



Eric Gaudet | Caption Head

Eric is currently one of the Band Directors at Edgar Martin Middle School in Lafayette, Louisiana where he teaches 5th through 8th grade band students along with Ms. Leola Woods. He was previously Assistant Director of Bands at Comeaux High School in Lafayette, Louisiana 2014-2016. Eric is a native of Thibodaux, Louisiana and received his BME from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

While at ULL, Eric performed with several school ensembles including the marching band, wind ensemble, orchestra, jazz band, and student brass quintet. He participated in Drum Corps International by marching with the Glassman Drum and Bugle Corps from 2011-12 and the Santa Clara Vanguard in 2013. Eric is currently on the Louisiana Stars brass staff as a high brass/trumpet instructor since 2015. He also has been a marching band instructor/consultant in the Lafayette area since 2012.

He also stays active in the music community by performing with the Lafayette Concert Band and First Baptist Orchestra along with performing at various local events. Eric is a current member of LMEA, NAFME, and SLBDA.



Marie Looney

Marie Looney is currently the Head Band Director at Neville High School in Monroe, Louisiana and is assisted by Sean O’Pry. She received a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where she participated in multiple ensembles and served as drum major for the Sound of Today in 2017. Marie has marched with the Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps in 2014 and the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps in 2016. She has also worked with Monroe-West Monroe high school marching bands since 2015. She is native to Lafayette, Louisiana.

Marie currently performs with the Twin City Community Band and the NELA Horn Ensemble.



Andy Hedrick

Andy Hedrick is a native of Katy, TX and received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. While attending McNeese, Mr. Hedrick studied trumpet with Dave Scott and performed with many ensembles including the McNeese Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Latin Jazz Combo, Trumpet Ensemble, and Brass Quintet as well as being a soloist for The Pride of McNeese Marching Band. Mr. Hedrick also marched with the DCI Finalist Madison Scouts in 2014.

Mr. Hedrick studied conducting under Dr. Jay Jacobs and Dr. Jeffrey Lemke while attending McNeese and also conducted University ensembles. Other teachers Mr. Hedrick has had the pleasure of learning from include Brad Green, Donnie VanDoren, Evan VanDoren, Eddie Falcon, Nick Williams, Nicholas Monzi, and Blake Daughtrey.

Mr. Hedrick is the current Director of Bands at La Marque Middle School in La Marque, TX. Mr. Hedrick is excited to continue the success at both La Marque MS and La Marque HS and will continue to lead all brass studies within the La Marque music programs. Mr. Hedrick is also affiliated with the Texas Music Educators Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.



Neil Simon | Brass Consultant

Neil Simon is a native of Lafayette LA and graduated from the University of Louisiana Lafayette – GO Cajuns! He is enjoying his 22 year as music teacher (high school for 18 years and currently in his 4th year at the elementary level). As a high school director his bands consistently earned superior ratings. He has been involved in drill design and brass arranging for over 25 years. Neil was a member of the Minnesota Rivermen 1982 and Star of Indiana 1986-87. He is still active as a trumpeter for weddings, churches, and dance bands. As a composer Neil has 2 pieces for young band published with FJH.



Robert Freeman

Robert Freeman -Director of Bands, West Monroe High School Robert is Director of Bands at West Monroe High School, a position he has held since 2003. Previously, he was Associate Director from 1997-2003. Robert is a native of West Monroe, LA and a graduate of West Monroe High School. He received the Bachelor of Music Education from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA and the Master of Music in Euphonium Performance from the University of Southern Mississippi. Robert is also a former marching member of the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps from Rockford, IL. He has held positions as Brass Professor at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, MS and Director of Bands at North Forrest High School in Hattiesburg, MS. Currently, he is on the Brass Instructional Staff with the Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps from Lafayette, LA, a position he has held since the corps' inception. Robert Freeman is active as a clinician and adjudicator in wind bands as well as the marching arts. Robert's bands have consistently garnered superior ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. His bands have placed highly in regional, state and national performance competitions. They have appeared in many high profile events, including the 2005 Inaugural Parade of George W. Bush and the Inauguration of LA Governor Bobby Jindal. They made their first international appearance at the 2014 London New Years Day Parade in Westminster, UK. Most recently, the West Monroe High School Band was chosen as the Louisiana representative in the 58th Inaugural Parade for Donald Trump. His professional affiliations include Phi Beta Mu, AASBDA, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, LMEA and the District I Band Directors Association.



Cody Gonzales

Gabriel C. Gonzales is from Livingston, Texas and graduated from Livingston High School in 2014. Gabriel currently a fulltime student at McNeese State University where he is working towards a Bachelors degree for Music Education. He has performed in the McNeese Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and The Pride Of McNeese Marching Band. He's a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia since the spring of 2016 and currently hold the position of Warden at the Rho Zeta Chapter. Gabriel marched his age-out year with Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps in 2017. In 2018, following his age-out he joined the Louisiana Stars Brass Staff for the second half of the 2018 season.



Cody Hebert

After graduating from South Lafourche High School in Cut Off, Louisiana, Cody Hebert attended The University of Louisiana, Lafayette, as a Bachelors of General Studies Major with a focus in Arts & Humanities. Upon aging out with The Glassmen Drum & Bugle Corps in 2012, Cody has become a marching band arranger and show coordinator and has worked with such programs as the Delcambre High School Marching Band, South Lafourche High School Marching Band, Cayuga ISD Marching Band of Cayuga, Texas, Carencro High School Marching Band, and the St. Thomas More Catholic High School Marching Band. While working with high school bands, Cody has been involved with Louisiana Stars Drum & Bugle Corps since its inaugural year in the 2014 season. His involvement has led from being on administrative staff to being a technician for the baritone section. The 2017 season was also Cody's first year co-writing/arranging the brass book for Stars 2017 Production "Sanctuary." Cody resides in Lafayette, Louisiana, and serves as a marching band instructor and clinician. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Pi, The Honors Leadership & Success Fraternal Organization, and a member of both the Louisiana Music Educator's Association (LMEA) and the National Association for Music Education (NAfME).

Amongst all of what he is involved with, he enjoys writing music, instructing, and continuously motivating students to perform at the highest caliber they can, and most importantly, have fun.

Scott Tomlison

Dr. Scott Tomlison is Associate Professor of Music and Coordinator of Music Education at the University of Arkansas- Fort Smith. His duties include supervising student teachers, teaching methods courses, and conducting the Jazz Band and Brass Ensemble. Prior to his appointment at UAFS, Dr. Tomlison was the Coordinator of Music Education and Chair of the D'Angelo Department of Music at Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania. His responsibilities included teaching instrumental conducting, music education courses, and conducting the Mercyhurst Symphony Orchestra. He taught public school music for a total of nine years, including appointments at Poplar Bluff High School (Missouri), Gallatin Co. High School (Kentucky), Grant Co. High School (Kentucky), and Miami East High School (Ohio).

In addition to his Mercyhurst appointment, his previous collegiate experience includes Director of Bands at McPherson College and Manchester University. Dr. Tomlison has also served as Assistant Conductor of the University of Missouri Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, as well as drill writer for "Marching Mizzou" and the Murray State University Marching Band. While at Missouri and Murray State, Dr. Tomlison was active as a jazz performer and conducted the second and third jazz ensembles at both institutions. In 1985 and 1986 he marched with the drum corps, *Star of Indiana*, and became Brass Instructor and Brass Caption Head with *Limited Edition* from Columbus, Ohio (1989-1991). Most recently, he has served on the brass staff of the *Music City Drum and Bugle Corps* from Nashville, Tennessee (2011), *7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps* from New London, Connecticut (2014-2017) and *Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps* from Lafayette, Louisiana.

His research interests include using recordings as models in the rehearsal setting, concert program development, and ensemble grading practices. Dr. Tomlison has presented sessions on these important topics at several state and national music education conferences. He is the co-author of the Middle School Band Edition of *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*. The volume was published in December of 2014.

Dr. Tomlison has served as adjudicator/clinician in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Kansas, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. He has twice been named to Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Collegiate Faculty. He holds a B.M.E. Degree from Eastern Kentucky University, an M.M.E. degree from Murray State University, and a Ph. D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia. His professional affiliations include Arkansas Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, Cavalcade of Bands, Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association and Phi Mu Alpha.



Laura Pitts

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