Austin Ahlborn



Education

In Progress The Ohio State University | Master of Public Administration & Master of Arts Columbus, OH

2015 - 2019 The Ohio State University | Bachelor of Music Education Columbus, OH

Magna Cum Laude with Arts Honors and Research Distinction in Music Education

Professional Experience

2024 - Present The Ohio State University | Leadership Programs GTA

Columbus, OH

- Designing, facilitating, and administering the Leadership Certificate program. This includes managing and creating curriculum and administrative
 processes for multiple certificates, recruiting and training program facilitators, and marketing for student recruitment.
- Training and assisting in the development of annual cohorts of graduate student Peer Leadership Educators.
- Providing additional support to the Peer Leadership Educator program through collaboration with Leadership Program administrators by designing and facilitating workshops and retreats on an as needed basis.
- · Serving as on-site coordinator for the multi-day LeaderShape Institute held annually on OSU's campus

2021 - 2024 Fairbanks Local Schools | Band Director

Milford Center, OH

- Provided primary instruction to over 300 music students spanning grades 5-12, with the band alone comprising approx. 150 students.
- Expertly managed program logistics, including scheduling, travel arrangements, social media presence, numerous performances, financial oversight, coordination of supplemental staff, support from booster volunteers, and administrative coordination, ensuring the overall success of the program.
- Notably increased student recruitment and retention by approximately 60% across band students in 5th to 12th grade and by an impressive 90% in the high school marching band between the 2020-21 and 2023-24 school years
- Spearheaded the development, management, production, and refinement of competitive shows as the head marching band director, demonstrating
 effective leadership for a team of 55 students and 7 staff members.
- Daily instructional responsibilities included managing curriculum and course loads for 5th-12th grade concert band ensembles, 6th and 7th-grade general music classes, a co-curricular marching band course, and extra-curricular jazz band and pep band engagements

2019 - 2024 Ohio Education Association | Local Member

Fairbanks Education Association | Committee Member | 2021 - 2024

Milford Center, OH

 Successfully conducted research and collaborated with the Union President, committee members and school administration as a member of the Supplemental Review Committee to restructure supplemental contracts, resulting in significant increases in pay for staff members with responsibilities outside of the standard contract hours

Lincolnview Education Association | Vice President | 2019 - 2021

Van Wert, OH

- Collaborated closely with the President to facilitate effective meetings, encourage member engagement, and collect input from members.
- · Worked in conjunction with school administrators to ensure compliance with contract terms and obligations.
- Played a pivotal role in the negotiations committee, successfully securing a 3-year contract with the school board, resulting in salary increases and a cost-of-living adjustment to the salary schedule. Additionally, introduced language that expanded member benefits related to sick leave.

2019 - 2021 Lincolnview Local Schools | Band Director

Van Wert, OF

- Duties commensurate of those typical for a 5th-12th Grade band program, oversaw and educated approximately 150 students in band and music
- Skillfully managed program logistics, including scheduling, travel coordination, overseeing various performances, financial management, coordination of supplemental personnel, support from booster volunteers, and administration to foster program growth and overall success in the face of COVID-19 challenges and restrictions

2018 - 2019 OSU Undergraduate Research | Primary Investigator

Columbus, OH

- · Collaborated with Dr. David Hedgecoth to research best practices in music education through interviews and interview analysis of 10 subjects.
- Presented and defended thesis entitled, "The Double Reed Project" as part of degree requirements to earn Research Distinction in Music Education.

Honors and Awards