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Nikisha Williams

Education

Freed-Hardeman University 2013-2015
Teaching Licensure Program

The University of Southern Mississippi 2011-2013
Master of Music, Choral Conducting

The University of Southern Mississippi 2008-2011
Bachelor of Music, Vocal Performance, *Soprano*
Minor: Theater

Additional Education

Faulkner State Community College 2007-2008

Customer Service Experience

Singing Server 2016-2017

Ellen's Stardust Diner

- *Provide customer service to guests*
- *Perform for the guests while simultaneously tending to guests needs*
- *Take orders and make sure items are delivered to table in timely manner*
- *Heavy lifting of stocked food items*
- *Clean and organize restaurant*
- *Work with management to immediately address customer related concerns*
- *Familiar with restaurant computer software*
- *Assist with large parties in restaurant*

Teaching Experience

Director of Choral Activities

2014-2016

White Station High School

- *Director, featured performance: International Champions of High School A Cappella Competition New York City, NY 2016*
- *Conductor, featured performance: Tennessee Music Education Association Conference, Cook Convention Center Memphis, TN 2015*
- *Conductor, featured performance: Holocaust Day of Remembrance Tennessee Holocaust Commission Nashville, TN 2015*
- *Director, featured performance: National A Cappella Convention Memphis, TN 2015-2016*
- *Rehearse, 9th Grade Women's Beginning Choir, Honors Intermediate Women's Choir, Honors Advanced Women's Choir, Honors Mixed Chorale, Key of She A Cappella choir*
- *Arrange travel plans for tours*
- *Connect with parents and guardians about the program*
- *Recruit potential choir members from middle schools*
- *Register students for competitions and honor choirs*
- *Plan performances*

Assistant Director of Choral Activities

2013-2014

White Station High School

- *Conductor, featured performance: American Choral Directors Association Regional Convention, The Riverside Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL 2014*
- *Assistant Director, 9th Grade Women's Beginning Choir*
- *Assistant Director Honors Intermediate Women's Choir*
- *Assistant Director Advanced Mixed Choir*
- *Assistant Director Men's Choir*
- *Assistant Director Advanced Women's Choir*

Graduate Assistant

The University of Southern Mississippi

2011-2013

- *Conduct Women's Choir and Chamber Singers*
- *Rehearse Southern Chorale*
- *Arrange travel plans for tours*
- *Assistant conductor for Southern BelleTones, a cappella pop group*

Assistant Conductor

Rhodes Master Singers Section Leader

2016

- *Rehearse Soprano Section*

Mississippi Boulevard Baptist Church

2013-2015

Parkway Heights United Methodist

2012-2013

- *Rehearse choir*

- *Conduct music during services*

Additional Experience

Voice Teacher 2011-2016

- *Teach high school and non-music majors at collegiate level*
- *Musical theater coaching with high school students*

Youth Praise Team Director 2014-2016

- *Rehearsed 4th and 5th grade singers*
- *Chose repertoire for Sunday services*

Show Choir Soloist Judge 2012

Purvis High School Show Choir Invitational

- *Judge middle school and high school students on intonation, diction, poise, and overall performance value*

Show Choir Middle School Counselor 2011-2012

Southern Experience Show Choir and Choral Camp

The University of Southern Mississippi

- *Assist with teaching music and choreography to middle school show choir*

Vocal Coach, Rehearsal Technician

White Station High School Memphis, TN

- *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* 2016
- *Fame* 2015
- *Hairspray* 2014

Honors and Awards

Memphis Ostrander Award Nomination 2016

Lead Actress in a Musical – *Memphis The Musical*

Memphis High School Musical Theatre Awards Nomination 2016

Outstanding Music Direction – 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Outstanding Young Music Educators Award 2016

Tennessee Music Educators Association

First Place, Upper Level Musical Theatre 2013

National Association of Teachers Singing, State Competition

Broadway National Tours

Hamilton	Ensemble, Schuyler Sisters	Philip National Tour
The Color Purple	Swing, U/S Celie	Broadway National Tour

Regional

The Color Purple	Swing, U/S Celie	Paper Mill Playhouse
Candlelight Processional	Voices of Liberty	Walt Disney World Resort
Memphis	Felicia Farrell	Playhouse on the Square
Pagliacci	Ensemble	Opera Memphis
Don Giovanni	Ensemble	Opera Memphis
Hairspray	Dynamite	Playhouse on the Square

Training

Voice: Classically Trained		J. Taylor Hightower, Lexa Ferrill
Lessac training		Sean Scrutchins
Belt coaching		Chris Dilley, Maryann Kyle
Stanislavski and Uta Hagen techniques		Monica Hayes, Maryann Kyle, Kendall Kiker
Acting Styles: Shakespeare and Greek		Monica Hayes
Beginning: Ballet, Modern, Tap	Shellie Nielson, Elizabeth Lentz, Kelly Lester, Julie White, Megan Hope	

Professional Affiliations

Actors' Equity Association	2016
Contemporary A Cappella Society	2015-2016
National Association for Music Educators	2013-2016
Tennessee Music Educators Association	2013-2016
West Tennessee Music Educators Association	2013-2016
American Choral Directors Association	2012-2016

Other Non-Music Related Skills

- Familiar with Microsoft Office program

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