



## Missouri Music Educators Association

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### College/University Vice-President Board Report August 13, 2022 Board Meeting

As a reminder, the All-Collegiate ensemble for the 2023 will be the jazz band and Patricia (Patty) Darling, Director of the Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble, will be the guest clinician for the ensemble. I will be emailing a letter to Missouri jazz and concert band directors in mid-August that will detail the audition process.

The college/university sessions for the 2023 conference will be “To Piano Proficiency and Beyond: Functional Piano Skills for Teaching” presented by Dr. Jenna Braaksma from Buena Vista University and a session with a title in progress related to music therapy presented by Dr. Jennifer Jester from Millersville University. I am excited because I think these sessions will serve the membership and cover topics not covered in the other strands of the conference.

As reported in April, I reached out to my higher education colleagues through a letter that was disseminated to the heads of the music departments of Missouri’s colleges and universities but that has not yielded any responses. I intend to send a direct email to my higher education colleagues as my previous letter was forwarded on through a colleague and may not have been as widely shared as I had hoped. It is my desire to learn from our higher education colleagues how MMEA can better serve their needs at the conference and during the rest of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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