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OBJECTIVE:

To achieve a position in an organization which maintains a strong desire to provide excellence in meeting clients' needs.

EDUCATION:

Valdosta State University
Master of Music Education

Valdosta, GA
May 2018 – July 2019

- GPA: 4.0

Augusta State University (Georgia Regents University)
Bachelor of Music Education

Augusta, GA
August 2007 – December 2011

- GPA: 3.69
- Passed GACE examination in the following areas: Music I and II.
- Passed PRAXIS examination in the following area: Music Content and Instruction.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Chukker Creek Elementary School
Music Educator

Aiken, SC
August 2020 – Present

- Created and organized 14 digital concert performances featuring students and staff across all grade levels.
- Produced engaging instructional videos that heightened student comprehension of higher-level music-based concepts by 64% when measured on their annual performance assessment.
- Mentor first year educators.

J.L. Newbern Middle School
Choir and Theatre Arts Director

Valdosta, GA
August 2019 – December 2019

- Increased the size of the choral program by 30% during a nonstandard beginning of the year recruitment phase.
- Co-lead and implemented 2 music performance programs in conjunction with the Band Director.
- Improved student literacy using relatable works of Theatre Drama.

Valdosta State University
Graduate Assistant/Academic Advisor for the College of the Arts

Valdosta, GA
May 2018 – July 2019

- Routinely check in with students to evaluate progress, address needs, and present educator concerns if necessary.
- Established a smooth workflow environment by addressing the needs of the College of Arts Team.
- Created an onboarding manual for future Academic Advisors working in the College of the Arts.

QKids

Valdosta, GA

English Secondary Language Teacher

January 2018 – April 2019

- Teach students in China how to appropriately pronounce and speak English through an online education course that is tailored to the students' level of expertise and comfort with the language.
- Retained active students in the program by presenting lessons in an engaging that made learning English a positive experience.

Dearing Elementary School

Dearing, GA

Music Educator

August 2014 – May 2017

- Created and organized 4 to 6 annual performance opportunities annually for 4th and 5th Grade Students within the Choir Program.
- Collaborated with colleagues to create celebration events for students and manage vendors.
- I improved student retention of basic music concepts from year to year by approximately 73%.

Augusta University Conservatory Program

Augusta, GA

Middle School Wind Symphony Band Director

January 2016 – March 2017

- Organized the performance of a selection of four to five Grade Level 3 & 4 literature.
- Worked with the Augusta University Conservatory Program to implement student recruitment strategies as a result, between my first and second year the ensemble grew in paid enrollment by 110%.
- Collaborated with High School Wind Symphony Directors to showcase the ensemble on a combined work.

Aiken County Summer Gateway Program

Aiken County, SC

Band Director

June 2014 – July 2016

- Expanded the students' knowledge of music in new and meaningful ways by providing opportunities to classes that covered Music Theory, Conducting, Guitar, Sight-Singing, Percussion, Small Ensemble, Band, Orchestra, and Master Classes.
- Work as a team member alongside other Music, Art, Drama and Dance Instructors to organize student showcases throughout the summer.

Portman's Music Academy

Columbia County, GA

Clarinet Instructor

August. 2013 – November 2015

- Recruit and enrolled, managed, and instructed a studio of 12-20 clarinet students.
- Coordinated student recitals at the end of each semester to display a studio of 12 students' growth in musicianship.
- Communicate with Band Directors in the community to establish areas of need when it came to improving aspects of a learner's ability to play their instrument.

Columbia County School System

Columbia County, GA

Substitute

January 2012 – May 2014

- Responsible for teaching classes in a wide spectrum of curriculum to keep students on track.
- Traveled and adapted to the climate of a variety of schools in Columbia County to fill the roles of teachers on leave while maintaining student growth in content area.
- Taught two Short-Term Assignments. The first as Band Director at Lakeside Middle School, the second as the Choir Director of Evans Middle School.

TECHNOLOGIES:

Software Engineer: VSCode, HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, jQuery, GitHub

Education: PowerSchool, Clever, LeaderInMe, Schoology, Mosaic, Atlas, TalentEd

Music: Digital Audio Workstations, Digital Performer, Finale, Kontakt

Miscellaneous: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, OneDrive, Google Suite, Canvas

SOFT SKILLS:

Problem-solving: Analyzing, Brainstorming, Drawing Conclusions, Experimenting, Insight, Project design, Test development, troubleshooting.

Time Management: Assessment and evaluation, delegation, goal setting, managing appointments, meeting deadlines, multitasking, prioritizing, resource management, scheduling.

Organizational Skills: Collaboration, Mental and physical organization skills, planning, prioritizing, time management.

Communication Skills: Active listening, Brevity, Clear speech and writing, Confidence, Friendliness, Nonverbal communication, Presenting, Public speaking, Storytelling.

Teamwork Skills: Communication, Conflict resolution, Decision-making, Influencing, Listening, Organizational skills, Persuasion, Planning skills, Problem-solving, Rapport-building, Reliability, Respectfulness, Tolerance.

Interpersonal Skills: Ability to work under pressure, Adaptability, Communication, Conflict resolution, Creativity, Decision making, Dependability, Emotional intelligence, Mediation, Patience, Problem-solving, Relationship building, Responsibility, Self-motivation, Teamwork/Collaboration.

Critical-Thinking Skills: Analyzing, Evaluating, Explanation, Inference, Interpreting, Open-mindedness, Problem-solving, Self-regulation.

Conceptual Skills: Abstract thinking, Cognitive skills, Contextualizing, Creative thinking, Critical thinking, Decision making, Logical thinking, Motivating, Organizational skills, Presenting, Problem-solving.

Creative-Thinking Skills: Active listening, Artistic design, Brainstorming, Communication, Creative writing, Open-mindedness, Problem-solving.

Decision-Making Skills: Consensus decision-making, Data-driven decision-making, Ethical decision-making, Rational decision-making, Team decision-making.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

2022-2023 Chukker Creek Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Received Composer Credit for the following films:

Payton's Place (2019) – Directed by Saige Ashe – *Winner of Valdosta State University's Fall 2019 Student Showcase.*

Rise and Shine (2019) – Directed by S. Levi Johnson

Prism (2019) – Directed by Saige Ashe

Blood and Iron (2018) – Directed by Saige Ashe

Duplicity (2018) – Directed by S. Levi Johnson

Music Teacher National Association

State of Georgia, Young Artist Composition Competition Winner (2015)

Original Compositions Debuted in a Concert Setting

Seer (2019) - Valdosta State University

String Joust (2013) - Paul Knox Middle School

Dentro de la Marea (2011) - Augusta University

Adventures (2011) - Augusta University

Savannah River Winds

Augusta, GA

Clarinet Player

October 2009 – July 2017

Performed in an invite-only organization comprised of band directors and adult musicians. The primary focus of this ensemble is to spread awareness for Music Education and the arts.

Columbia County Civic Orchestra

Martinez, GA

Clarinet Player

August 2009 – May 2013

Performed in various concerts throughout the CSRA for community events.

MEMBERSHIPS:

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| ▪ Valdosta State University College of the Arts Student Advisory Council | December 2018 – July 2019 |
| ▪ Georgia Music Educators Association | September 2007 – 2017 |
| ▪ National Association for Music Educators (Formerly MENC) | September 2007 – 2017 |
| ▪ Phi Kappa Phi | November 2011 – 2013 |
| ▪ Augusta State Wind Ensemble (Vice President) | August 2010 – 2011 |
| ▪ Augusta State Orchestra (President) | August 2010 – 2011 |
| ▪ Collegiate Music Educators National Conference (Vice President) | August 2010 – 2011 |

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