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Dear Colleagues,

I am quite pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Tyson Wooters. I have worked with Tyson for about a year now and the changes I have seen in the members of the Oregon Marching Band have been truly astounding. I already have plans to have Tyson back through the 2009 season and I am eager to see our leadership develop under his influence.

Tyson is a huge asset to the Oregon Marching Band. I cannot understate the value of having someone who is well versed in leadership development around and interacting with my students. The fact that he understands marching bands from both a technical and interpersonal perspective makes him a perfect match for our program. Primarily, Tyson runs a leadership retreat for us prior to the beginning of the fall season, but he really gets to know my students and is a great resource throughout the year.

After our first annual leadership retreat last year I saw a clear difference in the attitude of the band and improvement in the way they dealt with one another when they had disagreements. After the leadership retreat students went into band camp excited about what they were doing, with higher expectations about what we could achieve, and with a clearer idea of who we are and why we do what we do. More importantly, though they were able to convey these ideas to both veteran and new members.

Tyson has become an integral part of the Oregon Marching Band staff. I am already looking forward to the leadership retreat next fall, but more significantly, so are the students. I am happy to have this opportunity to endorse Tyson and expect that he will have the same positive impact on your program as he has had on ours.

Sincerely,

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