

September 13, 2016

Mr. Cheldon Williams  
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Greetings Mr. Williams and your NMSU Pride Marching Band Members,

My name is Anita Martinez-Nanna and I am a band parent/volunteer of Band Director, Mr. Jordan Sayre's Las Cruces High School - Showcase Marching Band.

Last Saturday evening, September 10, 2016, I had the wondrous pleasure of assisting Mr. Sayre with his band students as they rehearsed and performed at your football game. This letter is to commend you and your Pride band members for your extraordinary performances that were no less than true excellence, and for your hospitable and sincere guidance towards our high school students throughout the football game event.

At the recent football game against the UNM Lobos, what I witnessed from you and your Pride band members was an abundance of extremely impressive and professional mannerisms in both musical performances, and conduct towards our Las Cruces High School Showcase Band members. You and your Pride Band espoused the true meaning of community and musicianship with your warm welcoming and mentoring of our high school band members. As you are most likely aware, you and your Pride band members are the epitome of role models for our students -- as many of our students desire to play in college-level bands after graduation. I am sincerely thankful to you and your NMSU Pride Band members for making such a positive and worthwhile impression on our students and our parents!

Our students are still raving about the "awesome" experience they had playing with your band last Saturday night, as each and every student gained much that evening, by way of increased self-confidence, self-esteem, and pride in themselves and their musical abilities and potentials and as members of the Las Cruces marching band community.

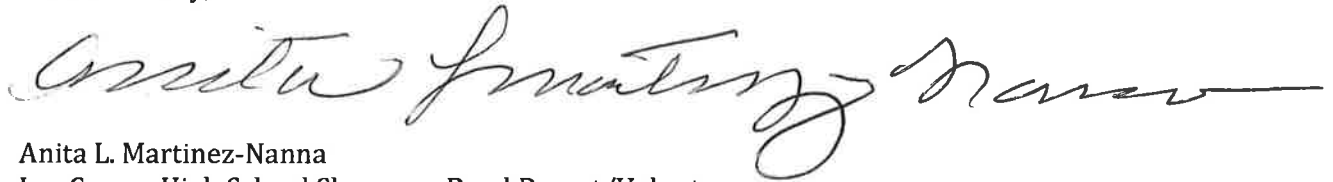
Thank you from the bottom of my heart, for your invitation to play with your band and for the enormous magnitude of positive impact that this experience has had on our Showcase Band members. It is my most earnest hope that our students are invited to play with your excellent marching band in the future.

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Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anita L. Martinez-Nanna". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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