

Letter of Support for Judy (Tomko) Ulchinsky



I've known Judy since the girls from the Little Falls Cadets joined our Corps during the winter of 1968. She was the guard Captain for Little Falls, and for 1969 (our inaugural season with girls in the Corps) and 1970 she was the co-captain of the guard with Bruce Hudzik, and then co-captain of the guard with Denise Kolbusz in 1971. As most Cadets know, the initial transition of bringing girls to the all-boy Corps was a bit rocky, but within a few short months the girls were accepted as family members. Judy helped the girls with this transition, leading by example. You see, all of the girls, including Judy, were under the microscope during the beginning years. Not only by the administration and boys from the Corps, but by the drum corps community as well.

I'm happy to say that by the time we got to the winter color guard season of 1970, the boys, proudly wearing their Cadet jackets, attended these shows in full support, and literally became the bodyguards (and boyfriends) of the girls. Judy, together with all of these initial girls in the guard, paved the way for so many women who have now worn the maroon and gold.

Though Judy earned a master's degree in Learning Disabilities and holds certification in School Administration (Principal/Supervisor) with a focus on school administration, her first love has always been with the musical arts.

She began her musical arts performance background joining drum corps at the age of 6. She taught the two-time National Championship color guard, Scarlet Cadets, and went on to teach and continues to consult, many bands and color guards. Her adjudication career began in DCI and went on to include WGI, BOA, DCA and many band and guard circuits. She currently adjudicates in four guard circuits on an annual basis, band shows throughout the country, and drum corps shows in the summer.

It is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for Judy Ulchinsky for consideration to the Cadets Hall of Fame – Class of 2021.

Sincerely,
Greg Cinzio
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