She is always helping a helping hand to the Mu Sigma Chapter to make sure that we are on top of things and assisting us whenever necessary. In the band, Ameenah continues to show her great leadership skills. She does whatever she needs to do to keep the band in the right spirit and helps keep us going. Ameenah is always putting others before herself. She makes sure any and everyone around her is in a position to better themselves and to succeed. Her leadership alone would make her an outstanding President for the Northeast District. She has constantly shown her ability to be the leader of multiple different groups of people and have them all on the path of success while being the genuine person that she is. She would be able to help out each chapter in the best way possible at any given opportunity.

Additionally, Ameenah has one of the biggest hearts and biggest passion drives I have ever witnessed. She absolutely puts everything she has into everything she gets involved in. She is 100% dedicated to all of her causes. She is a very open minded individual. She is always willing to listen to others ideas and go with whatever is best for the situation at hand. As a leader, she always makes sure those around her are included and have a say in what is going on. She makes sure the team is always on the same page and is always going to hold you accountable for everything.

I have zero doubt that Ameenah is the perfect candidate for this position. She would serve as District President with nothing but success for the Northeast District, just as she has done at Lincoln, in the band and throughout both Mu Sigma and Iota Pi. I would like to recommend highly Ameenah Muhammad for District President of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma.

Best regards

John Brandon, President KKΨ - MΣ
On Behalf of the Mu Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi