Faculty

ANGELA LEONHARDT (Level I Basic) is the music specialist at Hidden Forest Elementary School in the North East ISD in San Antonio where she was named 2018 district teacher of the year. She serves as an adjunct music education professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio and Trinity University. Angela is an active presenter in the U.S. and Canada.

CONNIE VAN ENGEN (Level II Basic) is the music specialist at Bell Prairie Elementary and was named Teacher of the Year in 2013 for the North Kansas City schools. She has served as AOSA Region III Representative and Recording Secretary. Connie is an active presenter and also teaches Level II Orff Schulwerk Basic Pedagogy at Baker University.

CHRIS JUDAH-LAUDER (Level III Basic) has extensive experience teaching K-8 music. She is a Past President of AOSA, has chaired two AOSA National Conferences, and is a frequent presenter for AOSA National Conferences, Orff chapters across the U.S., and internationally. Her most recent publications are Drum With a Passion and Games, Groups and Gems.

BEN TORRES (Movement) teaches K-5 general music at Woodlawn Elementary in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. Prior to this, he taught K–6 general music at Brentfield Elementary in Dallas, TX where he was chosen as teacher of the year and his choral and Orff ensembles were selected to perform at TMEA and AOSA Professional Development Conferences.

NATASHA THURMON (Recorder) teaches K-5 music at Boldt Elementary in the Northside ISD in San Antonio. She is a past president of Central Texas Orff. She has presented at various state workshops and conferences and serves as a member of the professional development committee of NAFT. She serves on AOSA’s website subcommittee and chairs the social media subcommittee.

BETHANN HEPBURN (Curriculum Development Class) teaches general music and beginning choir for Streetsboro City Schools, as Master Teacher from the State of Ohio. She is a former AOSA board member and is a frequent presenter for AOSA National Conferences, Orff chapters across the U.S., and internationally. BethAnn is co-author of Purposeful Pathways: Possibilities for the Elementary Music Classroom.