

SAMUEL BEESON

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OBJECTIVE

Music Education major with 4 years of experience, seeking full-time band director or assistant band director roles where I can cultivate a culture of excellence, develop a sense of community within the program, and foster a love of music in all students.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music Education, Western Michigan University April 2024
GPA: 3.72/4.0; Deans List: Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall, 2023, Spring 2024

Associate of Arts, Kalamazoo Valley Community College April 2021
GPA: 3.14/4.0; Honors Program; Deans List: Winter 2020, Winter 2021

SKILLS

Technical Skills Musescore, Sibelius, Pyware, Arrangement, Composition, Drill Writing

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Final Internship Experience January 2024 - Present
Rockford Public Schools *Rockford, MI*

- Work as a band director, co-teaching with a mentor teacher for 280+ middle school students grades 6-8.
- Maintain day-to-day operations of an excellent band program. Worked with both middle schools and the high school, attended professional development, and parent-teacher conferences.
- Develop comprehensive and diverse plans to address ensemble issues, such as music theory knowledge, tone production, and ensemble balance.
- Prepare students for large performances, such as district and state festivals, concerts, and other extracurricular performances.

Pre-Internship Experience December 2022 - December 2023
Portage West Middle School, Plainwell Middle School, Plainwell High School *Kalamazoo, MI*

- Gained experience running sectionals, providing one on one feedback, and conducting full band rehearsals.
- Learned effective strategies for developing lesson plans, communicating and collaborating with co-workers, and score study.

Visual Staff August 2023 - Present
Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps *Casper, WY*

- Provide personalized feedback and coaching to individual members, improving their technique and execution of visual elements.
- Collaborate with other staff members to ensure seamless integration of visual and musical components, creating a cohesive and dynamic show concept.

Brass/Visual Caption Manager August 2020 - October 2023
Mattawan High School *Mattawan, MI*

- Developed a cohesive curriculum and implemented effective instructional strategies for brass musicians and visual performers, contributing to improved overall ensemble proficiency.
- Coordinated with other supervisors and staff to align brass and visual concepts with the rest of the ensemble, ensuring a unified and polished performance.

Brass/Visual Instructor

Rockford High School, Portage Central High School

August 2023 - Present
Rockford, MI/Portage, MI

- Develop and implement diverse instructional strategies for brass musicians and visual performers, contributing to improved overall ensemble proficiency.

Private Lesson Instructor

Beeson Trumpet Studio

December 2021 - Present
Kalamazoo, MI

- Established and manage a successful private lesson studio specializing in trumpet performance.
- Maintain a consistent record of student progress through regular assessments and feedback sessions.

ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE

WMU Wind Symphony

August - December 2023

WMU University Symphony Orchestra

January 2023 - May 2023

WMU Symphonic Band *Principal Trumpet*

January - December 2022

WMU Jazz Lab Band

August 2023 - November 2023

WMU Concert Band *Principal Trumpet*

September - December 2021

WMU Bronco Marching Band *Trumpet Section Leader*

August 2021 - December 2022

Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps

2022/2023 Season

Legends Drum and Bugle Corps

2019 Season

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Pi Kappa Lambda Member *The primary objective of the Society is the recognition and encouragement of the highest level of musical achievement and academic scholarship.*

NAfME Member *NAfME is a collaborative community that supports music educators and advocates for equitable access to music education.*

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Education Sales Associate

Meyer Music

May 2021 - May 2022
Kalamazoo, MI

- Gained experience working with a variety of band and orchestra instruments, accessories, and print music.
- Developed relationships with directors in the area, learned their equipment preferences, and learned what they need to run their programs.

Student Ambassador

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

February 2020 - May 2021
Kalamazoo, MI

- Conducted campus tours and other events for prospective students and families.
- Developed Kalamazoo Valley Community College's social media strategy and content.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Scott Boerma, *Director of Bands, Western Michigan University*

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