

BOZEMAN BIO

Kyle Bozeman was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1976. By age 10, his family had settled in Ruston, Louisiana, where he lived until 1996. Mr. Bozeman began playing the French Horn in 1987, while in the 6th grade. After experiencing some success by making the District Honor Bands in Jr. High, Kyle hesitantly decided to make the frightful transition to playing with the Ruston High School Band program. At the high school level, Kyle's horn playing abilities and musicianship began to flourish. He was given a solo on the marching band field, as just a Freshman. In 10th grade, Mr. Bozeman auditioned for, and made the Louisiana All-State Band. Because of his All-State selection, Kyle was invited to audition for the National Honor Band, to be held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois...and was selected to participate! As a Junior in high school, Mr. Bozeman visited the University of Southern Mississippi and Hattiesburg for the first time. He placed 3rd chair at the All-South Honor Band, which was held at USM. Kyle would return for the All-South Honor Orchestra, Summer Band Camp, and All-South Marching Band over the next year, or so.

Mr. Bozeman graduated with Honors from Ruston High School in 1994, and decided to enroll at Louisiana Tech University to study Civil Engineering. Kyle marched with the LA Tech Marching Band for two years, and played Principal Horn in the Wind Ensemble, as well. After a year-and-a-half, Mr. Bozeman decided to follow his real dream of wanting to pursue a career in music education. At this point, Kyle withdrew from LA Tech, and played his horn professionally with a theater caravan for a couple

of months. During this time, the theater caravan toured up and down the West Coast, from California to Alaska, performing Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. In the summer of 1996, Mr. Bozeman moved to Hattiesburg and enrolled at USM, earning a degree in Music Education.

While at USM, Mr. Bozeman performed with the Pride of Mississippi Marching Band, Symphonic Winds, Concert Band, USM Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Chorus, Horn Choir, and Horn Quartet. He also began studying piano, and developed a passion for his new secondary instrument. Mr. Bozeman had the opportunity to perform in places like New York and Ireland, while also getting to travel to Italy. He performed at different Universities including Florida State, LSU, Memphis, UNC-Greenville, and Columbus State (GA).

Mr. Bozeman remained in Hattiesburg after finishing his degree. He worked at Crescent City Grill/Mahogany Bar from 1998-2005, and Canebrake Country Club from 2005-2012. In 2012, Mr. Bozeman accepted his first teaching job. He was the Band Director at Forrest County Agricultural High School for two years. In 2014, Mr. Bozeman began as Asst. Band Director for George County High School. In February of 2015, he moved to Lucedale, where he currently resides, and accepted the Band Director job at GCHS in June. In addition to being Band Director, Mr. Bozeman also still currently performs weekly with the Orchestra at Main St. Baptist Church, in Hattiesburg, and is about to begin his 5th season with the City of Hattiesburg Concert Band.