

Gaw Vang Williams is a vocalist and educator native to Sacramento, California. She became the director of the vocal jazz program at Sacramento State in 2014, where she earned her Bachelor of Music in jazz studies and Master of Music in voice performance. She began teaching in 2004, serving as a music instructor at various high schools and music organizations. Williams is an active private music instructor and she is sought after as a clinician and adjudicator for festivals and workshops throughout the United States. She currently serves on the CAJ (California Alliance for Jazz) board and was the vocal jazz traveling clinician for the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Under Williams's direction, the Sac State Vocal Jazz program has won 16 Downbeat Magazine Student awards and took first multiple times at the Next Generation Monterey Jazz Festival in the collegiate vocal jazz ensemble category. The ensembles were invited to perform at the world-renowned Monterey Jazz Festival. The vocal jazz ensembles performed at the JEN (Jazz Education Network) National Conference, ACDA National Conference, CCDA Conference, and CASMEC.

Williams is the co-founder of Live Performing Arts Academy, a non-profit music organization for providing music education and experiences for students in need.