ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
CELEBRATING BOBCAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Student Organizations
Student Government Association
Student Alumni Ambassador
Univeristy Chorale
Music Collegium Musicum
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
Music Educators National Conference
Alpha Omega Chpt ACDA
President's Council

Describe FSU in 3 Words
Life-changing
Educational
Enjoyable

Accomplishments
GOLD Member
Phi Mu Alpha Music Director
Teacher of the Year nominee (2-times)
Superintendent Search Committee (3-times)
PTO Volunteer of the Year
FSU Service to the Alma Mater Award

Why did you choose Frostburg State?
I chose FSU for two particular reasons. First, I applied to FSU immediately after the opening of the Performance Arts. As someone who was looking to major in Music Education, looking at that beautiful building during the tour was such a WONDERFUL reassurance that I had made the correct choice. I also wanted to attend a university in which I was going to be a PERSON, and not a number - when I attend Frostburg, the professor to student ratio was 17:1. I had the opportunity to talk to and have meaningful conversations with my professors, and that was something that was a huge factor in where I wanted to attend college!

What is your favorite memory as a student?
It is hard to select ONE memory as my favorite. One that stands out is my senior recital, which every music major needs to perform as a graduation requirement. Having had the opportunity to participate in the President's Council at the university with President Gira and her VPs, I invited each of them to my senior recital and each of them attended the recital and came up and congratulated me at the conclusion of the recital. There were SO many others, but that is just one of so many great times at FSU!

Which professor influenced you as a student?
Dr. Karen Soderberg - as my voice teacher, my advisor, my choral director - she was someone who really CARED about me as a person! Dr. Soderberg looked beyond me as a student and pushed me to be better than I knew I could be - as a performer, as a leader, and as a teacher! She is someone that I am happy to consider a friend to this day.

What advice would you give to a student currently studying your major?
My advice for any student studying Music Education today is to GET INTO THE CLASSROOM as much as possible! I loved the education department at FSU and they taught me a great deal about what to expect in the classroom, but without actually SEEING and DOING it, you'll NEVER see what it's like! Education is all about being in the classroom with students - get into the classroom as much and as often as possible!