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## Education:

### Wichita State University

2021-2023

- M.M. Special Music Education
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship in Elementary/General/Special Music Education
- Cumulative GPA – 4.0

### Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

2017 – 2021

- Graduated May 2021 – Summa Cum Laude
- Major: Music Education
- Minor: Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Saxophone – Dr. Jeremy Justeson
- Cumulative GPA – 3.93
- Dean's List- 8 semesters

### Richmond University: Rome

December 2019 – January 2020

- Richmond The American International University in London; Rome, Italy Campus
- January term abroad - Winter 2020; Rome, Italy
- Comparative World Religions

### Parsippany Hills High School

2013-2017

- Graduated June 2017
- Cumulative GPA – 4.02

## **Teaching and Work Experience:**

### **The Deron School II**

**May 2023 – Present**

- **Music Teacher**
  - Create music experiences including general music instruction, choir, world percussion, lessons on guitar, piano, drum set, and act as advisor for the music club for 15 – 21 year olds with special needs.

### **Parsippany High School**

**Fall 2023 – Present**

- **Assistant Marching Band Director / Inclusive Marching Coordinator**
  - Rehearse the marching band throughout the season, including woodwind and pit percussion.
  - Advocate for and create accommodations for student marchers with special needs.

### **Denville Community Church**

**Fall 2023 – Spring 2024**

- **Children's Choir & Bell Choir Director**
  - Rehearse and perform children's music groups at DCC. Created and implemented adaptive music experiences for younger children to successfully play hand bells in a group.

### **Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation Adult Day Program**

**Fall 2022 – Spring 2023**

- **Music Teacher**
  - Create music experiences for adults with disabilities
  - Adapted instruction to meet the needs of individuals so that they can enjoy and participate in music.

### **Wichita Music Academy | Garten's Music**

**Fall 2022- Spring 2023**

- **Private Lesson Instructor**
  - Planned and taught weekly private music lessons for saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet, and trombone students from beginner to advanced levels.

### **Blessed Sacrament Catholic School**

**Fall 2021 – Spring 2023**

- **Band Director**
  - Restarted the band program post Covid-19.
  - Expanded the beginner band program to 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Created leadership and musical opportunities for students with prior musical experience
  - Curated music, rehearsed, and planned 2 concerts.

### **Envision Child Development Center**

**Fall 2021-Spring 2023**

- **Music Teacher**
  - Taught toddler and pre-kindergarten music classes. Created lessons, activities, games, songs, and presented programs for parents.

**Mt. Tabor Summer Band Camp****2017 – Present**

- **Beginner Band Director**  
○ I taught beginner lessons on all band instruments and directed the beginner band ensemble.
- **Saxophone Teacher**  
○ I taught all saxophone lessons to campers from grades 5-12. Instructed high school saxophone ensemble.  
○ Additional responsibilities: created and assessed trivia questions. Lead alto saxophone in faculty jazz band.
- **Monitor**  
○ I monitored students throughout the day at summer camp. Additionally, I taught in the practice room as well as created engaging musical activities for students to participate in while they are not in classes.
- **Intern**  
○ I participated in teaching, observing, and playing in summer music courses at Mt. Tabor Summer Band Camp

**Summer 2021****Summer 2018 – 2019****Summer 2017****Keep Music Alive****January 2021-March 2022**

- **Volunteer**  
○ I volunteered my time and efforts to sending emails and corresponding with partners for Teach Music Week, an event hosted by Keepmusicalive.org

**Kutztown University Music Department****Spring 2018 – Spring 2019**

- **Recording Technician**  
○ I was part of the team of students who recorded live concerts for the Kutztown University Music Department archives and submissions.

**Kutztown University Housing and Residence Life****Fall 2018 – Spring 2019**

- **Community Assistant**  
○ I assisted students through the end of their freshmen year by hosting events and providing guidance.
- **Desk Receptionist**  
○ Assisted students by enforcing housing rules and regulations, sorting mail, signing guests in and out of the building, and being a part of the community.

**Spring 2019****Fall 2018****Target Teach – Parsippany Hills High School****Fall 2016 – Spring 2017**

- **Teaching Intern**  
○ Observed music educators in their classrooms. Developed and executed lesson plans with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary band students.

## Performance Experience:

- Mt Tabor Summer Band Camp Faculty Jazz Band
  - Lead Alto Saxophone/soloist
- Bloomingdale Community Band
  - Substitute alto sax 1
- Wichita State University Jazz Ensemble 1
  - Baritone and Tenor Saxophone
- Wichita State University Jazz Ensemble II
  - Lead Alto Saxophone/soloist
- Wichita State University Symphonic Band
  - Bassoon
- Kutztown University Wind Ensemble
  - Principal Alto Saxophone
- Kutztown University Studio Orchestra
  - Lead Alto Saxophone
  - Featured Soloist
    - *Temptation* by Charlie Parker
- Kutztown University Orchestra
  - Second bassoon
  - Alto saxophone
- Saxophone Ensemble and quartets
- Kutztown University Jazz Ensemble 2
  - Lead Tenor Saxophone
  - Featured Clarinet soloist
    - *Stompin' at the Savoy* by Benny Goodman
    - *Moonlight Serenade* by Glenn Miller
- Kutztown University Rock Ensemble 2
- Kutztown University Choir
- Kutztown University Flute Choir
- Kutztown University Marching Unit
- Pit Orchestra
  - *Crazy For You* (alto and soprano sax)
  - *Legally Blonde* (bass guitar)
    - Pit Orchestra Manager
  - *Bye Bye Birdie* (alto and tenor sax, bass clarinet)
  - *HONK: the musical* (alto sax, flute, clarinet)
  - *Mamma Mia* (keyboard 4)
- Parsippany Hills High School Marching Band
  - Drum Major
  - Section Leader

Summer 2017 – Present  
 Summer 2021 – Present  
 July 2024

Spring 2023

Spring 2022 – Fall 2022

Spring 2022

Fall 2017 – Fall 2020

Fall 2018 – Fall 2020

Spring 2020

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Spring 2016

Spring 2017

Fall 2018

Spring 2020

2013-2016

Fall 2016

Fall 2015

## **Scholarship:**

### **Music Educators Journal | Publication**

**June 2024**

- Article published in the Music Educators Journal regarding research on the benefits of participation in music education, particularly for autistic persons and their siblings to foster positive relationships within neurodiverse families.

### **Wichita State Hutton Music Education Fellow**

**Spring 2023**

- The Hutton Music Education Fellowship is a grant for full time music education graduate students at Wichita State. It is an honor and a privilege to be presented with the Hutton Fellowship for my final year in graduate school.

### **KSMEA ISW Performer | Jazz Arts 1**

**February 2023**

- Performed with WSU's Jazz Arts 1 at the Kansas Music Educators in Service Workshop (convention) on Bari Sax, Tenor Sax, and Clarinet.

### **KSMEA ISW Presenter**

**February 2023**

- Presented my research and recommendations regarding siblings of autism and music. My presentation was titled, "Tears in the Key of E: Including Siblings of Autism in Special Music Education"

### **Bassoon Masterclass Presenter**

**WSU Middle School Band Day 2022**

- Played for and taught a bassoon masterclass for middle school bassoonists in the Wichita area.

### **ISME World Conference Pre - Conference Seminars: Presenter**

**Summer 2022**

- Presented for the International Society for Music Education's Special Music Education and Music Therapy Commission. With my co-presenter, Elaine Bernstorf, I discussed the importance of supporting families, especially siblings, of people with autism through music education.

### **Kutztown University Guest Speaker**

**Spring 2022**

- Presented virtually for several groups at Kutztown University. I was invited to speak to the collegiate NAFME chapter on applying to graduate school and about teaching students with special needs. I also was invited to present to the students taking a course titled "The Modern Private Music Teacher" regarding teaching private students who have disabilities.

## **Awards:**

### **Graduate Student of the Year- Finalist**

**Spring 2022**

This award is a prestigious award presented annually to one graduate student at Wichita State University through a three round selection process. Selection includes an application and several letters of recommendation, and an interview and presentation. A panel of judges determines the graduate student of the year using all application materials. There were over 150 applicants; I was honored to make it to the top 5.

### **ISME Conference Attendance Award**

**Spring/Summer 2022**

After having been selected to present my research at the summer 2022 ISME world conference I applied for a conference scholarship to afford attending. I was glad to be selected by the organization to attend their conference at no cost.

### **Twins and Triplets Mothers Club Scholarship**

**Fall 2021**

This scholarship is awarded based on an application and recommendations to students who are twin or a sibling of twins whose mother is an active member of the twins and triplet's mothers club. I am not a twin, though my brothers, Eric and Ryan, are.

### **CVPA Student Excellence Award**

**Spring 2021**

This award is given to students at Kutztown Universities' College of Visual and Performing Arts. One student from each department receives this award, and it is received through nomination from the student's department of study. I received this award for the department of Music Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

### **Clinical Experience Award**

**Spring 2021**

This award is given to student teachers at Kutztown University who receive an A in their clinical experience placements. The students must be considered excellent in the four categories of "Planning and Preparation, Classroom Environment, Instructional Delivery, and Professionalism".

### **David Bilger Graduation Scholarship**

**Spring 2021**

This Scholarship is granted to graduating Music Education students who studied saxophone at Kutztown University. The recipient is someone who is considered a leading musician and educator in the Kutztown University Music Department.

### **Trollinger Music Educators Scholarship**

**Fall 2019 – Spring 2020**

This scholarship is awarded to one junior Music Education major at Kutztown University who is recognized by peers and faculty as a leader within the music department. This scholarship is received through nomination by a faculty member and is approved by the music department faculty each year.

**Wells Scholarship****Fall 2019 – Spring 2021**

This scholarship is given to returning KU students who exemplify the standards of musicianship, including leadership skills, improvisation skills, and participation in the jazz ensembles at KU. I received this scholarship for both my junior and senior years at Kutztown.

**Reid F. Lessig Scholarship****Fall 2018 – Spring 2019**

Recipient of the Reid F. Lessig scholarship given through the Graduate Organization of bands for the 2018-2019 school year. This scholarship is given each year to two dedicated and hard-working freshmen music majors involved in multiple bands at Kutztown University.

**Music Direct Scholarship****Fall 2018 – Spring 2021**

This award is given to individual students within Kutztown University's music department. The amount provided is based on merit and need. Students are generally recommended for this scholarship. I received a Music Direct scholarship for my sophomore, junior, and senior years.

**Alpha Delta Epsilon Scholarship****Fall 2017 – Spring 2021**

This award is from the fraternity Alpha Delta Epsilon, which was a local fraternity at Rutgers University. The scholarship is awarded to brothers and sisters of ADE as well as their children, upon application. Financial need and merit are taken into consideration. I have received a small scholarship from ADE for all four years I attended Kutztown University.

**Coaches Award for Marching Band (Scholarship)****Fall 2017 – Spring 2018**

This award is given to a student graduating from Parsippany Hills High School who was an outstanding member of the marching band for four years. Students apply through application along with a letter of recommendation from the band director. I received this scholarship during my senior year of high school to help with college costs.

**Mt. Tabor Summer Band Scholarship.****Fall 2017 – Spring 2018**

This award is given to a senior graduating from Parsippany Hills High School who has shown dedication to music and the arts by attending Mt. Tabor Summer Band Camp. This is a college scholarship; the recipient is chosen directly by the Parsippany Hills High School band director.

## **Leadership Positions:**

### **Sigma Alpha Iota | Wichita Alumnae Chapter**

**Fall 2022 – Spring 2023**

- **Vice President of Programs**
  - Create and host meetings and events for the Wichita Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota.

### **Graduate Student Council**

**Fall 2021-Spring 2022**

- **College of Fine Arts Representative**
  - Served as a council member of the GSC representing the college of Fine Arts.
  - Helped to develop the election process and revamp the constitution of the organization.
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### **National Association for Music Education Collegiate**

- **Chapter President** **Spring 2019 – Spring 2020**
  - As President I called and ran chapter meetings, created the Music Education mentor program, established a chapter constitution and delegated responsibilities to the executive board. In addition to my duties as president, I was also a founding member of the Kutztown University chapter of the National Association for Music Education.
- **Member** **Spring 2019 – Present**

### **Sigma Alpha Iota, Mu Zeta Chapter**

- **Vice President, Ritual** **Fall 2019 – Spring 2021**
  - As VPR I am responsible for running ritual ceremonies and keeping ritual equipment safe. The ritual must be taken seriously and respected by all sisters of SAI.
- **Member** **Fall 2018 – Present**

### **National Society of Leadership and Success**

**Fall 2020-Spring 2021**

- **Induction Chair**
  - Member of the Kutztown University NSLS Chapter executive board. Served the chapter by sending reminders and clarified questions for new members. Also prepared induction materials.

### **Kutztown University Wind Ensemble**

- **Principal Saxophone** **Fall 2018, Spring 2020 – Fall 2020**
  - As principal saxophone I am responsible for running sectionals and making sure my peers in my section are keeping up with the rest of the ensemble. This job has become even more important during Covid-19 as we have limited rehearsal time and therefore it is vital everyone come into rehearsal with their parts prepared.
- **Member** **Fall 2017 – Fall 2020**



## Memberships:

**International Society for Music Education**  
Member

**Fall 2021 – Present**

**Phi Kappa Phi**  
Member

**Spring 2021**

**National Society for Leadership and Success**  
Member

**Fall 2020**

**National Association for Music Education**  
Member

**Fall 2017**

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Kansas

**Tri-M Music Honors Society**  
Member / Treasurer

**Spring 2016**

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