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## Experience

- 2010 - Present **Chief Instructor** *Steve DeMasco's Shaolin Studios of Fairfield, CT*  
Co-owner and Chief Instructor of a Kung Fu studio. Responsible for all operations. Turned profitable in 7 months. Named a teaching school in April 2012. Named National Instructor of the Year May 2013. Consistent 12+% growth for 3 years, studio revenues currently exceed \$250,000 annually. Recruited four, and trained eight instructors.
- 2011 – Present **Fanfare Enterprises** *Web Developer*  
Develop and manage content for multiple organizational web sites for government entities, small- and medium-size businesses, and individuals. Launched web sites that improved web traffic and foot traffic by as much as 50%.
- 2009-2010 **Assistant Principal** *Emmett O'Brien Technical High School, Ansonia, CT*  
Supervised two academic departments and five technical shops, discipline, special education, attendance, Title VI and IX, and Bullying.
- 1999 – 2009 **Professional Development Instructor** *Various Settings*  
Trained teachers in software applications, data-driven decision making, and Special Education Inclusion.
- 2007-2009 **Assistant Principal** *Newtown High School, Newtown, CT*  
Responsible for master scheduling for over 3,000 students, student discipline for over 1,000, supervision of Guidance, Fine and Applied Arts, Music, Alternative Programs, and Data Center.
- 2005 – 2007 **Director, Visual and Performing Arts** *New Canaan, CT, Public Schools*  
Supervised 11 Arts programs in 5 buildings, staffed by 33 teachers. Increased department allocation 5% annually, increased student participation in all areas. Set program records for participation in state level select programs.
- 2003-2005 **Assistant Principal** *Francis T. Maloney High School, Meriden, CT*  
Responsible for staff leadership, student discipline, supervision of 4 departments, student activities, substitutes, and scheduling, for an urban high school of 1300+. Implemented Special Education Inclusion per state order, trained staff on creating inclusive classrooms.
- 1993 – 2003 **Teacher** *Weston High School, Weston Middle School, Weston, CT*  
Taught English, Gifted, Theatre Arts/Theatre Technology, Music, Drama. Directed 24 main-stage musical productions and oversaw production budgets in excess of \$50,000.
- 1989 – 1993 **Music Teacher** *Trumbull Public Schools*

## Education

- 2003 **Sixth Year Professional Diploma – Educational Leadership** *Southern CT State University*  
2000 **Cross-endorsement in English 7-12** *Southern CT State University*  
1996 **Master of Science, Music Education** *Western CT State University*  
1989 **Bachelor of Music** *Boston University*

## Software Competencies

**Web:** HTML, CSS, WordPress CMS, Adobe Creative Suite, Bootstrap  
**Office:** Microsoft Office, iLife  
**Student Management Systems:** PowerSchool, MindBody, Kicksoft

## Teaching Certificates & Training

Black Belt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Shaolin Chuan Fa Kung Fu  
Instructor, SDSS Martial Arts  
Master Scheduling (Pearson)  
English 7-12  
Music, Pre-K – 12

## Educational Leadership

2013	<b>National Instructor of the Year</b>	<i>Steve DeMasco's Shaolin Studios</i>
2008 - 2009	<b>Chair, Strategic Planning Team – Communications</b> Chaired the team that wrote the communication plan, a part of the process to earn re-certification for NHS.	<i>Newtown High School</i>
2008	<b>Established and Supervised Data Center</b> Responsible for master scheduling, and performance-based student data reporting.	<i>Newtown High School</i>
2005 – 2007	<b>Visual and Performing Arts Accomplishments</b> First-ever participation in the CAS Fine Arts Scholar Leaders Awards. Largest ever representation at the CAEA Scholastic Art Awards (doubled prior years). 50% increase in NCPS representation at Regional and All-state music festivals. Established first-ever for-credit Fine Arts dance elective at NCHS. “Saxe Music Night at the Bluefish” in May 2006. Redesigned General Music performance assessment format	<i>New Canaan Public Schools</i>
2005	<b>“One Town...One Voice”</b> Organized a community-wide concert, hosted by Harry Connick Jr. Raised \$185,000 for Gulf Region Relief after Hurricane Katrina.	<i>New Canaan Public Schools</i>
2004	<b>CAPT Participation Initiative</b> Implemented programs to raise CAPT participation to 99.9% (from <90%).	<i>Maloney High School</i>
2003 – 2005	<b>District Rep, Special Education Steering Committee</b> Implemented district-wide program for Special Education Inclusion.	<i>Meriden Public Schools</i>
2003 – 2005	<b>District Rep, Positive Behavioral Support Committee</b> Wrote and implemented district universals and school based PBS initiatives.	<i>Meriden Public Schools</i>
2003 – 2005	<b>Co-chair – District Community Outreach Committee</b>	<i>Meriden Public Schools</i>
2003 – 2005	<b>Co-chair – Professional Development Committee</b> Supported development and implementation of professional development programs.	<i>Maloney High School</i>
2003 – 2005	<b>Administrative Rep, School Improvement Committee</b> Worked with faculty and student leaders on the direction and implementation of school change initiatives.	<i>Maloney High School</i>
2003 – 2005	<b>Music Department Curriculum Supervisor</b> Wrote and implemented new curriculum. Coordinated district-wide music events.	<i>Meriden Public Schools</i>
2002 – 2003	<b>Chair, Independent Study Program</b>	<i>Weston High School</i>
2002 – 2003	<b>Chair, Faculty Attendance Committee</b>	<i>Weston High School</i>
2002 – 2003	<b>Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Team – Curriculum</b> Developed Curriculum Action Plans (22 in all) to earn district re-certification.	<i>Weston Public Schools</i>
2001 – 2002	<b>Co-Chair, NEASC Standard Committee on Curriculum</b> Wrote the assessment of all WHS curriculum, earning WHS re-certification.	<i>Weston High School</i>

## Curriculum Development

2003 – 2005	<b>Chair, Music Department Curriculum Committee</b> Supervised the district committee that produced the new district music curriculum.	<i>Meriden Public Schools</i>
2002	<b>Talented and Gifted (TAG) Curriculum Committee</b> Authored the first district-wide curriculum for the gifted.	<i>Weston Public Schools</i>
2001 – 2001	<b>Public Presentations and Debate</b> Authored a new course in Public Presentations and Debate.	<i>Weston Public Schools</i>
2001 – 2001	<b>Advanced Drama</b> Authored an advanced level course for acting students.	<i>Weston Public Schools</i>
2001 – 2003	<b>Language Arts Curriculum</b> Authored the district-wide Language Arts curriculum.	<i>Weston Public Schools</i>
1994 – 1997	<b>Fine Arts Curriculum</b> Authored the district-wide curriculum for the Fine and Performing Arts.	<i>Weston Public Schools</i>