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**EDUCATION**

**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA May 2014

***Bachelor of Music Education, Schreyer Honors College***Cum. GPA: 3.86

Thesis Title: “The Effectiveness of Digital Technology in

K-12 Strings and Orchestra Classrooms”

**Half Hollow Hills High School East**, Dix Hills, NY June 2010

***Board of Regents Advanced Designation with Honors***

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**MUSIC-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Exeter Township School District**, Reading, PA Spring 2014

***Student Teacher***

* Strings & Orchestra, grades 5-8
  + Focused on and improved tone production, bow usage, left and right hand

technique, note reading abilities, ear training, posture, and musicianship

* + Implemented practice incentive program with original assessment

and rubrics

* + Taught students with special needs and behavioral problems
* Band, grade 8
  + Addressed and built upon skills for: rhythm, intonation, dynamics

and air flow

* + Also taught students with special needs and behavioral problems
* General Music, grade 7
  + Created original lesson plans and detailed PowerPoint presentations

for 90 minute daily block class scheduling

* + Expanded students’ knowledge of significant Romantic composers

and popular music

**Jamaica Field Service Volunteer**, Boston Bay, Jamaica June 2013

* Taught music to ages 5-13 at rural, impoverished elementary school
* Led classes in Afro-Caribbean drumming, authentic Jamaican folk songs,

and basic recorder songs

**Lenina Crowne**, State College, PA Spring 2013 – Spring 2014

***Cellist in local indie-folk rock band***

* Experience improvising and performing popular musical styles
* Performed approximately 2-3 gigs per week

**Private Cello & Piano Teacher** Fall 2009 – Spring 2013

* Experience teaching students ages 6-21
* Prepared cello and piano students for solo competitions and solo recital;

each student received outstanding scores

**Altoona Symphony,** Altoona, PA Fall 2012 – Summer 2013

***Cellist***

**NON-MUSIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Full-time Nanny** Summer 2013

* Taught piano and Spanish lesson daily
* Prepared meals, provided transportation, maintained household routines,

supervised enrichment homework, managed activities

**Law Office Secretary** Summer 2012

* Scanned case-file documents, organized client list, and answered phones

**Garwood’s Restaurant & Pub** Summer 2008 – Summer 2011

* Busser and Food Preparer at upscale, lakefront restaurant

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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

* Deans List, All Semesters 2010 – 2014
* Gerald Bayles Memorial Scholarship, Schreyer Honors College Fall 2010 – Spring 2014
* Music Achievement Scholarship, All Semesters Fall 2010 – Spring 2014
* Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society Spring 2014
* HonorSociety.org Spring 2013 – Spring 2014
* Golden Key National Honor Society Fall 2012 – Spring 2014
* Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society Fall 2012 – Spring 2014
* Dorothy Hughes Young Endowed Scholarship, Music Education Spring 2013
* Schreyer Honors College Grant for Jamaica Field Service Spring 2013

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

* **American String Teachers Association** September 2011 – Spring 2014
  + Treasurer September 2011 – September 2012
  + Vice President September 2012 – September 2013
  + Attended national conferences (2012, 2013, 2014)
* **Pennsylvania Music Educators Association** September 2010 – Spring 2014
  + Member
  + Attended state conferences (2011, 2012, 2013)

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**OTHER SKILLS**

* **Spanish Language Proficiency**
  + Intermediate Speaker and Writer (9 years of experience)
* **Technology Skills**
  + Sibelius, Finale, Garage Band, MIDI Files, Music Apps, recording equipment
  + Word, Excel, PowerPoint

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**References available upon request**