**Nancy McCullough Memorial Scholarship**

**Tallwood High School Band Boosters**

**2011-2012**

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**Number of years in THS Band Program?**

I have been involved in the THS Band program for four years now.

**What instrument(s) do you play?**

I have been playing the flute and piccolo for six years now. I also have history playing French Horn for a summer before my high school career began.

**Recognitions, Honors, and Awards**

Acceptance into James Madison University (2012)

 George Mason University (2012)

President of TRI-M (National Honors Society of Music Education) (2011-2012)

Acceptance into the German Honors Society (2011-2012)

Woodwind Captain of the Marching Lions of Tallwood High School (2011-2012)

1st place Winner of “Fake It Till You Make It” Lip Sync Contest representing the Class of 2012 (2011)

Leadership SBC at James Madison University week long event (2011)

3.5 Club for Cumulative GPA (2008-2012)

*Directors Award* for Music Education (2011)

Acceptance in to National Honors Society (2011)

600 Club for receiving a perfect score on a SOL test (2011)

Section Leader of Flutes and Piccolos of the Marching Lions of Tallwood High School (2010-2011)

Vice President of TRI-M (National Honors Society of Music Education) (2010-2011)

Winning team leader of International Business competition for the *AHHA WIKI LLC* (2010)

Nomination for project design for Global Studies Academy Freshmen Orientation (2011)

Nominated to the *National Young Leaders Conference* for National Scholars. (2009)

Acceptance to TRI-M (National Honors Society of Music Education) (2009)

Nominated for the *Symphonicity League Scholarship* audition. (2008)

Acceptance to Global Studies World Languages Academy at Tallwood High School (2008)

**What leadership roles have you held with the THS Band Program.**

In the school year of 2010-2011 I was not only the Flute and Piccolo Section Leader but I was also the President of the Music Honor Society (Tri-M). I am currently graduating as Woodwind Captain of Tallwood’s Marching Lions and also as Tri-M President.

**Volunteer Work**

I have been highly active in the Band Program for the past four years. Ever since I was a freshmen I have dedicated many hours and double shifts to the Festivals of Music, Bake Sales with the Tri-M, and by helping the Athletic Concession stand which the band boosters hosted. I have listed below my duties in each event.

2012: Spaghetti and Karaoke Dinner Night at Tallwood High School

* coordinated and supervised event with the Band Booster Vice President and President overlooking all paperwork, ticket sales and advertising materials
* prepared meals and hospitality to over 100 people for the dinner
* organized volunteers and materials needed
* operated table and served pasta, meatballs, and salad
* planned the event collaborating with the music director and band booster executive board

2008-Present: Band Booster Rock-a-thon

* donated snacks for participants
* catered to the needs of any participants including refreshments, blankets, and games

2008-Present: Tallwood High School: Festival of Bands annual event

* evaluated festival schedule and designated volunteer hourly shifts
* coordinated and supervised event overlooking all paperwork, music, recordings, and assessments
* prepared meals and hospitality to visitors ranging to 200 member bands
* helped set up and break down event

2008-Present: TRI-M Bake Sale

* organized volunteers and materials needed
* operated table and concession stand
* planned each bake sale collaborating with the music director and student activities coordinator

2008-2011: Athletic and Performing Arts Concession Stand

* operated stand including the calculating and transfer of currency

**Where will you be continuing your education, and what do you plan to study?**

I plan to continue my education at James Madison University where I plan to study Business.

**What would you tell a prospective student or parent about the THS Band Program?**

 I would show a prospective student of the true essence of band which I couldn’t relate to anything else but myself. As a musician of Tallwood I have personally seen the musical revolution surging throughout the young hearts everywhere; instilling a sense of pride and dedication to enhance lives of others. Throughout the years we won as team and as a family. Speak to any Marching Band member and you will find that walking into school on your first day with 100 more friends than anyone else. Band is a support system and a way to release your problems in the universal language of music. You will get frustrated, you will be exhausted, but you experience the fondest memories in band with the people that care about you.

**Do you feel music will play a role in your future? If so, in that capacity?**

Because of band I have found the puzzle piece to the grand design of who I really am as a person. I am the soft laughter and the smile you can forever forecast. I am the energy and devotion in class that will never expire. Band is a family showing me that petty words of hatred do not compose me, as do the words of encouragement and love will always. As a new leader I am about finding the heart behind every grim face and the words that tremble on humble lips. Everyone has a story but I have learned to not dwell on yesterday’s worries but instead focus on tomorrow’s adventures. I will embrace this opportunity of life and create beauty in the lives of the many who endure hardships. My purpose on Earth is not to overpopulate, but to enrich with creativity and knowledge. More importantly no one will ever hold me back from anything I aspire to do. It is because of band I have grown into the individual I am today.

**How has being a member of the THS Band Program influenced your life? How has your director influenced your life?**

Growing up it was a little crazy having adults come in and fall out of my life. Now undergoing a third divorce I never thought I would need any more parents until I met Mr. Rossettini. Over the past four years I have grown extremely close to this man. With Ross I have confided in him more about myself than to my own father. Because truth is, Mr. Ross is a father I have adopted as my own. As a student and friend I have learned more than I could ever imagine about myself. Mr. Ross has been that solid rock in my life unknowing of the tremendous amount of pain he has helped me overlook through every song request in his office.

I am aware that I am exceeding my word limit at this point but if Mr. Ross should read this I want you to know I could never express to how much you have helped me discover within myself a power much greater than I ever imagined. So after years of hearing the tired out Rossism “love you mean it” I leave with this… I do love you and I mean it. Thank you so much.

In closing to say band impacted me would be an understatement; music has irrevocably transformed my life. My heart will forever follow the silent echoes of the metronome but it is my turn to march to my own beat. Empowering and enriching lives everywhere is my life’s symphony and will never transpire until my life’s final cadence. Some say I am a dreamer but the only argument I have against that is that I pursue my dreams. Under the guidance of Timothy J. Rossittini, the Global Studies World Languages Academy, and now James Madison University the music to my life’s symphony begins now.