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EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Music Education (With Distinction) University of Missouri-Kansas City	1972-1977
Graduate Level Continuing Education University of Missouri-Kansas City	1980-1981
Master of Arts in Education Lindenwood University	2002-2003
Graduate Coursework for Administration of Education Lindenwood University	2003-2004
Graduate Coursework VanderCook College of Music	2005
Graduate Coursework University of Missouri-St. Louis	2005

EMPLOYMENT:

Director of Bands, Parkway South High School Parkway School District St. Louis County, Missouri	1992-Present
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Responsibilities are extensive and include organizing, rehearsing, and directing all bands at Parkway South High School. The program has grown to include over 200 students in the marching band, four concert bands, four jazz combos, percussion ensemble, and pep band. The position includes individual and small group instruction with students as well as meetings with parent support groups. In recent years emphasis has been directed toward developing student leadership and student ownership in the ensembles, and I have taken a role in school staff development. District and department responsibilities continue to include budget, calendar, maintenance and inventory.

Jazz Band Director, Washington University	1986-Present
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As the director of the jazz ensemble, I organize, rehearse, and direct the band in performances. Allocation of funds to best benefit the group and selection/purchase of appropriate literature for rehearsals and performances are also responsibilities. In January, 1991, the Jazz Band appeared at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference.

Band Teacher and Assistant Director 1986-1992
Barretts Elementary School, Sorrento Springs Elementary
School, Parkway South Junior High School, and
Parkway South High School

I was responsible for recruiting and instructing beginning band students, directing second year students, providing individual instruction and evaluation for junior high students, and assisting the high school bands. Rehearsing and directing the high school marching band, symphonic band, and jazz band was the largest part of the position. The high school jazz band appeared at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference in January, 1991.

Adjunct Music Instructor, Maryville University 1982-1986

I taught percussion methods classes for Music Therapy and Music Education Majors.

Director of Bands, Parkway Central High School 1981-1986
Parkway School District
St. Louis County, Missouri

Responsibilities were extensive and included organizing, rehearsing, and directing performances of the marching band, symphonic band, and jazz band at Parkway Central. I also taught beginning guitar, electronic music, jazz improvisation, and music appreciation. The position required individual and small group instruction with students, as well as meetings with parent support groups. Department responsibilities included budget, calendar, maintenance and inventory.

Band Director, Park Hill South Junior High School 1977-1981
Assistant Band Director, Park Hill High School
Park Hill School District
Kansas City, Missouri

At Park Hill, my job was to recruit and instruct beginning band students, direct second and third year band students, inventory and maintain instruments and music library; assist the high school marching band, direct the second high school concert band, and prepare students for solo and ensemble music festival. Park Hill Bands performed in both state and national music conventions, and many students enjoyed success in the All State Band and at the District and State Music Festivals.