

My undergraduate Music Education training was completed at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where I received my Bachelor of Music degree with an emphasis on instrumental music in 1990. My first teaching job brought me to Jamestown, ND, where the band program grew from 250 students to 500 students in a 5 year period of time (6-12 grades). It was during this time that I learned the value of team teaching from David Torbert, the Senior High Director and my Mentor during those years of teaching.

I later completed my Master of Music degree with an emphasis on Performance with Pedagogy on the Alto Saxophone from Kansas State University in 1999. While in Kansas, I taught in Wamego, KS, and was a graduate teaching assistant to Dr. Frank Tracz, Director of Bands at KSU. Upon returning to my home state of MN, I taught in both Crosby-Ironton and Wadena. I took time off from teaching to spend time with my son, Michael, who now attends Brainerd Public Schools. I also work at Garrison Inn & Suites as Front Desk Liaison.

My husband, Phil Kuehn, works as a Dispositional Advisor for the Public Defender's Office. We have a Springer Spaniel named Pumpkin and a cat named Bolt. Both think the world revolves around them and are hilarious to watch play!

Band at St. Francis is still in its building phase. Looking forward to continued instrumental growth and musicianship with a wonderful bunch of students and staff at St. Francis!