



BIO

Mr. Harry W. Pardee IV, M.M.E.

Mr. Harry Pardee serves as the Director of Bands at Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples, Florida. At Palmetto Ridge, Mr. Pardee directs the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Marching Pride Drumline and PRHS String Orchestra, as well as advises the Color Guard and Dance Teams. Most prominently, Mr. Pardee serves as the Director of the 260 member Palmetto Ridge High School “Marching Pride.”

Mr. Pardee is a graduate of the University of Florida School of Music, with his Master of Music in Music Education degree (2009) and his Bachelor of Music in Music Education degree (2007) from the same institution. His Master’s project is titled *The Use of Reference Recordings and Recorded Models in the Secondary Instrumental Music Classroom*, which explored the history and current trends of recorded music technology and its use in schools. Mr. Pardee is a graduate of the New England Conservatory Preparatory School (2003) and performed as Principal Trumpet with the New England Conservatory Youth Symphony, Youth Repertory Orchestra and was a featured soloist in Jordan Hall at NEC in Boston, Massachusetts. He is cited by the Massachusetts State Senate as an “Outstanding Performing Artist” and was honored by the International Jazz Education Association in 2001, 2002 and 2003 as the Northeast District (MA) “Most Valuable Player.”

He has served as a research assistant in music education under the tutelage of Dr. Timothy Brophy (UF), and served as the Organizing Assistant for the 2nd International Symposium on Assessment in Music Education, held in Gainesville, Florida in 2009. While at the University of Florida Graduate School, Mr. Pardee served on staff with the National Championship season 2008-2009 University of Florida Pride of the Sunshine “Fightin’ Gator” Marching Band, as well as a Graduate Assistant conductor for the UF Basketball Pep Bands.

Mr. Pardee most recently held the Director of Music position at Estero High School in Lee County, Florida where he directed the band, orchestra and choir programs. Under his direction, the Wildcat Marching Band placed 4th in the Florida Marching Band Competition State Finals in the Tropicana Dome in St. Petersburg, Florida, and other ensembles were rated by the Florida Bandmaster’s Association at superior levels. He is a member and past Chapter President of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity (Eta Omega) and is active in the Florida Bandmaster’s Association and Florida Orchestra Association.