

## Missouri Music Educators Association

A Federated State Association of the National Association for Music Education

## Welcome to the 2022 Mentoring Conference!

Our theme for the conference is Home Grown: Tending to our Teachers. Throughout the history of our mentoring program, the Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) has sought to provide our new and recently new teachers the resources and mentorship that they want and need to be successful. This program has garnered national attention for its content and structure. As we continue to build on our past successes, we are constantly seeking opportunities to grow and better serve our newer teachers. With this in mind, we have expanded our offerings this year to include content for large school directors and incorporated our Tri-M and NAfME-C workshops to coincide with the mentoring conference. We are also excited to welcome members from out of state who are new to Missouri. It is our focus to grow our own teachers as is reflected in our theme. I hope that those of you that are here as mentors AND mentees take the time to connect with our future educators. Encourage them and build relationships with them to create a community of support both in and out of the classroom. We tailor this conference to allow you to present your specific needs. It is our intent that you leave this conference with confidence, clarity, and a support system that will stand alongside you for the entirety of our career. While you will hit some bumps in the road along the way, we are here to assure you that MMEA has your back and we are willing and able to help you overcome whatever obstacles you may face. Welcome to the MMEA family!

Brian Hartman, President

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