

March 4th, 2022

To the 2022 Cadets Hall of Fame Committee,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Madelyn Corcoran's nomination of Drew Shanefield to the Cadets Hall of Fame in the Contemporary category.

My two years as a student of Drew have deeply affected my approach to brass education. Anyone who has the pleasure of watching Drew work immediately recognizes the efficacy of his intuitive and thorough approach to teaching. It is profoundly moving to see a once-in-a generation talent in action, but even more so to see his humility through a strong emphasis on collaborative thinking with others. Not only is Drew an excellent educator in his own right, but as a Cadet alumni, he represents the very best of what this organization has to offer its members: fostering a lifelong commitment to excellence in everything they do.

Here are more details about Drew's involvement with the Cadets:

- Member, 1988-1991
 - Soprano soloist, Horn Sergeant, and Cadet of the Year
- Brass Staff, 1992 and 1994
- Brass Co-Caption Head, 1995
- Brass Arranger and Designer, 2017-2019
 - Brass Caption Manager 2017-2018
- Program Coordinator, 2018
 - Artistic Director, 2018
 - Staff Member of the Year, 2017 and 2018

And Cadets2:

- Brass Arranger, 2017-2019

Drew is the both the history and the future of this activity, and it is my hope that the Hall of Fame Committee recognizes his Herculean efforts to secure the future of the Cadets by accepting this nomination. You may contact me at sarabowdenemail@gmail.com or 865-724-4402.

All the best,

Sara Bowden

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Cadets Baritone, 2016-2018