

Supporting letter for Lawrence Ignaczak :

To the esteemed Cadets Hall of Fame committee 2021,

This supporting letter is for the nomination of Lawrence "Iggy" Ignaczak to the Cadets Hall of Fame - Classic category for 2021.

The transmissions of beliefs from generation to generation is how traditions start and are carried forward. This is a trait that our nominee Lawrence Ignaczak holds at the up most respect, that these memories and stories of our past alumni experiences are being passed on.

Not many people can tell a story from start to finish, but our candidate Lawrence is a wealth of knowledge of memories and traditions that started in the early years of the Garfield Cadets. How many people remember wearing capes on their uniform, Aunt Nellie telling you to cuff your pants, or the color guards famous short shorts in 1977 & 1978. These are just a few examples of the kind of memories one story can bring back, and to be shared with others.

Larry, or the more affectionately nickname "Iggy" used is synonymous with friendship. From the first time Iggy meets you, you are atomically his friend, and that is a great characteristic of a model Cadet. It is members like this with positive attitudes that make an organization great. Iggy also carried out this philosophy to create lasting friendships through our extended Drum Corp family and friends met along the way. No matter where your Drum Corps origins lie, a Cadet Alumni, other Corps Alumni, or a Drum Corps ally, Iggy makes everyone feel like they belong which is a great virtue to represent an alumni of the Cadets. To this day Iggy can walk into any Alumni reunion, being a Cadet reunion, or another Junior or senior Drum Corps and be easily recognized and welcomed.

Lawrence was a Cadet Plebe from three years from 1968 up to and including 1971. From there Lawrence was selected for his first year in the Garfield Cadets in 1971. In his second year as a Cadet he was chosen as a lead soprano until his age out year in 1979. This included being part of the accomplished DCI placing horn line in 1977 and 1978. Iggy also encouraged others to increase their music knowledge, by discussing current artists' works, and supporting other member's musical styles.

The Cadet moral character is still present with Lawrence in his professional career. Lawrence is a faith based life coach that focuses on a healthier mind, body and spirit.

Larry is an active member of the Cadet Alumni association and currently resides in the Cadet home town of Garfield NJ.

Dates of Service

- 1968 – 1970 Garfield Cadet Plebes
- 1971 - 1979 Garfield Cadets
- 1972 – 1979 Garfield Cadets Lead Soprano

I would like to recommend a vote for Lawrence Ignaczak's membership to the Cadets Hall of Fame 2021.

For Holy Name Should Always Be,

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