

Mia Traverse

Music Educator | Saxophonist | Composer/Arranger

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Education

Butler University | Indianapolis, IN

B.M. in Music Education: Instrumental/General (P-12)
Emphasis in Jazz Studies

Anticipated May 2025

Licensure/Certifications

Indiana & Wisconsin Teacher Licenses

Anticipated June 2025

Mental Health First Aid Certification

August 2024

Praxis: 5113, 5115, & 5625

July 2024

Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) Certification

June 2024

Suicide Prevention Certification

June 2024

Teaching Experience

Student Teacher

Mar. 2025 - May. 2025

Noblesville West Middle School | Noblesville, IN

Taught band and jazz band to grades 6-8

Student Teacher

Jan. 2025 - Mar. 2025

Hamilton Southeastern High School | Fishers, IN

Taught band, jazz band, piano, and AP Theory to grades 9-12

Private Lessons Teacher

Feb. 2024 - Dec. 2024

[*Bach to Rock*](#) | Fishers, IN

Taught playing fundamentals to beginning sax and piano students, ages 6-42

Ensemble Instructor

Oct. 2023 - Nov. 2024

[*Butler Youth Jazz Program*](#) | Indianapolis, IN

Taught improvisation techniques for beginning jazz students, grades 6-10

Teaching Fellow

Summers of 2023 & 2024

[*Butler Community Arts School Jazz Camp*](#) | Indianapolis, IN

Directed and rehearsed a large jazz ensemble with students, grades 6-12

Intern

Jan. 2024 - Apr. 2024

Noblesville West Middle School | Noblesville, IN

Led 6th-8th grade sectionals for instrument technique

Intern

Aug. 2023 - Nov. 2023

Spring Mill Elementary School | Indianapolis, IN

Led singing, instrument, & movement activities with 1st graders

Marching and Music Tech

Summers of 2022 & 2023

Sussex-Hamilton Charger Marching Band | Sussex, WI

Taught marching and music fundamentals to students, grades 9-12

Teaching Assistant

Summers of 2022 & 2023

Sussex-Hamilton Summer Opportunities | Sussex, WI

Instructed 1st-6th grade students in making crafts

Saxophone Instructor

Center Grove Middle School North | Greenwood, IN

Led 6th and 7th grade saxophone sectionals in playing fundamentals

Nov. 2022 - May 2023

Teacher

Immigrant Welcome Center | Indianapolis, IN

Taught U.S. citizenship classes to local adult immigrants

Sept. 2022 - Nov. 2022

Performance Experience

Arthur Jordan Saxophone Quartet

Blue Box Saxophone Quartet

[Butler University Wind Ensemble](#)

[Butler University Jazz Ensemble](#)

[Butler University Jazz Combo](#)

Arthur Jordan Saxophone Choir

Plainfield Show Choir Band

[Butler University Basketball Band](#)

[Butler University Marching Band](#)

Aug. 2021 - Present

Jan. 2023 - Present

Aug. 2021 - Dec. 2024

Aug. 2021 - Dec. 2024

Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2024

Aug. 2021 - March 2024

Jan. 2022 - March 2023

Oct. 2021 - Dec. 2021

Aug. 2021 - Nov. 2021

Awards & Honors

Outstanding Instrumental Music Education Student Teacher Award

2025

[Kristi Schultz Broughton Liberal Arts Essay Contest Winner](#)

2024

[Patricia Tretick Young Artist Competition Honorable Mention](#)

2024

[Rosemary Lang Honor Award](#)

2023

Butler University Concerto Competition Finalist

2023, 2022

[Dean Potokar Leadership and Service Award](#)

2021

[John Philip Sousa Award](#)

2021

[Woody Herman Jazz Award](#)

2021

Professional Memberships

[Servant Leadership Association for Music](#)

2024 - Present

[National Association for Music Education](#)

2021 - Present

[Indiana Music Education Association](#)

2021 - Present

References

Audrey Torres, Director of Bands, Hamilton Southeastern High School

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Dr. Brian Weidner, Associate Prof. of Music Education, Butler University

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Dr. Matthew Pivec, Director of Jazz Studies, Butler University

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Dr. Phil Pierick, Instructor of Saxophone, Butler University

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Jon Waite, Director of Bands, Sussex-Hamilton High School

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