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### **Professional Profile**

- Eager to nurture students' interest and appreciation of music by teaching theory, history, and practical skills. Highly creative, resourceful and passionate about instilling a lifelong love of music in children
- Pennsylvania and Maryland Certified in K-12 Choral and Instrumental Music
- Performance in Maryland Educators Wind Ensemble
- Performance experience with musical and opera productions at the high school and collegiate level
- Additional study with Professional Euphonium and Tuba Instructors in the Baltimore/DC Region

# **Professional Experience**

### **Diocese of Pittsburgh**

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Pittsburgh, Pa

General Music Teacher August 2016-Present

### Responsibilities

- 1. Instruct Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade.
- 2. Prepare Students for Winter and Spring Musical Program
- 3. Provide Music for Weekly Mass

### Trader Joe's

October 2016-Present

### Responsibilities

- 1. Provide the highest caliber of customer experience
- 2. Stocking Product
- 3. Interact with Customers to ease their shopping experience.

Dogwood Elementary School, Woodlawn, MD

Instrumental and Vocal Music Teacher August 2013 to June 2016

#### **Achievements**

- 1. Kindergarten- taught students the differences between high and low pitches, loud and soft, fast and slow, and began simple rhythms to develop the percussive abilities.
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Implementation of Dalcroze methods to student in order to understand the relationship between music and movement. Taught students simple rhythms to develop their percussive abilities.
- 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-Introduced students to singing and incorporated rhythms to assist in further learning comprehension of musical concepts.

- 4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Introduced students to multicultural music to guide them through a comparison and contrast between music from around the world with American folk songs.
- 5. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Introduction of musical families along with instrumental listening exercises to engage students in differentiating between the timbres of each instrument. Students continually developed their vocal and percussive abilities.
- 6. 5<sup>th</sup>- Instructed students on learning brass, woodwind, percussion, and string instruments.

### Responsibilities

- 1. Director of Dogwood Elementary School Band
- 2. Co-Director of Dogwood Elementary School Choir
- 3. Utilized technology in the classroom using PowerPoint and a Promethean Board

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St. Mark School, Catonsville, MD St. Michael the Arch Angel, Overlea, MD Music Teacher- August 2012 to June 2013

Resurrection Catholic School, Lancaster, Pa Music Teacher- August 2011-May 2012

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown, Pa
Instrumental Music Teacher, October 2011-May 2012

Pleasant Gap Elementary School, Pleasant Gap, PA Marion Walker Elementary School, Bellefonte, PA Student Teacher, January- March, 2011

Mount Nittany Middle School, Boalsburg, PA **Student Teacher, March-May, 2011** 

#### **Relevant Activities**

### **Relevant Courses**

Music in the Elementary School
Music in the Secondary School
Diction I
Advocacy for Music Education
Vocal/Choral Music in the Public Schools

Instrumental Conducting
Choral Conducting
Diction II
Integrating Arts in the Curriculum

#### Education

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, Mansfield, PA B.M. in Music Education 2011

## **Additional Study**

Seth Horner, Tuba

Principal Tuba Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Principal Tuba West Virginia Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Steven Kellner, Euphonium

Peabody Conservatory of Music

# References

Dr. Vincent P. Lawrence

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