

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP CANDIDACY PACKET

Matthew Badia (he/him)

Tau Beta Sigma

Iota Alpha – Marist College

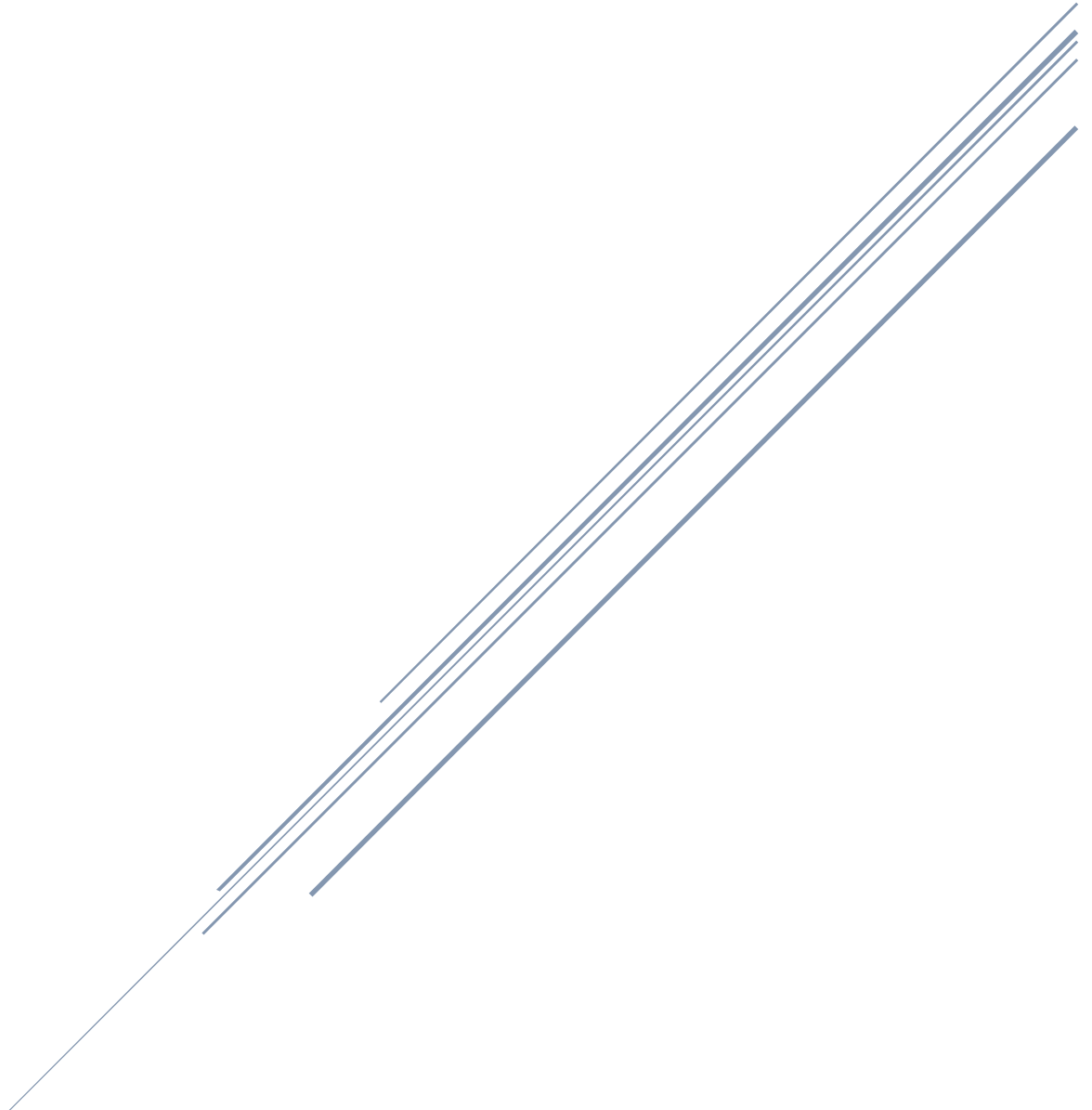


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*Iota Alpha
Marist College*

Sisters and Brothers of the Northeast District,

It is an honor to write to the district as a candidate for office on the Northeast District Council. This has been a goal of mine since first learning about District Councils during Membership Candidate Lessons. My collegiate band experience has been a service, holding many positions in my Chapter and the Band. I knew serving on District Council would be the best way to continue my service to my Chapter and all the Chapters of the Northeast District.

A Sister of Tau Beta Sigma for three years, I have served as Secretary on the elected Executive Board of the Marist College Band and as chapter Vice President of Membership for one year. In addition, I served on the Women in Music Committee and as Chapter Parliamentarian. In my capacity as Secretary of Bands, I am responsible for membership attendance at all band functions. Additionally, I am responsible for note-taking during meetings, communication with general members, and organization of the band's documents. During my time on the Women in Music committee, we organized and hosted a panel of the women in the Marist Music Department on which the Director of Choir and Director of Orchestra sat. This event's goal was to introduce the Marist Music Department to its leadership and share with the department the struggles of women making a career in music.

My time as Chapter Vice President of Membership was more tumultuous. Assuming my position in the middle of the COVID Crisis, I had to rework the existing MC lessons and activities to a virtual setting. I successfully planned and implemented a virtual recruitment week taking in Iota Alpha's Alpha Alpha Class. Virtual MC lessons proved challenging but not insurmountable. The Alpha Alpha Class completed the MC process despite the challenges of a pandemic. At the time of writing this, I am preparing for yet another virtual recruitment week with virtual socials and virtual service events.

Outside of the chapter, Iota Alpha and Kappa Upsilon of ΚΚΨ hosted the 2019 Northern Precinct Meeting. Additionally, I served as an alternate delegate for the Delta Omega chapter at the 2019 National Convention in Stillwater, Oklahoma. At National Convention, I served on the Programs Committee, where improvements to CODA, Focus on Five, and Greater Practice. On the District Level, I participated in Fall Focus Groups for COVID recruitment and membership. I served on the Project Peace of Mind Taskforce to help revise POM. Most recently, I attended the Virtual NED Precincts Meeting. This experience has helped me to prepare for District Leadership.

To serve the needs of others is one of the greatest honors one can have. Membership in Tau Beta Sigma provides a pathway to service to bandmembers across the nation. The education of Membership Candidates is vital for a chapter's continued success. However, membership education does not stop after the MC process; rather, it is designed to continue during a Sister's membership in Tau Beta Sigma. As my time as an undergraduate comes to an end, I feel a need to continue my service to my Sisters. As District VPM, I will continue to support chapters and

new members in their education in Tau Beta Sigma's values and ideals. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Respectfully with Much Love in the Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Badia". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Matthew" and "Badia" being significantly larger and more stylized than the rest of the letters.

Matthew Badia

Vice President of Membership – Tau Beta Sigma – Iota Alpha

Psi Class (Fall 2018)

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Mathew Badia

Iota Alpha Chapter
Initiated Fall 2018

MUSICAL INVOLVEMENT

Member of the alto sax section in the Marist College Marching Band.
Member of the bari sax section in the Marist College Pep Band.
Member of the clarinet section in the Marist College Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony.
Member of the Marist College Handbell Choir

LITTLES:

Little Sister:

Michael Wise – Spring 2020

Little Brother:

Christopher Nosowitz – Fall 2020
Romar Powell – Spring 2020
Zach Weiss – Spring 2020
Emily Broad – Spring 2020

VITALS

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EDUCATION

MARIST COLLEGE – POUGHKEEPSIE NY MAY 2021
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHEMISTRY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

2020 – 2021

Responsible for the membership education of MCs, scheduling Degrees, assisting in the fulfillment of MC requirements and more

Redesigned MC lessons and activities to fit into a virtual format

WOMEN IN MUSIC COMMITTEE

2019 – 2020

Assisted in the planning and running of a Women in Music speaker event

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

SECRETARY OF THE MARIST COLLEGE BAND

2019 – 2021

Responsible for keeping attendance records band members

Responsible for communication between the Executive Board and band members

MARIST COLLEGE GREENHOUSE MANAGER

2018 – 2021

Responsible for day-to-day operations of the greenhouse

Responsible for managing other student workers

CONVENTIONS ATTENDED

NORTHERN PRECINCT, MARIST COLLEGE – 2019

NATIONAL CONVENTION – 2019

Alternate Delegate for Delta Omega

Sat on the Programs Committee

Virtual Precincts – 2021

Plans for Office

Project Peace of Mind

- **Expand Project Peace of Mind**
- **Raise awareness of POM among District VPM's**
 - Encourage chapters to implement POM activities in their Chapter Meetings
- **Implement changes to POM**
 - Make and evaluate the changes make by the POM Taskforce

Chapter Vice President of Membership

- **Assist Chapters with membership education during the COVID Pandemic**
 - For Spring 2021, assist VPM's who are implementing virtual MC lessons for the first time
- **Set up monthly office hours for VPMs and membership educator**
 - This will be an opportunity for Chapter VPMs to ask questions, get answers, or share information with other VPMs in the NED
- **Contact Chapter VPM's about what they liked/didn't like about last year**
 - Try to implement suggestions made by Chapter VPMs
- **Host Recruitment/Membership education brainstorming sessions for a COVID-19 World (Fall)**
 - Pass on my experiences taking a virtual class to new VPMs in the Fall or in this spring if needed
- **Host Recruitment/Membership education brainstorming sessions for post-COVID**
 - Once Chapters return to normal operations, assist VPMs in returning to normal MC lessons and in person Degree
- **Create a 2021-2022 NED VPM Facebook group**
 - The Facebook group will be a platform for the VPM to disseminate information to VPMs and membership educators
- **Monthly NED VPM discussion questions**
 - Something utilized by Megan Enright that helped spark conversations and spread ideas between chapters
- **Assist Chapter VPM's finish MEPs**
 - Impart my knowledge to new VPMs in creating their MEP for the Fall and Spring semesters

Interchapter Relations

- **Facilitate interchapter relations**
 - Connect TBΣ chapters what want to hold joint meetings, socials, or other events
 - To be completed either by a Facebook Group or by Google forms

Projected Timeline

March

- Off we go!!
- Officer Transitions
- Review material from previous VPM
- First NED VPM discussion question posted the week after NEDCON
- Introduce myself to the NED Chapter VPMs
- Setup Spring 2020 Facebook Page (or use existing page)
- Host VPM office hours

April

- Second discussion question
- Reach out to district VPM's and find out how I can help
- Host VPM office hours

May

- Contact new VPMs
- Third discussion question
- Update new VPMs to Facebook group

June

- Fourth discussion question
- Send reminder about MEPs to VPMs
- Prepare and distribute a sample MEP
- Review MEPs as they come in

July

- Fifth Discussion question
- National Convention!!
- Send out final reminder about MEPs to VPMs
- Assist VPMs in completing MEPs
- Work of interface for interchapter contact
- Work on revisions to Project Peace of Mind

August

- Sixth discussion question
- Post updates to POM
- Contact VPMs hosting precincts and begin to set deadlines and guidelines
- Review final MEPs
- Host VPM office hours

September

- Seventh discussion question
- Implement interface for interchapter relations
- Reach out to VPMs as they prepare for recruitment week and start membership education
- Host a workshop for VPM and membership educators to prepare for recruitment and membership education
- Remind chapters about POM
- Host VPM office hours

October

- Eight discussion question
- Check in with chapters to see how membership education is proceeding
- Begin planning district convention
- Continue work with Precinct chapters
- Host VPM office hours

November

- Ninth discussion question
- Final semester check in
- Find out from chapter VPMs what worked and did not work during the semester
- Host VPM office hours

December

- Tenth discussion question
- Continue to work on convention planning
- Continue working with precinct hosts
- Send out reminder for MEPs

January

- Eleventh discussion question
- Precincts!!
- Continue district planning
- Host a workshop for VPM and membership educators to prepare for recruitment and membership education
- Host VPM office hours

February

- Twelfth discussion question
- Precincts!!
- Final district planning
- Remind chapters about POM
- Host VPM office hours

March

- Thirteenth discussion question
- Host final VPM office hours (if time allows)
- District Convention!!
- Transition new district VPM

Dear Northeast District,

I am writing on behalf of the Iota Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma to recommend Matthew Badia for the position of Vice President of Membership of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma Sorority. I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Matt for four years as a member of the Marist College Band and for three years as an exemplary sister.

Matt's passion for comprehensive inclusion and rigorous activity has fueled the lifeblood of Iota Alpha and the Marist College Band for the entirety of his leadership tenure. Being elected to the position of Vice President of Membership at the advent of COVID-19, Matt persisted to take on a membership candidate (William Hoffman) in the Fall of 2020 and successfully integrated him into the chapter as if the barriers of virtual learning were nonexistent for him. He also volunteered his time to participate in the district committee which curated Project Peace of Mind. Bringing these activities into our chapter meetings, Matt helped us recenter and be generous in our self-affirmations during a time of perpetual frustration and fatigue.

Matt is not only exceptionally organized in his role as VPM, but he is also responsible for the exemplary organization displayed across the various musical and academic groups he is involved in. Between band attendance, Iota Alpha activities and membership education, and rigorous academic work as a dual Chemistry and Environmental Science major, I get flustered by simply trying to quantify the many tasks and responsibilities he consistently faces on a daily basis. But when he is present at each obligation, he never gives the impression that his time is so widely divided. When he shows up, you have his full attention and energy, and it is hard to express in words the difference that makes for whatever tasks or difficulties are at hand.

Matt has also been greatly involved in fostering connections with other sisters and their ideas during meetings and conventions. He has attended the 2019 Northern Precinct meeting at Marist College, the 2019 National Convention in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and the 2021 Northern Virtual Precinct meeting. At NatCon 2019, Matt served as the alternate delegate for Delta Omega and sat on the programs committee. Looking forward to this Spring, Matt hopes to take on more membership candidates, prepare Iota Alpha for this unique transition, and to forge new paths to help serve in the bond after he has graduated. It would be a boon to the Northeast District if Matthew Badia were elected Vice President of Membership.

Ryan Stevens

Ryan Stevens
President
Tau Beta Sigma - Iota Alpha Chapter



To the Sisters of the Northeast District,

I have the honor and pleasure of writing to you all as the Iota Alpha Chapter Sponsor to share my recommendation of Matthew Badia to serve as the Vice President of Membership of the NED for the upcoming term. I've worked with Matt both as a member of the Marist College Band, where he serves as Secretary, and as a Sister in our Bond, as our current Chapter VPM. In both accounts, I've always had a wonderful experience working with him and knowing he keeps everyone's best interests in his ideas and decisions. Due to his personal dedication to band and sisterhood, innovation, and responsibility to his roles, I fully believe Matthew Badia would make a wonderful District Council member.

Matthew joined the Iota Alpha Chapter in Fall of 2018. The semester's class was quite small -- he and one other MC handled the entire process together. From that point forward, I had no doubt that he was going to provide great leadership for our Chapter. He took on the responsibility of Secretary for our band program. This is not an easy role to complete successfully as one of the main tasks is recording and being responsible for coverage at every single band event (rehearsals, pep games, crews before/after performances, etc.). In my nine years of experience working with the Marist College Band, I have never seen a more efficient Secretary handle this and with total transparency and reasonability when it comes to absences. He decided to update the platform used for record keeping in addition to improving how members could communicate that they would be missing upcoming events, leading to others being able to cover their spots. Matt is always approachable when it comes to asking how a certain band member is doing on a personal level in order to figure out if they are losing interest in music or have a school requirement or other trumping activity going on.

Matt has also done exceptionally well as Chapter VPM during the pandemic. Not only has he participated in the Project Peace of Mind taskforce, but he also implemented numerous projects in Project Good Member over the past year. Additionally, he has been the first to complete our MC lessons over a virtual setting and contributed immensely toward our two virtual recruitment weeks, resulting in two online classes being brought into our Chapter. He also supports our Brother Chapter, Kappa Upsilon, in our Joint Service session (which was a virtual instrument cleaning video) and with keeping in touch with his several little Brothers. He has also organized a Meet the Sisters event where members of the band get to learn more about Sisters than just being a member of Tau Beta Sigma by showing off hobbies or interests. He also keeps things entertaining and positive, coming up with an Escape Room social and cohosting a virtual brunch with our Brothers.

On a small side note, I've also learned about Matt's deep interest in nature and his work he has done with the Marist Greenhouse. His beautiful idea to take the roses from our visit to National Convention back in 2019 when we visited National Headquarters and allowing them to create new roses back home for us to use for our socials and rituals was fantastic. He cares for nature and loves learning about how things work so that he can improve them if possible. I believe he will do the same for our District and provide not only new ideas and improvements, but also provide a stable shoulder to lean on for any Chapter in the upcoming months as we all start to transition back (hopefully).

If you have any further questions or concerns about Matthew as a District Level candidate, please do not hesitate to email me at Brian@tbsigma.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Main

Tau Beta Sigma, Iota Alpha Chapter Sponsor

TBS Life Member #3293

Past TBS District Secretary/Treasurer 2016-2017

MARIST

Dearest Sisters of the Northeast District of Tau Beta Sigma:

It is both an honor and a privilege to write to you on behalf of Matthew Badia, sister from the Iota Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, seeking the office of Northeast District Vice President for Membership. I have had the opportunity to witness Matthew's passion for bands and the sisterhood, and believe he is a prime candidate to serve on the District level.

Matthew joined the Marist Band program in the Fall of 2017. As a talented musician, he not only saw the opportunity for the pursuit of musical greatness on our stage and on the field, but also seized upon the opportunity to lead in our band organization in several ways. The first step in realizing his leadership journey was joining the Iota Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma. Upon his initiation in the Fall 2018 semester, Matthew set forth on a path that would showcase his skill sets of organizational maintenance and onboarding new members to serve both the chapter and the band.

In his time with the chapter, Matthew has served on the Women in Music Committee, which during his involvement offered our campus community the first faculty showcase of Women in Music at Marist. Additionally, Matthew also began his first of two terms as Secretary of the Marist College Band. Shortly thereafter, he was elected chapter Vice President for Membership – serving during an unprecedented time for our program, and still recruiting and initiating new members.

Initially, the band was met with the challenge of transitioning a new Director of Bands. But less than a year into that transition, the campus was upended by COVID-19. As campus restrictions found our band program severely restricted in its ability to meet, Matt was an ever-present advocate for the student musicians on our campus. His concern for his fellow band members was pivotal for allowing the Marist Band to continue with alternative programming opportunities while the campus saw music-making as a potential threat to public health. Matthew stepped in to perform with smaller percussion-oriented chamber ensembles that could continue to meet, as well as involve himself in beginner piano courses. As others shied away from music, Matthew leaned in to prove that music will persevere during the most difficult times. He still serves as an example of servant leadership through music to all instrumentalists on our campus.

Matthew has proven to me that he is most capable to serve in the office of District Vice President for Membership. I trust his work ethic and passion for bands and the sisterhood will serve the organization as we move into a rebuilding phase across the nation. Convinced of his worthiness, I ask that you give Matthew's application to serve in this capacity the highest consideration. For additional information concerning Mr. Badia, please do not hesitate to contact me at mnapolitano@kkpsi.org.

MLITB,



Michael Napolitano
Assistant Director of Music, Adjunct Lecturer of Music

Kappa Kappa Psi, Kappa Upsilon (Life/Honorary)
Kappa Kappa Psi, Northeast District (Honorary)
Kappa Kappa Psi, National Vice President for Programs
Tau Beta Sigma, Iota Alpha (Sponsor/Life/Honorary)
Tau Beta Sigma, Northeast District (Honorary)

To whom it may concern,

My name is Matt Shannon, and I am the current president of the Kappa Upsilon chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Marist College. I have known Matt Badia for four years now and my experiences working with him and around him lead me to offer my endorsement of him for the position of Vice President of Membership.

Matt has always had an inspiring passion and drive that allows him to immerse himself in his responsibilities. He takes his responsibilities very seriously and has always demonstrated a focus towards getting necessary tasks done.

Throughout his time in band, Matt has always taken time to accommodate younger members and create a welcoming environment. In addition, as the Vice President of Membership for his chapter, he has just recently helped guide a new class through the current challenges we face as well as bring a chapter together of mostly members initiated during the pandemic and made them all feel welcome, a challenge I have seen my chapter struggle with at times.

I believe that Matt's experience in leadership and mentorship will make him an effective Vice President of Membership and a successful officer at the district level.

Best,
Matt Shannon