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Curriculum Vitae

Offering 19 years of progressive experience in development and oversight of academic music programs, policies, and initiatives to promote student growth and achievement in music. Multi-talented music teaching professional committed to capturing young students' interests and imaginations in the music world. Provide intriguing lesson plans, implementation, evaluation, and continuous improvement of challenging and inspiring curricula. Passionate education advocate successful in driving regulatory and standards compliance; directing musical instructional programs to meet the needs future generations for the academic success of each student.

SELECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Bi-lingual in English, Spanish, French and Arabic.
- Integrated music and technology and selected to receive Music Technology Integration Project Award (MTIP).
- Collaborated and led Tarpon Springs Fundamental Melody Makers Show Choir the honor of performing at Universal Studios in 2010.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership, 2016

Nova Southeastern University, Tampa, FL

- *Minor - Curriculum Design*

Master of Science in Educational Leadership, 2009

Nova Southeastern University, Tampa, FL

- *Certified in Educational Leadership*

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1988

New York University, New York, NY

Florida State Certification in Music K-12, 1999

Music Specialist, Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary, 1999-2016

Music Itinerant, Forest Lakes Elementary, 2012-2014

Music Itinerant, Ozona Elementary, 2010-2019

Music Itinerant, Forest Lakes Elementary, 2006-2009

Music Specialist, Oldsmar Elementary, 2004-2006

Director, Tarpon Springs Golden Strings Violin Program, 2003-2015

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Private Studio, Oldsmar, Florida

2000-2017

Principle

Oversaw the teachings of 37 students from 6 to 76 years of age.

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Kindermusik by Mary Lou, Clearwater, Florida

1998-2003

Principle

Successfully taught music to children, newborn to seven years old.

Additional experience at Temple Ahavat, New Horizons County Day School, Safety Harbor Recreation Center, and YMCA, Palm Harbor.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary, Tarpon Springs, FL

August 1999-Present

Director

Oversee daily school operations across all music curriculum in alignment with Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Administrative processes including developing and introducing stimulating lesson plans which foster music appreciation, implementing plans into class structure, instructing students, evaluate student progress by grading on achievements and mentoring, classroom and one-on-one.

Create and implement Orff related materials and projects from method levels of Orff Schulwerk Level 1, 2, and 3. Introduced World Music Drumming Curriculum from Levels 1, 2 and 3. Write, prepare, and oversee grade level performances of mini-skits at Winter and Spring concerts.

Play a key role in all responsibilities of Winter and Spring concert series including instructing students with accuracy to perform songs, offering extra tutoring to students needing additional assistance in learning, decorating venues, music selection, working alongside PTA for successful performances, prepare programs for publication and advertising the concerts through elementary newsletters and notices.

Instrumental in receiving the honor of performing at Tarpon Springs Fundamental Melody Makers Show Choir at Universal Studios in 2010. Event included the performance of 66 students. Arrangements including transportation, entrance fees, designing and contracting out attire, set-up, and successful performances.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1999-2017

Music Itinerant, Forest Lakes Elementary, 2012-2014

Music Itinerant, Ozona Elementary, 2010-2012

Music Itinerant, Forest Lakes Elementary, 2006-2009

2000-2017

Director, Tarpon Springs Golden Strings Violin Program, 2003-2015

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

Teacher in Excellence Mini Grant Award Recipient, 2001-2003

Florida Music Educator Association - Member, 2000-Present

Two Students in 2-002 and one in 2010 were accepted to All State Chorus at Tampa Bay Convention Center.

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All County 5th Grade Honors Concert, 1999-Present

Personally selected students to perform, obtained information from parents, and provided scheduling and student feedback.

Student Enrichment Model (SEM), Member, 2010, 2012

Launched program with collaboration of colleagues.

Music Technology Integration Project (MTIP) Award Recipient, 2007

Integrate music and technology.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Conference Administration

1. Presented Winter and Spring Concerts to parent community, reaching audiences of 500+, 1999-2009.
2. Presented Violin End of Year Recitals to parents and community, 2001-2004.
3. Presented at Curriculum Fair for Florida Music Educators Convention: January 2012. "Music: Literacy Across the Curriculum"
4. Nominator for 2012 Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award.
5. Presented at Florida Music Educators Association Annual Conference, Tampa Bay Convention Center, January 2012.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Strategic Plan Focus Group – Jeanne Reynolds, Supervisor, Performing Arts. Provided input to guide orchestra and string groups for 2010-2011 in PCS.

Team Member, School Based Leadership Team (SBLT) Return to Intervention (Rtl) Behavior Intervention. Co-authored the Behavior and Positive Reward Merit System for TSFS for 2010-2012. Attended monthly meetings to review data and discuss impact of system on overall school behavior.

Member, Student Advisory Council, Tarpon Springs Fundamental, 2010-Present.

Member, Student Advisory Council, Forest Lakes Elementary, 2007

Member, Action Science Research Advisory Team with University of South Florida. Collaborated with team to create questions of inquiry for action research.

Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) – Member 2000-Present

Greater Tampa Bay American Orff Chapter – Member, 2000-2014

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Methods Used: Faber, Michael Aaron, Hal Leonard, Thompson, Urtext editions – Bach, Hayden