

Cadets Hall of Fame Committee
March 2022

Committee Chairman

It is with great pleasure that I write to you in support of the nomination of Marc Whitlock for the Cadets Hall of Fame.

I have known Marc for 26 years having met him whilst he taught the Brass line on numerous occasions in my rookie year in 1996. However, Marc's involvement with the Cadets reaches back another decade previous to our first acquaintance.

In the ten years since aging out in 1987 Marc had clearly established himself as quite a master educator, technician and leader. The members of the hornline in the mid-nineties would look forward to Marc's arrival on tour and we certainly felt the immense impact of his work long after he had jumped back off the road. Marc's attention to detail, energetic approach and ability to motivate were phenomenal. Marc demanded the very best from his students and set standards of performance and rehearsal etiquette that made us realize not only what was possible, but more importantly what it meant to be a Cadet.

At the time, Marc was working with the hugely successful Marian Catholic Marching Band and I distinctly remember Marc always having time to talk to the many Music education majors about his experiences and giving invaluable advice with regards to the world beyond Drum Corps. I always felt this care for his students set Marc apart. Marc would teach ensembles but have an incredible ability to coach individuals.

My own relationship with Marc grew after I had aged out and moved onto staff. Marc would never miss an opportunity to improve those around him and coach the younger staff members at the Cadets to become better teachers, leaders and role models to the members. No one had ever asked Marc to do this, he simply cared and saw it as his duty. Marc has an incredibly natural ability to observe, listen and then offer advice and strategies to improve everyone around him. This has been an absolute constant until this very day.

I have more recently worked with Marc on the design team at the Cadets and I still have the same feelings about Marc's meticulous approach and wonderful ability to bring out the very best in those he works with.

For these reasons I highly recommend Marc for the Cadets Hall of Fame and firmly believe that the Hall will instantly be strengthened in recognition of Marc's everlasting contributions to the Cadets.

Thank you,

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Cadets Member 1996-1998
1998 Cadet of the Year
Cadets Visual Staff Member 1999-2007, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19
Cadets HOF Class of 2017
Cadets2 Visual Designer 2018
Cadets Visual Designer - 2021- Present