

**Beyond Teaching Music - The “Insider’s Perspectives.”**  
**What YOU Need to Know About Student Centered Learning!**

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The single most important message that I hope IU music education students will take from my session is the fact that there is so much more to teaching music than conducting an ensemble, teaching private lessons or running a general music class. There is no doubt that IU music students are pedagogically prepared. However, young teachers are not prepared to face certain situations.

There is no substitute for experience. I hope to broaden the knowledge of IU NAfME membership by sharing some of the professional experiences I had during my Palatine High School career; all of which were based upon student centered learning.

I will bring to the table a sharing of ideas that will give IU students situations to think about BEFORE they are faced head on with these very issues. The teaching philosophy that I stood by for so many years sums it up: “Always try to put out the brush fires before they occur.” This may not seem to be the most philosophical phrase on the planet...but, it is certainly a meaningful one.

NAfME membership should come to the session prepared with questions and concerns. We will address and discuss the issues together and come up with workable solutions, which will demonstrate student centered learning at its best. Thank you for inviting me to present your first master class of the year. Your topic choice of “student centered learning” is excellent. The session will be rewarding for everyone involved!