

KENNETH DROBNAK

EDUCATION

Michigan State University (East Lansing, Michigan)

Doctor of Musical Arts in Tuba Performance
Graduated 2005

The University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico)

Master of Music in Conducting
Graduated 1995

The University of Akron (Akron, Ohio)

Bachelor of Music in Music Education *with highest distinction*
Bachelor of Music in Tuba Performance *with highest distinction*
Graduated 1993

Michigan State University (East Lansing, Michigan)

Master of Music Theory, A.B.D., 2003-2008

Arizona State University (Tempe, Arizona)

Graduate Studies in Music, Summer 1994

The University of Akron (Akron, Ohio)

Graduate Studies in Music, 1998-2000

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(full-time positions in heavy bold)

Lecturer of Low Brass and Music Education

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

2015-present
Brownsville, Texas

- Instruct applied lessons to students on trombone, euphonium and tuba
- Direct the Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble and Trombone Choir
- Teach conducting, low brass methods and wind band repertoire
- Plan festivals and outreach events
- Work with the Director of Bands to recruit new students

Director of Bands and Low Brass

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

2013-2015
Alva, Oklahoma

- Direct the Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Pep Band
- Instruct lower level and upper level courses in the music education curriculum, including methods courses, conducting, orchestration and secondary skills
- Instruct music appreciation, a general education course
- Instruct applied lessons to students on wind and percussion instruments
- Plan and host music festivals that brought over 1000 students to campus
- Help plan campus events that brought over 10,000 spectators to campus, including: homecoming, commencement and athletic contests
- Budget oversight and instrument inventory management
- Serve as lead recruiter for the instrumental area, maintain web presence

Adjunct Instructor of Music

Black Hills State University

2012-2013
Spearfish, South Dakota

- Instruct music appreciation, a general education course

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UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Director of Instrumental Music 2010-2013
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Rapid City, South Dakota

- Direct the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and Brass Choir
- Instruct music appreciation, a general education course, and music theory
- Serve as lead recruiter for the instrumental area, maintain web presence
- Assist in planning the high school all-state festival when in Rapid City
- Administrative duties associated with leading a band program

Interim Assistant Professor of Low Brass and Bands 2008-2009
The University of South Dakota Vermillion, South Dakota

- Direct the Symphonic Band, Trombone Choir and Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble
- Assist with the direction of the Marching Band and Pep Band
- Instruct applied lessons to students on trombone, euphonium and tuba, and also teach low brass pedagogy
- Teach courses in the music education curriculum, including conducting, pedagogy and secondary methods
- Perform with the South Dakota Brass Quintet
- Administrative duties associated with leading a band program, including organizing the Quad State Honor Band Festival

Student Teaching Supervisor, temporary Spring 2008
Dickinson State University College of Education Dickinson, North Dakota

- Supervise a student teacher assigned to Billings School District

Director of Bands and Low Brass 2007-2008
Rocky Mountain College Billings, Montana

- Direct the Concert Band and Pep Band with accompanying administrative duties
- Instruct applied lessons to students on trombone, euphonium, trumpet and tuba
- Teach courses in the music education curriculum, including secondary methods and first semester music theory
- Teach general education courses, including music appreciation and world music

Visiting Instructor of Low Brass and Music Theory 2006-2007
Del Mar College Corpus Christi, Texas

- Instruct applied lessons to students on trombone, euphonium, trumpet and tuba
- Teach core music courses: fundamentals of music, music theory and aural music
- Teach brass methods, direct the low brass ensemble and advise students

Adjunct Instructor of Tuba 2005-2006
Cornerstone University Grand Rapids, Michigan

- Instruct applied lessons to students on tuba

Adjunct Instructor of Music 2001-2004
Olivet College Conservatory of Music Olivet, Michigan

- Instruct applied lessons to students on brass instruments and coach brass quintet

Teaching Assistant, Bands 1993-1995
The University of New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Direct the Concert Band and assist with the athletic bands
- Coordinate the undergraduate band staff and track instrument inventory

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RESEARCH POSITIONS

Curatorial Assistant May 2009-March 2011
National Music Museum Vermillion, South Dakota

- Catalog and research brass instruments, specifically a collection donated by Conn-Selmer, Inc., in 2008
- Plan and administer educational tours for school groups and adult groups
- Supervise interns and undergraduate work-study students
- Assist the Conservator with instrument care
- Organize and/or perform on weekly lunchtime concerts (Brown Bag Concerts)

Research Assistant Spring 2005
Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan

- Conduct research on the music of Ralph Vaughan Williams
- Organize and conduct clinics for low brass students in high school bands
- Perform with the Michigan State University Wind Symphony

K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(full-time positions in heavy bold)

Tuba Instructor 2005-2007
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Twin Lake, Michigan

Instrumental Specialist, part-time Spring 2006
Brighton Area Schools Brighton, Michigan

Private Lesson Instructor 2001-2006
I-96 corridor across central Michigan

Marching Band Camp Instructor 1999-2001
Geneva High School Band Geneva, Ohio

Assistant Band Director, part-time (grades 9-12) Fall 1999
Newton Falls Exempted Village School District Newton Falls, Ohio

Director of Bands (grades 6-12) 1998-1999
Conneaut Area City School District Conneaut, Ohio

Band Director (grades 4-8) 1997-1998
Musical Youth, Inc. Northeast Ohio Catholic Schools

Band Director (grades 4-6) 1995-1997
Paradise Valley Unified School District No. 69 Phoenix, Arizona

Band Director, part-time (grades 4-6) 1993-1995
Albuquerque Public Schools Albuquerque, New Mexico

Student Teaching, Bands (grades 6-12) Spring 1993
Green Local Schools (Summit County) Green, Ohio

Assistant Marching Band Director, supplemental (grades 9-12) Fall 1992
Green Local Schools (Summit County) Green, Ohio

TUBA TEACHERS

Mr. Philip Sinder, Michigan State University
Mr. Tucker Jolly, The University of Akron
Mr. Curtis Olson, Michigan State University

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TUBA PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

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| Rapid City Municipal Band Soloist & Principal Tuba | 2011-present |
| Black Hills Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet Tuba | Fall 2012 |
| South Dakota Brass Quintet Tuba | 2008-2010 |
| Sioux City Municipal Band (Iowa) Substitute Tuba | 2009-2010 |
| Billings Symphony Orchestra (Montana) Substitute Tuba | 2008 |
| Helena Symphony Orchestra (Montana) Utility Principal Tuba | 2007 |
| Corpus Christi Symphony Brass Quintet (Texas) Tuba | 2006 |
| Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra (Michigan) Substitute Tuba | 2005 |
| Capitol City Brass Band (Lansing, Michigan) Tuba | 2003-2004 |
| Michigan State University Ensembles | 2001-2006 |
| • Wind Symphony (John Whitwell, Director) | |
| • Symphony Orchestra (Leon Gregorian, Director) | |
| • Brass Quintet | |
| • Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble | |
| National Wind Ensemble (New York) Principal Tuba | 2002 |
| • Performance in Carnegie Hall | |
| Joe Wendel Orchestra (Cleveland, Ohio) Euphonium | 1999 - 2000 |
| The University of New Mexico Ensembles | 1993-1995 |
| • Wind Symphony (Eric Rombach-Kendall, Director) | |
| • Symphony Orchestra (Jorge Pérez-Gómez, Director) | |
| Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (Ohio) Principal Tuba | 1989-1990 |
| Heritage Brass Quintet (Cleveland, Ohio) Tuba | 1990 |
| The University of Akron Ensembles | 1988-1993 |
| Symphonic Band (Robert Jorgensen, Director) | |
| Concert Band (Michael Golemo, Director) | |
| Marching & Pep Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band & Jazz Lab Band | |
| Brass Quintet, Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble | |

TUBA RECITALS

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| Faculty Recital: Northwestern Oklahoma State University | March 7, 2015 |
| Guest Artist: Enid Symphony Summer Recital Series (OK) | August 26, 2014 |
| Guest Artist: Hastings College (Nebraska) | February 21, 2012 |
| Guest Artist: Octubafest at Wayne State College (Nebraska) | October 30, 2010 |
| Joint Faculty Recital with Gary Reeves, Horn: | |
| The University of South Dakota | January 14, 2010 |
| Guest Artist: Octubafest at Wayne State College (Nebraska) | October 30, 2009 |
| Faculty Showcase: The University of South Dakota | April 24, 2009 |
| Faculty Showcase: The University of South Dakota | February 8, 2009 |
| Faculty Recital: Rocky Mountain College (Montana) | December 5, 2007 |
| Faculty Recital: Del Mar College (Texas) | January 31, 2007 |
| Faculty Recital: Olivet College (Michigan) | February 5, 2003 |

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TUBA RECITALS

Graduate Recitals: Michigan State University

- December 2, 2004
- March 18, 2003
- February 22, 2002
- September 17, 2001
- April 7, 2001

Graduate Recital: **The University of Akron** June 25, 2000

Composers' Symposium: **The University of New Mexico** March 27, 1995

Graduate Recital: **The University of New Mexico** March 31, 1994

Scholarship Recipient's Recital: **Tuesday Musical Club** September 27, 1992

Undergraduate Recitals: The University of Akron

- September 27, 1992
- November 18, 1990

CHAMBER RECITALS

Black Hills Tuba/Euphonium Quartet (Rapid City, South Dakota) July 29, 2015

Guest Artist: Octubafest at **Wayne State College**, Nebraska October 20, 2012

Spring Concert: **South Dakota Brass Quintet** May 3, 2010

Tatag **Gamelan Ensemble** at the National Music Museum April 30, 2010

P.D.Q. Bach's Lunch: Brown Bag at National Music Museum February 19, 2010

Holiday Concert: **South Dakota Brass Quintet** December 4, 2009

Spring Recital: **South Dakota Brass Quintet** May 5, 2009

Tatag **Gamelan Ensemble** at the National Music Museum May 1, 2009

Quad State Honor Band Festival: **South Dakota Brass Quintet** January 26, 2009

Holiday Concert: **South Dakota Brass Quintet** December 5, 2008

Composer Recital: **Del Mar College** November 4, 2006

53 Feet of Brass: **Michigan State University** April 17, 2004

53 Feet of Brass: **Michigan State University** April 6, 2003

Graduate Recital: **Michigan State University** November 12, 2002

Student Brass Quintet: **The University of Akron** June 17, 1990

Student Brass Quintet: **The University of Akron** July 24, 1989

CLINICIAN APPEARANCES

Topic: **Oscar Stover: An Overview of His Career From Coffeyville, Kansas, to Michigan State and Finally to Alva, Oklahoma (Poster)**

- College Band Directors National Association National Conference at Vanderbilt University. Nashville, Tennessee. March 25-26, 2015.

Topic: **The Music Ensembles of Oscar Stover**

- The Alva Supper Club, Alva, Oklahoma. March 16, 2015.

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Topic: Prototype and Reference Tubas from the Holton Factory Reference Collection at The National Music Museum

- Great Plains Regional Tuba-Euphonium Conference at Oklahoma City University. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. May 23, 2015.
- International Tuba-Euphonium Conference at Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. May 24, 2014.
- Music Program Open House at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. October 27, 2011.
- Tubonium 8.5 at Gustavus Adolphus College. St. Peter, Minnesota. March 19, 2011.
- Octubafest at Wayne State College, Nebraska. October 31, 2009.

Topic: The Serpent: An Historical Overview

- Octubafest at Wayne State College, Nebraska. October 20, 2012.

Guest Conductor: 24th Annual Eastside Young Band Festival

- Rapid City Public Schools. Rapid City, South Dakota. March 26, 2012.

Topic: Tubas, Business Practice and the American Musical Instrument Manufacturing Industry, 1898-2008

- Hastings College, Nebraska Guest Lecture Series. February 20, 2012.

Topic: 19th to 20th Century: Bombardons, Saxhorns, Euphoniums with Single and Double Bell

- Octubafest at Wayne State College, Nebraska. October 30, 2010.

Honor Band Conductor: Quad State Honor Band Festival

- The University of South Dakota. January 26, 2009.

Guest Conductor: Eastern Montana Class A High School Band Festival

- Miles City, Montana. February 2008.

Low Brass Clinician: Tenth Annual Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands

- Okemos, Michigan. February 26, 2005.

Tuba Clinician: Arizona All-State Elementary Band (April 1997)

Low Brass Clinician: Arizona All-State Elementary Band (April 1996)

ADJUDICATING EXPERIENCE

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| Brass Judge: Tri-State Music Festival (Enid, OK) | May 23, 2015 |
| Band Judge: Midwest Music Festival and Clinic (Enid, OK) | Feb. 17-18, 2015 |
| Pre-Region Festival at South Barber High School (Kiowa, KS) | Mar. 11, 2014 |
| • Large Group Judge & Clinician, Solo & Ensemble Judge & Clinician | |
| Band Judge: Midwest Music Festival and Clinic (Enid, OK) | Feb. 12, 2014 |
| Brass Judge: SD Region 8 High School Solo & Ensemble Festival | Feb. 6, 2013 |
| Brass Judge: Rapid City Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival | Feb. 23, 2012 |
| Brass Judge: SD Region 8 High School Solo & Ensemble Festival | Feb. 8, 2012 |
| Brass Judge: SD Region 8 High School Solo & Ensemble Festival | Feb. 9, 2011 |
| Large Group Judge: Montana District 9 Band & Orchestra Festival | April 2008 |
| • Billings, Montana. Band & Orchestra | |
| Low Brass Judge: Montana District 9 Solo & Ensemble Festival | April 2008 |

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AUDITIONS COMPETITIONS

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| Winner, Helena Symphony Orchestra Tuba Audition | October 2007 |
| Semi-finalist, 2004 I.T.E.C. Mock Orchestral Audition | July 2004 |
| Semi-finalist, U.S.A.F. Band - Ceremonial Brass Audition | April 2003 |
| National Wind Ensemble (New York) - Principal Tuba | May 2002 |
| Finalist, Avatar Brass Quintet Audition (Michigan) | September 2001 |
| Brass winner, Tuesday Music Club Scholarship (Akron) | Spring 1992 |
| Finalist, The University of Akron Concerto Competition | Spring 1992 |
| Finalist, The University of Akron Concerto Competition | Spring 1991 |
| Finalist, The University of Akron Concerto Competition | Spring 1990 |

SOLO APPEARANCES WITH ENSEMBLE

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| Tuba Trio Chamber Feature with the Rapid City Municipal Band <i>Bugler's Holiday</i> by Leroy Anderson, ed. for tuba trio (Drobnak) | July 2015 |
| Tuba Soloist with Rapid City Municipal Band <i>In a Gentle Rain</i> and <i>Hurricane</i> from the Willson Suite by Robert W. Smith | June 2014 |
| Tuba Soloist with Rapid City Municipal Band <i>Tico Tico</i> arranged by Alex Smith | July 2013 |
| Tuba Soloist with Rapid City Municipal Band <i>Beelzebub</i> by Antonio Catozzi | July 2012 |
| Tuba Soloist with the Michigan State University Campus Band <i>O Mio Babbino Caro</i> arranged by Brian Balmages | May 2005 |
| Tuba Soloist with the Capitol City Brass Band (Michigan) <i>Mexican Hat Dance</i> arranged by Ralph Pierce | July 2004 |

PUBLICATIONS MUSIC (ARRANGEMENTS)

published by
Tuba-Euphonium Press

- Fauré, Gabriel.** *Cantique de Jean Racine.* Arranged for Triple Choir Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble or Quartet, 1994.
- Gabrieli, Giovanni.** *Canon Noni Toni a 12.* Arranged for Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble from Frederick Fennell's Brass Choir Edition, 2004.
- Renaissance Choral Music, volume 1.** Works by: Eustache Du Caurroy, Giovanni Croce, Johann Eccard, Melchior Franck, Nikolaus Selnecker and Johann Walther. Arranged for Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble or Quartet, 2001.
- Renaissance Choral Music, volume 2.** Works by: Giovanni Croce, Jakob Handl, Orlandus Lassus, Luca Marenzio, Giovanni Pergolesi and Tomas da Vittoria. Arranged for Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble or Quartet, 2001.
- Rossini, Gioacchino.** *Overture to the Opera William Tell.* Arranged for Solo Tuba in a Brass Quintet, 1997.
- Strauss, Richard.** *Two Strauss Songs* (from the *Four Last Songs*). Arranged for Solo Tuba and Piano, 2004.
- Telemann, Georg Philip.** *Largo and Allegro* from *Sonata no. 4* (TWV 40: 104). Transcribed for Two Tubas, 1997.
- Telemann, Georg Philip.** *Six Duets* (Six Sonatas TWV 40: 101-106). Transcribed for Two Tubas, 1997.

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*published by
Tuba-Euphonium Press*

- Telemann, Georg Philip.** *Sonata* (in F minor, transcribed to C minor).
Transcribed for Tuba and Piano, 1998.
- Telemann, Georg Philip.** *Sonata in C Major – Transcribed to Eb Major* (TWV 41: C2). Transcribed for Tuba and Piano, 1999.
- Telemann, Georg Philip.** *Sonata in F Major* (TWV 41: F3). Transcribed for Tuba and Piano, 1993.
- Telemann, Georg Philip.** *Sonata in F Major* (TWV 41: F3) – for Eb Tuba.
Transcribed for Tuba and Piano, 2004.
- Tchaikovsky, Peter.** *Andante Cantabile from String Quartet no. 1.* Arranged for Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble or Quartet, 2002.
- Tchaikovsky, Peter.** *Canzonetta from Violin Concerto.* Arranged for Tuba and Piano, 2000.
- Vivaldi, Antonio.** *Sonata in la minor.* Arranged for Tuba, Harpsichord and Cello, 1996.

PUBLICATIONS LITERATURE

- Reviewed new music and recordings for the *I.T.E.A. Journal* from 1999-2007.
Details available upon request.
- A Catalog of Upright Tubas by Frank Holton & Company at the National Music Museum.* In *I.T.E.A. Journal* 38, 1 (Fall 2010) 92-96. Print.
- Helicons and Sousaphones by Holton at the National Music Museum.* In *I.T.E.A. Journal* 38, 3 (Spring 2011) 59-62. Print.
- Holton's Regulation and Legionnaire Bugles. *National Music Museum Newsletter* 37 (March 2010). Electronic.
- The Process of Cataloging an Unsigned Tuba.* In *I.T.E.A. Journal* 37, 4 (Summer 2010) 46-47. Print.
- "Shorty" Piston Valves: The Short-Action Piston Valve of Frank Holton & Company.* In *I.T.E.A. Journal* 37, 2 (Winter 2010) 58-60. Print.

CONDUCTING TEACHERS

- Dr. Wesley Broadnax,** Drexel University
Mr. Eric Rombach-Kendall, The University of New Mexico
Mr. Robert Jorgensen, The University of Akron
Dr. Michael Golemo, Iowa State University

CONDUCTING PERFORMANCES

Summary and highlights listed below. Details available on request.

- Northwestern Oklahoma State University Concert Band**
- One fall and two spring concerts per academic year
- Northwestern Oklahoma State University Jazz Band**
- One fall performance and two spring performances per academic year
 - Outreach: Alva Public Schools Band Concert: May 7, 2015
 - Outreach: Enid, Oklahoma area tour: April 24, 2015
 - Southwestern Oklahoma State University: **45th Annual JazzFest:** Feb. 13, 2015
 - Outreach: Woodward, Oklahoma area tour: October 30, 2014
 - Outreach: Alva Public Schools Band Concert: May 8, 2014

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CONDUCTING PERFORMANCES

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Symphonic Band

- One performance per semester

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Jazz Band

- One fall performance and two spring performances
- Engineer's Week Concert: February 22, 2013
- Octoberfest with Master Chorale: October 28, 2012
- Alumni Recognition Banquet: April 21, 2012
- Engineer's Week Concert: February 23, 2012
- 2011 *Frontiers in Education Conference* at **Mount Rushmore National Monument**: October 13, 2011

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Brass Choir

- One performance per semester

The University of South Dakota Symphonic Band

- Two performances per semester
- *World Premiere: Concerto for Horn and Band* by Lee Actor. Bernard Scully, Horn Soloist. March 23, 2009

The University of South Dakota Low Brass Ensembles

- Trombone Choir & Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble: April 1, 2009
- Siouland Trombone Festival at Morningside College, Iowa: March 17, 2009
- Low Brass Ensemble with the Brass Choir: February 22, 2009

Rocky Mountain College Concert Band

- Two performances per semester

Michigan State University D.M.A. Recital

- February 4, 2002

The University of New Mexico M.M. Recital

- February 10, 1995

WORK EXPERIENCE

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center: Catering Services 2001-2004

The Original Mattress Factory (Cleveland, Ohio), Sales Associate 1999-2000

The University of Akron, Equipment Manager on Student Band Staff 1990-1992

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic

International Tuba-Euphonium Conferences

Regional Tuba-Euphonium Conferences

Tubonium at Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota

Music Educators Conferences in Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Dakota, Montana and Arizona

Texas Music Educators Association Conference

International Trumpet Guild Conference

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

College Band Directors National Association (C.B.D.N.A.)
College Music Society (C.M.S.)
International Tuba Euphonium Association (I.T.E.A.)
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America

HONORS AWARDS

International Tuba-Euphonium Association Representative to the Clifford Bevan Award Committee, 2015-present
Pi Kappa Lambda, Michigan State University, May 2004
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Michigan State University, April 2004
Music Scholarship, Michigan State University, Spring 2001 – Fall 2004
Tubist, National Wind Ensemble: performance in Carnegie Hall, 2002
Finalist, Honored Scholars and Artists Program, National Alliance for Excellence, 2002
Full Teaching Assistantship, The University of New Mexico, 1993 – 1995
Music Scholarship, The University of Akron, 1988 – 1993
Scholarship, Rafael Mendez Brass Institute, Summer 1994 (Arizona State University)
Dean's List, The University of Akron, 1989 – 1993
Academic Scholarship, The University of Akron, 1989 – 1993
Tuesday Musical Club Scholarship Recipient (Akron, Ohio), Brass, 1992
Alpha Lambda Delta, The University of Akron, Honor Society for First-Year Students, 1989
Phi Eta Sigma, The University of Akron, Honor Society for First-Year Students, 1989
Outstanding Senior in Music, Medina High School, 1988
Kanehl Music Scholarship (Medina, Ohio), 1988
F.W.R. Behrens Memorial Scholarship (Medina, Ohio), 1988