

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Phi Beta Mu,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Brian Webster and his nomination to our chapter of Phi Beta Mu. Brian has distinguished himself as a fine young band director and teacher. He also has a proven track record of accomplishment and service to our profession.

Brian Webster is a former student of mine at Cookeville High School. He was an accomplished musician being selected to national, state, and regional honor bands. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and completed his student teaching in the Farragut schools. After graduating from UTK, Brian taught in the Warren County Schools, at Whitthorne Middle School in Columbia, and currently teaches at Prescott South Middle School in Cookeville. He consistently receives superior ratings at CPA, has a large percentage of his students participating in SEPA, and has many students selected to regional honor bands every year. Brian was also selected as the Putnam County Middle School Teacher of the Year a few years ago. He has also earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Tennessee State University.

Brian has served MTSBOA in several ways including adjudicating for honor band auditions and for SEPA. He has also served as the clinician for the MTSBOA Middle School Jazz Ensemble. Brian coordinates our All-County Honor Bands in Putnam County and did the same during his time in Columbia.

I have the opportunity to watch Brian Webster teach on many occasions throughout the year. His students feed into Cookeville High School and often, his students are the best prepared I have. Brian was also the middle school director for my own children.

I believe that Brian Webster will be a fine addition to our chapter of Phi Beta Mu and that he will continue to serve our profession in an admirable way. I highly recommend Brian for membership.

Sincerely yours,

David Talbert

5/14/25

Brothers and Sisters of Phi Beta Mu, Eta Chapter,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Mr. Brian Webster of Prescott-South Middle School to be a member of the Phi Beta Mu, Eta Chapter.

Brother Talbert and Sister Jernigan have composed excellent letters of recommendation, which detail the accomplishments of this outstanding teacher. I will not add to this list as they have done so comprehensively. Rather, I would like to relate what I see, as a Music Education Representative, each and every time I enter his band room.

What I see, without fail, are engaged students. Nothing is verbalized, modeled, or implemented that does not have as its ultimate goal the engagement and betterment of his students. The flow and pacing of his instruction is outstanding and this is evidenced by the accomplishments that have been recorded in the letters of Brother Talbert and Sister Jernigan. While it is a pleasure to watch this young man on the podium, if I happen to arrive during that time when students are entering or exiting his band room, I see enthusiastic students interacting with a fine fine band director. He is that type of director that has to actively “shoo” his students out of the band room to their next class so that they will not be tardy! It is worthy to note that he has many more productive years ahead of him and I know that he will only improve over the years.

Brian is an outstanding music educator, an outstanding human being, and will make an outstanding addition to the membership of Eta Chapter. I nominate him with my greatest enthusiasm without any reservation whatsoever.

Sincerely,

Erich Zimmerman
Music Education Representative
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May 7, 2025

Dear Membership Committee of Phi Beta Mu, Eta Chapter:

It is my great pleasure to recommend Brian Webster for election into Phi Beta Mu. I have known Brian for several years, and I believe his professionalism, musicianship, and service to our profession make him an ideal candidate for this cherished organization.

Mr. Webster has been the director at Prescott South Middle School for the past seven years. During his tenure, the Prescott South program has grown to be one of the more successful middle school programs in Middle Tennessee. They perennially place numerous students in our Mid-State concert and jazz bands and their concert bands have consistently received superior ratings at Concert Performance Assessment. They recently earned the TN-ASBDA Award of Distinction for unanimous superior ratings from all judges.

Mr. Webster serves our profession in a number of ways. He has recorded videos of virtually all of the Mid-State audition etudes for Middle School on EVERY instrument and has made them available to association members as a resource. He annually hosts a concert performance assessment event that is well attended by smaller, more rural programs in his area. While current life circumstances have prevented him from accepting a role on the MTSBOA Executive Committee, I know he is well respected enough that he has been suggested on numerous occasions.

Brian's enthusiasm and professionalism are so evident. All you have to do is talk to him to recognize his passion for music education, jazz pedagogy, and his students in general. If you watch him work you can immediately see how he is such a successful music educator. I have seen him in action recently as our Wilson County Honor Band middle school clinician as well as the middle school jazz band clinician for MTSBOA. He readily engaged the students and did a great job in putting together a wonderful musical experience for those students.

It is because of all of these reasons and more, I wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Brian Webster for election into Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu. If I can answer any questions or offer any further information regarding this worthy candidate, please don't hesitate to ask.

With Warmest Regards,