

Patrick Langham is an experienced educator and performer with a 20-year career at the University of the Pacific. As Professor and Director of Jazz Studies, Langham has developed the university's Jazz Studies degree programs from scratch. Langham is a co-founder of the Take Five Jazz Club in Stockton, and he regularly performs at the club and throughout the region. During his time at Pacific, Langham has traveled to Spain as a guest jazz conductor, overseen student performances in Paraguay, and directed groups at the Monterey Jazz Festival, Reno Jazz Festival, and Dizzy's Club at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City. In 2023, Langham will direct the Pacific Jazz Ambassadors at two international jazz festival performances including Jazz in Marciac (France) and Jazzaldia (San Sebastian, Spain). In 2017, Langham was awarded the California Music Educators Association Jazz Educator Award honoring excellence in jazz education and performance, and he is currently the Past President of the California Alliance for Jazz. The University of the Pacific honored him with the Champion of Diversity Award in 2018. Langham holds a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music, both with a concentration in jazz studies, from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As a saxophonist, he has performed with many distinguished jazz artists including Lewis Nash, Bob Hurst, Donald Brown, Tom Harrell, Essiet Essiet, Terell Stafford, and Louis Hayes.