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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly experienced music educator with over seven years in field. Proven skills in verbal and written communication and problem-solving combined with unsurpassed work ethic, proactive mindset, and detail-oriented approach.

## EDUCATION

**University of Wisconsin-Madison - Madison, WI | M.M- Wind Conducting** 05/2019

**East Carolina University - Greenville, NC | B.M., K-12 Music Education** 05/2014

## SKILLS

- Multitasking Abilities
- Classroom expertise
- Problem-Solving
- Planning and Coordination
- Active Listening
- Leadership
- Student engagement
- Organization and Time Management

## EXPERIENCE

**BAND DIRECTOR** | 08/2019 to Current

**Crestdale Middle School - Matthews, NC**

- Assess student learning and achievement through performance based and academic based assignments.
- Use data driven student instruction based on formative and summative assessments.
- Assessed musicians and assigned instruments and parts for pieces of music and concerts.
- Planned 3-4 concerts yearly and marketed concerts to students, parents, and public.
- Inventoried, maintained, repaired, and purchased new instruments and equipment for department.
- Serve as the Fine Arts Team Lead, Mentor Teacher, Clinical Educator, and co-facilitator for the CMS Middle School Band PLC.
- Oversaw a band booster budget of \$15,000 yearly to support student growth through group instruction, instrument repairs and maintenance, supplies for students.
- Continue the tradition of "Superior" ratings at the annual concert festival for the band program since 2000.

**ASSISTANT ARTISTIC DIRECTOR** | 11/2019 to Current

**Charlotte Pride Band – Charlotte, NC**

- Serve as the assistant conductor of the Charlotte Pride Band (CPB) Concert Band
- Represent CPB within the community through musical outreach
- Oversee small ensembles (brass quintet, marching band, wind quintet)
- Coordinate with the Artistic Director to decide musical literature and theme for performances
- Assist in the determination of membership requirements and membership retention/recruitment
- Collaborated with artistic director to implement artistic vision.

## **ADJUNCT FACULTY- SYMPHONIC BAND | 03/2022 to 05/2022**

### **Johnson C. Smith University – Charlotte, NC**

- Serve as the director of the Symphonic Band weekly.
- Teach conducting for undergraduate students.
- Provide pedagogical information into the history and technique of Symphonic Band.

## **GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT | 08/2017 to 05/2019**

### **University of Wisconsin - Madison - Madison, WI**

- Instructor of record for a non-major University Band of 75+ students.
- Served as substitute conductor for rehearsals/performances of the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Medical Orchestra, and University Band.
- Served as a high brass teaching assistant for the University of Wisconsin Badger Marching Band.
- Assisted the UW Marching Band with logistics, transportation, and supervision during on and off campus commitments.
- Administrator for the 50th anniversary UW-Madison Wind Ensemble tour.

## **BAND DIRECTOR | 08/2014 to 06/2017**

### **Bessemer City Middle School – Bessemer City, NC**

- Assessed student learning and achievement through performance based and academic based assignments.
- Served as the Instructor of Record for band program of 100 students in homogenous classes
- Data driven student instruction based on formative and summative assessments
- Created a sense of family and inclusion for students of various socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Planned educational and fundraising opportunities to demonstrate and support student learning and increase student participation in band.
- Served as Fine Arts Team Lead.

## **MARCHING BAND INSTRUCTOR | 07/2013 to 07/2017**

### **East Lincoln High School and West Lincoln High School – Lincoln County Schools, NC**

- Instructed a 60+ member brass section of Trumpets, Mellophone, Baritone, Euphonium, and Sousaphones.
- 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 the WCU Tournament of Champions, BOA Winston Salem, and Appalachian Band Festival.

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- 2021-2022 Fine Arts Team Lead, Crestdale Middle School
- 2020-Present, Co-Lead, CMS MS Band PLC
- 2021-Community Manager, UW-Madison Summer Music Clinic
- 2018, 2019- Counselor/Rehearsal Assistant, UW-Madison Summer Music Clinic
- 2016-17, Encore Team Chair, Bessemer City Middle School
- 2016- All County MS Chairperson, Gaston Co. Band Directors Association.

## **REFERENCES**

UPON REQUEST