

Dear Members of the Hall of Fame Committee:

I would like to submit my letter of support for the nomination of Scott Litzenberg to the Cadets Hall of Fame. Spending years working for USBands I had heard the name Scott Litzenberg and probably checked in his band at a few shows but didn't truly get to meet him personally until his arrival at The Cadets in 2018. At this truly dark time for the corps Jay Travis, Linda Vitale and I spend endless hours in conversations wondering how we would ever be able to do enough to make sure we could support the efforts to keep the corps going, and I will admit I was certainly leery of anyone who wanted to jump into the flames of that season. That feeling went away the first time I met and talked with Scott. Not only could I see how much he was committed to those amazing young adults in the corps, but he truly "saw" those of us working as volunteers with the staff and members as an important entity in the village that is The Cadets. I loved being a music educator so much that I retired 4 years later than I could have so I understand the love Scott had for his students, his bands and his career, but Scott loved The Cadets so much that he took on the challenge and retired when he didn't plan to so he could devote himself to this corps. That was a huge give, and it spoke volumes to me.

Scott simply was in it for the Corps – credit was always given to those who worked hard behind and in front of the curtain and it was such an amazing positive atmosphere. As volunteers we always knew that Scott was approachable, and we never hesitated to share concerns because we knew they would be heard. He made sure he was visible to everyone who worked with the corps no matter their position, and he frequently if not daily could be found in the food truck to make sure all was well.

Scott may not have been with the corps for decades but what he did during the crucial time he was there is absolutely something that should be worthy of being in the Cadets Hall of fame. I remember that feeling of walking out on the field in Allentown at East when we didn't know how the crowd would respond and hearing that incredible approval that let us know we made it. We made it because of a village that was led so wonderfully by Scott.

Thank you so much for this opportunity, I hope you will give his nomination your utmost support.

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