

Resume

District Vice President of Membership

Ellie Grace Lawhorn



Personal

University of South Carolina *Columbia, SC*

Bachelors of Music Education

Expected to Graduate: May 2026

Chapter: *Epsilon Alpha*

Big Sister

I was given the amazing opportunity to become a Big Sister to a Fall 2023 candidate, and now an active sister. I am very proud to say that she is now our new Vice President of Special Projects for Spring 2025/Fall 2025.

CPR

Worked on the CPR Committee (Correspondence/Public Relations and alumni) during Fall 2023. In charge of checking the chapter email, keeping the chapter's Google Calendar up to date with all relevant events, helping delegate minutes in the absence of the secretary, keep the chapter roster up to date with current sisters' statuses, help organize and send out TBS newsletters, and sending out dates to the chapter promoting District Convention and National Convention.

VPM

Served, and currently serving, as Epsilon Alpha's Vice President of Membership for the Spring 2024/Fall 2024 and Spring 2025/Fall 2025 terms. I also oversee the MRR committee and delegating responsibilities. Currently I am writing a proposal for our chapter to create a new CMEP committee in Fall 2025, which I will also oversee.

Spring 2024/Fall 2024 Term

Successfully helped 13 new sisters through their TBS process. I helped lead them through paying their initiate dues on time, studying/learning chapter history and information, attending their concert requirements, painting paddles with their Big Sisters, creating a media project reflecting their time during process, successfully appointing line officers, hosting multiple record-breaking chapter fundraisers, hosting sister socials, interviewing their future TBS sisters/KKY brothers, sending letters to Epsilon Alpha's Big and Little sister chapters, completing service projects (including out of state projects), hosting public musicales, and creating unique line names.

Spring 2025/Fall 2025 Term

Currently working on Spring 2025 recruitment and semester plans. The MEP was submitted on time and approved. I am very blessed to have the opportunity to serve as VPM for my chapter once again. We currently have 7 wonderful candidates.

District

Attended 2024 Southeast District Convention

Last year I attended the 2024 Southeast District Convention for TBS and KKY. This was my first time attending SEDC. I was able to attend all the sessions offered, and bring back some amazing ideas to my home chapter.

Planning to attend 2025 Southeast District Convention

I am currently planning to attend the 2025 Southeast District Convention this coming March.

Attended the 2024 Summer Leadership Development

I attended the TBS Leadership Development that was offered this past summer in 2024 (partnered with SPARK).

Currently applying for the District Vice President of Membership

I am currently working on my application for District VPM, and I am blessed to be able to even be considered for this position. I hope to be able to serve my Sisters of the Southeast District.

District CMEP Committee

I am a current member of the Fall 2024/Spring 2025 District CMEP committee. We have posted mini CMEP lessons on the district Instagram, added resources to the (soon to be public) District CMEP Google Drive, gave presentations during the 2024 Membership Education Retreat, and are very excited to continue our work this Spring.

National

Planning to attend 2025 National Convention

I am currently planning to attend the 2025 National Convention this coming July.

Currently preparing my Intercollegiate Honor Band audition

I am currently preparing my audition material for the 2025 KKY/TBS National Intercollegiate Honor Band.

Outside of Tau Beta Sigma

School (outside of TBS)

1. College member of NAFME
2. Current University of South Carolina Teaching Fellow
3. Salvation Army volunteer
4. Have been a member of multiple school ensembles
 - a. USC Jazz Lab
 - b. USC University Band
 - c. USC Symphonic Winds
 - d. USC Wind Ensemble
 - e. USC Symphony Orchestra
5. Participated in the 2025 South Carolina Intercollegiate Band
 - a. 4th chair out of 24 clarinet players
6. I work a part-time campus job to pay for school
7. Currently working to join our school's chapter of United Sound (a chapter of students dedicated to sharing music with people with disabilities)
8. School of Music Volunteer
 - a. Setting up and tearing down marching band practice field
 - b. Hanging up marching band uniforms
 - c. USC Jazz Girls Day
 - d. USC Band Clinic
 - e. USC audition days
 - f. School fundraisers
 - g. Filing ensemble music

Personal (outside of TBS)

1. I play clarinet in my church's worship team
2. I work a full-time job during summer to pay for school
3. I come from a loving family of 6; stepdad, mom, and 3 sisters
4. Member of local church at USC (CSCC)

Goals for Office

MEP Review and Support

1. Host a summer workshop
 - a. This will allow both new and returning chapter VPM's to learn how to effectively complete an MEP for the upcoming year.
 - b. Allows for early connections with chapters
2. Review and study the MEP template to check for needed updates/changes

Planning MER and DLC

1. Membership Education Retreat and District Leadership Convention planning
 - a. Start personally reaching out to individual chapters to advertise events
 - i. Zoom meetings
 - ii. Pre-recorded videos to share
 - iii. Offer Incentives
2. Poll the district, and what topics they want to hear about
 - a. Google forms
 - b. Instagram polls
 - c. Open email and phone number for communication
3. I plan to delegate responsibilities to avoid burn out
 - a. Committees
 - b. Opening up personal opportunities to allow chapters to lead presentations
 - c. Plan in advance!!!

Advising CMEP committee

1. Social Media Takeovers
 - a. Have the CMEP and Social Media Committees work together more to promote upcoming/current events
2. CMEP District Google Drive
 - a. Diligently add and organize resources
 - b. Make this Google Drive as accessible and public as possible (great use of social media)
3. District Wide: Established CMEP and committees
 - a. A large goal that I am passionate about is that every chapter should have an established CMEP and committee
 - i. Having successful continuing membership education for sisters create a strong foundation for the chapter
 - b. This starts with having better support and relationships with individual chapters and their VPM's

General Membership Support

1. Reaching out to individual chapters early on to establish relationships before the hectic semester starts
2. Show the behind the scenes of the VPM position more
 - a. Possibly post an intro video on Overture including my name, some of the things I do on the district level and encourage people to reach out via email. I feel that a personal video will be more welcoming and friendly, and overall feel less intimidating to chapters
3. National curriculum committee meetings
 - a. Create a public “How to” video showing how to start from scratch to create a personal MEP for the chapter using the up-to-date template.
4. I plan to have a planner/calendar dedicated solely to my District Vice President of Membership
 - a. This will allow me to stay on task, stay organized, and stay on schedule with upcoming events that need to be planned

Letters of Recommendation

1. Sponsor

2. Director of Bands

3. Chapter



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January 28, 2025

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ellie Lawhorn for the Vice President of Membership role for the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District. I had the pleasure of meeting Ellie when I became the Chapter Sponsor for Epsilon Alpha in October 2024. Ellie currently serves as the Vice President for Membership for Epsilon Alpha, and I have gotten to know her through this role.

Ellie displays a sincere dedication to service, volunteering for every opportunity she can. One example is her participation in USC's annual Band Clinic and School of Music audition days. In this role she is patient and driven, a combination that allows her to work effectively while also ensuring that every need is addressed, and question answered. She connects well with both prospective students and parents. As a result, prospective students gain valuable insight into our campus and walk away from this University with a newfound respect and admiration for our students and the many opportunities offered here.

Ellie cares deeply about the University of South Carolina band program and Tau Beta Sigma. Through her role as chapter Vice President for Membership, I watched as she worked closely with the fall 2024 cohort and their relationship with her is a testament to her caring nature and ambition for excellence. Ellie's kind spirit and professional manner are an asset to our organization. Across the board, Ellie approaches this position with a desire to do her very best each day and to help propel the organization forward and achieve organizational goals.

Tau Beta Sigma and The Carolina Band have been richly rewarded by Ellie. I have every confidence she is prepared for the challenges she will face in this role. If you have any questions or need my further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Annan".

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January 13, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept my most enthusiastic recommendation in support of Ellie Grace Lawhorn and her application for the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District Vice President of Membership. I have known Ellie as a student in our band program and active member of our Tau Beta Sigma chapter. She has proven to be a diligent student and exceptional leader. Given her experience and dedication to Tau Beta Sigma, I believe she is perfectly suited to take on this important service role.

As a member of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, Ellie has served as Vice President of Membership, leading 13 new sisters who have crossed. Due to her success, she will continue to serve as Vice President of Membership for the upcoming term. Ellie recently organized an important and unique service project, leading several members to Asheville, NC to help with Hurricane Helene relief, share numerous items donated to relief efforts thanks to her organization and advertising, and they spent the day learning from the Associate Director of Bands at Asheville High School. Ellie plans to continue this work in the future by bringing a group of sisters to Asheville to teach the band students. She has participated in numerous other service projects on our campus and also serves as a big sister in our chapter.

Ellie has already been active at the district level. She currently serves on the CMEP district committee and has been active at district conferences. Given her experience at the local and district level, I believe Ellie is perfectly suited for this leadership position. I hope you will consider her nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cormac Cannon'.

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Dear Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for Ellie Lawhorn and her candidacy for the office of Southeast District Vice President of Membership of Tau Beta Sigma. I crossed with Ellie in Spring 2023, and I can say without a doubt that she is an exceptional candidate for Vice President of Membership. As the current President of the Epsilon Alpha chapter and prior Parliamentarian, I hold a high estimate of her evident leadership, erudition, and appreciation of music that makes her uniquely suited to be the Southeast District Vice President of Membership.

This is Ellie's second year serving as Epsilon Alpha's Vice President of Membership, and in that time, she has completely transformed our membership education process. Our retention is higher, the interest in joining our chapter has increased, and the quality of membership education has soared. She has hosted three extremely successful recruitment weeks, all of which have brought in substantial lines of membership recruits. Five of these sisters have been voted by their peers to be on our Executive Board, and her Little Sister was voted to be our Vice President of Special Projects. Ellie's accomplishments as Vice President of Membership for Epsilon Alpha make her highly qualified to be the Southeast District Vice President of Membership.

Ellie takes any opportunity she can to serve our chapter and our band. She is the first to volunteer to assist with USC's various music events, as well as assisting our band directors in setting up clinics and other paperwork. She also is a collegiate member of the National Association for Music Education and volunteers with non-profits in her spare time. She is also a part of several ensembles here at USC.

Ellie's passion for music education, membership education, and helping those in need, as well as the results of her passion, indicate her unparalleled abilities to be the Southeast District Vice President of Membership. She is well-equipped in handling the responsibilities that come with it, and I know she will embrace this position with dedication and confidence. I am confident that Ellie Lawhorn will make significant contributions to the Southeast District and Tau Beta Sigma as a whole.

I wholeheartedly recommend Ellie Lawhorn for Southeast District Vice President of Membership. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at wcbarr@email.sc.edu or 803.606.5842.

MOTS of Love,

Will Barr

Tau Beta Sigma – Epsilon Alpha
President