



JAMES PECSOK

EDUCATOR

WORK EXPERIENCE

Choral Director

Leland & Gray Union Middle & High School | July 2017 - present

Serve as choral director for middle and high school students. Select repertoire and design cohesive music instruction for large and small groups, as well as individual lessons.

- Director of middle and high school choral program. Grew program from 18 students in 2017 to 77 students in 2020.
- Founder of the LGUHS Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter, including initiating and planning upcoming Vermont Tri-M Music Leadership Day (Fall 2020) and presenting on Tri-M at the state music education conference (October 2020).
- Students accepted into the following: Connecticut Valley Music Festival Association Concert Choir and Jazz Choir, Vermont Music Educators Association All State Chorus, New England Music Festival Association Concert Choir, American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Musical Theatre Repertoire Honor Choir.
- Acted as Music Director for The Leland & Gray Players' production of The Pajama Game (2018) and Mary Poppins (2017). Rehearsed music for the shows with the pit orchestra and stage performers. Hired professional musicians to supplement student pit orchestra.
- Conducted the company and performed on keyboard and woodwinds during the shows.
- Serve as member of the high school scheduling committee to explore new and innovative ways to approach the high school schedule.
- Participate in bi-monthly meetings as a member of the local standards board, aiding teachers in maintaining the appropriate teaching certifications, and ensuring that they complete all the necessary tasks to maintain licensure.
- Served as High School Student Council advisor (2017-2019).
- Varsity Cross Country and Middle School Soccer Coach, Fall 2020

Lecturer

Keene State College | January 2021 - May 2021

Teach Applied Saxophone and Saxophone Ensemble to undergraduates. Select repertoire and help prepare soloists and ensembles for various performances and to improve as overall musicians.

Varsity Track & Field Coach

Leland & Gray Union Middle & High School | March 2018 - present

Founding coach of Leland & Gray's Varsity Track & Field program. Responsible for planning practice, developing training programs, meet scheduling, ordering equipment, and teaching skills of specific events.

Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Leland & Gray Union Middle & High School | June 2019 - present

Head coach of Leland & Gray's Boys Varsity Basketball program. Responsible for hiring staff, developing team culture, implementing strategies, coaching basketball skills, and communicating with media.

EDUCATION

University of Hartford - West Hartford, CT

Bachelor of Music in Music Education | 2013 - 2017

- Summa Cum Laude
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
- Track & Field Team, 2013-2015

Middlebury Union High School - Middlebury, VT

2009 - 2013

- GPA: 3.64
- Graduated with Honors
- National Honors Society


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SERVICE

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Association, President-Elect

Vermont American Choral Directors
Association, Webmaster

Vermont Music Educators Association,
Social Media Chair

New England Music Festival
Association, Social Media Chair

Connecticut Valley Music Festival
Association Concert Choir, Co-Manager

CONFERENCES

2021 Vermont Music Educators Conference, Presenter

2020 Vermont Music Educators Association Student Leadership Conference, Co-Director

2020 Eastern Region American Choral Directors Association Conference

2019 Vermont Music Educators Conference

2019 American Choral Directors Association National Conference

2018 Vermont Music Educators Conference

2017 National Association for Music Education National Conference

2017 Vermont Music Educators Conference

2017 Center for Creative Leadership Conference

2017 Connecticut Music Educators Conference

2015 National Association for Music Education Eastern Region Conference

2015 Feierabend Association for Music Education Conference

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PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2019 Hartford High School's production of The Addams Family

- Reed 1 and 2: Soprano Saxophone, Alto Saxophone, Piccolo, Flute, Clarinet

2019 Main Street Arts' production of The Secret Garden

- Lieutenant Shaw

2019-Present Wyld Nightz Band

- Substitute: Alto and Tenor Saxophone, Vocals

2019 Keene State College Woodwind Faculty Recital featured artist

- "Piece in the Shape of a Square" by Phillip Glass
- Soprano Saxophone duet with Dr. Craig Sylvern

2018 Leland and Gray Players' production of The Pajama Game

- Music Director, Conductor, Keyboard, Woodwinds

2017 Leland and Gray Players' production of Mary Poppins

- Music Director, Conductor, Keyboard, Woodwinds

2016 The Hartt School's production of 42nd Street

- Reed 2: Piccolo, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone

2016 Presented Junior Recital

- Selections of classical saxophone, musical theater and a cappella music

2014-2017 Hawkapella, All-Male a cappella group

- Assistant Musical Director, Arranger, Rehearsal Pianist

2014 Presented a Saxophone and Trumpet Duo recital

- Saxophone and keyboard, classical and jazz selections

2013 Mt. Abraham Union High School's production of Grease

- Reed 1: Tenor Saxophone

2012 All-National Honors Band

- Baritone Saxophone

2011-Present Little City Jazz Band, Vergennes, VT

- Piano, Alto Saxophone

2008-2016 Seth Warner, Mt. Independence Fife & Drum Corp.

- Senior Fifer

CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

2019 NFHS Bullying, Hazing And Inappropriate Behaviors

2019 NFHS Engaging Effectively with Parents

2019 NFHS Sportsmanship

2019 PoleVault Safety Certification Board

2019 NFHS Coaching Pole Vault

2017 NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching

2017 NFHS Concussion in Sports

2017 NFHS First Aid, Health and Safety

2016 Question Persuade Refer (QPR), suicide prevention certification

2016 Green Dot, power based violence and sexual assault bystander intervention training

2015 First Steps in Music, Feierabend Association for Music Education