

To: The Cadets Hall of Fame Committee
From: Eric Sabach
Subject: Judy Tompko Ulchinsky
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I would like to formally nominate Judy to The Cadets Hall of Fame. Please find attached my two letters of support.

When you think of The Cadets, you think of Judy.

She has been a mainstay and visible proof of the pride and endurance of The Cadets for over 50 years. She attends all social and fundraising events, she stays close to alumni, she is well liked in the drum corps community where she judged for over 30 years and she stays connected wherever she can.

She has given the organization countless hours for little to no pay, drove 90 mins one way from her house in NNJ to Allentown to do ANYTHING that was asked of her from putting trophies together, to writing USBANDS judges training manuals, to keeping board members aware of opportunities for growth and change in the organization. Her school administration degree and experience was more than powerful when it came to resetting the foundation of what The Cadets was, are, and will be. Her tenacity when she sees a "wrong" and her experience and input to "making it right," show the power of the DNA of what it takes to be a real Cadet in the world. It is the passion that flows through some of our veins to make sure the corps not only survives, but strives!

Judy was not one of those people that came back to give when it was easy. She made herself available when it was not popular to. She ran into the fire to help. And it was noticed and appreciated.

Here is a quick story for you...

DCI Finals in 2018 was an emotional experience for every Cadet alum there. I could tell you of countless stories of Cadets working with other corps that came up to me and told me how happy they were that we survived the turmoil. I can tell you have countless DCI people that are not Cadets that whispered how they were rooting for us to come roaring back into the Top 6 with that show. What I will tell you that one of the best moments in my Cadet life, along with the championships and rings, was taking Judy from the Stanbury suite down into the belly of Lucas Oil to watch the corps sing Holy Name and the look on her face singing it with the corps, the tears that ran down her face, and the smile and hug she gave me for her experiencing that....

She is a Cadet "forevermore" and deserves to be in The Cadet Hall of Fame!

Respectfully,



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