

Connor Fetting (Director of Bands) comes to Texas from Grand Rapids, MI. He has been a resident of Houston since 2019, when he began working as a band director at Jackson Intermediate School in Pasadena ISD. During Mr. Fetting's tenure, the band program at Jackson saw a dramatic increase in enrollment and improved success at all levels of evaluation and competition. He has also been a regular guest adjudicator for contests and competitions in PISD and other East-side

districts. The 2022-2023 school year marks his first season as Director of Bands at HSPVA, where he will oversee the wind and percussion program within the instrumental music department.

Prior to moving to Texas, Mr. Fetting was a student at Michigan State University, where he earned undergraduate degrees with high honor in music performance (tuba), music education, and chemistry, as well as a Masters degree in Wind Conducting. Among his principal mentors and teachers are Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Dr. Dustin Barr, and Prof. Philip Sinder. As a performer, Mr. Fetting has played extensively in solo, chamber, and large ensemble settings. In 2014, he performed in Carnegie Hall with the MSU Wind Symphony as part of a concert commemorating the work of New York composer John Corigliano. He has advanced in several major international competitions, including a nomination as a semi-finalist for the Leonard Falcone Tuba-Euphonium Festival. Mr. Fetting's studies as a conductor have included guest conducting appearances with the MSU Wind Symphony, frequent chamber recitals, and extensive travel to symposiums and workshops at the nation's leading schools of music. Outside of work, Mr. Fetting can often be found running in one of the many great parks in our area, exploring the Houston food and music scene with friends, or taking walks with his dog.