

# Connor Wertman

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Devoted saxophonist and music educator with experience in classical, jazz, and contemporary performance, private instruction, and K-12 music education. Currently pursuing a B.M. in Music Education and Saxophone Performance at Ohio University under Dr. Matthew James. Member of the Ohio University Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble I, and the Ohio University Men's Cross Country team.

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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### Wind Symphony – Principal Saxophone

*Ohio University School of Music | 2021 – Present*

- Principal saxophonist in the *Ohio University Wind Symphony* under the direction of Dr. William Talley.
- Distinctive performances with dozens of professional musicians and conductors, including performances with guest conductors from Brazil and Ghana.

### Jazz Ensemble I – Lead Alto

*Ohio University School of Music | 2022 – Present*

- Lead alto saxophonist in the university's premier jazz ensemble under Dr. Matthew James.
- Collaborations with guest artists including John Fedchock, Jocelyn Gould, and Tito Carrillo.
- Participated in four regional tours across OH, WV, and KY.
- Doubling experience on flute/piccolo, clarinet, and soprano/tenor saxophone as required by ensemble repertoire.

### Nails on a Chalkboard – Soprano Saxophone

*Ohio University School of Music | 2022 – Present*

- Currently filling the soprano saxophone chair of Ohio University's top student saxophone quartet.
- Four-year participant in the *Saxophone Quartet Summits* at Ohio University

### Nathaly Pagoaga Reed Quintet - Saxophone

*Ohio University School of Music | 2025*

- Saxophonist in an Ohio University master's student reed quintet
- Performed "Splinter" by Marc Mellits, demonstrating versatility within contemporary and minimalist music.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Mount Tom House – Summer Intern**

*May 2023 – Aug 2024 | Eugene, Oregon (Seasonal, On-site)*

- Selected for a two-summer internship opportunity with Ohio University Cross Country alumni Juli Accurso and Craig Leon at the Mount Tom House in Eugene, Oregon.
- Contributed to both exterior and interior operations, including landscaping, outdoor maintenance, communication/hospitality, and event preparation.

### **Hudson High School – Flute Instructor**

*July 2025 | Marietta, Ohio (On-site, Band Camp)*

- Provided flute instruction during summer band camp for secondary-level students.
- Led sectionals, reinforced fundamentals and musicianship, and supported ensemble preparation for the upcoming academic year.
- Estimated workload: approximately 10-12 hours a day

### **Freelance Saxophone Instructor**

*2025 | Athens, OH*

- Currently providing private saxophone lessons to students in Athens, OH.
- Providing my own curriculum based on the individual student

## EDUCATION

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### **Lake High School**

*August 2017 - May 2021 | Uniontown, Ohio*

- High School Diploma, Graduated 2021

### **Ohio University**

*August 2021 - Present | Athens, Ohio*

- Bachelor of Music in Music Education with Instrumental Emphasis & Saxophone Performance (Expected Spring 2026). 3.7 cumulative GPA.
- Ohio University Men's Cross Country