SAMANTHA JONES

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Dedicated music teacher adept at choosing repertoire that challenges and inspires students while supporting musical development and meeting curriculum objectives. Well versed in helping performers improve sound and skills through student-centered rehearsal techniques. Excellent interpersonal, leadership, and planning abilities developed over 9 years in music education. Seeking to apply successful history in building programs and increasing musical talent to a school valuing student achievement, diversity, and innovation.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- CONSISTENT SUPERIOR RATINGS achieved at Music Performance Assessment events.
- **DEVELOPED MENTORSHIP PROGRAM** pairing 120 beginning and intermediate band students with high school student mentors for weekly lessons, increasing learning for both the mentors and mentees, elevating performances for both groups, and creating private lessons for students who were unable to obtain them before.
- INCREASED PROGRAM by 40%, tripling the retention of beginning band students as compared to the prior director at Kahuku High School.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HIGHLAND OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL ◆ 2021 - Present

Band Director ♦ Orchestra Director ♦ Choir Director

Designed and implemented new beginning instrumental curriculum to allow students to clearly see their progress and goals, giving them greater satisfaction and yielding improved musical outcomes. Communicated effectively with parents and stakeholders through Class Dojo. Created student ownership in the classroom by cultivating individual musicianship and confidence and allowing them to make impactful decisions. Regularly updated Gradebook platform to keep parents and students apprised of their progress.

- Consistently yielded high student achievement across 3 grade levels in band, orchestra, and choir.
- Organized 4 concerts per year as well as student participation in District Music Performance Assessment and Solo and Ensemble Events.
- Partnered with Dr Michael M Krop High School to create mentor/mentee relationships between students to support the feeder pattern as well as facilitate student growth.
- Applied and was accepted to perform at Disney Springs and had a successful overnight music program trip in 2024 and 2025.
- Vetted, hired, and managed a six person coaching and private lesson staff to ensure that students received high-quality professional instruction on their instrument.

KAHUKU HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ◆ 2017 - 2021

Band Director ♦ Performing Arts and World Languages Department Head

Prioritized improving technique, music theory, and musicality individually and as an ensemble. Designed a curriculum that scaffolds students from beginning band through the end of high school, ensuring their fluency in reading music as well as developing individual technique and ensemble skills. Implemented student-centered rehearsal techniques, giving students ownership over the process and empowering them to make musical decisions. Regularly updated Infinite Campus to keep parents and students apprised of their progress.

- Improved student achievement across 6 grade levels, resulting in improved large ensemble performance.
- Organized 3 concerts per year as well as football, pep rally, parade, and elementary school outreach performances.
- Utilized assessment and feedback as a formative tool to increase student motivation and individual student achievement.
- Implemented use of technology in the classroom to enhance student learning by giving them greater voice in the rehearsal process.
- Managed Performing Arts and World Languages Department financial responsibilities in excess of \$10K, catalogued, managed, and organized 300+ instrument inventory and 450+ piece band library, working closely with local instrument repair shop to keep instruments in working
- Facilitated department meetings multiple times a month to create a collaborative and supportive environment focused on student outcomes.
- Aided 5 department members with finding solutions to immediate concerns, including technological issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUNSET BEACH ELEMENTARY ★ 2016 - 2017

General Music Teacher

Developed and promoted school's academic and creative reputation to align with overall strategic vision. Formulated and implemented effective lesson plans focusing on principles of music, musicianship, music theory, and history. Helped students appreciate arts with instructional and immersive techniques. Maintained students' progress by evaluating and adjusting strategies.

- Designed and implemented a standards-aligned curriculum across 7 grade levels to challenge students and encourage excellence.
- Collaborated with 8 teachers to support their curriculum through an arts-integrated approach.

EDUCATION

Master of Music Education | Boston University | 2020 | GPA: 3.96

Bachelor of Music Education | Emphasis: Instrumental Music—Band | University of Colorado at Boulder | 2015 | GPA: 3.819 College of Music Outstanding Graduate