



Junior High School SSAA Honor Choir: Dr. Brandon Williams

Brandon Williams is an Associate Professor and Interim Director of Choral Activities at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He conducts the Rutgers Kirkpatrick Choir, the Rutgers Glee Club, and the Rutgers Voorhees Choir (Carnegie Hall 2019, Eastern ACDA 2020, 2024). Dr. Williams also appears internationally as a guest conductor, clinician, and presenter.

Dr. Williams amassed a decade of middle and high school teaching experience in St. Louis, Missouri, where he also served on the voice faculty at Maryville University and as a conductor with the St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus and the St. Louis Children's Choirs. His school ensembles received invitations to perform at the 2010 and 2013 Missouri Music Educators Association conventions, and his middle school ensemble was featured on GIA's DVD entitled "How to Make a Good Choir Sound Great!" Dr. Williams has won numerous awards, including the 2009 Missouri Choral Directors Association Prelude Award, an Outstanding Teacher Award from the University of Missouri-Columbia Honors College, the 2020-21 Rutgers Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Innovations, the 2021-22 Mason Gross Inclusive Community

Faculty Award, and the 2021-22 Rutgers Presidential Fellowship for Teaching Excellence Award.

Dr. Williams holds degrees from Western Illinois University, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Michigan State University, where he earned the prestigious University Enrichment Graduate Fellowship Award. He also completed an Artist Teacher Diploma from the Choral Music Experience-Institute for Choral Teacher Education. Dr. Williams is the editor of *Choral Reflections: Insights from American Choral Conductor-Teachers*, and his writing appears in the *Choral Journal*, *Music Educators Journal*, and *Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education*. Many of his choral compositions and arrangements are published with Hal Leonard, G. Schirmer, Mark Foster, Colla Voce, and MusicSpoke. Dr. Williams is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the Collegiate Choral Organization, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and the National Association for Music Education.