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Dear Cadets Hall of Fame Committee,

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Joe Roche to the Cadets Hall of Fame Class of 2022.

Some background on Joe's involvement with our corps:

- Member of the Garfield Cadets 1982, 1983 and 1985 as a mellophone player.
- Visual Staff 1987-1992, 2000
- Physical trainer, Motivational Coach and Visual Staff 2007-2015

That is 18 years of direct involvement with our drum corps!

Joe is a great example of someone that came to the corps, fell in love with the organization, learned as much as he could, in a time of great success and gave back to the organization 10-fold, with his passion and desire to be great and develop young people into magnificent human beings.

Joe is raw energy that many Cadets were fortunate to be taught by him. He was fair, direct and inspirational to his students. He would put you up on a pedestal when you were great but let you know clearly if you were not being all that you could be and how to fix it. Joe was relentless in his approach, always maintaining a high standard of excellence, chasing the members on the field, challenging them to be more. And the corps LOVED IT!! He was surely a great asset to the team.

Joe is a sports enthusiast and admired the aspects of coaching. He read many books on the topic and enjoyed the parallels between drum corps and sports. Joe setup and would work on the corps physical training and strength conditioning before rehearsals. He regularly spoke to the entire drum corps in terms of staying motivated and engaged. And how your individual contribution pertains to the group. He went beyond teaching the nuts and bolts of getting from one dot to the next and focused on how to achieve at a high level in whatever you are doing. This was Joe's gift to the many Cadets he taught.

Joe would be barking out commands during the course of a rehearsal as a reminder to stay engaged, here are a few: "FOCUS", "KISS" (Keep it simple, stupid), "The legs feed the wolf", "Keep thinking" and "Finish Strong". Joe loved coaching the members and they responded with

blood, sweat and tears, literally. But always looking to stand up to his challenges. He was the master teacher and motivator.

During Joe's last stint with the corps from 2007-2015 he was older with a full-time career and his time was limited unlike our younger years with the corps. He would do most of the winter camps, a week of Spring Training, a week of Tour and Finals week. I am with the corps 32 years now and back when I wrote the drill Joe had an open invitation to work with the corps whenever he was available because his presence around the group in any capacity is gold! He also did most of those years basically as a volunteer, donating whatever compensation he received back to the corps.

Joe's career is in music. He is a band director and also served our country in the Army as a musician and a recruiter.

I have been friends with Joe for 35 years and worked with him closely for many years to bring the best out of our Cadets. His contributions to our corps are significant. It pumps my heart to speak about Joe in regards to The Cadets because I know the love he has for our corps and what he has given to ensure its success. I am honored to call him my friend and excited for this recognition. Joe Roche will make a wonderful addition to the Cadets Hall of Fame.

Thank you,

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Cadets Hall of Fame Class of 2008

Cadets:

Corps Member: 1986-1989

Staff Member: 1990-1991, 1993-1994

Visual Designer: 1995-2001, 2003-2015

Design Team: 2020-present

Cadets2 Visual Designer: 2012-2016

Cadets Winter Percussion Visual Designer: 2016