

Angela Ammerman, referred to by the Washington Post as a “music teacher prodigy,” earned degrees in Music Education from the University of Cincinnati: College-Conservatory of Music, Boston University, and her Ph.D. from George Mason University. Dr. Ammerman has dedicated much of her musical career to providing access to quality music education for underserved populations of children including the beginnings of a strings program at a children’s home in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Dr. Ammerman is in high demand as a clinician and guest conductor and has recently been invited to conduct the Tennessee All State Orchestra as well as the Georgia Middle School All State Orchestra.

Ammerman recently completed her first book: ***The Music Teacher’s Guide to Engaging English Language Learners*** published by GIA and written by an incredible team of ELL experts. Now, hard at work on her next book: *The Music Teacher’s Guide to Recruitment and Retention*, Ammerman hopes to provide greatly needed resources for music educators. Ammerman’s writing can also be found in Sandy Goldie’s *Rehearsing the Middle School Orchestra*, *Teaching Music*, *The String Research Journal*, and the *American String Teachers Journal*.

Known for a passion for recruiting future music educators, Ammerman has given countless presentations, in-services, and webinars to encourage classroom teachers to recruit for the profession and facilitates the National Association for Music Education’s *Building a Legacy* series. Ammerman was hired as the Director of Music Education at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2017 where she built a thriving music education program and was honored as the university’s Outstanding Advisor of the Year. Recognized by Fairfax County Public Schools as the Top Teacher in 2017 and the Virginia House of Delegates in 2016, Angela diligently works to now pass along these teaching and mentorship qualities to her own Music Education students. In 2016, Dr. Ammerman was named the Virginia Orchestra Director of the Year, a finalist for the Fairfax County Public Schools’ Teacher of the Year, and Washington Post Teacher of the Year.

Ammerman grew up listening to her mother teach piano lessons in her own home and attributes much of her own passion for teaching to her musical mother and her work ethic to her dad. Currently living in Virginia with her incredibly supportive husband: Dr. David Allen Ammerman and toddler violinist: David Michael, Ammerman works at George Mason University where she supervises student teachers and teaches String Methods, Lab Orchestra, and Aural Skills. Ammerman is also the President of the Virginia String Teachers Association and is known for an emphasis on play-based learning, humor, a unique style, and for the creation of the first ever Future Music Educators Camp as well as her Music Education Podcast: #MusicEdLove. Dr. Ammerman is in awe of the resilience and dedication of school music educators across the United States and is honored to have the opportunity to work with their students.