

The MWD BEAT

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The Midwest District Beat is the newest version of the Midwest District Resource. The Beat was created because your District Officers wanted to stay in touch with all the sisters in Tau Beta Sigma around the Midwest District. Stay tuned every month for exciting new stories helpful tips from your District Officers.

*-The MWD District Officers
Friday, June 26, 2009*



Counselor Wendy McCann, KKY President Todd Halling, TBS VPSP Jenny Halling, KKY MAL Stephen Jackson, TBS President Jason Dornbush (turned around), and TBS VPM Stacy Laue pose for a group picture at a restaurant in Kansas City. This was a fun planned weekend where officers worked and played hard planning for this coming year. Sec/Treas Jennifer Miller was unable to attend.

From the President's Desk

Greetings Sisters of the MWD,

This past weekend the TBS Council met in Kansas City to discuss some goals and start planning events for this next year. As the night progressed and we started to talk about new and improved DO's publication "The Beat." Someone thought that it would be a nice idea to share our favorite THIS ONE TIME AT BAND CAMP story. I wanted to give this disclaimer as I have too many stories like that but I chose one that you all can witness on Facebook. This one time at band camp I danced to the stripper and made \$6.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/video/video.php?v=516501215643&subj=38203611>

Now that everyone has had a good laugh, I invite you to flow your district council on twitter at www.twitter.com/tbsigmamwd. We hope that this is will allow us to improve communication with the chapters.

ITB,
Jason Dornbush
Tau Beta Sigma
MWD President



The Vice Presidents' Own

Hey Midwest District,

This is your new Vice President of Membership speaking. As your VPM, I am aiming high this year to do everything I can to help all my sisters in the MW District. The first of many new educational tools for everyone is the MWD Beat. Every month a new Beat will be posted. I am hoping this will improve communication with all Tau Beta Sigma chapters in our district and provide everyone with information they can use for their membership education for new and returning members. If you have anything you need to know and don't know how to find it, contact me and I will be more than willing to help you out. Also, if you have membership education information in an electronic format, I would love to collect it and make a compilation for the district. Wouldn't this be a great way to share ideas from different chapters?

When we met in Kansas City, we decided we would like to share something unique about ourselves in every issue. In this issue, we decided it should be about our favorite time at band camp. Well, this one time at band camp I was marching with a row of tubas and missed my step off. Needless to say, one time at band camp I got hit in the head with a tuba, and it hurt.

ITB,
Stacy Laue
MWD VPM


Hello!

My name is Jennifer Halling and I am serving as your Vice President of Special Projects for this year, I have many new ideas to bring to the table that will hopefully build on what has been passed on to me. One of my goals this year is to increase the number of award applications that are turned in, so make sure to watch for information about how to apply! Another goal I have for this year is to re-organize our district history and sending it out to all of the chapters so it can be used for membership education.

On a side note we were asked to share our favorite "this one time at band camp" moment. While I have many favorite moments from the four years I have been in the K-State marching band I would have to say that one of my favorite moments from band camp was my first year as a section leader. I happened to be sitting next to one of our rookies while the band was taking a break, we were just talking and a bird flew by and pooped on her arm. This was something that we all joked and laughed about through the rest of the season.

Once again I am really looking forward to serving on the district council this year and am looking forward to being in touch with all of the chapters.

ITB,
Jennifer Halling
MWD VPSP






A Note from the Secretary/Treasurer

This year is my first year serving as a District Officer for Tau Beta Sigma and I am thrilled to be a part of the team! I have decided to share a little information about myself with you as well as give you my goals for this school year so you will know a little more about what is going on within the District Council. I have just finished up my second year as a Music Education Major at the University of Northern Iowa and have been a part of Tau Beta Sigma for that same period of time. It was my first semester of college when I joined and I remember seeing how much Tau Beta Sigma had helped the bands and also remember seeing the bond within the chapter and wanted to be a part of that.

The Zeta Nu chapter contained many older members at that time and graduated many members at the end of the 07-08 school year. Having them to work with was a great experience for my Tau Beta Sigma class to then learn a lot of the history of Tau Beta Sigma and discover how things are handled within the chapter especially when hosting District Convention. This past year, we have had a very big turnaround. A lot of our members are now new, but we really remembered what we had been taught and were quick to learn and had a lot of guidance along the way. During this past year, I had the opportunity to be Vice President of the chapter. I would say that holding an office position this year really gave me a desire to do more within the sorority. That is why when the opportunity arose this year at Convention for me to take this position, I did. Having our chapter's President, Jason Dornbush, serve as District President throughout the course of the 08-09 school year kept me aware of how much work would be going into a District Office position. It has been a bit over a month now since I have been the District Secretary Treasurer and I can gladly say that I am enjoying it and am still willing to make the time commitment.

For our first District Officers meeting, Jason wanted us all to set goals for ourselves and for the Council for the year. Amanda, the former Secretary Treasurer, kept things very organized within the Secretary/Treasurer position. Her organization allowed for a very smooth transition for me in April. There were a couple of glitches, but she was always very willing to help. My goal will be to maintain this good sense of organization within the position. So far this has been going fairly well! I am also hoping to go to as many Tau Beta Sigma functions as I can during my time as a District Officer. As far as the Council goes, I want to be continuously looking at what we were charged with from Convention in order to meet all of those charges this school year. Also, I am hoping to help out as much as possible with our Membership Summit this year. I know the Council all shares this goal as well. With the rest of the Council, we can really get things moving and hopefully get more chapters committed to coming in the fall. Another goal of mine would be to be able to attend more of the District events. So far, attending summer meetings has been very difficult for me and I haven't been able to attend anything so far. With this in mind, I am really hoping to be able to attend more events during the school year when my schedule and budget become more structured. So there you have a little bit more information about me and have about what will be going on within the District Council. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments at any time!

ITB,
Jennifer Miller
MWD Secretary/Treasurer





THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Sisters and Brothers,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and getting excited about the year ahead! Since this is my last year as your District Counselor, I'm working to make it the best yet! For those of you who don't know me or aren't sure what I do, just know that I am available to you or any members in your chapter (including prospective members and your Sponsor!) when you have questions about TBS. I work with the district councils, national officers and National Headquarters staff to support your needs, so let me know what you need!

My primary goals for this year are to:

1) Create a Counselor's Cup Award, to be given an outstanding chapter in the district.

Minimum requirements include:

- Submit all paperwork to National Headquarters on time (for the entire year)
- Submit articles for the Midwest Notes
- Submit an application for this award (available on the district website by September, due in April – date TBD)
- Present to Counselor's Cup judges at District Convention. Details on the presentation will be sent to eligible chapters, but you will address why your chapter should receive the award and the great things your chapter has been doing this year.

The focus of this goal is to showcase the fabulous things Midwest District chapters are doing, and encourage activities that will make you eligible for district and national awards.

2) Support members of the Midwest District at National Convention!

3) Increase my communication with chapter sponsors. For me this really means, send at least two emails to each chapter sponsor. Yes, I think it is sad that I just haven't done much to contact your sponsors in the past, but it is never too late!

4) Support all chapters in the district and our Colony! Let me know if you have questions about anything related to TBS!

5) Support the District Councils and Host Chapters in running a great District Convention in 2010!

In closing, I want to encourage you to think about your *own* goals within Tau Beta Sigma for the next year. These questions might help you focus:

- What are your *hopes* and *dreams* for your chapter this year?
- Have you *shared* your thoughts with other chapter members? Together, you and your chapter should *define your goals* for the year. Write them down, assign responsibilities to members, set deadlines and hold each other accountable.
- What can you do to help your chapter *accomplish* these goals?
- What do *you* want to accomplish this year *within your chapter*?
- How do you want to be involved in the *district* this year and in the future?

I love to hear from you! Find me on Facebook! Join MWD groups and check out the district and national websites!

Love in the Bond,
Wendy McCann, MWD Counselor

