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## EDUCATION

<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> MM in Flute Performance and Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expected Graduation Date: May 2020</li><li>Current GPA: 4.0/4.0</li></ul>	2018-Present
<b>University of Colorado at Boulder</b> BM in Flute Performance/ BA in Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Graduated with Distinction</li><li>Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0</li></ul>	2013- 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Private Flute Instructor</b> , Centennial, Colorado <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designed and taught private flute lessons for elementary school, middle school, and high school students.</li></ul>	2012-2018
<b>Sandburg Elementary School</b> , Centennial, Colorado <i>SACC Leader</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led activities and provided tutoring for K-12 students.</li></ul>	2015- 2018
<b>University of Colorado Boulder Summer Music Academy</b> , Boulder, Colorado <i>Counselor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Planned and led rehearsals, sectionals, and other music related activities for middle school instrumentalists. Worked with CU Boulder music professors and other counselors to create lesson plans and provide music instruction.</li></ul>	June 2015

## HONORS AND AWARDS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tuition Scholarship</b> <i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i></li><li><b>Chancellor's Recognition Award</b> <i>University of Colorado at Boulder</i></li><li><b>Inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society</b> <i>University of Colorado at Boulder</i></li><li><b>National Flute Convention Masterclass Winner</b> <i>National Flute Association</i></li><li><b>Performer in Sir James Galway Masterclass</b> <i>Once a Flutist Festival</i></li></ul>	May 2018 December 2017 March 2016 August 2017 March 2017
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## ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE/ COLLABORATIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Wind Symphony</b>, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li><li><b>Symphony Orchestra</b>, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li><li><b>Wind Quintet</b>, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li><li><b>Illinois Modern Ensemble</b>, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</li><li><b>Symphony Orchestra</b>, University of Colorado Boulder</li><li><b>Chamber Music</b>, University of Colorado Boulder <i>Flute, Harp duo and Flute, Harp, Viola trio</i></li><li><b>Wind Symphony</b>, University of Colorado Boulder</li><li><b>Denver Young Artists Orchestra</b></li></ul>	2018-Present Spring 2019 Spring 2019 Fall 2018 Fall 2016-2017 2016-2017 2015- 2017 2015-2016
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## FLUTE INSTITUTES/ORCHESTRA FESTIVALS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Marrowstone Music Festival Fellow</li><li>ARIA International Summer Music Academy</li></ul>	2019 2017
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- Eastern Music Festival 2016
- The Consummate Flutist 2017, 2014  
*Carnegie Mellon University*
- The Panoramic Flutist 2013-2015  
*University of Colorado Boulder*

## ORGANIZATIONS

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**South Asian Music Association**, University of Colorado Boulder 2016-2017  
*Cofounder*

- Focused on improvisation and non-Western music performance.

**Program Coordinator for Students Teaching Peace Through Music** 2014-2016  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

- Organized and promoted events designed to help prepare students for working in music outreach and education.