

Southeast District Vice President of Special Projects Canidate Packet

2025-2026



Get to Know Me

Chapter: Eta Lambda Semester/Year Initiated: Fall 2021 Instrument: Clarinet

Contact Information

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Education

University of Alabama at Birmingham Bachelor of Science, History Bachelor of Science, High School Education Expected Graduation: May 2026

Skills

Competencies

- Leader
- Determined
- Dedicated
- isionary
- Strategic
- Adaptable

- **Problem Solver** Understand how to build Public and Private
- Relationships
- Understand delegating task

Nicole Deloach

2025-2026 SED Vice President of Special Projects Candiate

Chapter

Corresponding Secretary (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

- Focused on developing and maintaining relationships within the the Eta Lambda chapter of TBS
- Charged with maintaining Joint Relations with the Theta Theta chapter of KKPsi
- Developed new relationships with chapters in the state of Alabama and around the Southeast District

Vice President of Special Projects (Fall 2023-Spring 2025)

- Completed the 2023-2024 Focus on Five Campaign
- Completed the 2024-2025 Focus on Five Campaign (pending Discord approvals and Seating a Delegate at National Convention)
- Developed new projects outside of Focus on Five which include, but are not limited to, Personal Service Projects, Snack and Food donations after gameday, and developing an ongoing relationship with a local high school to complete service for their band programs

Service Committee Co-Chair (Fall 2023-Spring 2025)

• Gained input on service initiatives, like developing a scholarship for rookies, through planning and facilitating meetings

Assistant Step Master (Fall 2022-Spring 2025)

- Assisted the step master in developing programming for the MCs
- Provided education to the chapter on the importance of understanding the history of stepping and strolling in our organization

District

Ways and Means Committee Chair (SEDC 2023)

• Facilitated discussion on the 2024 Budget while creating goals for the next Secretary/Treasurer

Membership Committee Member (SEDC 2024)

- Provided insight on the experience of all things Membership to better the educational experience of Membership Candidates and Sisters across the District Chapter Delegate (SEDC 2023 and 2024)
- Represented the Eta Lambda chapter in a professional manner while building relationships with other chapters in the District

<u>District Secretary-Treasurer (Fall 2024-Spring 2025)</u>

- Recorded all District Council meetings through keeping note of all things said and action items necessary to make District operations run smoothly
- Held Opportunities for education for chapters through office hours and hosting a "Treasurer 101" meeting
- Managed the SED Instagram along with the District Webmaster

National

Delegate for Delta Sigma (NatCon 2023)

History & Traditions / Ritual & Regalia Committee Member (NatCon 2023)

• Participated in an open discussion regarding making Shells the Turtle our official nationally recognized mascot and recognizing more than one founder of our organization



Build Connections:

- Connect with chapters that do not typically engage with District programming
- Connect with chapters that do not typically engage with National Programming
- Host Office Hours for chapters
- Facilitate purposeful interactions between chapters through challenges posted in BAND app

Open Communication:

- Utilize the BAND app and Discord to keep chapters informed and updated
- Acknowledge chapters successes and growth in relation to service initiatives
- Keep chapter service personnel up-to-date regarding National Programming
- Keep constant communication with National VPSP
- Keep constant communication with KKPsi District VPS
- Discuss the necessity of the Eighth Note and finalize a plan of usage with KKPsi counterpart
- Develop a service newsletter to be shared every three to four months
- Encourage chapters to create position specific email addresses for their chapter

Education:

- Host educational sessions for all service personnel that will help them develop their service position in their chapter. They will be:
- A formal meeting to discuss strategies to tackling Fo5 Campaign
- An interactive meeting that will involve developing skills that are necessary for all service personnel to have

Service Project:

- Develop a District Service Project with input from the district
- Develop a new Focus on Five District Service Project that has a similar basis as the current project but obtainable for chapters that are not as big or connected

Hello lovely sisters of the Southeast District,

Today, I would like to express my intent to run for District Vice President of Special Projects for the 2025–2026 school year. I am very excited for the year to come. I know that, if I am chosen, my leadership and positivity will show throughout the district.

This organization is one of my biggest motivators to continue the work that I started when I was eleven years old. Since middle school, I've always had a passion for giving my time to others. Through the organization that I volunteered with, I developed my love for leadership. I learned what it meant to be an effective leader and I've taken those lessons with me for the rest of my life.

Going through college, I was determined that I would not play my instrument again. Obviously, I played myself. When I was not a part of the UAB Bands program, I felt a void in my heart. I knew that I was missing a piece of myself– music. However, when I did join the UAB Marching Blazers, I still did not feel whole. It was not until I saw sisters in the organization serve the band program with a smile on their faces. It was almost as if they did not know a stranger. I knew that this organization was the place for me.

Joining Tau Beta Sigma gave me a sense of purpose and leadership through service. It inspired me to run for chapter leadership, serving as our chapter's Corresponding Secretary and VPSP, as well as push boundaries in my chapter. My ultimate goal was to depart from the mindset of being "comfortable with the bare minimum". I knew that my sisters were capable of inspiring the world and I wanted to give them the platform to do so. As District VPSP, my goal is to send that spark to other chapters. There are times in our collegiate careers where we are, "going through the motions". We tend to forget the common tie that brings us together as sisters, a chapter, and an organization. The enjoyment of music is what drew us to the organization but the passion of service with the people you love is what keeps you here year after year.

To encourage sisters to regain that spark for the love of service, it starts with planting one seed. I would like the opportunity to plant that seed through educating service personnel (VPSP, Fo5, etc) on ways to help remind sisters in their chapter about their love of service. Along with this, I would like to receive more input on district service projects. One lesson that I learned as a young 11 year old is that, "A great leader is one that can follow". I would like to follow the district's lead when it comes to projects we complete over the next year. Along with educating service personnel and gaining district input, I want to empower chapters across the district. If your chapter only completed the Red Stripe last year, this year we are going to strive for two. Facilitating growth on the chapter level sparks the love for service in chapter members which will, inevitably, spread towards everyone around you.

I am so very excited for the year to come. I know that we are going to do great things as a district and I am excited to be a part of that, if you will have me of course. Thank you for taking the time to read.

Made with Love,

Biography

Nicole Monique Deloach was born in Birmingham AL in 2002. They, however, were not alone. They have an older brother and a younger sister who shaped their love for connecting people through their similarities while celebrating the things that make them different. While residing in Birmingham, Nicole attended Ramsay International Baccalaureate High School. Ramsay High School is a magnet school in the Birmingham City School system. This school system in Birmingham believes in the educational achievements of inner city students. While at Ramsay High School, Nicole had to develop their sense of self. They found their path as a musician and a leader in the RHS band programs. Throughout their four years of involvement in this program, Nicole had to be a support system for all their peers seeing that the band directors changed every year they were in the band. Along with being a student leader, Nicole participated in the Birmingham City Christmas Festival in a choral and instrumental capacity. In their last years in high school, Nicole became principal clarinetist in the Christmas Festival and was selected to participate in the 2019 SATB Alabama All State Choir, which is the highest choir to be accepted to in the state of Alabama.

While in their chapter, Nicole held multiple leadership positions. As soon as they were initiated in the Fall of 2021, they joined committees in their chapter. At the end of the Spring of 2022, their chapter entrusted them with the Corresponding Secretary position. This position's main responsibility is to develop and maintain relations in our chapter, jointly, and around our district. With this position, Nicole developed relationships with two chapters in the state of Alabama (Theta Sigma and Delta Theta). By the Fall of 2023, Nicole was elected to be the Eta Lambda chapter's VPSP. Through this role, Nicole was able to change the mindset of service amongst their fellow sisters while inspiring them to be leaders in communities that need extra support. Whilst being a game changer in their chapter, they continued to pursue their goals and aspirations academically. Nicole is a current 5th year senior studying to become a High School History Educator with hopes and aspirations to bring principles of Social Work to the profession. They plan to complete their degree and receive their Bachelors by the end of 2026.







February 14, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I submit this letter of support for Nicole Deloach. Nicole is seeking the position of Vice President of Special Projects for the southeast district of Tau Beta Sigma. I have known Nicole for four years as a part of the university marching. They have served as an indispensable member of the Eta Lambda chapter here at UAB. During that time they have created an initiative that allows for sisters in the chapter to service the communities that they care about the most. This includes work with local high schools to provide gameday snacks to 6 local Birmingham high school bands. She is also currently serving as the Secretary-Treasurer for the southeast district. Nicole has done all of this while serving on the UAB "Green" team, a university orientation leader, peer wellness ambassador and "Black Student Awareness Committee" member. They have shown great communication skills and have been remarkably organized. I have been enormously impressed with their positive attitude toward everything they have done. Their enthusiasm is contagious to their friends and fellow students. They have shown a great deal of potential both socially and academically as a member of the university bands. Nicole is a well-organized, thoughtful, and intelligent student. The growth they have shown as a leader and band member has been inspiring, especially as it relates to their work with Tau Beta Sigma. I hope that you will give them every serious consideration for this position. Of course, I am happy to recommend Nicole and I am happy to be of assistance in outlining the attributes of this very talented young person.

Sincerely,

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208 Hulsey Center 950 13th Street South 205.975-2263 Fax 205.975.4736 uabbands.org The University of Alabama at Birmingham Mailing Address: HC 208 1720 2ND AVE S BIRMINGHAN AL 35294-1260 Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Nicole DeLoach as they apply for the position of District Vice President of Special Projects for Tau Beta Sigma for the 2025-2026 term. As one of Nicole's band directors at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), I have had the pleasure of witnessing their growth, commitment, and leadership in both academic and extracurricular endeavors. I believe they are highly qualified to serve in this role, and I recommend them for this important position.

Nicole has consistently demonstrated an unwavering dedication to serving others, both within our band program, and the greater Birmingham community. As a member of several impactful organizations, including the UAB Marching Blazers and the Black Student Awareness Committee, they have shown an outstanding ability to work with diverse groups and contribute meaningfully to the success of those organizations. Their service to her peers is also reflected in their work with the Green Team and as an Orientation Leader, where they demonstrated a remarkable ability to foster teamwork, provide guidance, and support incoming students in their transition to university life.

Notably, Nicole has taken multiple leadership roles within Tau Beta Sigma, where they initiated and led several impactful projects that exemplify their commitment to service. One such project, the "Personal Service Project," created a unique avenue for members to engage in service projects that directly supported causes important to them. They also played an instrumental role in building a strong and lasting partnership with Ramsay High School's band program, ensuring that support for the band students and their families remained a priority each year. Additionally, their initiative to donate leftover food from football games to local fire and police departments, as well as providing snacks to various high schools in the Birmingham City area, illustrates their ability to take action in bringing their visions to life.

Nicole demonstrated a commitment to leadership and serving the next generation through their involvement in the Athena Summit at UAB, our first ever event designed to inspire young female leaders in the arts and music. While they are fully committed to many service projects around campus, this was an event I led, and while they could have declined as busy as they are, they took on this additional role without hesitation. As a muse, they served as a role model for middle and high school aged girls in band programs around the state. Athena Camp offers transformative opportunities for growth, and Nicole exemplified the values of confidence, communication, and self-awareness that are at the heart of this experience.

Having served as the District Secretary-Treasurer, they demonstrated incredible attention to detail, organizational acumen, and commitment to the success of the organization. Their ability to balance multiple responsibilities while maintaining a high level of service and leadership is exceptional. I have no doubt that they will continue to bring the same passion, diligence, and innovation to the role of District Vice President of Special Projects.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

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