

Tim Vigneau Receives Outstanding Young Band Director Award

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The New Hampshire Band Directors Association (NHBDA) is pleased to announce that **Mr. Tim Vigneau** is the 2020 recipient of the Outstanding Young Band Director Award. Mr. Vigneau is a band director and co-teacher at Manchester Central High School in his hometown of Manchester, NH. He graduated from Manchester Memorial High School in 2013 where his teachers were Dave Brien and Tim Russell. He earned his bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of New Hampshire in 2017 having studied trombone with Nic Orovich and conducting with Andrew Boysen. His teaching internship was at Central High School with Ed Doyle, and when Mr. Doyle took a sabbatical during the 2017-18 school year, Tim filled the position. This led to his current position in 2018.

In his relatively short career, Mr. Vigneau put this training to good use. He has been commended for conducting some of the finest music in the band repertoire and incorporates his knowledge of this literature into his teaching procedures, spending time presenting the elements of composition in a manner that all students enjoy. This quality teaching and having a strong commitment to his students' well-being are two reasons for his success.

Besides teaching in Manchester public schools, Mr. Vigneau has taught as a long-term substitute in Windham, NH and conducted the Manchester Community Music School Summer Band. Since graduating from UNH, Tim has performed with the SNHU wind symphony and SNHU orchestra as principal trombone.

The NHBDA Board made its decision after reading, "Few teachers have a natural talent for music like Mr. Vigneau [and] he values the expressive abilities of music in his life, and those of his students." The nomination letter continues saying, "He uses that passion and excitement to manage the ins-and-outs that truly define a music program. Mr. Vigneau makes close connections with students, and constantly works to improve their musical experiences and performances."

Tim currently resides in Newmarket, NH with his fiancée and a cat. When reached for comment on the award, he responded, "It is an incredible honor to be recognized by my colleagues for this award. I truly am at a loss for words." No worries, Tim! There will be a formal recognition of this award at a future date, and there will be many educators who will have something to say.