

EXPERIENCE

Band, Chorus, and General Music Teacher, Wilmington Manor Elementary School, Colonial School District
New Castle, DE August 2015-Present

Develop beginning band curriculum focusing on effortless mastery in reading music with a quality tone. One third of the student population participates in the chorus program integrating challenging literature to foster part singing skills. Incorporate singing, performing on instruments including trash can drums, reading music, and movement into K-5 general music classroom.

Private Music Instructor 2005-Present

Currently teach over 30 students private lessons in piano, flute, clarinet, and saxophone. Instructed two all-state band members, two Valley Forge Military Academy music full scholarship recipients, worked with a University of Delaware student over the summer to re-audition successfully for the music degree program, and piano student plays for the graduation at the Brennan School with the Delaware Autism Program.

Chorus Director and general music teacher (through Feb 2015), Newark Charter School, Newark, DE
August 2014-May 2015

Superior festival rated chorus. Selected concert program, developed website with practice resources, and coordinated after-school rehearsals for 2 choruses grade 4-6 with frequent parent communication. Instructed all grade K-3 students in music class once a week with lessons aligning with Core Knowledge Curriculum and year-long music plan.

Music teacher, John Bassett Moore Intermediate School and Clayton Intermediate School (opened 2012), Smyrna School District, Smyrna, DE August 2011-June 2014

Develop and instruct curriculum for grade 5+6 general music in 2 schools seeing over 900 students. Implement a variety of classroom management strategies, focusing class on making and reading music with a hands-on, interactive approach playing African drums and xylophones.

Instructional Coach, High School Wind Ensemble (2011-12) and Jazz (2013) Camps, University of Delaware Community Music School, Newark, DE Summer 2011, 2012, 2013

Conducted and rehearsed ensemble for the week long camp in preparation for concert, instructed theory with a focus on applying concepts with singing, and worked with saxophone section to develop technique and stylistic approach.

Sales Associate, Accent Music Inc., Wilmington, DE Nov 2008-Jan 2012, May-Oct 2014

Work 12-20 hours a week throughout the year. Assist customers with product selection and purchases, organize merchandise, and perform cash register sales.

EDUCATION

Wilmington University, Wilmington, DE June 2013-May 2016

Master of Education in Instruction: Teaching and Learning - 4.0 GPA

University of Delaware, Newark, DE May 2011

- Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Instrumental – saxophone concentration

Jazz Studies Minor

Valedictorian - Overall GPA 4.0/4.0

- Recipient of the Major John D. Martini Award – given to the most talented music student
- Member of the Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society
- **Teaching Assistant**, music theory ear training classes, 2008-2010
- **Ensembles:** Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Big Band Jazz, Chamber Jazz, Saxophone Quartet, and Theater woodwind doubler
 - Lead saxophone, multiple featured solos
 - **Music Section Leader**
 - Fighting Blue Hen Marching Band (2009 Season) Jazz Band (2009-2010)