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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly experienced and award winning music educator with over eight years in the field. I have a desire to transition into the field to bring classroom-level experience to an organization-wide level. Proven multitasker with skills in verbal and written communication combined with a strong 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CLASSROOM EXPERTISE● RELATIONSHIP BUILDING● LESSON PLANNING● FINANCIAL AND INVENTORY MANAGEMENT● PROJECT MANAGEMENT● EVENT AND SCHEDULING COORDINATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● ACTIVE LISTENING● LEADERSHIP● STUDENT ENGAGEMENT● ORGANIZATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT● LEARNING MANAGEMENT● LEARNING ASSESSMENT
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BAND DIRECTOR | 08/2019 to Current | **Crestdale Middle School - Matthews, NC**

- Assess student learning and achievement through performance based and academic based assignments.
- Utilized data driven student instruction based on formative and summative assessments.
- Assessed musicians and assigned instruments and parts for pieces of music and concerts.
- Planned 4-5 concerts yearly and marketed concerts to students, parents, and the public.
- Inventoried, maintained, repaired, and purchased new instruments and equipment for the department.
- Served 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 \$20,000+ yearly to support student growth through group instruction, instrument repairs and maintenance, supplies for students.
- Continued the tradition of "Superior" ratings at the annual concert festival for the band program since 2000.
- Serve as a Teacher leader within the school community.
- Coordinate and oversee our Magnet program as a Teacher leader.
- Assist with the hiring interviews of Assistant Principals, teachers, and other school leadership.
- Execute tutoring plans with individual and small groups of students.

ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR | 11/2019 to Current | **Charlotte Pride Band – Charlotte, NC**

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

ADJUNCT FACULTY- SYMPHONIC BAND | 03/2022 to 05/2022 | **Johnson C. Smith University – Charlotte, NC**

- Served as the director of the Symphonic Band weekly.
- Taught conducting for undergraduate students.
- Provided 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.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2024-present, South Central District Band Association Chair-Elect

2022- present, WDAV Community Advisory Board Member

2022- 2024, Band Section Delegate, North Carolina Music Education Association

2021- present, Fine Arts/Magnet Team Lead, Crestdale Middle School

2021- 2024, 9-10 All State Auditions Chair, North Carolina Bandmasters Association

2020-2023, Co-Lead, CMS MS Band PLC

2016-2017, Encore Team Chair, Bessemer City Middle School

2016-2017, All County MS Chairperson, Gaston Co. Band Directors Association.

AWARDS

2023- Arts and Science Council CATO Excellence in Teaching Award

REFERENCES

UPON REQUEST