

Clay H. Blackman

Education

1981 BS K-12 Music Education University of Nebraska Kearney
2010 MA Curriculum and Instruction Doane University

Teaching Experience

8/2022-12/2022 Cross County Community Schools 7-12 Vocal Music
Responsibilities: 7th/8th Choir, High School Choir, Flag Corp sponsor

2020-2022 Retired
Responsibilities: Substitute Teacher, President Elect/Conference Chair for the Nebraska Music Education Association, Clinician and Judge throughout the Midwest, member of NMEA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access Committee, Executive Committee for the Nebraska Music Education Association

2016-2020 Cross County Community School PK-12 Vocal Music
Responsibilities: PK-5 General Music, 6th grade Choir, 7th/8th grade Choir, High School Choir, Music Theory, History of Rock and Roll, created a course and taught Beginning Guitar, One Act Play Assistant Director

2014-2015 Owner/Operator of Covered Porch Café
Responsibilities: all aspects of food service including food preparation, customer service, cleaning, ordering product, employee hiring and training
Professional Organizations: National Association for Music Education, Nebraska Music Education Association

2001-2014 Omaha South High Magnet School 9-12 Vocal Music
Responsibilities: Non-auditioned Mixed Choir, Auditioned Mixed Choir, Voice Class, Handbell Choir, Music Theory, Auditioned Treble Show Choir, Auditioned Mixed Show Choir, created and taught an Adaptive Music Course, Beginning Piano, Jazz Choir, All School Musical Director

1999-2001 Monroe Middle School 7-8 Music
Responsibilities: 7th grade Choir, 7th/8th General Music, Co-directed Show Choir

1991-1999 Ralston High School 9-12 Vocal Music
Responsibilities: Non-auditioned Treble Chorus, Auditioned Concert Choir, Auditioned Treble Show Choir, Auditioned Mixed Voice Show Choir, Voice

Class, Music Theory, Adaptive Music (I created the program), School Musical, District Music Coordinator, Assistant to the Activities Director in charge of athletic scheduling

- 1987-1991 Central City Public Schools 6-12 Vocal Music
- Responsibilities: 6th grade General Music, 7th/8th Choir, High School Choir, High School Show Choir, High School Madrigal Choir, High School Musical, Cheerleader Sponsor, Junior Class/Prom Sponsor
- 1982-1987 Stanton Community Schools K-12 Vocal Music
- Responsibilities: K-6 General Music, Middle School Choir, High School Choir, High School Show Choir, Middle School Musical, High School Musical, Pep Club Sponsor

Professional Organization Membership

- 1982-present Nebraska Music Education Association, Music Educators National Conference/
National Association for Music Education
- 1982-2014 Nebraska Choral Directors Association, American Choral Directors Association,
Nebraska State Education Association, National Education Association

Professional Leadership

- 1991 – 1999 Ralston Community Theatre Board of Directors, co-chair of North Central Choral Directors Treble/Bass Honor Choir, choirs were selected to perform at Walt Disney World twice
- 1999-present Clinician, Large Ensemble Adjudicator, Show Choir Adjudicator
- 2001 NMEA Fall Conference PD session presenter
- 2001-2014 Omaha Public Schools District Music Curriculum Writing team, member of Principal’s Cabinet, Director of OPS All City Middle School Choir, Magnet Schools of America National Conference PD session presenter twice, founder of “South Sings!” a choral collaborative involving Middle School Singers and South High Singers
- 2016-2020 Stromsburg Community Choir Director for Swedish Festival, Merrick Arts Council Board of Directors, Nebraska Music Education Association Fall Conference Exhibits Coordinator, was elected as President Elect for Nebraska Music Education Association, was an original member of the DEIAB Committee
- 2020-2022 Continued my duties as NMEA President Elect, planning both a virtual Conference (2020) and an in-person Conference (2021)

Assumed the role and duties of NMEA President

2022-present As President, I created the Policy and Procedure Committee, initiated and completed an updated Strategic Plan, increased NMEA's presence on the Divisional and National Level, secured a grant writer for the organization, appointed a mentor chair in order to revive the mentor program, doubled the Collegiate participation at our Conference by revamping the schedule, began the first steps to the creation of the Nebraska Music Education Association Foundation, coordinated the development of three new student performing groups for the 2022 Conference (Middle Level Choir, Middle Level Orchestra and upper elementary Orff Ensemble)

References

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