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Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - GPA: 3.57/4.0

Graduated with Honors: Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance – May 2009

Principal Violin Teachers

Simin Ganatra - 1st Violinist in the Pacifica Quartet, violin professor at Indiana University

Jeri-Lou Zike – Violinist in the Chicago Philharmonic, Baroque Band, and Haymarket Opera Company

Suzuki Method Certification

Every Child Can and Book 1 – 2009

Performance Experience

Freelance

- Chicago Organ Convention, Metropolis Orchestra – 2006
- Danville Symphony Orchestra – 2008
- Holy Name Cathedral, Christmas Service – 2005 to 2007
- Weddings and Special Occasions – 2002 to Present
- Urbana Student Missions Conference – 2012
- Organized and participated in multi-instrumental church music teams – 2009 to Present

College Ensembles

- University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra – 2006 to 2009
- University of Illinois Philharmonia – 2005 to 2006
- Chamber String Ensemble, Principal – 2006 to 2009

Teaching Experience

Independent Private Violin Instructor – 2009 to Present

- Instructed beginner and intermediate level violin students.
- Fostered relationships with students and families to help develop healthy practice habits.
- Organized yearly recitals to focus student efforts on a tangible goal, to nurture student confidence, and to encourage parental involvement.
- Developed and grew clientele base by networking with local families.

Work Experience

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship – 2009 to Present

Campus Staff Minister

- Led weekly meetings to form the vision and goals of student groups on college campuses.
- Trained and recruited over thirty student leaders to embody the vision and to then recruit and train the next generation of student leaders.
- Mentored and counseled students through major life decisions critical to their career trajectories.
- Organized guest speakers, music, and many other details for weekly meetings of over 80 students.
- Led and developed student music groups comprised of different instruments and vocals.

- Managed and developed a donor base of over 100 individuals to annually raise \$32,000 to support work as a Campus Staff Minister.

Evangelical Formosan Church of Chicago – 2009

Youth Ministry Director

- Created custom curriculum for weekly church meetings for high school and junior high students.
- Fostered the development of friendships and community among the students in the group.
- Encouraged parental involvement in the social and spiritual lives of their children.

Music for Special Occasions – 2005 to Present

Music Coordinator for Special Events

- Won over twenty contracts to provide live music with various ensembles for clients.
- Held consultation meetings for clients to understand their musical preferences and best meet their needs.
- Organized and performed with various ensembles comprised of instruments of the client's choice.