



MENTORING CONFERENCE

Tri-M Summit & NAFME-C Workshop

A Drop in the Bucket: Expanding our Possibilities

September 17 & 18, 2023
Tan-Tar-A Conference Center



Sunday, September 17, Tan-Tar-A Conference Center

Mentoring Conference Schedule

NAfME-C Schedule

12:00 pm
Registration

Compass Rose

12:00 pm
Registration

76/77

1:00 pm
Don't Question Your Life Choices Just Yet -
Steve Litwiller

Compass Rose

1:00 pm
Do the Hustle: Making Efficient Use of Your Time in
Rehearsal - Adam Zrust

76/77

1:45 pm
Finding the Teacher Within -
Hailee Kaestner/Caroline Williams

Compass Rose

1:55 pm
Maintaining Mental Health While Getting a Music
Degree Discussion - Bob Cagle, moderator

76/77

2:30 pm
Band (Cedar Cove) S. Litwiller, K. Donnelly, S. Swink
K-12 (Compass Rose) V. Miner, E. Betts, C. Sprague
Elementary (Island) R. Spencer, S. Baer
Orchestra (Port) S. Wallace
Choir (Coral Reef) J. Kratzer, P. Dell, B. Hartman,
A. Neff, S. Cook

Breakout Sessions

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Breakout Sessions

3:45 pm
MSHSAA Update
James Melton

Compass Rose

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4:30 pm
"How, What, When?"
Let us Help! Mentor Lounge Part 1
Brian Hartman

Compass Rose

4:30 pm
Developing Important Relationships - Kathy Bhat

76/77

5:25 pm
Let's Collaborate! Making the Most Out of Collegiate
Colleagues Discussion - Bob Cagle, moderator

76/77

5:45 pm
Dinner

JB's Boathouse Deck

5:45 pm
Dinner

Nautical Wheeler

7:00 pm
"Practice Makes Progress" Learning Lab

Compass Rose

7:00 pm
Social Event

TBA

8:15 pm
Choir (Coral Reef)
Band (Cedar Cove)
K-12 (Compass Rose)
Elementary (Island)
Orchestra (Port)

Breakout Sessions

8:15 pm
Choir (Coral Reef)
Band (Cedar Cove)
K-12 (Compass Rose)
Elementary (Island)
Orchestra (Port)

Breakout Sessions

9:00 pm
Social Networking

License to Chill

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Monday, September 18, Tan-Tar-A Conference Center

Mentoring Conference Schedule

8:00 am Compass Rose
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am Compass Rose
"How, What, When?" Let us Help!
Mentor Lounge Part 2

9:00 am Compass Rose
**Yes, You Can! Advocating with
Legislators and Administrators -
Missouri Senator Karla Eslinger**

10:00 am Breakout Sessions
Choir (Coral Reef)
Band (Cedar Cove)
K-12 (Compass Rose)
Elementary (Island)
Orchestra (Port)

11:30 Compass Rose
**Finding Joy! Self Care for Music
Educators**

12:15 Compass Rose
**Closing Remarks/
Conference Wrap Up**

NAfME-C Schedule

8:00 am Compass Rose
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am Compass Rose
"How, What, When?" Let us Help!
Mentor Lounge Part 2

9:00 am Compass Rose
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Legislators and Administrators -
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10:00 am 76/77
**Creating a Welcoming Space for
All Students in the Elementary and
General Music Classroom -
Dr. Dorothy Glick-Maglione**

11:15 am 74/75
**Why Do Music in College? -
NAfME-C talks to Tri-M Members**

12:00 pm
End of Event

Tri-M Summit

8:00 am 74/75
Registration

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National Association for Music Education

9:00 am 74/75
**On the Hunt! Scavenger Hunt for
Tri-M Members**

10:00 am 74/75
**Music Advocacy -
Missouri Senator Karla Eslinger**

11:15 am 74/75
**Why Do Music in College? -
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12:00 pm Parasol 1
Tri-M Lunch

1:00 pm 74/75
**How to Celebrate Music in Our
Schools Month - Jennifer Patterson**

2:00 pm 74/75
Tri M Chapter Shares

3:00-3:30 pm 74/75
Close of Summit

***Thank you for attending! Remember you are
not alone. Use your resources and stay in touch!
Hope to see you at MMEA in January!***

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Willie Grega

One Mentor/Presenter
Dr. Robert M. Gifford
Robert Nordman
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Roger Kent Summers

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Ron Sayer
Chris Sprague



Hailee Kaestner begins her fourth year teaching at New Bloomfield R-III. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Missouri State University. She was awarded the 2023 David B. Goodwin Outstanding Young Music Educator. Prior to this, she earned the MBA Young Bandmasters Grant in 2021. She has served on the District's Mentor Committee.



Jodi Kratzer teaches vocal music at Fort Zumwalt North Middle School. She holds a degree in Vocal Music Education from Concordia University Chicago, has earned her Level II Certification from the CME Institute for Choral Teacher Education, and received Outstanding District Director awards from the MCDA in 2018 and 2022. She is an active member of ACDA and NAFME.



Sarah Cook is in her 20th year teaching vocal music (grades 6-12) at the Lafayette County C-1 School District. Mrs. Cook studied at the UCM where she earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree in vocal music and a Master of Arts in Music Education degree. Mrs. Cook is a member of NAFME, MMEA, ACDA, MCDA, and MSTA, and serves as the secretary/treasurer for West Central MMEA.



Elizabeth Betts is currently in her third year as Director of Bands for the Fayette School District in Fayette, Missouri. She has taught the past 14 years in small, Missouri schools- many of them spent teaching PreK-12 Music. She has been involved with the MMEA mentoring program for five years, and is a member of MMEA, NafME, and MBA. Elizabeth resides in Fayette.



Caroline Williams is the music teacher at Sunrise R-9 where she teaches preschool through 8th grade. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Webster University and is currently pursuing a Master's degree with Missouri State University. She is a member of MMEA, MBA, and NAFME and has been a recipient of an MMEA Legacy Scholarship and MBA Young Director Grants.



Chris Sprague retired in July of 2022. She spent 27 years at Bradleyville teaching K-12 instrumental, vocal, and general music. Chris is currently serving as the Past President of the Missouri Music Educators Association and previously served as MMEA President from 2020-2022. She has been heavily involved in the MMEA Mentoring Program since its inception.



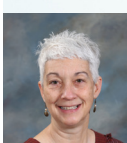
Aaron Neff is the music teacher at Arcadia Valley High School. Aaron received his degrees from Mineral Area College and at Central Methodist University. He is currently working on his Master's degree from Central Methodist University. As an advocate for music education, Aaron has played a pivotal role in organizing school concerts and community events for his students.



Kyle Donnelly received his bachelor's in music education from the University of Missouri, his master's in music education from Central Methodist University. Presently, he serves as the Assistant Band Director for West Middle School in Columbia, where he also assists with the Hickman Marching Kewpies. He has served as a mentor for first year music teachers through MMEA since 2014.



René Spencer has 37 years of Missouri teaching experience and is currently an adjunct instructor at Missouri Southern State University and instructor for the Kodaly Institute of the Ozarks at Missouri State University. René earned her BME from Southwest Baptist University, her masters in instrumental music education and Orff Level 1 certification from MSU.



Sheila Baer is in her 21st year at Union RXI School District teaching PreK - 5th grade general music. She also directs a 4th-5th grade choir which sings in the community and at school assemblies as well as co-director of the East Central College Youth Ensemble. She is the VP for Early Childhood/Elementary Music for MMEA, and Mentoring vp for MMEA East Central District #7.



Shelly Swink is in her second year as band director at Glasgow High School in Glasgow, MO. Ms. Swink has served as an event organizer for Glasgow's music conference. Shelly teaches classes in guitar and piano, as well as assisting students in individual instrumental lessons. Shelly received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Central Methodist University in 2022.



Steve Litwiller taught instrumental music for 30 years in Boonville. He presented a clinic at the Midwest International Instrumental Convention in Chicago on "Beginning Band: Training and Retaining Students," in December, 2018. He served two terms as President of the West Central Missouri Music Educators Association, and is a Past-President of the Missouri Bandmasters Association.



Vanessa Miner has served the children of Missouri for 29 years as a music specialist with advanced training in Orff and Kodaly. With experience in K-12 general and vocal music, she currently teaches K-5 music and 6th grade choir in the Fayette, Missouri school district. Vanessa is actively involved in the Mentoring Program and served as Elementary/Early Childhood Vice President for MMEA.



Patrick Dell is in his 16th year of teaching choir, with fourteen of them at Hermann Middle School and Hermann High School. During his time in Hermann, the choirs routinely received "1" ratings at MSHSAA contest, as well as invitations to perform at the MMEA Convention in 2017 and 2022. Patrick serves as a clinician and presents workshops on teaching and sight-singing around



Kathleen Bhat has 35 years experience as a music educator, all in the state of Missouri. In addition to teaching, Kathy serves in leadership roles in several professional organizations: Membership/Secretary for MCDA (29 years); Membership Chair for the SWACDA (8 years); Program Book Editor for MMEA (20 years); and Mentoring Chair for St. Louis Suburban District #5 (4 years).



Dr. Adam Zrust is Director of Choral Activities and assistant professor of Choral Music Education at Northwest Missouri State University, where he conducts choirs and teaches specialized courses in music education. As a teacher, he has had opportunities to instruct in both secondary and post-secondary settings. He was also honored twice as a finalist for "Teacher of the Year."



Sarah Sacco is the Director of Bands at Ava High School. She attended Missouri State University for her Bachelors in Music Education. Mrs. Sacco is the Tri-M State Chair on the MMEA Advisory Board and the Southwestern Division Representative to the NafME Music Honor Society Advisory Council. As the Tri-M chair, she organized the first-ever Missouri Tri-M Summit.



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Brian Hartman has served as a choral music educator for twenty-three years, currently enjoying his fourteenth at Liberty North High School in Liberty, Missouri. Hartman is active in music education organizations having served in numerous roles with the KC Metro District, MCDA, SWACDA, and MMEA, serving as President for the 2022-2024 term.



Susan Wallace is a former MoASTA Outstanding Elementary Educator honoree. A University of Arkansas graduate, Susan spent nearly 30 years teaching string orchestra in public schools. She retired from Jefferson City Schools after 18 years of teaching strings at Lewis and Clark Middle School as well as elementary schools and after-school string orchestra programs.



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