

Through My Music

Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders

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Learn from the experiences and expertise of successful, veteran band directors who have dedicated three or more decades to music education. Gain invaluable insights from those who have shaped countless young musicians and guided their journeys through the world of music.

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Quick Tips

INSPIRING SELF

1. Be empowered
2. Be a mentor
3. Show self-confidence
4. Create solutions fo setbacks
5. Self-assess
6. Deal with immediate surroundings
7. Show empathy
8. Be mentored
9. Learn the art of listening
10. Foster connections

INSPIRING STUDENTS

1. Show mutual respect
2. Encourage mentorship
3. Model expectations
4. Own it!
5. Create a safe space for mistakes
6. Hold students accountable
7. Imagine how others feel
8. Invite others to be involved
9. Develop podium skills
10. Express gratitude



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What does “Through My Music” mean to you?

How will you teach leadership from the podium?

Words of Inspiration

I believe one of the greatest legacies educators can leave is opportunities for our students and those we mentor. - Rebecca Phillips

It feels wonderful to think that kids I will never meet can hopefully forget whatever might be troubling them for a little while because they're tapping their foot to a piece of music that grew from my creative moments. - Michele Fernández

Music can be a pathway to communication. - Athena Music & Leadership Participant

Music has the power to express the inexpressible. - Paula Crider

I learned that I was teaching people through my music, through my music instruction, and through my guidance on the podium. - Edna Grace

Through my music, I can be a voice to the speechless. Through my music, you are not alone. - Athena Music & Leadership Participant

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