



## Faculty

### **Dee Braxton-Pellegrino (Violin, Viola, Suzuki Violin, Suzuki Viola, Orchestra, Accordion, Composition and Theory)**

Dee graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Music in Voice and Master of Music in Music Education. Her professional affiliations include membership in Pi Kappa Lambda National Honorary Music Fraternity, Broadcast Music International and American Suzuki Teachers of America. Dee's career has spanned many genres of music through the years including singing with big bands, church choir director, composer, school and adjunct college string instructor, as well as a freelance violinist, violist and conductor. Awards include the UNIMA Certificate of Excellence in composition, William Roberts Guitar Composition Competition winner, Music Educator's National Conference Certificate of Excellence in Composition and the American String Teachers Association Journal review of her compositions "Flights of Fancy" and "Two Pieces for Young Violinists."

### **Mary Withington (Kindermusik, Music Therapy and Piano Instruction)**

Mary holds degrees in Music Therapy, Music Education, and Piano Performance from the University of Georgia – Athens. She has over 30 years experience in working in the mental health, autism, older adults and early childhood fields and enjoys working with all ages, from newborn to adults. She is a licensed Kindermusik instructor having taught since 2002, as well as having taught private piano since 1995. Mary's affiliations include the American Music Therapy Association, Southeastern Music Therapy Association, North Carolina Music Therapy Association, North Carolina Piano Teachers Association, and Kindermusik Educators Association. Much of her free time is spent volunteering in Carteret County and serving as the youth group director at her church.

### **Tony DeLuzio (Drums, Percussion)**

Tony is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University with a B.A. in Occupational Education/Music, focusing in Percussion. After studying Percussion Performance for 4 years at Virginia Commonwealth University, Tony joined the Air Force and completed an Associates Degree in Music at the Community College of the Air Force, as well as an Associates Degree in Instructor of Technology and Military Science. During his tenure in the Air Force Band, Tony served as a drummer and percussionist, and in the Training Group Drum and Bugle Corps as Drum Major and Conductor. After his military career Tony has held positions in several churches in Texas as a volunteer and contract musician, as well as an on call percussionist with the Richmond and Virginia Symphony Orchestras. Tony's free time often includes fishing and hunting along the Crystal Coast.

### **Kathy Crowe (Vocal Instruction and Choir)**

Kathy is a graduate of Meredith College with degrees in Vocal Performance and Music Education. Her teaching career has included several schools in Carteret County and in Johnston County. She currently teaches music at St. Egbert's Catholic School in Morehead City, NC. Professional affiliations include the National Association for Music

Education, NC Music Educators Association and Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity. Performance groups have included the Carolina East Singers, Encore! Vocal Jazz Band, Carteret Chorale and numerous Carteret Community Theater and Harnett Regional Theater productions.

**Joe McCreary (Brass Instruments Instruction)**

Joe holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is presently the band director at Beaufort Middle School where he has been teaching 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades since August of 1991. In addition to his job as band director, he is also the Music Director at Ann Street United Methodist Church, directing two adult choirs and handbells since 1999. When he is not performing on the trumpet, he enjoys arranging music for various instrumental and choral ensembles. His arranging achievements include four published works in *Handbell Magazine*.

**Lori Muns (Piano Instruction)**

Lori earned her B.A. in Psychology from East Carolina University and has spent several years in the health services field. She is currently the pianist, Sanctuary Choir and Worship Team accompanist at First Baptist Church where she has served since 1991. During her years at First Baptist, Lori has been an assistant and director of the Wee Musician's Choir, has assisted with the Summer Music Activity Camp, and has attended many piano and worship leadership conferences. Her professional affiliations include being a licensed Kindermusik instructor from 1997 – 2004. Lori has been a private piano instructor since 1995.