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Dear Patrick,

My honor is to write a letter of support for the Trojan Marching Band Alumni Association. As a member of the TMB since 1979, it has been a dream to establish an Alumni Association to support TMB students and alumni for many years. Since my graduation, there have been a few attempts to establish an organization to support the Trojan Marching Band. In the last few years, we developed the momentum with the right players to initiate the Trojan Marching Band Alumni Association. This was a joint effort with the support of the USCAA. Danielle Harvey was instrumental in creating the framework to establish our alumni association.

The TMBAA board is a wonderful combination of all 5 decades of TMB members. Our leaders have a variety of majors and professions. Each individual adds their experiences to create a dynamic board. Despite Covid, we were able to plan multiple events to support the current TMB members. Our funding supported the gifting of the junior year band jackets, the band banquet, summer band camp survival kits, and new charting programs. The TMBAA established an internal referral service regarding employment. We also reached out to our members for weekend happy hours at home with a theme. For example, what was your first band camp like?

Our crowning achievement of course, was Homecoming in 2021. We had about 1,000 current and alumni band members take the field to celebrate the last time Dr. Arthur C. Bartner directed the TMB. Events included a cocktail reception at the University Club, practicing routines at Cromwell field, marching through campus, and connecting alumni lifelong and worldwide.

I had the opportunity to be elected as a founding member of the TMBAA and serve on the membership committee. The ability to create an organization that serves current students as well as alumni personifies our motto of being "The Greatest Marching Band in the History of the Universe" demonstrates the resolve of the TMBAA.

I give my full support to the Trojan Marching Band Alumni Association to receive for the Widney Award for an organization without reservation.

Rob Campos

USC TMBAA Inaugural Member and Board Member