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Objective

To provide students with positive life long memories through a comprehensive music education program that fosters, nurtures, and allows students to learn in a supportive and safe environment.

Education

M.M., Wind Conducting August 2017-May 2019
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

B.M., K-12 Music Education August 2010-May 2014
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin- Madison, Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug 2017-May 2019

- Served as Instructor of Record for a non-major University Band.
- Served as cover conductor for rehearsals/performance of the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Medical Orchestra, and University Band.
- Served as a high brass teaching assistant for the University of Wisconsin Marching Band.
- Schedule sectionals for trumpets, mellophones, and flügelhorns.
- Assisted the UW Marching Band with logistics, transportation, and supervision during on and off campus commitments.
- Served as Co-Director of Athletic Pep Band for Women's Hockey during the 2018-19 season.
- Administrator for the 50th anniversary UW-Madison Wind Ensemble tour.
- Provided private conducting lessons to undergraduate students.
- Served as a teaching assistant to the undergraduate conducting class for music majors

Bessemer City Middle School, Band Director Aug 2014-June 2017

- Assessed student learning and achievement through performance based and academic based assignments.
- Provided after school lessons for students.
- Served as the Instructor of Record for band program of 100 students in homogenous classes.
- Led the 7th/8th grade band to a Superior rating in grade I/II in 2015.
- Data driven student instruction based on formative and summative assessments.
- Created a sense of family and inclusion for students of various socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Provided performance opportunities through Music Performance Adjudication, Solo and Ensemble, Pep Band, and annual Christmas Parade.
- Managed a budget of \$8,500+, which included instrument purchases, travel, performances, and technology for band classroom.
- Planned educational and fundraising opportunities to demonstrate and support student learning and increase student participation in band.
- Targeted recruitment of new band students from Elementary school locations.
- Created a joint fundraiser between band and chorus that had a net profit of \$2400 in its initial year.

East Lincoln HS 2013-2016/West Lincoln HS 2016-2017, Marching Band Instructor

- Instructed a 60+ member brass section
- Provided pedagogical information for improved performance, specifically for low brass (Baritone, Euphonium, Sousaphone)
- Assisted with rehearsal through providing direct on-field instruction.
- Instructed and provided pedagogical insight for the full ensemble.
- Assisted in preparation for major competitions such as WCU Tournament of Champions, BOA Winston Salem, and Appalachian Band Festival.

Conducting Clinician

- Edgerton Middle and High School Band Clinic
- James M. Memorial High School, WI
- Cardinal Gibbons High School, NC

Performance Experience

- Carolina Wind Orchestra, Section Euphonium (2014-2017)
- UW-Madison Concert Band, Principal Euphonium/Trombone
- UW-Madison Low Brass Ensemble, Trombone/Euphonium
- UW-Madison Wind Ensemble, Trombone

Leadership Experience

- 2016 All County Middle School Chairperson, Gaston County Band Directors Association
- 2016-17 Encore Team Chair, Bessemer City Middle School
- 2018 Counselor/Rehearsal Assistant, UW-Madison 89th annual Summer Music Clinic

Professional Organizations

- National Association for Music Education
- National Band Association
- Wisconsin Music Educators Association
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Inc.

References

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