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Career Summary

As a *teacher*, I increased the size of a marching band from 39 to 93 in 4 years, involving nearly 20% of the student body in a competitive program that ranked 4th in Class C State twice. As a *small business owner*, I created a niche for a specific type of vertical market software which became the industry standard in the world of product fundraising, used by distributors in 46 states. As *Adjunct Music Faculty* at a local university, I managed the largest of the wind instrument studios in the department. In current high school, I helped increase band size from 82 to 105 and attainment of first regional gold rating in a decade, initiated two new performance ensembles, digitized pep band books into downloadable files for use on student iPads, and increased communication via weblogs and via multiple social media.

Profile and Proficiencies

I have worked in sales and management, started a business, hired and trained employees, developed, documented and supported software and know how to respond, communicate, encourage, organize, criticize and accept criticism. I ask questions to qualify answers, set and follow agendas, oversee or actively participate in meetings, hire, train and manage employees, teach students and interact comfortably, fluently and frequently with parents. I have written business and educational contracts, handbooks, significantly successful grants, organized new band uniform selection and planned group overnight trips. I manage multiple domains, weblogs and social media accounts for myself and others, am fluent in PC and Mac environments utilizing programs and services including Office, contact management, email marketing, blogging, website design, Skype, music software (Finale, Smartmusic, GarageBand) and related iPad apps. I am Indiana licensed (#1089847, Bulletin 400) for K-12 Music with experience in grades 6-12 and at the college level. I play in Huntington's Community Band and in several ensembles at Huntington University (Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Musical Pit Ensembles). I have performed in faculty recitals and have maintained a private studio of clarinet and saxophone students for over fifteen years. Within both the corporate and education world, from being on the top and the bottom, I understand, respect and work well within a chain of command.

Work Experience

Huntington County Schools, Huntington, IN

High School Asst. Band Director

8/05 – Present

Part-time position at Huntington North High School. Assist with Marching, Symphonic, Freshman and pep bands, plus winter activities (Guard and Percussion). *Designed* and coordinated newest band uniform purchase. *Initiated* both Winter Guard and Winter Percussion programs, including recruiting/hiring initial staff. *Created* weblog and social media accounts for student and parent communication. *Transitioned* pep bands to all digital music via iPad. *Received* Butler University's "Teacher of Excellence" Award. *Generated* over \$7000 in private donations, grants (Ecolab, Lafontaine Arts Council, Sigma Eta Sorority, Senior Class) and special scholarships for students, music lessons and the program. Consistently positive evaluations. Former principal wrote, "You have been a welcome breath of fresh air. I hear your praises from parents and students on a daily basis."

Huntington University, Huntington, IN

Adjunct Instructor

9/96 – Present

Contracted to teach Applied Clarinet and Saxophone. Also rehearse and perform with the symphonic band, university orchestra and some theater production ensembles.

QDP Corporation, Huntington, IN

Co-Owner / President / Sales Manager

Founded QDP Corporation based on data processing services using internally developed software which is marketed internationally with software and service clients in 46 states and Canada.

Conducted professional training seminars at national industry conventions. QDP also d/b/a Priority Fund Raising, a product fundraising distributorship.

Education

Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Ball State School of Music Graduate Program 18 credit hours toward a Master of Music degree.
3.9 GPA

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

B.M.E.

Full tuition scholarship. Also scholarships from UK Giving Fund, Alumni Assoc. and McCracken Foundation. President Phi Mu Alpha Honorary Music Fraternity. Winner Concerto Competition. Principal Clarinet in Univ Orchestra. Student conductor Univ Concert Band. Four year GPA 3.4.

Community Activities

Huntington County Community Schools

2000 – 8/05

Volunteer Assisted in sectional rehearsals and critiques for high and middle school bands.

Private Music Studio

2000 – Present

Fee Based Teach saxophone, clarinet, conducting and theory locally and virtually.

Huntington North Varsity Singers

2000 – Present

Volunteer Directed backup ensemble for show choir during son's senior year. 'Best Band' in three of six competitions.

Huntington North Band Parents

2000 – 2001

Volunteer Vice President 1 yr. President 1 yr. Moderated monthly meetings. Responsible for raising \$91,000 for Disney trip and new uniforms. Presented a "Defense of the Arts" to the School Board when programs were threatened, resulting in standing ovation and some requested program changes. Transcript available.

Other community activities include Big Brother Volunteer, church worship leader, deacon, teacher, web designer, Huntington Theatre Guild, parent organizations at Central Elem, Horace Mann Elem and Huntington North (Band Parent Vice President, President), church speaker for Gideons International plus local camp Vice President and President.