

To the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Committee:

It is my pleasure to submit for your consideration, Mr. Jim Williams for nomination to the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame - Class of 2020.

Since beginning his involvement with Crown in 2009, Jim has become a tireless leader for our organization by bringing a fresh perspective and many new ideas to the table. The realizations of his ideas have enhanced Crown's ability to create far greater positive impact on our members and the communities which we serve.

Jim was named Chairman of NightBEAT in 2012 and immediately began working to further transform it into the premier event that it has become today. His vision for NightBEAT began to take shape in the form of a partnership with Wake Forest University when the show was moved to Winston-Salem's BB&T Field in 2015. That move allowed Crown not only the ability to generate far greater support and resources but allowed us to further our positive impact on music education in the Carolinas and Virginia. Our fans have loved it as it has become a truly amazing event offering something for everyone. Through Jim's vision and leadership, NightBEAT is one of the DCI summer tour's most desired events for the corps receiving constant accolades from the entire drum corps community.

Coinciding with NightBEAT's move to Winston-Salem, Jim created the Crown CARES program in 2015 to further drive Crown's positive impact for both our members and our communities. The initial efforts of CrownCARES resulted in the distribution of thousands of pairs of shoes to underprivileged children in multiple states through a partnership with Samaritan's Feet. Further efforts of the Crown CARES program involve the tackling of illiteracy through Crown's Rhythm and Reading program. Numerous Crown CARES events have involved members of the corps to assure their greater sense of giving back to others.

Jim has also spent considerable time as a tour volunteer with the corps, often bringing along other family members to help as well. He has served for a number of years on the Crown Board of Directors and currently serves as the Board's Treasurer. Jim was also honored by DCI as Volunteer of the Year in 2018.

In honor of Jim Williams' significant contributions to the Carolina Crown, I am pleased to submit this nomination.

Respectfully,

Joe Rosemond  
Carolina Crown – 1990-Life  
Crown HOF Class of 2019

To the HOF:

I'd like to extend my vote for Jim Williams to this year's Hall of Fame.

As Jim's older sister I'd like to add a personal, and in my opinion, the most amazing and worthy side of Jim. I am 12 years older and consequently missed so much of Jim's younger years... his musical and educational background... AND, his love of Drum Corp. I heard about it over and over, but it wasn't until my children were grown that he finally convinced me to get involved. I NEVER KNEW WHAT I WAS MISSING. I NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH OF HIS HEART AND SOUL WERE PART OF THIS AMAZING GROUP OF TALENTED ARTISTS. And now I myself am a dedicated Carolina Crown fan. I'm addicted.

Jim wasn't just content with being on the Board though. He knew he had to do more. Like everything else he does in his life, he knew he needed to make a difference. He wanted to change people's hearts. He wanted to be part of something bigger. Some people "talk". Jim "does" the work and walks the walk. Developing Crown Cares has been something that never surprised me. It embellishes everything he stands for. I know that given the opportunity it will grow bigger and stronger each year. He brings out the best in everyone he works with. He is someone to be trusted to always do the right thing, to be fair and honest, and to give his very best. Rare qualities today.

I'm so proud of my "little " brother. He is so deserving of this award.

Karen Bryan

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HOF,

I would like to offer my full support for Jimmy to be voted into the HOF. I can't think of a more deserving candidate for this honor. Jimmy has totally committed himself to this great cause, with his time, energy, and talents. I have seen the great work he has done through the organization, especially with the community outreach to underserved kids. These are the types of programs and actions we need in our communities and our county now more than ever.

Jimmy also is a person that demonstrates the character and the values that that Carolina Crown espouses. He would be a great addition to your HOF.

Thanks  
Dustin Bryan

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Date: June 16, 2020  
To: Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Committee  
From: Greg Lowe  
Re: Letter of Support for Jim Williams – HOF Class of 2020

Dear Committee:

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to lend my letter of support for Jim Williams as an inductee into the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Class of 2020.

I have worked with Jim on many projects over the past 10 years. He is a committed, compassionate member of TeamCROWN and works tirelessly to develop and deliver on our mission of “Developing Life-Long Excellence”.

As NightBEAT Event Executive Producer, the event has grown to become the most successfully single event on the DCI Summer Tour, outside of World Championships, increasing both attendance and net income, year over year. By being one of the major catalysts behind moving this signature event to Winston Salem and Wake Forest University, he has led the NightBEAT Production Team and the show to unprecedented success in just 5 years.

Most recently, he has taken on a much bigger vision for Crown as the driving force behind the “CrownCARES” initiative. I believe this project, along with Jim’s leadership, will drive Crown to even greater levels of success in the future, both competitively and in serving our community.

Jim is a close friend. We talk often and I am always encouraged by his passion for our activity and his willingness to share a part of himself in every conversation.

I overwhelmingly support his nomination for Carolina Crown Hall of Fame, Class of 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg E. Lowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being the most prominent.

Greg Lowe  
Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Class of 2018  
Coordinating Producer, NightBEAT  
System Administrator, CrownTICKETS

June 19, 2019

Dear Crown Hall of Fame Committee,

I'm writing this letter in support of Jim Williams being elected to the Crown Hall of Fame.

I have had the great pleasure to work with Jim on the board. I've not seen anyone work as hard, as a volunteer, as Jim has. He has such a tremendous passion for this organization and is constantly working towards making it better.

Jim's dedication to the CrownCares is inspiring. When I first joined the board I let him know the significant impact that the event in Ferguson, MO had on the members. My son was marching at that time and was genuinely sad that he couldn't be there washing the children's feet and fitting them with shoes. This would not be possible without Jim's efforts.

I find it ironic that Jim was voted into the DCI Hall of Fame, however has not been voted into the Crown Hall of Fame. In my mind, this recognition is way overdue. It's time for him to be forever recognized for his efforts for the Crown organization. Jim exudes all of the qualities that Crown is about and I cannot think of anyone more deserving.

Sincerely,

Dawn Abbey  
Carolina Crown Board Member

June 19, 2020

To: Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Committee

Please accept my wholehearted endorsement of electing Jim Williams to the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Class of 2020.

Jim joined the Crown organization in 2009, having now served on the Advisory Council, the Board of Directors, and as producer of NightBEAT: Tour of Champions. Jim is currently the Treasurer for the BOD. Under Jim's leadership, NightBEAT has evolved into arguably one of the finest drum corps shows in DCI. Attendance has only grown and customer satisfaction increased with Jim's unique approach to event management.

Even more admirable is Jim's spearheading of the CrownCARES initiative which, as Jim says, "engages young people toward social causes to impact a generation". He has done that with CrownCARES by partnering with Samaritan's Feet to give the gift of shoes, hope and encouragement to children that need it most along stops on Crown's summer tour. Hundreds of books are now being distributed through CrownCARES' Rhythm and Reading to children in attendance at performances and sporting events. Over the last five years, more than 10,000 children in need have been impacted. CrownCARES and Carolina Crown together have become "music with a mission", thanks to Jim's involvement.

Along with his years of dedication and achievement, Jim Williams should be honored as a member of the 2020 Carolina Crown Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Steve Tant  
TeamCROWN

# Marcus M Jones

May 6, 2020

To the Members of the Crown Hall of Fame Committee:

I would like to put forth the Nomination of Ron and Susan Murphy for inclusion in the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame.

Ron and Susan have been loyal and hardworking volunteers to the Crown Organization for nearly two decades. They began their involvement when their son Seth joined the hornline the fall of 1999 for the 2000 season. Seth took a few years off until 2003, when he returned to the corps as a leader in the brass section. After aging out in 2005, he joined the Brass Faculty for several years. During all of this time, and even after Seth moved on to take a job in California, both Ron and Susan continued to support the corps.

Ron was a handyman and HVAC expert by trade. He worked in his own business, and also worked several years for the Fort Mill School District in the care of the physical plants of the district's schools. He was able to use his technical and mechanical expertise for countless projects through the years, from outfitting trailers, building rolling stock, and repairing whatever we managed to break! Ron completely reworked Crown's original food truck, replacing wiring, the refrigeration, power generating system, and the plumbing. When Crown decided to retire this truck in 2005 and replace it with a newer and larger trailer, he along with several helpers, built this trailer from the ground up. He also built the interior of the Crown Equipment truck in 2007. During all of this time, and until very recently, the corps vehicles were kept at the Murphy's home, free of charge.



Susan, in addition to being a mother of two and a wife to Ron, has worked for the Rock Hill School District as an attendance officer. Many a student in the Rock Hill School District have come to regret ditching school, only to have to face Mrs Murphy! At Crown she headed up the food truck for years, often touring the entire summer with the corps to ensure the members were fed and taken care of. Many Crown members and staffers were welcomed into her home over the years as she became the CMOC..Chief Mom in Charge.

The tasks that Ron and Susan have undertaken are almost too numerous to list, but here is a short list of what they have done thru the years:

- Between 2002 and 2005, Ron replaced and repaired most of the systems on the original Crown food truck that the corps purchased in 1995 and kept until 2004. As a testament to his work, this truck is still in service today with Jersey Surf, nearly 35 years after it was originally outfitted!
- Susan ran the food truck for the summer tours for several years, as well as at winter camps.
- Ron, along with Jim Coates and a few helpers, outfitted the current Crown food truck in 2004, and the current Crown EQ truck in 2007. Both vehicles are still in regular service with the corps.
- For over 10 years, the Murphy's backyard served as the parking lot for the corps growing vehicle fleet. Ron maintained and serviced all of them and allowed the corps to store them free of charge, saving the corps a lot of money over the years. Today, Ron still assists in getting the corps vehicles from the corps HQ to the rehearsal sites.
- Both Susan and Ron helped the corps with our fall merchandising sales and have assisted in the corps office with our CrownTICKETS operation, and in logistical operations at NightBEAT and FirstBEAT.

All of what I have listed here is just a fraction of the contribution of the Murphy's. Their selfless dedication to our corps is a true example of Crown's stated mission of *"developing lifelong excellence in young people"*. These two wonderful people have truly "walked the walk" on this and I believe they are deserving of the honor of being inducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus M Jones, Brass 91-92, Operations Staff 1993-present



HOF committee

Letter of Support for Ron and Susan Murphy

I would like to submit my Letter of support for Ron and Susan Murphy. Ron and Susan both have a GREAT love for Crown. They both are hard workers and would give it their all when volunteering for Crown.

Ron would work countless hours helping with vehicle repairs, setting up the electrical and water lines prior to camps and spring training. Susan ran the food truck at camps and on tour for many years helping to keep the members fed and hydrated. She loved all the kids as one of her own.

Susan also helped in the Crown office with CrownTICKET calls and sending out tickets and would come help press shirts whenever needed.

They both volunteered many hours for NightBEAT and became the elite in parking vehicles! They both volunteered at BandBEAT and helped to fundraise during the fall band season selling our Crown/Bandwear merchandise. Always ones to jump in and help.

There are so many other things I could say about them both but I think Marcus covered most of it. I am proud to call them both my friend and consider them family! But isn't that what Crown is all about, Family!!

Please consider Ron and Susan as candidates for the 2020 Crown Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

*Moe Smith*

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Crown Hall of Fame 2017



Dear Crown Hall of Fame Committee:

I would like to offer my support for Ron and Susan Murphy for induction into the Crown Hall of Fame.

Over my multiple decades of involvement Ron and Susan have been involved in everything that happened as it pertains to Carolina Crown! Ron a go-to for all things that needed fixing. This saved to organization tens of thousands of dollars over the years and Susan has become MOM to all of the Crown Family.

In every corps there are family's that become the nucleus of an organization Ron and Susan are that to Crown! Any true Hall of Fame representing Our Crown should include Ma & Pa Murphy!

Thanks you for the consideration!

Sincerely,  
Tim Martin  
Team Crown

June 15, 2020

Crown Hall of Fame committee

Re: Letter of Support for Ron & Susan Murphy

In thinking back through my time involved with Crown (2003-present) both Ron and Susan absolutely deserve the recognition of being true Hall of Famers. Like many other people over the years, their time did not end once the age out of their son Seth took place. If anything, their time of being engaged in the behind the scene activities became so much more... Susan with managing the Crown Kitchen and helping during the winter months with band merchandise sales and other office tasks, while Ron dedicated himself to insuring that Crown's fleet of vehicles was always being maintained, rebuilt and making it possible for Crown to tour.

I am proud to call them true dedicated friends of Crown and cannot thank them enough for all the days and hours we spent working together behind their home working on the next Crown project (whatever that would be... kitchen trailer, equipment trailer, the Beast, props and stages, vehicle maintenance... etc) and the numerous events they spent volunteering.

Please consider Ron and Susan as well deserving candidates for the 2020 Crown Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Coates', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Coates  
CEO / Executive Director  
Crown Hall of Fame 2017

June 19, 2020

Carolina Crown Hall of Fame committee:

Re: Letter of Support for Ron & Susan Murphy

Ron and Susan absolutely deserve the recognition of being in the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame. Ron and Susan's dedicated support did not end due to the aging out of their son Seth. If anything, their time of being engaged in the behind-the-scene activities became much more...

Susan managed the huge task of feeding the membership out of the Crown Kitchen, as well as helping during the winter months with band merchandise sales and other office tasks. At the same time Ron dedicated himself to insuring that Crown's fleet of vehicles was always being maintained and rebuilt, making it possible for Crown to tour successfully.

I cannot quantify their dedicated contribution to Crown and cannot thank them enough for all the days and hours spent working behind their home on the next Crown project (whatever that would be... The CrownFLEET vehicle maintenance, props, generators, refrigerators, etc) and for working the numerous events Crown needed sweat equity for. Before there was room at the Crown Headquarters for the large trailers Crown tours with, the Murphys allowed for their care on their property.

Please consider Ron and Susan Murphy as well-deserving candidates for the 2020 Carolina Crown Hall of Fame class.

Sincerely,

Steve Tant  
Crown Board of Directors  
Crown Hall of Fame 2017

March 2, 2020

To: Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Committee

RE: Crown Hall of Fame Nomination:

Dear Hall of Fame Committee Members:

I am pleased to provide this nomination of Tim Martin to the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame class of 2020. Anyone who knows Tim Martin would attest that he is driven by a tremendous passion for Carolina Crown. His volunteer work with Crown began 24 years ago at NightBeat 1996. Tim's involvement has expanded exponentially over the past two decades to a level that is rare in the drum corps activity. I'll provide some highlights and examples of his key contributions in this nomination letter.

Tim Martin has played a significant role in many aspects of the organization, including multiple terms on the board of directors between 2002 and 2013 where he served as committee chair for some of our most critical initiatives. Tim chaired our Sponsorship committee from 2004 to 2008 and leveraged his super power as a sales professional to develop sponsors that are still supporting Crown after more than a decade. Tim has also been chairman of our CrownGolf committee since 2012, taking ownership of the event after some unprofitable years. Under his leadership, CrownGolf was reinvented and grown using a "Tasting Tees" format whereby Tim single-handedly recruited some of Charlotte's best restaurants as well as many other corporate sponsors to participate and remain multi-year event partners. Tim's vision for CrownGolf and his relentless drive for success at this event has raised tens of thousands of dollars to fuel the Carolina Crown organization with more to come. In addition to his long-time involvement as a director on the Crown Board and his committee chairmanships, Tim has also served

on the Executive Board including two terms as Secretary, and many years as a member of the Events committee. Since 2014 Tim has been a member of the Crown Advisory Council, where he continues.

Tim's generosity isn't limited to time and talent. Tim Martin has personally donated large sums of money and in-kind services to Carolina Crown. Tim personally sponsored dozens of students to march with Crown, and he has housed many students at his home over the years. In one example, Tim housed and fed the entire Crown Bass line over several days for early move-in before tour in 2008. In 2019 his company, 10X Consulting Group, implemented a new accounting and enterprise management system for Crown. This multi-month project, valued at over \$50,000, was provided at no cost to the organization. Tim has also rolled up his sleeves on many occasions to do construction work that has saved Crown thousands of dollars over the years. Tim installed central air conditioning, did plumbing work, and installed the back door at our Fort Mill office. He also donated and installed the video system for the conference room at our Pineville office. Tim has also built a uniform trailer and he constructed the stage for our Rach Star show. He has driven shuttles, installed signs, traveled with CrownTickets, volunteered and solicited sponsorships for CrownCares, and performed many other acts of kindness and generosity too lengthy to list here.

Tim Martin has contributed his time, talents and possessions selflessly over the past 24 years to ensure success at Carolina Crown. Tim's commitment, generosity and enthusiasm has been invaluable to Carolina Crown's growth and success. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with Tim at Carolina Crown for the past two decades. He has done more for our organization than this brief nomination letter can convey, but of this I am certain; it is time to honor the long-standing leadership, dedication and generosity of Tim Martin with a place in our hall of fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Loelius', written in a cursive style.

Bill Loelius  
Crown HOF Class of 2016

HOF committee

Letter of Support for Tim Martin,

I would like to offer my letter of support for Tim Martin. Tim has a heart of gold and such passion for Crown. He would give you the shirt off his back. In fact, I remember the time he took his shoes off at Memorial Stadium to give to one of the kids in the corps because they needed a pair.

He has spent countless hours with the CrownCARES initiative volunteering to bring happiness to those less fortunate children in our community. I remember the first one we did, we cried together for a long time just knowing we were helping to make a difference in young lives.

I've worked with Tim on the CrownGOLF committee for years and he always wanted to make things better. He reinvented the tournament by implementing the Tasting tees and the golfers just love it.

Tim would always be coming into the office to purchase whatever new merchandise was available, one instance was The Ugly Christmas sweaters. He would purchase about 12 or more each year to give to others to spread the word about Crown. Another example of his tremendous PASSION for the Crown organization and its members.

I couldn't agree more with Bill on his nomination for Tim to the Crown Hall of Fame. Much deserved.

Respectfully,

*Moe Smith*

Crown Hall of Fame 2017

June 1, 2020

Dear Carolina Crown Drum & Bugle Corps,

This letter is to recommend Tim Martin to you as an exceptional candidate for the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame. I have known Mr. Martin for 42 years as his friend, and during that time I have had many opportunities to witness his character. I have had the pleasure of knowing Tim since 1978 ever since his father, Harvey, started a small drum corps in Jacksonville, FL called the Surf. Tim has always been a great friend and mentor to me throughout my life and one who is always eager to go out of his way to help others both in the drum corps community and outside of it. Through all my years of being involved within the activity from a member to a director, I could always count on Tim to be available to direct and guide me through any problems and offer his help in whatever way he could. Tim is a great human being and one that I can say I am glad to know him as a friend and mentor.

In my experience, Mr. Martin has always displayed outstanding character and integrity. He is Honest, always there in time of need, resourceful and Positive attitude.

Tim has always been a proud supporter for Carolina Crown and I am glad that I have the opportunity to nominate him for the CC Hall of Fame. It would be a well deserved honor for him to be placed in the Hall.

I have no reservations giving Mr. Martin my highest recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss Mr. Martin's character further.

Sincerely,

*Randy W Blackburn*

Randy W Blackburn

**Shawn Martin**

Mon, Jun 8, 9:40 PM  
(11 hours ago)

to HOF

My name is Shawn Martin and I am Tim Martin's oldest son. I am writing this letter in support of his hall of fame nomination for Carolina Crown.

Ever since I can remember my dad has been involved with drum corp. His mother and father Shirley and Harvey Martin raised 4 sons all very involved in music. My dad and his 3 brothers all marched drum corps from a very young age and continued until just a few years ago. Whether it was the Greece Cadets, Boston Crusaders, Purple Lancers, or the Rochester Phoenix my dad marched in them all. When we came to Charlotte he knew he had to find a corps to support and he found Carolina Crown.

Just like his mom and dad had raised him into a drum corps family my dad did the same with us. I remember many nights spent at memorial stadium selling programs, t shirts or running scores from the field and loved every minute of it. I remember braving the heat to go watch rehearsals at Gardner-Webb just so my dad could watch bits of a show he had already seen numerous times. I also remember getting to go to the first show at Wake Forest stadium and thinking wow I remember 20 years ago when it was a small show at Memorial Stadium and to see it grow to this was absolutely amazing. My dad not only encouraged us to volunteer but led the way. It didn't matter if Crown needed help installing a door, installing AC at the offices, or retrofitting the uniform trailer my dad would jump at the opportunity to help not only the corps but to him most importantly the kids involved. He also has donated his time, money, and hard work installing the new accounting system from ServMan at absolutely no cost to Crown through his company 10X Consulting Group.

My dad has a passion to help people and it doesn't matter who it is or what the cause is but his number one passion is Carolina Crown and all the amazing kids he can teach and share his love of music with. If you have spent 5 minutes around my dad you are guaranteed to hear at least one thing Crown related whether it's about the next fundraiser that is set to happen, the show for the current year, or getting to be in Indianapolis when crown won it all he will tell anyone and everyone how amazing of an organization Carolina Crown is.

My dad also served on the board of directors in the past, the sponsorship committee, and also the advisory council just to name a few. The past few years my dad has headed up the golf tournament and turned it from just another charity golf event that was barely making money for the corps to a tasting tees competition including some of the best restaurants in charlotte from Dresslers to Flemings to The Capital Grille. He is also very passionate about Crown Cares and specifically Samaritan's Feet having participated multiple times to help those in need.



I know that I can't sum up everything my father has done to help Carolina Crown in this short letter but I hope you all can see the passion, dedication, and love he has for the kids and the corps for almost 25 years. Its due time for him to be recognized for everything he has put into making Carolina Crown the best drum corps on the planet.

Respectfully,

Shawn Martin

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Dear HOF Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to provide this personal Letter of Support for Tim Martin to the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Class of 2020. I have known Tim for over 13 years now. During my 2<sup>nd</sup> season marching for Crown in 2007 he made it a point to introduce himself anytime he was around the members. At first I found it a bit odd that a Board Member wanted to get to know the members, but now looking back it is just another example of how much he truly cared about every facet of the organization. Not only did he love the activity and home team, but he cared for each individual that stepped foot onto a field pouring their heart and soul out for Carolina Crown.

Tim's generosity seems to know no bounds. Among volunteering his time and giving back wherever he could, Tim took in the Bassline for early move-ins before tour in 2008 where we were housed and fed for a number of days. He was so excited to have us stay with him and so excited for what was in store for Crown. I remember distinctly that he wanted to introduce us to the other board members and on some of the travel back and forth to rehearsal he would call someone up so we could meet and talk. There is an infectious energy about him anytime he talks about what he loves, in this case the marching arts and more specifically the Carolina Crown Organization as a whole. After housing the Bassline, he made it a point to come see us anytime we were on the road when he would be there and make sure that we were well taken care of and had everything we needed. It was always a nice surprise to see Tim, and he always had care packages ready for us.

The passion Tim has for the marching arts is unlike any other I have ever come across. Throughout the years he has kept in contact every now and again and it always brings a smile to my face. He has always promised me a place to stay when I make it out to any Crown event, and keeps egging me on year after year to make it happen. I cannot thank Tim enough for the lasting impact he has made and it gives me pride to know he is still with Carolina Crown. Tim is without a doubt deserving of this honor!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Carpenter, Carolina Crown Bass 3 2006-2009

June 12, 2020

Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Committee  
227A Main Street  
Fort Mill, SC 29715

Dear Hall of Fame Committee Members:

Re: Letter of Support for Tim Martin

It is with the utmost enthusiasm that I provide my full support to Tim Martin for induction to the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame. He has been nothing short of family and friend for as long as I've known him, and truly embodies Crown's mission to develop lifelong excellence in young people.

I had always dreamed of being a member of a high caliber drum corps, like Crown, and Tim played an essential role in making that a reality for me. While he chaired the Sponsorship committee, he acted as my sponsor. He generously helped me with the obvious financial obstacles that a sponsor typically does (e.g., airfare, tuition), but he went beyond that too. We spoke frequently in between camps because he cared about my dream and wanted to see me succeed. He and his wife, Karen, opened their home to me on audition weekends when I arrived early or left late so that I would have a comfortable place to stay and more than one delicious meal. Tim cared for and treated me the same way that any loving and supportive parent would do for their own children.

His support and care have not stopped since I aged out though. I have been able to spend multiple occasions with him celebrating drum corps and Crown at historically significant events like NightBEAT and the DCI Eastern Championships at Allentown, PA. Not only has he always treated me like family, but he has also treated my own family the same way by making them feel just as much at home as I do whenever we are together.

Tim Martin embodies all that is important to Carolina Crown. This letter is entirely my own personal experiences, but I know that he was shown this same level of care and commitment to everyone whom surrounds him especially those involved with Crown and all of drum corps. I can think of nobody better to be honored with induction into the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian M. Kaiser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian M. Kaiser  
Brass 2008

June 19, 2020

Carolina Crown  
227A Main Street  
Fort Mill, SC

To Carolina Crown HOF Nominating Committee:

I write this letter in recognition of the enormous contributions that Tim Martin has made to our world championship Carolina Crown. Please review and provide Tim your utmost consideration when selecting your recipients into our prestigious Carolina Crown Hall of Fame.

I have been involved with Carolina Crown since its inception and remember well when Tim got involved. How could anyone forget Tim as his presence is larger than life, even when one would wish not. He has been and will always be extremely passionate about his interest, and we are lucky that Carolina Crown is one of his greatest. He is generous with funding to Crown and has sponsored many corps members through the years, providing awesome life experiences for those young adults which will never wain.

Now it would difficult to explain what Tim has contributed to Carolina Crown through the years, but to abbreviate his contributions to Carolina Crown he has volunteered from his entrance offering time, financial backing, and endless energies to numerous positions. He has been a board member several times over the years, been successful as a sponsorship developer, and Crown Golf Committee Chair making that event quite "tasty". Tim has also chaired a few committees, participated on the Executive Board as Secretary, and is a current a member of the Crown Advisory Council. Tim has also provided enormous amounts of time and labor to do whatever might arise- driving shuttles, building props, working on the old office, donating products and his professional services to make Crown grow. His mark is one of excellence just as our favorite corps- Carolina Crown.

It has taken commitments by many to propel Carolina Crown to the level of competition they now sustain, and extreme dedication by hundreds besides the members, staff, volunteers, and our board. Tim's 24+ years of service to Carolina Crown merits strong consideration for this most admired honor. His involvement mirrors our corps mission to succeed in "developing lifelong excellence in young people".

Respectfully Submitted,

Hans Haas (Carolina Crown Volunteer, 1990-Present)

## 2020 Hall of Fame

### Letter of Support

Nominee: Tim Martin

I would like to extend my support for Tim Martin to be inducted into the 2020 Carolina Crown Hall of Fame.

In my opinion, the kids are the most important asset of Carolina Crown. I cannot think of anyone who puts the kids first more than Tim Martin. His support of the kids over the years is phenomenal. If a kid needs to be driven home in the middle of the night due to a family emergency, who is there? Tim Martin. If a family cannot afford to pay dues for a kid, who steps up and pays the dues? Tim Martin. If a kid needs someone to listen to him or her or just needs a shoulder to cry on, who is there? Tim Martin. The physical, emotional, and financial support that Tim offers is unprecedented and should not only be acknowledged, but lauded and respected.

Furthermore, if one asks Tim Martin to complete a task, consider it done. One does not need to ask if the task is complete or question the quality. Consider it done. Tim is as reliable and dependable as it gets.

Tim has also made strong contributions to the CrownCARES program. You can see the passion in his eyes when Tim speaks about the short and long-term success of that initiative. His enthusiasm is contagious and grows stronger each year.

If you take the quality and quantity of Tim's actions for Carolina Crown, he deserves to be in the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Jeff Madar

Charter Member

June 18, 2020

Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Committee:

My name is Kyle Martin, and I am writing this letter to you today in a show of support for my father, Tim Martin. I have been a Carolina Crown volunteer for the past 20+ years, starting out when I was just 9 and running scores up and down the steps of Memorial Stadium. As far back as I can remember my Dad has had an intense love for Drum Corp and of music in general, a love that he has passed onto his family. From him flying back and forth on weekends to play with the Rochester Crusaders in my youth, to me flying in last minute to Indianapolis in 2015 to watch Inferno (which STILL should have won) our family has supported him, and Crown every step of the way.

To me, my father's biggest asset is the fact that he wants people to get involved. I could sit here and list all of the things he has volunteered on (Board of Directors, CrownGolf, Samaritans Feet) or contributed to during his time with Crown, but that isn't what matters the most to him. His goal since the beginning has been to try and help young men and women flourish, not only in the musical aspect, but also in life itself.

My time with Crown has taught me a sense of responsibility to help others, a sense of duty to volunteer, and there is only one person that I can thank for that. The last 20 years have flown by, we've welcomed new members into the family, and we've said goodbye to others, but there has been a constant presence in our lives, Carolina Crown. I endorse my father, Tim Martin, for the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame, and wholeheartedly believe he deserves this honor.

Thank you for your time,

Kyle Martin

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Tim Martin for the 2020 Carolina Crown Hall of Fame.

The most revealing words to describe Tim Martin are passionate and enthusiastic. He has always been a zealot and staunch defender of the corps. He has worked countless hours over many years to assist in any way he can. I have always been amazed at the lengths he will go to support the Crown family. I have judged in drum corps since 1992 and witnessed many great volunteers from the corps around the country, but Tim always went above and beyond anything that was expected of him. He is truly a treasure you have been blessed to have on your team!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest Regards,  
Sandra B.

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I would like to support Tim Martin for the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame.

Tim has always been a large part of Crown and has contributed many years of volunteering towards the organization. His heart has always been in the right place for Crown.

I can always count on seeing his smiling face when I was with the organization.

**Lee G. Beddis**

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I am writing this letter in support of Tim Martin's hall of fame nomination for Carolina Crown. I have known Tim Martin for many years and if anyone deserves this award, he does.

He has been involved with drum Corp from a young age and when he moved to Charlotte, found Carolina Crown which he immersed himself in with his time, energy and experience.

His passion to help people in any way is obvious, but he truly thrives on teaching, sharing and passing on his love of music to the next generation.

Tim Martin is, in my opinion, the right choice for this award.

Thank you.



To whom it may concern,

I have known Tim for about 15 years and have seen him in many different walks of life. The consistent thing that I can say about Tim Martin is his passion and dedication. If you have met Tim for more than five minutes you will know that Tim goes in whole heartily on everything he does. I have never seen him halfway do a job or give up on something that he cares about. I have been with Tim in everything from taking down tedious wallpaper to helping volunteer at the golf tournament and the bottom line is that you can always count on him to be all in.

The first time I met Tim was in 2005 at his lake house and I did not leave that house without knowing how committed to Carolina Crown that he was. I remember listening to him in the beginning of getting to know him as my friend's dad and hearing the love he had for this band and the music. The very first year I met Tim I was invited to a drum core show. The pride he has for Carolina Crown can be seen in his face, the way he speaks about them, and now later knowing him more in the time and effort he puts in to serve. From giving a helping hand, to giving money, to giving his business, and most importantly spreading the word to everyone who will listen. I am so glad that I listened. Now as a total fan I have loved watching Crown, volunteering at the Golf tournament, and even more I have loved introducing my sons to such an amazing organization. I love watching their passion and love for music that comes from being around their Grandpa Tim. I am so blessed that he share that with them and so are so many others.

This Corp is not just a thing to do for Tim but a second family, a way of life, and commitment. I have never known someone to have as much pride and love for an organization where they gain nothing from it as Tim does for the band and it's band members. . The sacrifice and hard work that Tim has given to crown has never came with a request or a cost. So now on his behalf I am asking for you to please take this opportunity to give Tim the recognition that he deserves, but more importantly for him the honor of knowing that he has made a difference for his Crown family. Now being his daughter in law I know more than anyone that Tim is someone you want to have on your corner and by your side.

Thank you for your time,

Amanda Martin

June 19, 2020

To: Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Committee

I wholeheartedly endorse the election of Tim Martin to the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Class of 2020.

Tim has been involved with Carolina Crown since the mid-90's. Starting with his involvement at NightBEAT, his role with the organization has continually grown and evolved thru the years. His passion for our great marching music activity is only matched by the size of his heart. He has helped many a Crown Marching Member thru the years with financial and motivational support, so they could participate and realize their dreams on the field at World Championships.

Tim's leadership of CrownGOLF, by revamping the format and putting a new spin on our event with the introduction of the Tasting Tees, has shown ingenuity and his passion for supporting our mission.

Tim has also been instrumental in the streamlining of Crown's office software solution, which is saving the office many hours of time and money. Tim is a generous donor of record to Crown's annual fundraising endeavors.

Please accept my support for electing Tim Martin to the Carolina Crown Hall of Fame Class of 2020.

Sincerely,

Steve Tant  
TeamCROWN