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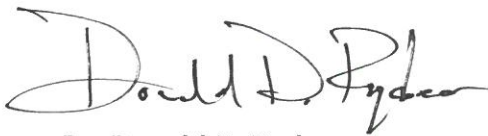
Dear Colleague,

The student providing this letter is a member of The University of Tennessee Pride of the Southland Marching Band. The Pride of the Southland Marching Band will be representing The University of Tennessee at the following events:

September 24-25<sup>th</sup> – Florida Football Game  
October 22-23<sup>rd</sup> – Alabama Football Game

We ask that the students who will be absent from your class because of these obligations, be allowed to do so without penalty, and be allowed to make-up any missed work. This student is aware that they are responsible for advising you of any scheduled absences in advance to discuss missed work assignments. If you do not feel you can honor this request or have any concerns regarding a student's absence from your class, please feel free to contact me at 974-5031 or by email: [dryder@utk.edu](mailto:dryder@utk.edu)

Sincerely,



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