



To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend the Trojan Marching Band Alumni Association (TMBAA) for the distinction of USC's Volunteer Organization of the year. The organization has been integral in the support of the Trojan Marching Band and ensuring a quality experience for the student body.

In the first few months of the TMBAA's existence, the organization has been able to make measurable, impactful change on the TMB. During the TMB's training camp (Band Camp), the students are given the building blocks to develop their skills for the future of their participation in the program. It is integral that this time is as efficient as possible, and that the students are cared for. The generosity of the TMBAA has allowed them to fully fund all meals at this camp, as well as allow for the improvement of these meals. Additionally, the students are provided with all materials (gig bags, t-shirts, sunglasses, etc.) by the TMBAA, where they had previously been required to purchase these items themselves.

Additionally, the support of the TMBAA has pulled the TMB into the 21st century by supporting the annual licensing of Ultimate Drill Book, an application that allows each student to have their field drill at their fingertips through the use of their smart devices. This update has allowed the TMB to perform marching maneuvers not previously thought possible.

As the director of the TMB, what has been most exciting for me is the home the TMBAA offers to young alumni. When students graduate from USC and their time with the band ends, they often struggle to find their voice or place in the world as an alumnus. The TMBAA offers a community for them to gather and continue their support of USC, while maintaining a firm connection to the TMB.

The TMBAA is by far, one of the most efficient volunteer organizations I have ever witnessed, and I am blessed to have them working with me. Thank you for your time, and Fight On!

Best wishes,

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