

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter not only as a former student but as an individual who has been profoundly influenced by Corey. His dedication, passion, and undeniable talent for nurturing young minds are nothing short of inspiring.

Growing up, I had always dreamt of being a part of a drumline but never truly had the opportunity until Corey came into my life. He did not just teach; he created and spearheaded one of the few drumline programs in our country. Through his relentless efforts, we were not only taught the basics of drumming but were granted the unique experience of securing sponsorships from top-tier drum/music companies. Our interactions were not just limited to local circles. Corey's vast network allowed us to meet and even perform alongside esteemed artists like Down with Webster and Sekou Lumumba of Bedouin Soundclash.

Under Corey's leadership, we achieved milestones that were previously unthinkable – becoming our school's first-ever regional and provincial drumline championship winners. This accomplishment alone transformed my academic trajectory and played a pivotal role in building my self-esteem during those formative teenage years.

But Corey's influence didn't stop at school. Through him, I met other mentors who played integral roles in my musical journey, ultimately leading to my appointment as a Corporal for the Fort Henry Guard in Kingston. Here, I had the esteemed privilege to train and collaborate with the US Marine Corps annually.

Another incredible opportunity that came my way, courtesy of Corey's mentorship, was the chance to play drums for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats from a young age. The confidence and mental resilience this instilled in me during my teenage years are immeasurable.

Today, as I reflect on the individual I have become, it is undeniable that Corey played a significant role in moulding me. He wasn't just a mentor in drumming, but in life. Even now, through life's ups and downs, Corey remains a friend I can always count on for guidance and support.

I urge you to recognize the invaluable contribution Corey has made, not just to my life, but to countless others. He has shown time and again that he possesses the unique ability to change lives, to uplift, and to create champions. Letting go of such an asset would undoubtedly be a great loss. I wholeheartedly support Corey's continued involvement with the youth, for he has proven that he can genuinely make a difference.

Sincerely,

Evan J Carr